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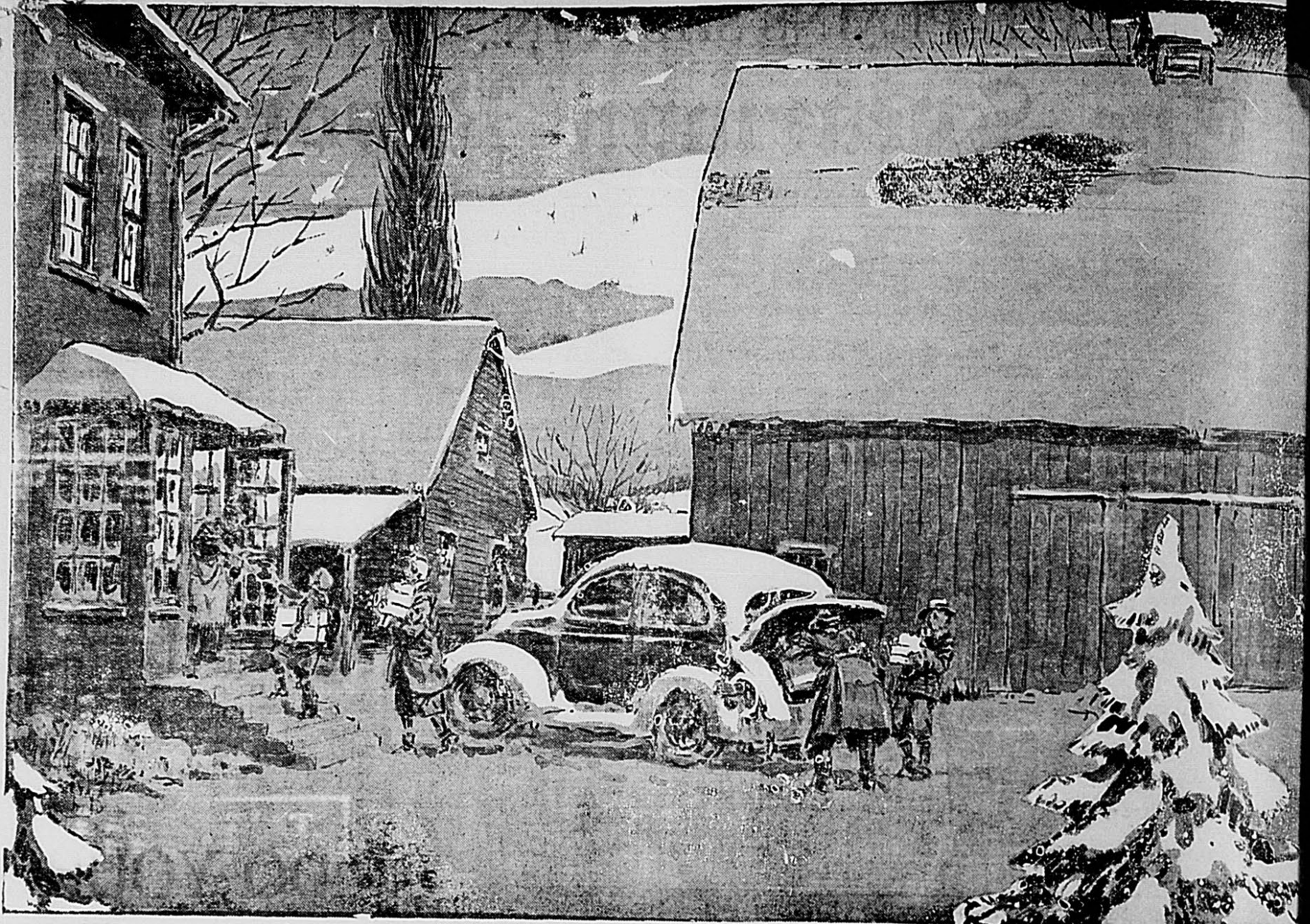
SPEARMAN

TO DO YOUR
CHRISTMAS

SHOPPING

Good old Santa Claus is right here in Spearman where he will leave thousands of useful and serviceable presents for all members of the family. The business firms of Spearman cordially invite Christmas Shoppers to visit them first in making up their Christmas Gift Lists. Never before have the stores presented to the buying public such complete stock of new merchandise as this year. Shoppers will find

it to their advantage to take advantage of the special offerings which are being made during the holidays by the business houses. The merchants have many special inducements during this week and until Christmas, which will prove profitable to those people who visit our city.



Christmas • 1940

IT'S NOT WHAT YOU SAY,
IT'S THE WAY YOU SAY IT!

We could write out "Season's
Greetings"
and wish "good luck to you"
Or other shop-worn phrases
That yearly have been used

But when we wrote out very big
The wish used more than rest,
Please read it as it's written

'Cause we spelled it out with
zest!



All over town, and for miles around, folks are beginning to feel that Spirit of Christmas. We're all getting ready to celebrate Christmas in the good old-fashioned way. Christmas ... 1940. And it's going to be a great Christmas, because this is a Christmas we have been waiting for, and there probably isn't a one of us who doesn't feel in his heart that we need the "spirit" of Christmas, right now, more than ever before.

You can tell it by the way folks have been planning and shopping and talking. Yes, it's going to be a real Christmas, particularly Special Christmas, a Christmas when two simple words, printed on a card or spoken with a handshake, written in the paper, are going to be said with sincerity and genuine desire that the traditional wish they express may really, abundantly, beautifully true.

ELEVATORS AT

SPEARMAN MORSE GRUVER
BERNSTEIN McLELLAN

R. L. McClellan Grain Company

MAN PORTER

Successors to The Hansford Headlight... Published Thursday of Each Week... HANDLE PUBLISHING COMPANY, INC. BILL MILLER, Editor and Manager

The LETTER BOX

DEAR SANTA:

I have been a good boy. Please bring me a football, book, airplane, and blackboard.

Please old Santa don't forget Grandma, Grandpa, Moon and Uncle Hiram.

Your little boy Henry Allen Wilbanks.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

Please send me a \$1.79 cent, electric pencil and a \$2.69 cent tool set with 20 pieces. And some nuts and candy.

Your Friend, Wayne Ellsworth.

THIRD AND FOURTH GRADE WILL HAVE XMAS TREE FRIDAY

Old Sant Nick will visit the 3rd and 4th grade Friday, Dec. 20.

We are glad that Mrs Lackey Mrs Dacus, Mrs Gower, Mrs McLain, Mrs McNabb, Mrs Schnell and Kayleen visited in our room this week.

We want to invite everyone to attend the Xmas program next Thursday evening, starting at 7:30 at the auditorium.

Mr and Mrs Fred Holt and daughter, Hazel, were shopping in Spearman Monday.

I FOUND:—

Pearl Locke making plans to spend Christmas with home-folk in Amarillo.

Virdee P. Wheeler practically on her way to Mangum, Okla., for Xmas.

Pete Vernon headed for their holiday vacation at Antlers, Ok.

Mr and Mrs J. C. Coon the happy parents of a little girl, who arrived Dec. 13th.

Mrs Blodgett showing some improvement in the Borger hospital Thursday night.

BID A BIT

Mrs Joe Hatton was hostess to the Bid-a-Bit Bridge Club, Friday evening, December 13. She served a lovely dinner.

Mr and Mrs Bill Russell, R. E. Lee, Elma Gunn, Bill Hut-ton, and Mrs Gwenfred Lackey, members and Mr and Mrs J. B. Cooke, guests.

Christmas ideas were carried out in all the appointments. After dinner the guests spent the evening playing bridge.

Mrs Lackey won high score for members and J. B. Cooke won high for guests.

Happy Herald: We've all heard of kilowatt hours, which are a measure for a certain amount of electricity. But few realize just how much energy one kilowatt hour represents.

In a recent laboratory test, a strong young puglist was put to work driving a hand generator until exhaustion forced him to stop. He produced just one per cent of a kilowatt hour. More than 200 men took turns operating a bicycle driven generator and their combined efforts kept up until they were too weary to go on, produced just 10c worth of electricity.

A kilowatt hour of electricity purchased from a utility company costs from a fraction of a cent to five cents, depending upon your monthly consumption.

Glass for cars installed while U Wait— Daley Glass Shop—Perryton

Daley Glass Shop... POWELL... drive the 1941 Ford. Call us for demonstration... Phone

Christmas



We pause at This Holiday Season to express our Appreciation For The Many Friends of the Personnel of This Organization. Your friendship we treasure.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT IN CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Spruce Wreathes, Spruce Boughs and Spruce Roping for Store and Home Decorating also White Thees and White Wreaths for Inside decorating.

Also a large Variety of Potted Plants and Cut Flowers to Select From.

COME IN AND VISIT OUR STORE Wilson Floral Shop

and Funeral Home

ORDERS RECEIVED AT— SPEARMAN PERRYTON GRUVER

LETTERS FROM THE BRICKEN ENGLISH PEOPLE

...a most wonderful... has reached this... America to Britain.

...America, thanks for the... needed the 51 lay-

...clothing are a ma-

...children and... so grateful for the

...children are so thrill-

KNITTING NEEDS KNITTERS—SEE L. LYON—SPEARMAN

L. Lyon reports the... more knitters. Only... the quota has been

...are supposed to be ship-... later than Jan. 31.

...will gladly instruct... in knitting.

...for sewing is finish-... will be shipped Dec. 31... side warehouse, Jer-... New Jersey.

...gments will be distri-... refugees in England.

...who can knit is... this program.

...has the yarn for...

led over the pretty frocks. We need and appreciate such nice wool work.

Official thanks for the six sets of surgical equipment.

The American Red Cross clothes—hundreds of thousands of the homeless.

A lifes savings lost in a second.

The garments have been a veritable God-send.

E. D. CLEMENT IN

VETS HOSPITAL

E. D. Clement entered the Veterans Hospital at Amarillo last week.

On Thursday he underwent an operation, tonsilectomy. He is responding nicely to the treatment. He will remain in the hospital for several weeks as a major operation is listed for him later on.

- Printing
- Call 10



FREE XMAS PROGRAM Thursday night, by the Grade School. Starts at 7:30.



Among our most valuable assets are the good will and friendship of our patrons. We want to tell you that we really and truly appreciate you and your friendly, helpful attitude toward our bank thru the past few years, and we surely trust that we may so conduct ourselves and our business that we shall merit a continuation of it, not only next year, but year after year.

May your Christmas be very happy is our sincere wish.

Panhandle State Bank

R. L. Grimes, President

Borger

RURAL LANDS

BY
ROGER M. KYES
Director, National Farm Youth Foundation

RURAL TRENDS

BY
ROGER M. KYES
Director, National Farm Youth Foundation

\$1000

ALMOST any community can raise \$1000. And that amount of money can make possible the beginning of a small industry in almost any rural center. Few people realize that most of the largest industries of this nation had their beginnings on less than this amount. "Taking industry to the woods" can be accomplished only through the foresight and determination of persons living in rural areas of the nation.



Kyes

Small capital is no handicap if a group of people have the will to join together in a common effort to have a little industry in their community. The cornerstone of any successful business is sincere and concentrated effort. This element of success depends entirely upon determination of neighborhood groups.

There are three concrete approaches to a small industry for a rural community:

The first is that of processing crops from the field either for consumption or for further productive use in the manufacture of finished articles. The canning of vegetables and fruit for consumption is an example of the former method. Processing of soy beans is an illustration of both types of by-products.

