

# THE SPEARMAN REPORTER

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## Merry Christmas

The officers and directors of this bank wish for you and for all of their friends and patrons a very

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
and  
A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

## FIRST NATIONAL BANK

SPEARMAN, TEXAS

## To Our Customers and Friends Merry Christmas

Christmas, the season for the renewal of old friendships, for the forgetting of differences, for the expression of good will and kindness is here.

May your Christmas be filled with joy and happiness, unmarred by sorrow, and may you carry with you through the coming year the spirit of the Yuletide.

Our wish is that this may be for you and yours a Christmas long to be remembered for its happiness and cheer.

## WORTHY GIFTS

Of course we all want to remember the kiddies with gifts that will bring gladness to their hearts at Christmas time.

BUT if we could also start them out with a bank account and help them make it grow, it would be a worthy gift indeed, and would teach them the great lesson of thrift.

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START THEM OUT RIGHT.

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## GUARANTY STATE BANK

Spearman, Texas

## HANSFORD COUNTY TEACHERS INSTITUTE

An Interesting Session Held in Spearman this Week—Good Attendance and Much Interest.

The Hansford County Teacher's Institute convened at Spearman last Monday morning under the able leadership of Prof. A. H. Wilcox and has proved to be one of the best and most profitable sessions ever held in Hansford County. From the opening address by Judge A. E. Townsend to the last committee report the meeting did not lack in interest and enthusiasm due to the inspiring program which had been arranged for and prepared by the competent teachers of our county.

Many interesting and valuable thoughts were given to us by Rev. J. A. Wheeler, Mrs. A. E. Townsend and other visitors which were appreciated by the institute as a whole.

Judge Townsend is to be congratulated on securing Prof. A. H. Wilcox Superintendent of the Independent School District to conduct the Institute. His untiring efforts and valuable suggestions have been especially beneficial.

During the absence of Mr. Wilcox on Tuesday Mr. O. L. Savage principal of the Spearman High School conducted the institute in a very pleasing manner. His inspiring personality added much to the success of the institute.

Though few in number the teachers showed much interest, each subject was discussed fully and many helpful ideas were exchanged.

The following teachers were in attendance:

Mr. Clyde C. Ottinger, Lakeside; Mrs. Clyde C. Ottinger, Lakeside; Mrs. Violet Burrow, McBride; Miss Katie Albright, Spearman District 13; Mr. A. H. Wilcox, Spearman; Mr. O. L. Savage, Spearman; Miss Annie Whittenburg, Spearman; Miss Almira McComas, Spearman; Miss Della Landers, Spearman; Miss Ethel Deakin, Spearman; Miss Tip Atherton, Spearman south ward; Mrs. Emily Cline, New Hope; Miss Ethel Wamble, Kimball; Miss Jannette Combs, Kimball; Miss Ester Rice, Maupin; Mr. M. E. Walker, Woodrow; Mrs. Retah Lowe, Texas Lake, District 15; Miss Georgia Robertson, Doyle, District 17.

During the business session it was unanimously agreed that we have a county Inter-Scholastic League Meet at Spearman some time near spring, and that we have a county school fair at some time. Prof. A. H. Wilcox was elected director general and the following committee was appointed to make further arrangements. Mrs. Violet Burrow, Mr. M. E. Walker, Miss Esther Rice and Mr. O. L. Savage. This is a movement which will mean much to the schools of this county and we feel sure every one concerned will do his utmost to make it a success.

## RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, the teachers of Hansford County, do hereby wish to express our appreciation for the splendid effort put forth to make our institute a success; and whereas, we do especially wish to express our gratitude to County Superintendent A. E. Townsend, Superintendent A. H. Wilcox, and O. L. Savage, who have so faithfully worked in our behalf and whose instructions have been so beneficial;

Whereas, we have also appreciated the presence of Mr. Smith, Rev. J. A. Wheeler and Mrs. A. E. Townsend, who have offered so many helpful suggestions;

Whereas, we value very highly the kind consideration the patrons have taken in caring for out-of-town teachers;

Therefore be it resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the County Superintendent for permanent file, and a copy be sent to the Spearman Reporter for publication.

ALMIRA R. McCOMAS,  
VIOLET L. BURROW,  
GEORGIA ROBERTSON  
Committee on Resolutions.

Frank Tatum, popular attorney of Dalhart, accompanied by George Spencer of Santa Ana, California, and J. T. Whitson of Gower, Missouri, were here Tuesday looking after business matters.

## A NICE BIT OF ROAD WORK

Prominent Farmer of North Hutchinson County Sets Example Worthy of Emulation.

Ben C. Holt, whose fine home is located 12 miles southwest of Spearman, near the Holt school house in north Hutchinson county, is entitled to the blue ribbon as a friend to the good road movement. Recently he coupled up two big road drags, hitched eight head of big horses to the same and made the round trip from his farm to Spearman and return in one day, dragging the road each way. This is a record breaker for road dragging with teams in a day, for Hansford or Hutchinson counties. The entire community is under obligations to Mr. Holt for the interest he is taking in keeping up the roads in his part of the county. He knows the value of good roads to a community, and he doesn't wait to be paid by the county, knowing that he will be repaid for the time and labor by having a good road over which to haul the products of his farm to market and in the service rendered his community at large. The big snow has fallen since Mr. Holt gave this road the dragging, and of course it will need another dragging as soon as the snow is gone. And Mr. Holt is contemplating dragging it on a still larger scale. Next time he will rig up three big road drags, drawn by at least twelve head of horses. The outside drag will cut the dirt from the center, and move it toward the center, while the other drags will smooth and pack the center of the road bed. This arrangement will give the road a complete and thorough dragging at one trip. There is no way to estimate the value or worth to the community of the road work Mr. Holt has done. He graded the roads out that way in the first place, and has dragged them many times since. The country is certainly under obligations to B. C. Holt. May his tribe increase, until we have good roads throughout the country.

Typewriter ribbons and Carbon paper for sale at the Reporter Office.

Dr. Adair, the dentist, was here from Canadian Wednesday and Thursday, on business visit.

FOR SALE One Ford, at a bargain. See Rufus Raney at The Reporter office. 52tf.

I have 5,000 bundles of cane for sale. Fine for milk cows. GILBERT WILBANKS, Spearman.

The infant babe of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Koontz is seriously ill at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Compton in Spearman.

FOR SALE—High grade Bronz turkeys, of the Cotter premium winning strain. Toms \$5.00; Hens, \$3.00. See or phone MRS. GEO. W. WHITSON, 52t2p. Spearman, Texas

Mrs. Ed Greever and the children, and Miss Evalene Roland left last Saturday for their old home in Joplin, Missouri where they will spend the holidays. Ed expects to spend later, for a brief visit.

Luther Cline returned Tuesday from Amarillo, where he spent the past several weeks in a hospital, having undergone an operation. He is recovering nicely and will soon be up and about again. Sid Clark met Mr. Cline at Shattuck and accompanied him home.

Miss Ethel Crawhorn, and Miss Erma Bentley, teachers in the Spearman school, and Miss Vada Baldwin, teacher of the school at Hansford were passengers on the Santa Fe Saturday morning, bound for their homes at Amarillo and Canyon, where they will spend the holidays.

## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The public will hereby take notice that the books of the City of Spearman are open to inspection at any time, and that I will take pleasure in explaining in detail to any one interested, any phase of the city's business. I have not had time as yet to make up a financial statement for publication, but this will be attended to as quickly as possible. FLOYD SUMRALL, City Manager.

## MORE LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Boys and Girls of Spearman and Vicinity Make Last Appeal to Good Old Saint Nick.

Spearman, Texas, Dec. 19, 1923. Dear Santa Claus—I want a doll, a ball and some candy and nuts. I am a little girl 7 years old. Your friend, DAPHNE HAZELWOOD.