A second type of beginning is marked by discovering what items are used by the local community as well as surrounding areas. When such a survey has been made, begin manufacture of the product. An example of this type of industrial beginning is making of andirons and other fireplace accessories for sale locally and in nearby towns.

The third method is to make parts for larger manufacturing plants in small cities and metropolitan areas. The winding of armatures for electric motors would fall under this category.

There are other obvious methods of starting from a small beginning in an endeavor to secure industry for your community. But these three have been the most universally successful.

Further, the added demand for production facilities and labor, as a result of the defense program, make this an opportune time to take immediate action.

There is no reason for delay in getting a little industry started in the rural community. No community is forced to wait for some outsider or an act of fortune to act in its behalf. Neighborhoods that pass up opportunities for self betterment will remain in the same economic condition while the world moves onward. Thus, the town lacking foresight will eventually become the "ghost town," symbolic of a community without determination.

Those who want to help their communities and themselves should remember that there is a large supply of labor available locally though the capital is small. Therefore, items chosen for the manufacturing venture should be those with a higher percentage of labor cost (payroll dollars) as compared to the overhead expenses of machinery. Thus, more labor will be employed, thereby balancing available resources in such a way that their combination will fit local needs and at the same time be more effective for sound enduring enterprise.

When such an industrial move has been decided upon by a community, the question of "who shall head it" invariably arises.

There are men in every community, no matter how small, who can supply needed leadership for such enterprises.

Look for the man who manages his own affairs well or the young man who shows promise. In that individual will usually be found natural ability to which experience and knowledge can be added as needed during progress of the joint venture.

A little capital and a lot of labor wisely managed will bring undreamed of returns to any rural community possessing the determination to have a small industry of its own.

"STORM WARNINGS" TODAY the American farmer faces his greatest test of wisdom. In this position he may well be compared to the captain of a great ship.

The mate of almost any ship can steer it when skies are clear and the seas smooth. But the captain's experience and resolute skill enables him to read storm warnings and properly direct the ship's course when storms arise. At this moment a storm of unprecedented proportions is heading in our direction. Whether he realizes it or not, every farmer must play the role of the wise captain during the months and years that make up the immediate future. Otherwise he may find himself wrecked upon the shoals of financial disaster.

Each of us is familiar with the national defense program and the extent of its progress. Industrial machinery is being set in motion and transportation is speeding up to meet the new demand for the movement of supplies. Capital considers its future possibilities while labor moves to protect its interests. Translated, all this action spells "upswing."

Just as there are different types of hazards facing the ship's captain, so there are different types of "upswings" in economic life. The present one is filled with dangers for the unwary because of four facts:

- 1—People are having difficulty meeting the demands of ever-increasing taxation.
- 2—The ability of government to borrow through the issuance of bonds is becoming increasingly difficult as a result of the fact that the government bond market is approaching the saturation point;
- 3—This country is committed to programs including national defense which make it necessary for public expenditures to continue;

4—We have the greatest amount of money in circulation in the history of this country. Much of this is now hoarded but is likely to come into circulation at any moment.

Increased economic activity under these conditions breeds inflationary characteristics. These symptoms can have far-reaching effects, particularly to the farmer whose operations are inflexible, therefore not easily adjusted to changing conditions. Things can happen during the "upswing" and also when the movements come to a sudden end.

The production of armament is a man-made movement and is therefore subject to a sudden stop with an abrupt change of policy. The farmer and his village neighbors who went through 1920 will remember the sudden termination of armament demand that took place. Accompanying inflationary action also came to a halt. Many farmers who had expanded unwisely during that "upswing" suffered disastrous losses.

Despite efforts to control them, prices will tend to rise throughout the defense program. The trouble which results comes not from the rise in prices, but from the fact that THEY RISE UNEVENLY. During such a period the farmer who has little to buy and much to sell stands the greatest chance to benefit and the least chance to lose if he carefully observes storm warnings; providing he does not overproduce toward the end of the inflationary period. The poultry, livestock and dairy farmer who buys his feed must be careful because feed costs usually rise faster than the market price of products of each of these types of farming.

The wise farmer today will keep in close touch with changing conditions. He must avoid the temptation of unwise speculation. He must take advantage of wise investments, keeping constantly in mind that defense is an industry made by man. It was turned on like a water faucet and turned off just as easily . . . each time before the average citizen realized it had happened.

It is of vital importance that whoever shall be charged with guiding our government during the coming year must realize at least one thing: the farmer will again face trouble unless farm prices are kept on a par with other prices.

FACTS YOU NEVER KNEW!!!

PERSONAL NOTICES
WANTED.....GOOD
SOAKING RAIN IN NORTH AND EAST TEXAS WITHIN 24 OR 48 HOURS...
J. W. CORLEY
ROUTE 2, MCKINNEY, TEXAS

A TEXAS FARMER PLACED THIS "AD" IN A LOCAL NEWSPAPER AND IN 24 HOURS A STORM BURST!!!

DURING QUEEN ELIZABETH'S TIME IN ENGLAND, PROFESSORS AWARDED DIPLOMAS TO PUPILS WHO COULD BLOW RINGS FROM THE SMOKE OF THEIR PIPES!!!

BEANS MORE THAN 6 FT. LONG GROW IN NEW ZEALAND WHERE THEY ARE RELIGIOUSLY CULTIVATED

IN THE 11th CENTURY IN ENGLAND, DOCTORS MADE OUT OF A CURRY-CRUMER TO BE FOR

FACTS YOU NEVER KNEW!!!

CANDY
DEVELOPED FROM THE OLD CUSTOM OF USING SUGAR AND HONEY TO CONCEAL THE DISAGREEABLE TASTE OF MEDICINES.....

EVEN FISH GET SEA SICK!! SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH HAS PROVEN THAT A FISH IS ALSO SUSCEPTIBLE TO SEASICKNESS. ARTIFICIAL "STORM-WINDS" MADE IN A GLASS BOWL RESULTED IN SEA-SICK GOLDFISH!!!

IN THE EARLY DAYS OF BOSTON, IT WAS A PRISON OFFENSE TO TAKE A BATH WITHOUT A DOCTOR'S PRESCRIPTION!!!

IN THE 17th CENTURY IN ENGLAND, IT WAS THE HEIGHT OF FASHION FOR MEN TO WEAR VERY HIGH-HEELED SHOES. WHILE WOMEN WORE SHOES WITH PRACTICALLY NO HEELS WHATSOEVER.

FACTS YOU NEVER KNEW!!!

THE FIRST HOUSES WERE BUILT ON THE BANKS OF THE NILE, IN EGYPT!! THEY WERE COLORFULLY CONSTRUCTED OF REEDS AND MUD FROM THE RIVERS BANK, WITH NO ROOFS!!

IN SOUTHERN SPAIN, THE NATIVE SWIMMERS RUB THEIR BODIES WITH THEIR OWN URINE TO PROTECT THEMSELVES TO THE SUN AS A PREVENTATIVE AGAINST SUN BURN!!

AMONG THE EARLY GREEK AND ROMANS, MOURNING WAS EXPRESSED BY NOT CHANGING ONE'S CLOTHING FOR TWO WEEKS!!

FAT IS ESSENTIAL TO A GOOD HAM!! IF IT IS LEAN IT IS NEARLY ALWAYS LACKING IN FLAVOR AND TENDERNESS!!!

FACTS YOU NEVER KNEW!!!

THE ANCIENT PHOENICIAN ALWAYS SHAVED THE HEAD OF HIS BRIDE SO SHE WOULD NOT BE ATTRACTIVE TO OTHER MEN!!

IN SOME AFRICAN TRIBES NO GIRL IS CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE FOR MARRIAGE UNLESS HER NOSE IS TATOODED!!!

THE CREOLES OF LOUISIANA BELIEVE THAT THE LEFT HIND FOOT OF A RABBIT KILLED IN THE DARK OF THE MOON WILL PROTECT THEM FROM ALL EVIL.

ONE OF THE OLDEST GAMES IS HANDBALL WHICH WAS PLAYED BY THE ANCIENT EGYPTIANS, OVER 4000 YEARS AGO!!!

FACTS YOU NEVER KNEW!!!

BREAD IS ONE OF THE MOST ANCIENT FORMS OF FOOD. THE REMAINS OF BREAD MADE BY THE PRE-HISTORIC SWISS LAKE DWELLERS WHO LIVED MORE THAN 75,000 YEARS AGO, HAVE BEEN FOUND!!!

THERE IS A SCOTLAND SUPERSTITION THAT IF YOU'RE CROSS WHEN YOU'RE YOUNG, YOU WILL BE AN OLD MAID!!

AMONG THE EARLY ANGLO-SAXONS, OLD SHOES WERE CONSIDERED AN APPROPRIATE WEDDING GIFT BECAUSE THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO BRING GOOD FORTUNE!

IT WAS THE CUSTOM AMONG BOTH THE ANCIENT ROMANS AND GREEKS TO RECLINE ON COUCHS WHILE EATING!!!

GRAMP AND BING Explore the World of 1960

OH, BING, YOUR GRANDDAD IS GETTING QUITE A SUNBURN!
I GOT IT HOWARD!
WOW! HE SURE IS. I GUESS I'D BETTER- OH OH!

YEW!

OH-W-W-W-W-I CAN'T MOVE-I'M BURNIN' UP-I'M GONNA DIE-OH-W-W-W-W!
YOU OUGHT TO HAVE A WRAP-LIKE MINE-AND YOU WOULDN'T BURN

BECAUSE IT'S MADE OF A NEW MATERIAL THAT LETS YOU TAN WITHOUT GETTING SUNBURNED!
I THINK YOU'D BETTER LEND IT TO GRANDMA, MARY! HERE SHE COMES AND IS SHE BURNING UP!
WHY NOT?

WINTERS OLD MAN



(Inspired by General Motors Futurama at World's Fair)

EDITORIAL

ROAD BONDS POPULAR AGAIN!

After the depression hit the nation more than ten years ago county highway bonds were not popular. But reaction has set in and Texas counties are rushing to vote bonds again.

About 1933 the legislature voted to assume interest and principal on county bonds that were issued to build state and federal highways. For a few years the one cent gasoline tax did not take care of the full maturities and interest and counties made up the deficits.

Conditions have changed. Millions of dollars of bonds have been retired. The state is paying full amount on principal and interest today.

In fact there is surplus and counties are trying to get the extra funds returned to them. But the state highway commission is opposing refunds, saying that it will require \$500,000,000 additional to build an adequate road system.

One way has been found to stop this demand for refunds to counties. That is for counties to vote bonds on designated projects and then have the state assume their payment.

Thirty-Eight counties are planning bond issues totaling \$16,000,000 with about \$3,000,000 of the amount in the Panhandle. One hitch though is that the legislature every two years must vote for re-enactment of the bond assumption act.

Counties which will vote on bonds include, Collingsworth, Donley, Hall, Farmer, Castro, Hartley, Swisher, Lamb, Deaf Smith, Hall Gray and Floyd.

SAFE MOTOR TRAFFIC

The Herald Editor was in Austin three days last week at the C.T. safety foundation seminar for newspaper men. More than 80 editors were present for lectures of about six hours daily. About 25 distinguished speakers were on the program.

One lecturer, Dr. Miller McClintock of Yale University said that surveys showed not more than 5 percent of fatal accidents today could be attributed to the vehicles, and not over 10 percent to the road.

In other words 85 percent of the accidents are the faults of pedestrians and auto drivers. The need of thorough training for drivers is evident from such a survey. Also, the pedestrians need to show far greater care in crossing streets and highways.

It will cost hundreds of millions of dollars to build streets and highways practically accident proof, but it will take only a few millions to train the young people as they reach driving age. Well trained young drivers who are taught the proper methods are just about the best on the road today.

Apparently any investment that the communities make in teaching safe driving results in fewer accidents.

With more than 32,000 fatal accidents in 1939 in the U. S. and an estimated 36,000 this year, the need for a continuing program is evident to any one who will make just a casual survey of traffic problems.

—Panhandle Herald, Texas.

THE COUNTRY PRESS

Floyd County Hesperian: The football season nears an end for colleges. High school football, except for a few championship games in Texas is over. Now it is the time for the football feasts and the accompanying toasting of football heroes. Youth will be served, as ever. Fine world we live in, here in America. Still no blitzkrieg still safety and happiness are in the range of possibilities of the humblest American. God Bless America we pray, with life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness as the goal.

Clarendon News: About this time of the year Clarendon folk join with millions in the nation in lighting up their homes and business houses in gay, holiday colors. It is a pretty custom and one worth continuing on an increased scale. There is something powerful

and effective in the influence of Christmas lighting upon the public attitude, and the influence is for a better and happier citizenship.

Canyon News: It sure makes us boil over to read of strikes being called by CIO leaders in vital national defense industries. Chances are that most of the men would continue to work and are perfectly satisfied in their work if left alone by the leaders Union or no union every employe should have the right to fire any man who is a hell raiser in his organization, and refuses to work when the nation is facing such perilous times.

Wellington Leader: Never lift the head of an injured person until he has told you whether he can move his legs or hands. If he cannot move his hands his neck is broken. If he cannot move his legs, his back is broken.

No completely satisfactory explanation of why human beings see color has ever been made.

Ochiltree County Herald: The strength and security of our nation depends on national security.

There is no room in this country now for narrow partisanship, for class hatred, for exploiting old grudges and differences. But unity must be more than a slogan, more than a vague and appealing word. It can be achieved only by action.

Unity calls for fair dealings. Fair for industry and labor, for a policy that neither favors nor penalizes either side. It calls for an attitude on the part of both labor leaders and industrial managers that will make possible frank and honest arbitration, with each understanding the problems of the other. The nation cannot afford that kind of politician who fights industry, reviles industry, and who attempts to ruin industry in reaching out for more and more power.

Eyes of insects are made up of thousands of tiny facets, nestling together like a mosaic. One bug has 25,000 parts to its eye.

STORES READY FOR CHRISTMAS RUSH!

Another holiday season is here and Spearman merchants are prepared to take care of the needs of residents of Hansford county.

For many months merchants have been visiting wholesale houses and keeping informed of the most appropriate Christmas gifts.

In a small city like Spearman the merchants point out that it is not possible to carry as many items in a line as big city stores, yet the customers can buy a good selection here.

Usually fill-in articles can be obtained from wholesale houses in a few hours at the same price that they may be bought for in larger cities. And in a great many instances the Spearman price is lower because of the low over-head cost.

Spearman merchants believe that people at this time of the year should make a sincere effort to trade at home price and service being equal.

EXTRA MONEY
The Christmas season is a time generally when the people have extra money to spend. They plan for it months ahead of time and most of them pay cash—and that is practically necessary when the people go to the larger downtown stores. Your credit isn't worth 2c in most big places. And Spearman merchants have brought out the fact that you can't build this city with any money spent elsewhere.

You don't drive to Amarillo to get donations for churches, parks, bands or any other civic pride. When the weather is good Spearman merchants say that it may be easy to drive to the big town, shop and spend money. But every person has to depend on the home town merchant for the emergencies. The greater the home town pride the greater variety that can be stocked.

Spearman business men say that they appreciate most of all the opportunity to serve the public. The people are asked to visit the stores and state their needs. If this is done it is surprising at the amount of patronage that can be given local merchants.

The failure of the opportunity to make a sale hurts worse than not to have any opportunity to even talk to the customer about his wants.

Read the ads in this issue, buy at home!

GIFTS HE'LL WANT

There are 101 Gift suggestions for everyone on your list at the K. C. Stores!

WE'LL PAY YOUR TRANSPORTATION TO THE K. C. STORE!

INTERWOVEN SOCKS
All new patterns and colors—short and long length Gift boxes of 2 and 3 pairs. The pair—
35c—50c

ARROW SHIRTS in all colors and patterns with plain button-down or wide spread collars. His favorite shirt—
\$2.00 - \$2.50

ARROW TIES You can't go wrong on Arrow Ties! They're hand selected & every man likes these beautiful patterns.
\$1.00 - \$1.50

HICKOK JEWELRY Belts, Belt Sets, Key chains and dozens of other items that make grand gifts for any man.
\$1.00 - \$1.50

ENRO PAJAMAS Broadcloth with satin trim. New patterns new colors, new styles!
\$2.00

GATES GLOVES A grand gift to any man who takes pride in wearing good things. Several shades and styles.
\$3.50

ALL GIFTS WRAPPED AT NO EXTRA COST!



THAT HE'LL WANT

ALL K. C. Store gift items are personally selected for style, value and distinction.

WE GIFT WRAP YOUR PURCHASES AT NO EXTRA COST.

LEVI STRAUSS SHIRTS All wool gaberdine in four popular shades. A shirt he'll appreciate and wear for years.
\$7.50

JUSTIN BOOTS Cowboy Boots!! Field Boots!! Lace Boots!!—all by that famous maker Justin! Select him a pair for Christmas!
\$12.50 - \$15.00

LA SALLE ROBES Soft brushed rayon in solid tones of Blue, green, wine and tan—Gift Boxed.
\$6.95

FIELD & STREAM JACKETS Absolute "Tops" in sport wear. Leather, Wool, and combinations. A "Special Gift" for the "Special man."
\$12.50

ARROW HANKIES Gift boxed in plain & initial styles. Pure linen hand finished.
\$1.00 box

BOTANY TIES Non-crushable, no wrinkle! The tie that all America likes. Big selections.
\$1.00

STORE OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

Whether it's for the man of your heart, brother, uncle, or pop, we're sure that we have the gift that will please him most. Our store is truly filled to its capacity with new and practical gifts. The price range starts as low as 75c and goes all the way up to \$50.00! We promise you that you'll be able to find the right gift for every man on your 1940 Christmas list right in our store—and every gift will be one he will be proud to accept—and use! Prompt service and expert advice are available at all times at the K. C. Stores. We're Expecting to see YOU soon.

OUR GIFT TO YOU
Free Transportation To Borger

Any of our customers from Spearman or vicinity that comes and trades as much as \$10.00 at either of the K. C. Stores will be given 5 gallons of his favorite kind of gasoline—or the cash! Present this ad and sales slip at our office. So come to Borger—trade at the K. C.—We'll buy the gasoline!

THIS OFFER IS GOOD FOR SPEARMAN AND VICINITY



K. C. STORE

—BORGER, TEXAS—

SMART APPAREL FOR MEN AND WOMEN—YOUR CHRISTMAS STORE

STILL PLENTY OF CHRISTMAS CARDS

AT

The SPEARMAN REPORTER

FREE

1 CAR

DURING THE AUCTION ONE CAR WILL BE GIVEN FREE ADULTS ONLY! YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BID OR BUY!

The **McClellan Chevrolet Co. Inc.**
and Gruver Motor Co.
Announces A Bona-Fide

FREE

IN ADDITION TO THE FREE CAR A...
\$100.00
CREDIT ON A NEW 1941 CHEVROLET, GIVEN FREE

AUTOMOBILE AUCTIONS SALE

At
SPEARMAN TEXAS

Of 45 USED CARS
Pick-ups and Trucks

At
SPEARMAN TEXAS

Saturday Dec. 21, 1940

EVERY CAR WILL BE CAREFULLY DESCRIBED BEFORE OFFERING

As each car is brought to the selling block, the auctioneer will give a detailed, accurate and truthful report, regarding its condition, mechanical or otherwise. You will buy at this auction with the same assurances of satisfaction that you would at a private sale.

2 Saturday 2
Sales **1:30-7:00** Sales

TERMS!

Usual down payment on all cars sold. Balance on payments up to 18 months. All cars selling for less than 50.00 will be cash—no trades accepted where difference is less than \$75.00.
A \$5.00 AUCTION FEE WILL BE CHARGED EACH PURCHASER.

SALE TO BE HELD IN OUR SERVICE DEPARTMENT REGARDLESS OF THE WEATHER.

YOU CAN TRADE YOUR PRESENT CAR!

Let us look at your CAR BEFORE THE SALE (Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday). You will be given an appraisal slip that will apply as that much cash on any car you buy. There is no obligation to bid or buy if you have your car appraised BRING YOUR LICENSE TITLE.

No Set Prices
No By-Bidding
No Cars Reserved

... SELECT YOUR CAR **Now**
LET US DEMONSTRATE IT FOR YOU
Be On Hand When It Is Auctioned
Then Buy It At Your Own Price.

Used Car Dealers And
Speculators are Especially
Invited To Attend

HERE ARE SOME of the CARS and PICKUPS WE ARE OFFERING

NOTE:—OUR GUARANTEE: FOR ONE WEEK WE WILL ACCEPT ANY CAR BOUGHT AT AUCTION, AT THE PRICE PAID, ON ANY NEW or Used Car of greater value—Trade in your old Car—have it appraised today!

- 1940 Chevrolet Special Deluxe Town Sedan
- 1940 Oldsmobile 2 Door Touring Sedan
- 1939 Chevrolet Deluxe Coupe
- 1936 Chevrolet Master Coach
- 1936 Ford Tudor
- 1929 Chevrolet Pickup
- 1930 Chevrolet Pickup
- 1929 Chevrolet Truck
- 1933 Chevrolet 157" Truck and platform
- 1929 Chevrolet Truck
- 1935 Ford Pickup

- 1936 Chevrolet pickup
- 1938 Ford 1-2 Ton Pickup
- 1929 Ford Roadster
- 1936 Chevrolet pickup
- 1937 Chevrolet 1-2 Ton pickup with semi-trailer
- 1934 Chevrolet Master Coach
- 1934 Chevrolet Master Sedan
- 1935 Standard Chevrolet Coach
- 1936 Chevrolet Standard Coupe Pickup
- 1936 Chevrolet Master Coupe

- 1939 Chevrolet Deluxe Town Sedan
- 1940 Ford Deluxe Coupe
- 1940 Hudson Six Coupe
- 1936 Ford Tudor
- 1936 Chevrolet Master Coach
- 1937 Chevrolet Master Coach
- 1937 Ford Fordor "85"
- 1938 Chevrolet Master Town Sedan
- 1938 Chevrolet Deluxe Town Sedan
- 1939 Chevrolet Deluxe Coupe

- 1934 Ford Tudor
- 1933 Chevrolet Master Sedan
- 1933 Ford Tudor
- 1933 Chevrolet Coach
- 1931 Ford Coupe
- 1929 Chevrolet Coupe
- 1929 Ford Tudor
- 1929 Dodge Sedan
- 1929 Chevrolet Coach
- 1938 Chevrolet 1-4 Ton Pickup

Sale To Be Held In Our Service Department Regardless of the Weather

McClellan Chevrolet Co. Inc.
SPEARMAN, TEXAS

Sale At
SPEARMAN Texas

Gruver Motor Company
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FARM MEETING SATURDAY

Hansford county had a farmers meeting in the court house Sat. December 14, at one o'clock.