Spearman, Texas, Dec. 19, 1923. Dear Santa Claus—I want you to bring me a piano and ball. Please bring me some candy and nuts too. I am a little girl 3 years old. Your little friend, ALICE HAZELWOOD.

Texhoma, Okla. Dec. 20, 1923. Dear Santa—I want a writing desk and a sewing machine. Yours truly, FRANKIE BROOKS.

Spearman, Texas, Dec. 20, 1923. Dear Santa Claus—I have a little sister. Please bring her a little doll that won't break. And I want a little train and a little touring car that I can wind. The little white stocking will be sisters and the black one mine, so don't forget. Good-bye. JOE DOUGLAS WOMBLE.

P. S. Please don't forget little Charles Olin. He lives in N. Mex. Good-bye.

Spearman, Texas, Dec. 20, 1923. Dear Santa Claus—I have been a good boy so I want you to bring me a blackboard, tinker toys, a game called Jack and the Straws, some of Uncle Wiggley's games, Jack in the box, some toy animals and a boy scout suit. Your little friend, WOODROW GIBNER.

Boost for Spearman. Merit Bread, fresh every day, at the D. C. D. Dining Room.

Two 12 disc Moline grain drills. Price right! SPEARMAN EQUITY EXCHANGE.

Dick Blake returned the first of the week from his brother's farm near Goodwell, and is assisting at the Blake Dry Goods Company here, during the holiday season.

As we are leaving Spearman, we offer for sale: One Singer sewing Machine, one kitchen table and two rocking chairs. At the Liske elevator, Spearman. E. E. FRIDLELY.

W. O. W. WILL ELECT OFFICERS. The Woodmen of the World will meet on Monday night, December 31, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of other important business. All Choppers are urgently requested to be present, and visiting brethren will be accorded a royal welcome. Don't forget this date and be on hand. You will be needed. A big Oyster Supper will be a feature of the evening's entertainment. V. W. WILBANKS, C. C. J. E. WOMBLE, Clerk.

## AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.

The regular services will be held at the Methodist church in Spearman next Sunday, December 23. The subject for the sermon at 11:00 a. m. will be "Christ and Christmas," and for 7:00 p. m. will be "What is Your Business?" A cordial invitation is extended to "whosoever will" to worship at this church. There will be a Christmas tree at the Methodist church on Christmas Eve night, under the auspices of the Sunday school. A short, appropriate program will be given.

He that forms the Sunday school and church going habit will never regret doing so. Why wait until you have to ride in hearse to begin it? We now have four Sunday schools in town, so why not count ONE somewhere next Sunday.

As the three wise men rode on that first Christmas to find the manger-craddled Babe of Bethlehem, they bore gifts on their saddle bows; gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And so the spirit of Christmas giving crept into the world's heart.

The injunction was to go into the highways and byways and seek out the poor and distressed, the humble and afflicted, the ragged children and the outcasts and the aged, and in the name of Him who was born on Christmas day, carry some sunshine into their lives. Give unto the poor and afflicted and your hearts shall glow with that peace which passeth understanding.

The two dominant characteristics of the Christmas season are kindness expressed by good will toward men, and the inward joy wrought by kind acts, and suggested by peace on earth. "That earth has grown old with its burden of care, but at Christmas it always is young," and with each recurring Yuletide we like to think of the spiritual blessings brought to the children of men on that first Christmas.

Our greeting to you is one of kindness in return for the good will you have displayed toward us. Our wish is that you may be filled with the fresh, clean joys of the season and receive a liberal endowment of that spirit which at this time rises like a mighty flood over the world. —PASTOR.

## TOYLAND

IS OPEN TO-DAY

To-day we're opening our Toyland with the biggest lot of Toys that ever came out of Santa's bag.