The farm program of 1941 was discussed in detail by County agent Hatton.

Special aspects of our wheat program as compared with Canada's wheat program were given by the junior county administrator Westley Garnett.

Bill Etling, County supervisor of measures explained the measurement of wheat. This will take place in a few days for the parity payments.

Mr Gunn showed two agricultural films using the high school projector.

There was seventy five farmers present. The following committee men were elected:

J. R. Wallin, Chairman, Edd Close, V. Chairman, Kiff White Member, A. F. Barkley, First Alternate, Edd Vernon Second Alternate.

Land use planning had four vacancies to fill as four members retire each year. The new members are Gus Olsen, Harold Collier, Darrel Cooper, and H. J. Vernon.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT BAPTIST CHURCH

A beautiful Christmas pageant "Bells of Bethlehem" will be presented at the Baptist Church next Sunday evening beginning at 8 p.m.

Why not make a special effort to attend church services some where next Sunday. Surely at this time of the year most attention should be given to the spiritual side of life than usually is given.

The Baptist extend a cordial welcome to all who are not attending elsewhere. Matthew Doyle

BILL DECK BACK FROM NATIONAL MEET

Bill Deck, state director of the Texas Agricultural Association returned home Sunday of this week after spending 4 days at the national agricultural association held at Boston, Mass. Mr Deck stated that there were 3000 delegates to the national convention, and most of the programs were built around the part agriculture plays in national defense—and making plans for agriculture following the war.

20TH CENTURY CLUB MEETS WITH MRS ROY RUSSELL

The 20th Century club will meet with Mrs Roy Russell instead of Mrs McClellan as first announced.

The following program will be given: Scripture and prayer, Mrs Buchanan, Christmas Story Mrs Gibner, Christmas Comments Mrs W. R. Finley, Christmas Carols, Club members.

HOME SCIENCE DEPT. SEW FOR RED CROSS

Thursday Dec. 12 the Home Science department of the 20th Century club met with Mrs Marvin Chambers for an all day meeting. The club made girls dresses for the Red Cross. They made fine dresses. At noon a covered dish luncheon was served to: Mesdames G. P. Gibner, Olen Chambers, John Bishop, F. Rattan, Lee McClellan and the hostess Marvina Chambers.

IT'S A GIRL

Little Judeth Ann Smith, 7 and a half pound daughter of Mr and Mrs Pete Smith of this city, arrived at the St. Anthony Hospital, Oklahoma City, Sunday December 15th.

Mrs Smith and daughter are doing fine and are expected home about Jan. 5.

Pete will live over the disappointment of his first child not being a boy. Fact is he is now telling the world that girls are his favorites.

4.09 INCHES OF MOISTURE HERE

It all adds up to 4.09 inches since this county got the idea of wheat moisture, according to Fred Brandt, the voice of authority on precipitation, and the farmers say we haven't had anything like this since '23.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS EXCHANGE GIFTS

On Friday, Dec. 20 at 1 p.m. the high school students will have their tree and exchange of gifts. The tree will be in the home rooms. The grade school will have the same type of program.

Four hundred and fifty-five students and 18 teachers will partake of this old Christmas custom. MERRY CHRISTMAS

FRESHMAN NEWS

The freshman drew names last week. We weren't supposed to tell the name we drew, but every one knows who got everyone's name. I wonder how they found out, if someone didn't tell them.

Well, the contest is over and it didn't turn out as we expected, but we tried to the last minute. Some say it was a mystery how the freshmen made their money? Is it to you?

Power to Queen Adelaide and her reign! The entire class wishes to congratulate Adelaide and the entire class upon their victory.

MERRY CHRISTMAS SOPH NEWS

The entire Soph class wished to thank everyone who supported our candidate in the contest, although we did come in last place. However, this is no indication we didn't really work hard in this contest. We wish to congratulate the queen and the entire senior class upon their victory.

The sophomores in typing are progressing very nice. Last Wednesday night, the soph class had a party. Most of the class was out to enjoy the affair. We wish to express our appreciation to our room mothers for this fine party.

Our room mothers are going to sponsor a little Christmas tree in our home room Friday afternoon. We have already drawn names and most of the class already selected the presents.

MERRY CHRISTMAS OSLO NEWS

Morning worship at the Oslo Lutheran church next Sunday, Dec. 22, 4th. Sunday in Advent, will begin at 10:00 a. m. Sermon theme: John the Baptist Testimony of the Coming One". John 1: 19-28.

The adult confirmation service and the communion service which was postponed last Sunday will take place at this service. If you did not bring your penny-a-meal box last Sunday, please bring it to this service.

There will be Christmas services at the church on Christmas day at 11:00 a. m. The Sunday school and choir will render the pageant, "Even Unto Bethlehem" in the evening beginning at eight o'clock. The church will be appropriately for this service the services. Everyone is welcome. The Sunday school will meet on Sunday at 10:00 a. m. The choir and Sunday school will meet for the final rehearsal of the Christmas pageant at 3:00 p. m. Sunday afternoon at the church. The Confirmation class will meet on Saturday at 9:30 a. m. at the parsonage.

NEWS ITEMS

A miscellaneous shower was accorded Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Stedje, who recently were married, at the Stedje home last Sunday evening. After a short program consisting of a clarinet solo and a musical reading by Leona Knutson and a talk by Pastor Hjortholm, the gifts were brought in. They were brought in a small replica of the house where the newlyweds will soon begin housekeeping. This little house, familiarly called "Blue Heaven," is the place where many Oslo couples have begun married life. The couple received many beautiful and useful household articles. A social hour followed, after which cake, cookies and coffee were served.

Everyone in Oslo is hoping for nice weather to relieve the many who are suffering from colds and to prevent the spread of this illness.

ALBERT SMITH WILL BE IN TOWN FOR XMAS

One of Spearman's preacher boys will be back home for the Christmas holidays and will preach at the Presbyterian church December 22 and Dec. 29th.

Albert writes the Reporter "please insert a notice in the paper that the Presbyterians will have services next Sunday Dec. 22 and Sunday Dec. 29th."

I am anxious to get back and see all the good people of Spearman, including yourself and family."

The subjects for the Sunday services are as follows "Substitute that Fall" and "Jesus Is My Name," 22nd, "The Freedom of Truth and Thy Word for the Dec. 29 service.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

W. B. Hicks, Minister "Jesus said unto him, I am the way."

One day in a radio address to his troubled and war oppressed people, the young Christian King of England quoted these beautiful words of one who had written, indeed, better than he knew, "I said to the man who stood at the gate of the years: Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown. And he replied, Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be better to you than a light, and safer than a known way."

Here were words that a distressed King might lay hold upon to pass out to the millions of his far-flung empire who were at that very moment crying for a light by which they might safely tread into the "Unknown". They were needing a leader, a voice and the King had turned to a spokesman of the Lord, a humble poet, for help. If we will turn and put our hands into the hand of God, we too will find it "better than a light, and safer than a known way." Trust in the Lord and do good and He shall give thee the desire of thy heart. May we always and at all times hold unto the hand of the Lord. He is the great light of the unknown.

We will be happy to see you in the church services next Sunday.

served. A large three layer cake prepared by Mrs. Clarence Johnson and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Billy Johnson proved the center of attraction when the lunch was served.

Mr. and Mrs. John Spivey, the parents of Mrs. Gordon Stedje, and their two children and a niece and nephew of Mr. Spivey were supper guests at the Stedje home last Sunday.

Miss Maude Hamm, Miss Violet Clark and Miss Bernetta Renner came from Texhoma last Sunday evening to be present at the Stedje shower.

Mrs. Betsy Stavio and her son, Loyd, and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Arthur Stavio and her little daughter, Sally, came from Gruver Sunday evening to be present at the Stedje shower.

Those who live in Oslo are planning to attend the Christmas program tomorrow night, (Friday) at the Oslo school. This is a joint program of the Oslo and Doyle schools. Everyone is welcome.

Mrs. Billy Johnson has completed a beautiful poster which announces the Watch party to be held at the Oslo church on New Years Eve. It can be seen on the bulletin board at the Oslo church.

Clifford Stedje came home for the week-end last week from Goodwell. He is planning to take up a course in aeronautical engineering at Wichita, Kans.

Everyone in Oslo is hoping for nice weather to relieve the many who are suffering from colds and to prevent the spread of this illness.

Band Concert

Thursday, Dec. 12, the band gave a concert and queen coronation in the auditorium.

The band members sold chances on two turkeys also to help purchase new instruments for the band. Georgia Burleson and Joyce Jones drew the lucky winners on the raffle.

The young musicians gave a splendid program and the band minded community enjoyed it fully.

The proceeds of the evening amounted to near \$200.00.

BAPTIST WORKERS MEET AT CANADIAN

Wednesday Dec. 10, the District meet of Baptist workers was conducted at Canadian.

One southside speaker, J. B. Edmunds, from Nashville, Tenn. and three state speakers, Miss Mackintosh from Sweetwater, Rev. Bayless of Pampa and Miss McKensie, Amarillo gave the program.

From Spearman: Rev and Mrs Doyel, Mr and Mrs Hutchison, Fred Hoskins, Mrs D. Tice, Miss Altha Groves and Mrs Jess Edwards, attended.

Martha Delon Kirk spent Saturday night with home folks.

LOOK REVIEW

When Patty went to College —Jean Webster

Patty Wyatt is a mischievous girl who is always getting into trouble and can usually think of a good excuse. Patty is a senior in a girl's college, but far from dignified. In her school work she is inclined to leave all she can until right before tests. She thinks she will be called on she will know her lesson but if she thinks she won't be called on she has other things to do.

One of the most interesting incidents in the book is in the first chapter. It concerns the janitor and some of the rules about decorating the rooms.

This book is easy to read and very very amusing.

JUNIORS NEWS

Even though the juniors didn't win the first in the high school queen contest, we are very proud of our ranking second. We appreciate all the help that everyone gave us and we really think your money went for a worthy cause.

All of the juniors are planning a big Christmas. Several people from our class are planning to spend the holidays away from home while others are going to have a good old fashioned Christmas at home. We are going to have a party Friday afternoon where we will exchange gifts. The juniors takes this opportunity to wish every a

THIRD GRADE NEWS

The number of hundreds made in spelling the last two weeks were 31 and 28.

Visitor were Mrs Ooley, Mrs Reed, Mrs Sanders and Mrs Reynolds.

Hearing themselves sing from a record that had just been made was quite a new experience to the pupils.

THIRD AND FOURTH GRADE

We are sorry that Mrs Loftin was ill and couldn't be with us Tuesday. Mrs Rattan taught in her place.

We are glad to have Mrs Beck and Don for our visitors this week.

GRADE SCHOOL CHAPEL

On Friday afternoon of last week the grade school department had an unusually good chapel program. A number of visitors were present to enjoy the program.

Everyone enjoyed the picture show. Announcements were made regarding the Christmas program and other school activities for the next few days. We plan to have another chapel program on Thursday or Friday before the Christmas holidays.

Mrs McKay received word that her sister would arrive by plane from Calif. for the Xmas holidays. Mrs Edna Peter lives in Los Angeles.

LOCAL FIRM STAGING 45 CAR XMAS AUCTION SALE OF USED CARS

The McClellan Chevrolet Co. of Spearman and the Gruver Motor Co. of Gruver are planning the largest AUCTION sale of used cars ever staged in Hansford or probably in the North Panhandle. These two Chevrolet dealers assembled 45 used cars and trucks from 1929 to 1940 model Chev. Fords, Hudson's Oldsmobiles, etc.

The sale will be held without any protection whatever by the dealers, and those who bid for cars will positively buy their car at their own price. It is strictly a bona-fide Auction sale.

From the comments of experts who have visited Spearman and inspected these cars, there can not be found a cleaner stock of cars in the Texas Panhandle. Practically all these cars have been thoroughly checked and reconditioned, and each car offered for sale by the dealers will be accurately described, the amount of reconditioning, etc.

The Hasnford car dealers urge everyone to go either to the Gruver Motor Co. or to the McClellan Chevrolet and have your present car appraised before the sale to avoid confusion later. See their full page ad for particulars. Advertising announcements state that one used car will be given free during the sale and also \$100 credit on a new car will be given away.

8,000 full page handbills are being mailed and distributed in the Texas Panhandle and in the Okla. panhandle, and should draw a huge crowd to Spearman that day. All the local business firms should cooperate in every way possible with these dealers in promoting this sale, as many local purchases will be made by these out of town people.

The employees of both companies are working almost day and night getting ready for this sale, and the McClellan brothers say they intend to make this an annual affair if this proves as successful as all present indications point.

The McClellan company have just completed modernizing their sales and display room. New display counters show most all merchandise and list the price of the merchandise. They are anxious for people who visit Spearman to come in and see this display, and visit their new quarters, whether they want to bid or not.

SANTA CLAUS TO BE AT WESTERN AUTO STORE DEC. 24

Old St. Nicholas in person will appear at the Western Auto store in Spearman, to spend the day of Christmas eve. The jolly old gentleman has authorized the Reporter to invite all the children of this section of the country to the store, and confidentially told us that the grown-ups would have a nice time and find they could make this Christmas a most economical one by cooperating with Santa at the local stores.

F. H. T.

The F. H. T. Girls were greatly honored by having Mrs Armstrong who is district supervisor visit with us Thursday. She complimented the Freshmen on their aprons and the work they are doing in their department.

We have been housecleaning in the laboratory this week. Everything is looking very nice.

We are planning a social for the club.

MERRY CHRISTMAS LIBRARY NEWS

Colleen Kelly is the new assistant in the library.

Bonita Harmon has quit work in the library, since she is working in the superintendent's office.

Mrs Kenny has been rebinding books the past few weeks. Many of our old ragged books look like new ones. Let us all try to keep them looking that way.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Mr and Mrs Homer Hulme were week-end visitors in the Will Miller home.

OLD SANTA IS A BIT EARLY IN SPEARMAN

C. E. Campbell of the Campbell tailor shop called in the Reporter early Tuesday morning of this week to show him a dollar bill he had found in the pocket of Rex Sanders. He was planning to return the bill but this writer informed him that Mr Sanders was that way—and often gave his Christmas presents in outlandish ways. Now Mr Campbell plans to send Rex a card of thanks and perhaps a Christmas card.

Mrs A. J. Wilbanks won the approval of the Reporter office when she came in Tuesday and gave our main guy, Little Reed (Harold) the 12 year old printers' devil, his Christmas present. It was a brand new shiny pocket knife—and his eyes shined so big and fine that Mrs Wilbanks added a handful of change to the present. She claims our printers' devil as her boy, and we are willing to share him—but we sure won't give him up at this shop. He is a fine lad, just 12 years old and in the seventh grade at school. Reed has been working at the Reporter for the last two years—and now does most anything there is to do in the shop.

Walter Wilmet has been playing Santa for a number of years, and he is so shy and secretive about it that no one has found it out. This year the Reporter happened to overhear a bit of his plans—and he did not know we were listening—and the help of the Spearma Equity did not know we were listening—but Walter had about 15 turkeys all cleaned and laid out for various people to be delivered just before Christmas. Sorry to say the newspaper does not rate a turkey this year. Just preachers, personal friends and a few people if Walter did not take care of the Santa job.

I. K. REIMER DEAD

Word was received Tuesday of this week of the death of I. K. Reimer, of Ashland, Oregon. Mr. Reimer, age 94 years and 5 months, passed away at his home in Ashland, Oregon, Monday Dec. 16. The body was laid to rest in Medford, Oregon, cemetery.

The deceased was the father of Mrs Elsie Lane of Ashland, Mrs W. S. Thomas of Spearman, and Mrs J. R. Reimer of Gruver.

The deceased is survived by six children, 4 boys and 2 girls. He was a devoted Christian and a loving father. Friends of the family in Hansford county extend heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.

CITY AND POWER CO. PUT UP LIGHTS

Our City believes in beauty and cheerfulness. So does the Community Public Service.

When you look at the festive array of our street lights remember they are given to us because the city furnishes the strings of lights and the light plant furnishes the current.

SENIORS

As you have no doubt heard, the senior candidate, Dolly She-deck, has won the title of high school queen of 1941. We of the class are very proud of that fact. Yet we realize that this bountiful glory was not heaped upon us by our doings alone, but rather by those who supported us both financially and in a personal way. We wish to thank all of you for your generous support, both to the senior class & to the band.

Friday Dec. 20 the seniors plan to have a Christmas tree and possibly some games in the class room. After that our class will separate to different parts of the country until we meet again for mid-term exams Jan 2, 1941.

This will be our last year in school; therefore, as the senior class of Spearman high school for 1941, we wish you all a . . .

COMING ATTRACTIONS ELLIS THEATRE PERRYTON, TEXAS

Dec. 17-18 "She Couldn't Say No" Roger Pryor, Eve Arden. Dec. 19-20 "Hit Parade of 1941" Koony Baker, Frances Langford, Hugh Herbert. Dec. 21 "Texas Rangers Ride Again" John Howard and Elliott Drew.

God Bless America



BLESS OUR HOMES . . . FOR,

great or small, they are the true cradle of our liberty, wherein love and loyalty for man and for country are born and nurtured to flower into a patriotism founded upon the GOLDEN RULE!

BLESS OUR LAND . . . the

mountains and lakes & rivers & the fertile soils that lie between, the corn fields and wheat fields and cotton fields, the orchards and the forests. These are our heritage, the blessings beyond man's capacity to evaluate, the things we hold most dear for what they represent to each of us in common bond and opportunity!

BLESS OUR PEOPLE . . . the

millions who have learned to live together through the miracle of democracy, the fathers and mothers and sons and daughters who, because they treasure in their hearts the love of fellowman that makes them strong give for answer to a world grown cold with greed and selfishness the spectacle of great strength made greater by adversity.

BLESS OUR HOMES AND OUR LAND AND OUR PEOPLE . . . make

us doubly conscious of the Spirit of Christmas, that we may realize in fullest measure how precious are the things we feel in our hearts and the meanings of the words we use in greeting. GOD BLESS AMERICA!



GREETINGS—AGAIN AT THIS SEASON OF THE YEAR, WE FIND OURSELVES MINDFUL OF THE MANY FAVORS THAT HAVE BEEN EXTENDED THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CONSUMERS SALES COMPANY, ESPECIALLY IN THE WHOLEHEARTED CO-OPERATION WE HAVE RECEIVED DURING THE PAST YEAR!

WHILE WE TAKE PLEASURE in greeting our customers, and wishing them a MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY 1941—WE AT ONCE realize that this is YOUR BUSINESS, your COOPERATION during the past few years has builded up your organization from a struggling small business to the efficient unit, handling \$127,000.00 in sales according to the last official report. Your business that belongs to hundreds of stockholders over this area has been a blessing to the entire citizenship of this section of the plains country. Not only have you received direct benefits, but the public at large has been benefitted in receiving REASONABLE PRICES for needed merchandise!

WE ARE ANXIOUS TO SERVE—The entire citizenship of this area and we know we can serve all customers, whether stockholders or not, with a pleasing up to date service and Economy prices. We feel that we owe much to the customers of this business who are not stockholders, and we are willing and anxious to extend such customers every possible benefit and courtesy.

WE WOULD REMIND YOU—That the future growth of your organization depends upon the Cooperation you give in making purchases at your own store, and in telling your neighbors and friends of the excellent treatment, prompt service and economy and efficiency in your organization.

DIVIDENDS ONLY SMALL PART OF BENEFITS—In addition to the dividend payments you gain as a stockholder-patron you enjoy QUALITY and PRICE that leads the field in this area. This testified to by the fact that more than half of our customers are not stockholders, but make their purchases because of the QUALITY EFFICIENCY and ECONOMY of Your Organization.

THANKS A MILLION—Again we thank you for the patronage that makes it possible for us to grow a little each year. We would remind you that we are gradually adding new lines of merchandise that will benefit the public of this area. We have a Sales Room full of needed articles for the home and car that would make Practical and pleasing Christmas Gifts. Come in and let us check you on YOUR XMAS SHOPPING LIST!

CONSUMERS SALES COMPANY

Your Own Business

When Christmas Came

...the favor...
...a German country priest and his friend, the schoolmaster of a neighboring village, for a Christmas now a century gone. After its first use in 1818, in a little Austrian town, it gradually made friends until it came to be known in all Germany and, in translation, in many other countries, observes a writer in the Cleveland Plain Dealer.
The author of the verses of "Stille Nacht! Heilige Nacht!" was Joseph Mohr, born in Salzburg, Austria, in 1792. He was ordained a priest in 1815, and when he wrote the song was assistant at Laufen, on the Salza, near Salzburg. Later he held pastorates in various other places, and died in 1848.
The schoolmaster of Arnsdorf, near Laufen, who wrote the music of this and also of a number of lesser known hymns, was Franz Gruber, born in Hochburg in 1797.

When Christmas Came



The Fireplace Glowed With Logs.

BRICE HARPER stepped from her train happily. A whole month with Christmas only ten days away. That meant nearly three weeks for after-Christmas jollification, skating, visiting round with old friends and just squatted before the big fireplace reading and talking. Wouldn't Aunt Margaret and Uncle Jake be pleased and surprised for she had not written. After three steady, grinding, monotonous years in the department store, it would be heavenly.

She flashed a look down the platform. Yes, there was wooden-legged Sam, the expressman. Things hadn't changed a bit in three years.

"Hoo-hoo!" she challenged.

The old expressman looked up, eyed, then stumped forward.

"Best if 'tain't Brice Harper!" he cried. "Back among your old friends ag'in. Fine! Come to stay, or a visitin'?"

House Is Deserted.

"Just visiting, Uncle Sam—two whole weeks, though. Out to Aunt Margaret Holmes. After three years! I'd never have believed I could stay away that long. But 500 miles—too far for a poor girl to afford paying fare for a few days' vacation. Now it's a month, though, because I haven't taken a vacation in so long. Can you take me and my trunk right out? I'll ride with you, and—"

"Ain't ye heered—had no letter or nothin'?" asked the old man, whose face had been growing troubled.

"No-no. Anything the matter?"

"No, except they ain't there. Your Aunt Margaret said Christmas was so lonesome here she couldn't spend another like the last. So two, three days ago she an' your Uncle Jake went into the next county to spend Christmas with a cousin who has a passio' o' children. I was by there yes-day, an' the house did look dismal all shot up."

"Isn't there any one to look after them?"

"One o' the Dill boys was asked to, I b'lieve. He—"

A shrill hail came from a store front across from the station.

"S-say, Brice," wheedled the old expressman, "would ye mind waitin' three, four seconds? That mad chubster was Storekeeper Tomson. Been spectin' a box o' Christmas stuff more'n a week, an' 'twas jest shroved off this train. S'pose I take the box 'cross to him, then come an' carry you an' the trunk out to any o' your girl friends? They'll all be glad to have ye visit 'em."