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SPEARMAN, TEXAS

## ENROUTE TO LONG BEACH

The Reporter is in receipt of the following letter written at Las Cruces on December 12, from the C. B. Reeves family, who left here three weeks ago, bound for Long Beach, California:

Spearman Reporter:—Please send our paper to Long Beach, California, as we think we will be there soon, if we don't get snow-bound again. If you remember, we left home three weeks ago tomorrow; lay over two days in Amarillo, left there late Monday afternoon and the big snow caught us near Canyon. We were tied up in Canyon one week and it took us two days to make Hereford. From Hereford to El Paso we had pretty fair roads. The El Paso country had four inch snow Monday and it is still on the ground. We have had a fine time visiting our old friends here. They are all in fine shape; have made as high as two bales of cotton to the acre, and are feeding good. We will continue our journey to California tomorrow. Wishing you and the Spearman country all kinds of good luck. Yours truly, C. B. REAVES.

Home Baked Pies; Merit Bread. D. C. D. Cafe.

The Spearman schools dismissed last Friday for the holidays and the kids are enjoying themselves to the limit.

Born, on Friday, December 14, to Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Fountz, at the home of Vernon Compton in Spearman, a fine 8 pound boy.

## NOTICE

I will buy butcher cattle and hides, and will pay the highest price. See me before you sell. KARL RANEY, Spearman, Tex. 52tf-c.

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SPEARMAN

### THE SPEARMAN REPORTER

BY ORAN KELLY.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1923.

W. T. Coble, owner of the Turkey Track ranch in Hutchinson county, and one of the best known cowmen in the southwest, has hit upon a plan of disposing of some of his land which has grown too valuable to use as an exclusive cattle range. Mr. Coble has for several years owned what is known as Harueman county school land in Hockley county. This land is located within 35 miles of the booming little city of Lubbock. The Chamber of Commerce and general boosters of that city have for the past year or so been boosting cotton, until it has grown to be the principal crop of Lubbock county. Now they are reaching out for more territory and Hockley county is being developed as a cotton country. Mr. Coble divided a large body of land which he owned into 104 tracts of approximately 177 acres each, and offered it for sale to farmers. Over sixty per cent of these small farms have been sold, and the remainder will be sold at a rapid rate. Under the terms of the contract, each purchaser must put 100 acres in cultivation. He pays only the interest for the first four years, giving him a chance to establish himself. He may pay out at any time he wishes, but has twenty years from the time of purchase to make full settlement. This land is located in Hockley county, one of the most sparsely settled counties in Texas. It was organized last year and the county seat is Level Land. A railway survey is being made through the county and a highway is already established through it. Cotton is developing Hockley county. It will develop Hansford county if it is given a chance.

A \$75,000 school building, water works and electric light plant does very well for 1923, but Spearman has a much greater program for 1924, if every man, woman and child will sit steady in the boat and pull for those things that are worth while. We need several miles of sidewalk, a municipal ice plant, at least two more rural routes, a gin and fewer dogs.

William Gibbs McAdoo, war time director general of the American railways, has announced his candidacy for the democratic nomination for president. Our guess is that McAdoo will land the nomination and that he is the strongest man the democrats could put up. Calvin Coolidge will likely be the republican nominee and the two great parties will again fight it out on the league of nations, tariff, prohibition and other issues, each standing for the things which they think will get the most votes. McAdoo's war cry will be "progress and popular rights" and he welcomes the opportunity to lead his party in the battle for these great principles. McAdoo is a son-in-law of the great war-time president, Woodrow Wilson, and the latter will inject considerable bitterness into the campaign before it is ended. He has not forgotten the treatment he received at the hands of a republican congress during the latter years of his administration as president, and he never overlooks a chance to tell the g. o. p. leaders what he thinks of them, as was evidenced by his Armistice Day address.