But Brice had been thinking rapidly.

Invites Girl Friends.

"Take the box over to the store, Uncle Sam," she said, "and I'll run across to the post office while you're gone. I want to write some postals. And no, I won't embarrass any of my girl friends. You may carry me right out to the farmhouse, I know where Aunt Margaret hides the keys, and I'm perfectly sure she and Uncle Jake would want me to go right there and use everything as my own. I'll take care of the poultry," enthusiastically, "and I'll roast one of the turkeys for Christmas and cook everything that goes with it, pies and cakes and all. Won't it be fun!"

"You can invite a lot of your girl friends to eat with you," grinned the expressman, entering into the spirit.

"Afterward," agreed Brice. "They'll all want to eat at home on Christmas. Then we'll have a round

Five-Year-Old Girl Wears False Teeth

NEBRASKA CITY, NEB.—A full set of false teeth is helping five-year-old Barbara Jean Bates restore her health so she can start to school this fall.

A pre-school health checkup disclosed her baby teeth had decayed, leaving only the roots and causing poor general health. Complete false teeth were provided.

Cripple Creek Is Digging for Gold

Two Million Dollars Risked By Colorado Town.

DENVER.—The newest large-scale gamble in the West—where the pioneers made it fashionable to risk anything from their luggage to their life on the turn of a card— involves pouring \$2,000,000 down a big hole beneath a mining camp and hoping gold will come out.

The costly hole is to be a tunnel, biggest privately financed project of its kind, which will pass deep beneath the water-filled mines of Cripple Creek, historic gold camp southwest of Denver. These mines yielded \$18,000,000 worth of ore yearly in the heyday of the 1900s.

Officials of the mining firm which is financing the tunnel project, don't think it's much of a gamble. Neither do the people of Cripple Creek, who saw their boom town die and razed most of their buildings to save taxes when water choked the deep mines.

They believe that under the water lies a wide gold deposit of fabulous wealth. The tunnel—which will be nine feet wide, eight feet high and 32,000 feet long—is designed to drain the water from the mines in a radius of 30 square miles. Company officials believe that the drained mines will be productive for another 20 years and that additional millions of dollars of gold will be added to the \$450,000,000 already taken from Cripple Creek.

Trained crews are working day and night to drive the deep-drainage tunnel through six miles of mountain by next summer.

The firm has a precedent for its belief that the tunnel will drain the mines and once more start the flow of yellow ore from Cripple Creek. A smaller tunnel, started in 1907 and finished to a length of 24,253 feet 11 years later, completely drained the Cripple Creek crater for 2,100 feet below the deepest mine shaft. The tunnel—called the Roosevelt bore—reopened the field for 10 years before water again flooded the diggings. The Carlton tunnel will be 1,100 feet below the older bore.

Alien Here Since 1884 Says She's Just Visitor

WILMINGTON, DEL.—Employees of the alien registration office here were amazed by the quiet, well-bred English woman who reported at the office to register.

"Must I register?" the little gray-haired woman asked. "I'm just a visitor here."

"Where are you from?" she was asked.

"England," she replied. "You see, I am only a visitor here, but I came on my visit in 1884 and have been here ever since. No, I have not been naturalized, as I'm only a visitor."

Box Sounds Alarm After Five-Week Wait

SAVANNAH, GA.—A fire alarm pulled during a hurricane here reached the indicators in fire stations five weeks later and brought four companies.

City electricians said the alarm box had been out of commission and without current since the big blow.

"As soon as we made the line hot the box began to click out the old alarm," one said.

50 CARDS \$1.00. Come in today and make your choice. — The Spearman Reporter

R. L. McClellan Adds New Annex To Elevator Here



The earth was broken this week to run the foundation for an annex to the R. L. McClellan Elevator. There will be five new units of storage increasing its capacity 35,000 bushels. Every caution is being made to insure safer storage, The weather will gauge the time of construction—so says the voice of experience.

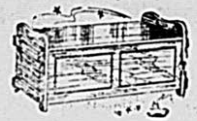
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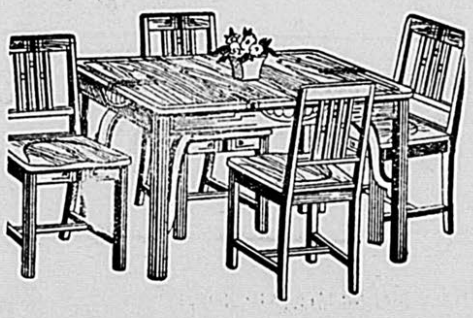
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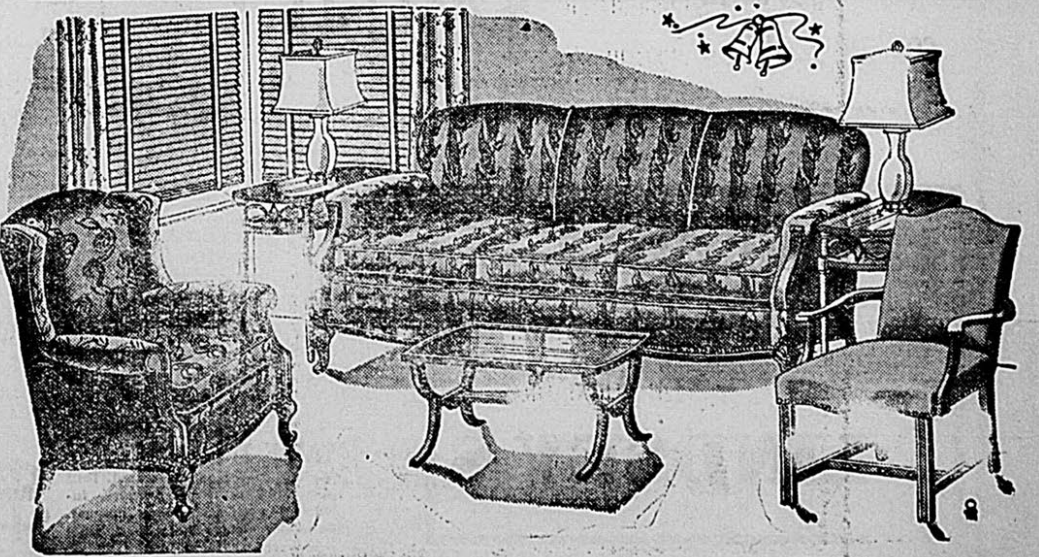
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DETROIT.—In all of his 63 years William Bousneur never went near water of his own will until his wife called his bluff.

The result of the family disagreement was that Bousneur, fully clothed, spent half an hour in the Detroit river splashing and shouting: "Help, I can't swim a stroke."

When he was pulled into a police speedboat he explained to officers that his swim had been precipitated by an argument with his wife.

"I told my wife," he said, "that I was going to jump into the river. She told me to go ahead. I decided to show her and here I am."

He told officers that he hasn't been near a swimming beach in 40 years and has always hated the water. He said he just turned over on his back and kept shouting until aid arrived.

Horseshoes Bring Hobo A Day and Night in Jail

MT. CARMEL, ILL.—Horseshoes that Arthur J. Arthur was carrying weren't so lucky.

Arthur was found in a railroad yard here with a complete set of standard pitching shoes. He explained that he had climbed into a box car at Princeton, Ind., and when he woke up here next morning found the shoes beside him.

Arthur wrapped them up and started to carry them away with him—just for luck, but police interfered. But after he had been in jail a day and night the police released him.

Woman Finds Son Lost Seven Years; Drops Dead

OAKLAND, CALIF.—For seven years Mrs. Charles Clark, 58 years old, Indianola, Okla., tried to find her son.

Finally she located him in Oakland, and with her husband and daughter, Erma, 24, she drove west unannounced for a reunion.

When the son opened the door of his home his mother threw her arms around him and sobbed. "Oh, son, it has been so long."

As if overcome by joy she sank into a chair. A few moments later she died.

Treed Cat Falls on Side To Disprove Old Theory

HUNTINGTON, IND.—The popular belief that cats always land on their feet when they fall was disproved here when firemen were called to rescue a clumsy cat marooned in a tree.

As one of the firemen reached for the animal, the cat jumped to the ground, landing flat on its side.

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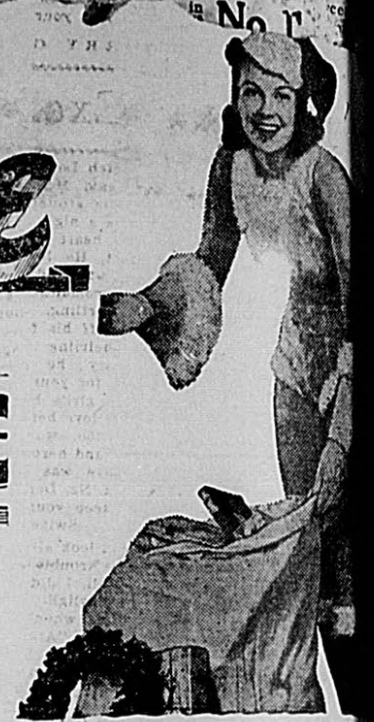
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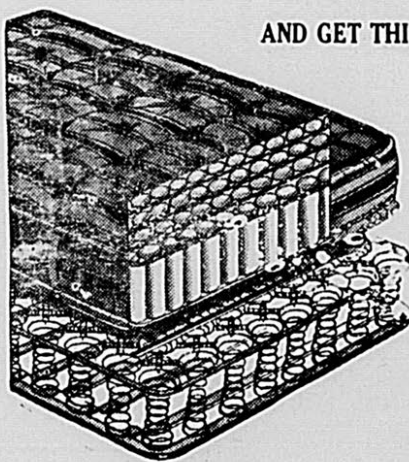
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"Mary," he gasped, "Mary, a penny for your thoughts."
The girl's heart fluttered. So he did love her as much as that? She, too, would do something noble and heroic; he would know his love was requited.
"Na, Na, Donald," she whispered, "keep your penny."
—Swiped

You look all in today Bill what is the trouble?
"Well, I didn't get home until after daylight, and I was just undressing when my wife woke up and said: 'Aren't you getting up pretty early, Bill?'" In order to save an argument I dressed and came on to work."
—Swiped

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Hole on Rim of Volcano Yields Buried Treasure
SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR.—When Juan Ernesto Castillo and two other students climbed a volcano in San Salvador they were not searching for buried treasure. While walking along the edge of a crater Juan stepped into a hole, and when he investigated he found a small box closed with an ancient lock. Inside the box he found 20 gold pieces and a quantity of jewelry of antique design. Juan shared some of the gold with his friends, but will use the rest of the treasury to complete his education.

Science Deadens Thrill

For Firemen With Axes
BOSTON.—Science is taking the fun out of fires for the firemen. Once it was the rookie's delight to smash windows and hack roof and wall in search of a stubborn but smoldering blaze.
Now Fire Commissioner Arthur Rully is experimenting with a sensitive heat detector that looks like a camera but is able to uncover flames in walls through an electric-eye mechanism.

Spanish Prisoner Swindle Ring Is Smashed by G-Men

Racketeers Make Mistake Of Picking Congressman As Prospective Victim.

WASHINGTON.—By carelessly picking a United States congressman as one of their prospective victims, "Spanish prisoner" racketeers have brought upon themselves a sweeping federal investigation of a swindle that, over the course of years, is estimated to have cost credulous Americans millions of dollars.

Using a hidden fortune and a beautiful French or Spanish girl as bait, the racketeers prey exclusively on wealthy American business men—calculating rightly, apparently, that they are hungry for romance, especially when it entails the additional possibility of profiting to the extent of \$100,000 or more.

Hit Hornet's Nest.
The racketeers ran into a hornet's nest, however, when they addressed one of their "come-on" letters to "Mr. Bertrand F. Gearhart" of Fresno, Calif. For Gearhart is also a California congressman. He turned the letter over to J. Edgar Hoover, chief of criminal division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Crack G-men and postal inspectors were assigned to run down the swindlers and, after a far-reaching inquiry, obtained evidence that resulted in the indictment of five men and four women by a federal grand jury in San Francisco.

Warrants were sent to Mexico, the favorite operating headquarters of the racket and, recently, three of the plotters were taken into custody. They will be extradited and brought back to this country for trial.

By such drastic measures the department of justice believes it has at last struck a vital blow to one of the most profitable and colorful international rackets of all time.

Nationality Changes.

"The Spanish prisoner" sometimes is a "French prisoner" and, in recent years, as a result of the European situation, frequently a "German prisoner."

But one thing is invariable—he is either in prison himself or is trying to rescue his beautiful young daughter from similar durance vile. Usually, he is the man behind the bars. In that case, the daughter is at liberty, and will reward with ardent affection any knight errant who rescues her father. And there is the \$100,000!

All preliminaries are conducted through the mails, making the racketeers liable to prosecution under the postal law.

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Munk Versus Plunk Over Hurling Iron Hunk

TYLER, TEXAS.—Munk took a hunk of iron and hit Plunk. Plunk went ker-plunk.
G. W. Plunk went to Judge Vinson's court. He felt punk. His head was bandaged.
Plunk said Virgil Munk clunked him with the iron hunk. Munk pleaded guilty.
"I'm sunk," said Munk.
The court said, "\$20."

Gold Lode Rediscovered After 45 Years' Idleness

BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.—A ledge of gold-bearing ore, originally discovered 45 years ago and lost when the prospector left the claim, has been rediscovered and is being worked.

A prospector named Clark made the discovery in 1895. The ore ran \$60 a ton. Clark abandoned the diggings when his mother in the East became ill. Later he followed the gold rush to the Yukon.

The ore vein is in Sand canyon, tributary of Goler gulch in the Randberg region on the Mojave desert. The owners are Bruce Carol and Ernest Larkin.

Patient's Hip Replaced With Joint Made of Metal

COLUMBIA, S. C.—Two surgeons removed the entire hip joint and upper part of the thigh from a 224-pound Negro here and replaced the bone with a metallic hip.

It took the surgeons three hours to perform the unusual operation recently. Today the patient's condition was described as "satisfactory."

The metallic hip joint was made of vitallium, an alloy of cobalt chromium and another metal. It was fashioned by hand by one of the surgeons who operated—a member of the faculty at Johns Hopkins, Baltimore.

Tree Climber, 89, Falls And Says Never Again

KENDALLVILLE, IND.—Eighty-nine-year-old Samuel Keck won't be climbing any more trees for a while. Tempted by the sight of cherries on a tree in his yard, Keck got a ladder and proceeded to go after the fruit. A few minutes later he found himself on the ground, looking skyward. Uninjured except for a slight leg bruise, Keck has decided to leave tree-climbing to the younger folk.

Tired of Cheap Guitars, Youth Creates His Own

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SANTA Goes Modern



Santa Claus often steps out of his reindeer sleigh these days to make faster time, or to go where the sleigh cannot go. Here he is in the person of Capt. William Wincepaw, veteran New England pilot, ready to take off from the East Boston airport with another load of Christmas gifts for the lonely lighthouse keepers and isolated islanders.



This is how Santa Claus comes to Sun Valley—on skis. Here is the gay St. Nick speeding down the snowy slopes and right into the chimneys of the residents and visitors.



In lands of no snow Santa can be expected to use this novel method of bringing Yuletide joy to those who celebrate on the beaches. This warm-weather Santa who skips so nonchalantly over the deep blue sea happens to be Phil Daubens-Peck, famous Olympic games swimming champion.

Mistletoe Has Known Long, Eventful History

Of all the Christmas greens, the best-loved, probably, is the mistletoe, which likewise has experienced the most eventful history of all plants.

In the days of pagan worship in England the mistletoe was chosen for great honors, being cut from its host, the oak tree, with golden axes. It was gathered for the people and a bit given to each person to ward off illness.

But the plant paid dear for these honors for when the Christian church was established it was not allowed in any church because of its pagan association, and it is told that preachers even would stop in their sermons if a tiny bit were spied and the service waited until the offending bit of green was removed.

In later centuries it became again the symbol of peace and friendship and has since been tacked on the doorway as a token of friendly greeting.

Yule Log Cake
 This year you may want to make a "Yule Log Cake." It's quite simple. Spread over a jelly roll a jelled fruit nut mixture. Roll quickly and wrap in waxed paper. Then chill until set. Cover with chocolate French pastry icing. The "bark" can be made by making grooves with a fork or pastry tube. You'll want some "knot holes" in your Yule Log Cake. Small white and green candles will do the trick. The "log" should be kept chilled until time to serve.

No 'Merry Christmas' In English Monastery

There is one place where the joyous cry of "Merry Christmas!" will not ring out. This is the Trappist Monastery at Whitwick in England. Officially it is known as the Mount Saint Bernard's Monastery, and there are about 40 monks resident.

In addition to abstaining from meat and fish, these men have imposed upon themselves the vow of perpetual silence. On Christmas eve at 12 o'clock they will attend Mass, then retire to their cubicles for sleep or meditation till 4 a. m., when they will rise and join in the chanting of lauds and matins. Presumably the vow of silence holds good only for conversation.

Christmas breakfast will consist of tea or coffee and one slice of bread and jam. Dinner will be weighed carefully to ensure that there is no over-indulgence, and at night they will sup off vegetables and tea or hot milk. They usually retire at nine, so as to be ready for prayer at two in the morning on Boxing day. The Guest Master says: "This way of spending the Holy Season is the best of all."

Christmas Is Really Celebrated in Europe

Many countries in Europe celebrate Christmas on the principle that you cannot have too much of a good thing. In Italy, Holland, and elsewhere, the first celebrations begin on December 8, St. Nicholas' day, and last till Twelfth Night on January 6. In Poland the Christmas season lasts till February 2.

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La Befana, Penitent Old Brings Christmas Gift

Santa Claus doesn't visit children in Italy. It isn't because they are all naughty, but because there is no Santa Claus—in Italy.

No one runs down to a well decorated tree on Christmas morning to look for presents. Brightly colored



La Befana still carries her presents for the Christ Child.

flowers decorate the room instead of Christmas trees, and presents are not exchanged until January 6. On that night, an old, old lady, La Befana, walks from house to house and leaves a present beside each little child she visits.

Exactly 1,940 years ago, according to the Italian legend, La Befana was very busy sweeping her kitchen

when several men stopped in front of her house and asked her where the Christ Child was. She had never seen him, but she had never before mentioned being guided by the Holy Spirit when they left infant Jesus.

But La Befana was getting too old to travel. She had to wait until tomorrow. Late in the night she reached Bethlehem, but the Christ Child had disappeared and she was too late to return to Bethlehem.

And so La Befana traveled since then for the Christ Child any, 12 days after goes from house into the faces of the children she will give her right child.

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The Night Before Xmas'

Christmas Card Was Invented By a Man With Many Friends



This is believed to be the first Christmas card. It was made in London in 1846.

CHRISTMAS cards are almost as much a part of Christmas as Santa Claus himself, yet they have been in use less than a century.

According to most records, the first Christmas card was designed in 1846 by Mr. J. C. Horsley, a prominent member of the Royal Academy of London. It was produced at the request of Sir Henry Cole, a man with many friends.

Sir Cole wondered how he could express his personal Christmas greeting to a thousand friends spread throughout England. After dismissing the thought of visiting each personally, or giving presents, he decided to send them each a card by mail.

One thousand hand colored cards were prepared with a picture showing a jolly family seated at a huge

dinner table. Each member of the family was looking into a brimming glass which he held in his hand.

When these cards were distributed, they raised a furor among temperance proponents throughout the country. The disturbance focused nationwide attention on the new greeting card.

It was not until several years later, however, that the first lithographed Christmas card made its appearance. Originality was almost completely lacking. The greeting was invariably "A Merry Christmas" or "A Jolly Christmas." Designs seldom had anything to do with the season, but contained pictures of birds, flowers, animals or children.

America soon adopted the British custom, and the Christmas card was born.

quietness. Listen to your conscience. Perhaps you have not done this in many years. How much better this world might have been today if men everywhere had not stifled their conscience. Let memory have full sway tonight. True many of them will be bitter, but there will be a few sweet ones.

This should be a happy Christmas, for we have so many things to be grateful for. In the lands across the seas Christmas will be just another day of death and

destruction. Perhaps before another Christmas shall roll around we too, shall taste of the bitterness of war. God forbid that this shall be, but it could be.

So let us make the most of this Christmas—let us determine to make as many people happy as we possibly can. Let no child be hungry, or without toys and clothing this Christmas.

Let the old greeting "Merry Christmas" ring out. Find someone poorer than yourself and try

to bring him a little happiness. May I take this opportunity to wish everyone of you a "Merry Christmas," with the concluding words of the poem.

"He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle--

And away they all flew, like the down of a thistle.

But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight.

Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night...

LUCKY EIGHT CLUB

Mrs James Spittler was the hostess to members of the Lucky eight club and her invited guests in the home of Mrs Wayne Morton Thursday afternoon at 2:30 Dec. 12.

Mrs Gene Cline won high score and Mrs Lester Howell won second high.

Delicious refreshments were served to Mesdames. Butch Hale, Walter Good, Lester Howell, Gene Cline, Olin Chambers, Wayne Morton, Miss Mattie Easley and the hostess.

The next meeting will be at Mrs Charlie Cox's on Thursday, Jan 2.

Come In Today! Last Chance! 50 Cards \$1.00 with your name. The Spearman Reporter.

BLUE MONDAY BRIDGE CLUB

Mrs H. L. Heard was hostess to the Blue Monday bridge club Monday afternoon. There were 4 tables. The appointments carried out the red and green idea. The refreshments were seasonal and delicious and abundantly given.

Those enjoying the games were Mesdames, Roy Russell, Bill McClellan, E. C. Wombie, Dave Hester, Fred Rattan, Bill Gandy, Vester Hill, Eck Lee, Gwenedred Lackey, members and Joe Hatton, Roy Wilmeth, Bill Russell, Bill Hutton, Rupert aught, D. D. Moore, Bruce Sheets and the hostess, Mrs Heard.

TEN CLASS I-A Men

Ten men of Hansford county have been classified as 1-A by the county draft board.

Questionnaires have been sent to a hundred registrants.

One volunteer is included in the 10 men of class 1-A. So far this county has not had any men inducted into service. No calls have been made in December but word has been received that we will furnish from 2 to 4 men in January.

No more questionnaires will be mailed until after the first of the year.

Many questionnaires are being filled in with pencil which is contrary to regulations. The blanks must be filled in with ink of type-written and duly signed by a notary before they are acceptable by the draft board.

WOMENS COUNCIL

The Womens Council of the Christian church met Wednesday Dec. 11 with Mrs Hix Wilbanks as leader. The lesson was from Acts 20. She led a very interesting and instructive lesson. Mrs Sarah Graves led in prayer. Songs "There Shall be Showers of Blessings" "The Touch of His Hand On Mine."