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## LUDEN'S

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Give Quick Relief

GAVE T. C. U. \$4,000,000

Texas Christian University of Fort Worth became Wednesday the beneficiary of the \$4,000,000 estate of Mrs. Mary Couts Burnett of this city. Mrs. Burnett also gave the institution \$150,000 cash for a library building, which will be erected within a short time. President Edward McShane Waits of the university said that the gift is one of the largest ever made toward education in the South.

The gift was made through a declaration of trust, which was filed by W. H. Slay of Slay, Simon & Smith, local attorneys, who handle Mrs. Burnett's affairs. Trustees appointed by Mrs. Burnett will have charge of the fund. During her life Mrs. Burnett will act as chairman of the group, and after her death W. H. Slay will be chairman. Other members of the trustees are Dr. Charles Harris, Mrs. Ollie Lake Burnett, Mrs. Ella Bardin, all of Fort Worth, and John Swett, president of the Farmers State Bank of Mexico.

All the real and personal property of Mrs. Burnett is included in the gift. This consists of an undivided half interest in the 6666 Ranch in Carson and Hutchinson Counties, with an acreage of 107,000, on which two of the largest gas wells in the United States are now located; one-fourth interest in the mineral rights on 12,000 acres in Wichita County oil lands; half interest in the Burk Burnett Building at Fourth and Main; full interest in the Reynolds Building at Houston and Eight; the family residence, and eight or nine valuable buildings in the business district; all personal property in stocks and bonds and Government securities and bank holdings valued near \$1,000,000.

One-fourth of the net income from all these properties will go to the school annually during the lifetime of Mrs. Burnett, and after her death the entire net proceeds will be given to the school, and in the final settlement the estate and the control will go into the hands of the school. The only exception is a gift of \$12,000 to go to the establishment of domestic science chair in a negro orphanage at Gilmer, Texas.

Texas Christian University was selected to receive the gift after a consideration extending over seven years, Mrs. Burnett said. It was her expressed hope that she was doing the best thing possible for the youths of Texas so that they in turn might make the most of their lives. She asked that Texas Christian University be made attractive to students in all parts of America.

President Edward McShane Waits said that the ambition of the university board, of which Sam J. McFarland of Dallas is chairman, was to have a \$1,000,000 endowment by June 1925, and he was almost overcome by this stupendous gift which makes these plans a reality. He pointed out that the funds would be used to develop the various chairs and departments to the point of being second to none.

The old order of things has been tried and has been found wanting. This is a day of specializing and efficiency. On account of the higher valuation being placed on the lands, there is no longer a profit in raising cattle and shipping them from the range to market. A change must be made in this industry, as well as in others. Hansford county needs a county agent—a man who is familiar with the newer order of things, to take the lead. The multitude without a leader is hopeless. A petition should be prepared and circulated among the land owners of the county, asking the county commissioners to give us a county agent. This petition should be circulated among the land owners. The signature of a citizen who does not own land would carry very little weight with the commissioners. The Reporter believes that 75 per cent of the farm-owners of the county would sign the petition. Spearman's and Hansford county's program for 1924 should be one of progress. The commissioners court should help, and has the first move.

One of the points that is being urged against Lynch Davidson of Houston as a candidate is that he is a successful business man, and the implication is advanced that he would be a friend to "big business" rather than the "common pee-pul." What Texas needs as governor is an outstanding and successful business man, who is capable of handling a tremendous business concern such as is the state government. And, we have found during the many years we have lived in the Lone Star state that big and successful business men are just as honest, patriotic and sympathetic of the weal of the common people as are the politicians and unsuccessful business men.—Plainview News.

A few choice Rhode Island Red cockrels, both single and rose comb, for sale.  
Mrs. R. P. KERN.

# To Our Friends and Customers!

## AN OLD FASHIONED GREETING

Each year about this time you begin to receive them, some "wishing," some "hoping" and others "extending" to you and yours the "Compliments of the Season."

The thought occurred to us that we would like to go back to the time-worn greeting of by-gone days, to reach out with good fellowship and say "Friends."