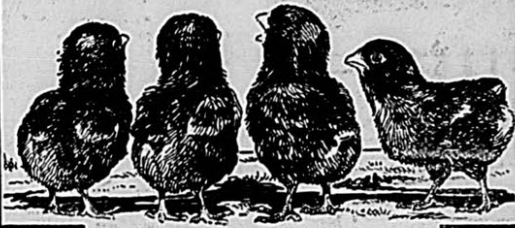
Those present were, Mrs Briley, Hix Wilbanks, Graves, Riggs, Meadows, Robinson, L. Wilbanks, Dressing, Van Zant, and Birdwell.

GRUVER BAPTIST

The pastor will preach at the morning hour, subject "The Christmas Message." Sunday school at 10 a.m., with Gay Fletcher in

charge. B.T.U. at 7 p.m.—There will be no preaching at the evening services, instead there will be a Christmas Pageant, "Good Will Toward Men."—On Tuesday evening there will be a program, followed by Christmas Tree and distribution of gifts. You are cordially invited to attend these services.

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When he condescends to nod,
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When the step 'ward Forty-One takes,
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And gives you a share of the "breaks".
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SOCIETY NEWS & CLUBS

Items received after 5 p.m. Wed. Will be printed the following week

BUFFET SUPPER ENJOYED BY FRIENDS

Mr and Mrs D. D. Moore entertained Gene Richardson, Roy Russell, Clay Gibner, Miss Cora Forbess and Jini Pat with a buffet supper Monday evening at 7:30. After supper the guests spent the evening playing various games and contests.

MUSIC CLUB TO ENJOY DOUBLE FEATURE

The Music Club will meet Tuesday evening in the Gower home with Miss Ganit as hostess. The club will celebrate with a Christmas party following their regular club procedure.

CHILDREN PROGRAM TUESDAY EVENING

On Christmas eve the children of the Methodist church will have a program at the church. This will precede the annual visit of Santa Claus and treats for the kiddies. The Christmas tree will be there with all its trimmings. The public is invited, especially children who are not attached to any church.

THE STEEDS LEAVE SOON FOR CHRISTMAS VACATION

Mr and Mrs Van Earl Steed leave Friday for a two weeks vacation. They will divide this time with relatives and friends in Shamrock and Groom.

MRS D. D. MOORE GIVES LUNCHEON

Mrs D. D. Moore was hostess to a bridge luncheon Monday at 1 o'clock. Her appointments carried out the Christmas spirit in white reindeer and white tapers. A delicious two course dinner was served the guests. Those enjoying this occasion were, Mesdames: Gandy, Bill McClellan, Hill, Heard, Clay Gibner, Gunn, Hutton, Douglas, Sheets, Womble, Daily, and Roy Russell. Mrs Heard won high score, Mrs Daily second high and Mrs Hutton consolation.

POT-LUCK SUPPER AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

Monday evening about a hundred members of the Methodist church met in the annex for a general get-together and a pot luck supper honoring the new pastor Rev. Hicks and family.

Another feature of the evening was an old fashioned pounding.

A social hour was spent after the sumptuous repast. Rev Hicks has the correct knack of saying things humorously—and Mrs. Hicks is very efficient on retorts.

The committee of plans was Mrs: Matthews, Finley, Miller and Sheets.

The men will provide the next pot luck feed.

SIXTY-SEVEN HOMEMAKERS OF TOMORROW

Miss Jaunita Hughes will show with due pride, the accomplishments of her home makers. The display of saucy little pinafore aprons made by her freshmen girls is something to feel satisfied about. The girls made these to wear in their cooking laboratory next semester.

The second and third year girls are completely renovating the Home Ec lab. To them goes credit for making more and better storage space and learning the technique of how to use it to an advantage.

The Sophmores are doing splendid work in meat and sugar cookery. The juniors are delving into the study of diets. All types are studied and special emphasis is given to family diet, sick and convalescent feeding and special diets to meet various situations such as malnutrition, Abesity. Sixty-seven girls under the competent direction of Miss Hughes are equipping themselves to become efficient home makers of tomorrow.

MRS CAMPBELL IS IMPROVING

Mrs C. E. Campbell has been out of school several days suffering from lumbago. Mrs Fred Hoskins is substituting for her in school. At this writing Mrs Campbell is showing improvement and plans to be back on the job sometime this week.

Sour Notes FROM S. H. S. BAND

The big concert is over and the queen of SHS has been crowned. Queen Adelaide Shedeck will reign over the school during the next part of the school year & coronation Thursday night. The junior candidates was Mona Bulleson and escort, D. R. Daniel, with attendants Marjorie Russel and Phillip Snider. The sophas candidate, Sada Hoskins and escort Howard Dean Kelly, with attendants Irvin Davis and Pat Hutton, followed by the junior candidate. The third to make a grand entrance was the freshman candidate, Dortha Hester and escort Warren Oakes, with attendants Robbie Jo Graves, and Frank Porter. He last to make an entrance was QUEEN ADELAIDE SHEDECK, with escort Kink Harlin Parsons with their attendants J. D. Haralson and Joyce Dulaney. At each entrance of a princess and escort there was a fanfare. The prince, princess and escorts stood around the throne until the queen came and had been crowned. King Parsons crowned the queen.

The four candidates members of the four lasses and the band the fine support in both the queen contest and the band concert. After all the money is brought in and checked there is expected to be around \$200.00. Of the queen contest alone the band netted a little more than \$150.00.

The classes turned in the following amounts:

- Seniors —\$53.00 or 5,300
- Juniors —\$39.00 or 3,900
- Freshmen —\$35.00 or 3,500
- Sophmores —\$27.00 or 2,700

Joyce Jones and Georgia Burleson won the turkeys.

All you town people can relax now, because we won't have another concert until spring.

Christmas comes but once a year, and that time is here again! All the children's letters to Santa Claus should be in this week. Leland Cluses' letter is so well written, we decided to print it. **HERE IS HIS LETTER**

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Please Santa! I've been a very good boy even if I did sometimes have an inspiration to hit some band members over the head to make him be quiet, but Santa, you know it hurt me as much as it did them and really it was for their own good, so please bring me just one thing besides, candy apples, and a sled and a red wagon, oh yes a toy trumpet so I can play in the band too. The one thing I want most is a seventy passenger bus with six wheels to take the band on trips in, if you aren't too busy you might paint it purple and white. I'LL TRY TO BE better next year.

Lots of love,
Leland Cluse

P. S. The football & basketball and band is all hoping for me.

Mrs O. C. Holt who has spent the past month in Kansas City returned home Sunday.

Last chance to buy Xmas Cards 50 for \$1.00 with name. The Spearman Reporter.

GEORGE BUZZARD RECOVERING

George Buzzard who wrestled two weeks with the flu is up again. Mr Buzzard has not been home from the clinic at Enid too long. It is his opinion that enough is enough and that goes doubly for Christmas.

The community is glad to know George is up again and able to take part in the merry life that Yuletide brings.

MR GUNN ALREADY SEES RESULTS FROM THE AUDIO-VISUAL PROGRAM

Supt. J. E. Gunn gives ready praise to the newly installed Audio-visual education. The school board and other school officials

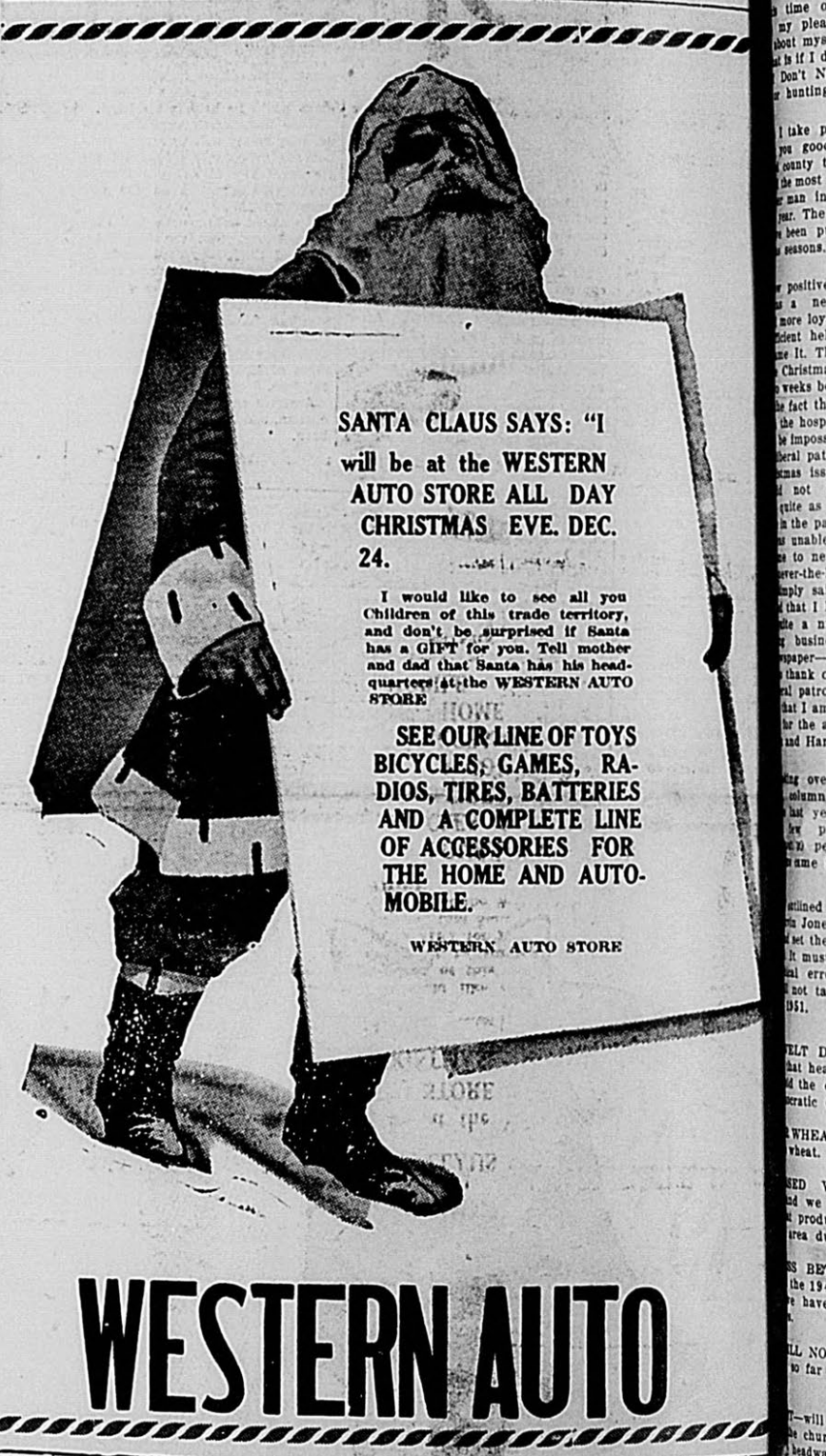
have made it possible for man schools to have this fit.

This system of education given by talking pictures. In the year 80 films are shown to the 445 students. They are films covering studies every grade and every department in the school system.

There are special films for primary department, here others pertaining to science, geography, home economics and all of these on school. There are from one to four shown weekly ranging from minutes to 45 minutes.

These films are shown to but the program is so arranged that each child in school each picture.

The school board and all made this new method possible. The school officials deserve the compliments of the community.



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