At this Holiday Season we only wish to show you our friendly spirit; drawing closer together our ties of business and personal relationship.

To all of those friends and customers, of long or short duration, we want you to know during this Holiday Season we extend—

## AN OLD FASHIONED GREETING

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R. L. McCLELLAN, Manager.

SPEARMAN, TEXAS



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Now is the time to set out trees. The splendid season in the ground will give them a good start.

If you need anything in the Nursery line see me at any time. I can get what you want.

J. M. GLOVER,  
Spearman

51t10p.

### INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

The Intermediate League met last Sunday with a good attendance. Miss Beatrice Gibner, leader. Rev. Wheeler visited us and gave a very interesting talk. We have a Christmas program for next Sunday, and everyone is invited to attend at the Methodist Church, 4:00 p. m. The program will be as follows:

Song, Silent Night ..... League  
Scripture Reading Mathew II 1-12 ..... Eric Dodson  
Prayer ..... Rev. Wheeler  
Christmas ..... Helen Harvey  
Piano Solo ..... Bessie Barkley  
Christmas Story

..... Thaddeus McMurry  
Song, We Three Kings of the Orient ..... Lois and Lorene Morton, Wilburn Wheeler and Eric Dodson.

Christmas Story ..... Merle Davis  
Christmas Day ..... Warner Davis  
Song ..... Selected  
Benediction ..... League

Another revolution is in full swing down in Mexico. Of course they don't know what they are fighting about, but they are fighting, anyway, and every now and then a greaser gets hurt.

### FEED FOR PIGS

The class in Vocational agriculture of Spearman High School have worked out the following ration for pigs weighing 15 to 50 pounds.

The feeds used were  
Tankage ..... 4 pounds.  
Bran ..... 5 pounds  
Maize grain ..... 40 pounds  
Cotton Seed Meal ..... 1 pounds

Total ..... 50 pounds  
Each pig should have 2 1/2 pounds of the mixture each day. This is growing ration. In addition to the above feed the pigs should be allowed to run on pasture if possible.

Feeding Cotton Seed Meal is always questionable in feeding hogs. It would be better to leave out the meal and increase the tankage or use the pasture instead.

This ration was prepared especially for a farmer who wished to use the cotton seed meal.

### FOOD MARKET

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will hold a Food Market on Saturday, December 22. Anyone wanting any kind of a special cake baked for the holidays should call Mrs. Raymond Witt, but there will be many kinds on sale. Buy good things for the Christmas dinner at this sale.

# Merry Christmas

We extend to our customers best wishes for a Merry Christmas.

And while you have a little spare time during the Holidays, come in and let's have a little visit on

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# Christmas Goods

are arriving every day. We will be better prepared than ever before to supply your Christmas wants. Let us show you before you do your Christmas shopping.

Cotton is higher than it has been since 1920, and from all indications it will be higher yet, which means higher dry goods. But we will hold our prices on present basis as long as possible.

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**On the Concrete**

**CONCENTRATION AND OBSERVATION**

The boy is constantly being urged by his parents and his teacher to cultivate his power of concentration. He is warned that inability to concentrate means failure in life. And then perhaps when he is trying to take to heart admonition some one will confuse his mind by criticizing him for his lack of observation. "How little you see when you go anywhere! Don't you keep your eyes open? Try to notice things and remember them."

The boy feels that, if he goes about wrapped in thought,—as surely the advice to cultivate power of concentration must encourage him to do,—he cannot observe all the numerous objects that may well present themselves to the eyes of the unthinking. But in a well-balanced life there are times for concentrated thought, when the mind is active and the senses are dormant, and times for giving the sense free play and the mind a rest.

Observation is an important part of recreation; concentration is an important element in work. Many persons allow themselves often to fall into an absorption of mind that permits them neither to observe nor to concentrate, that is merely dreaminess and that produces no thought, even though it leaves them more or less oblivious of matters that might be worth observing. Dreaminess is usually the indulgence of a mild egotism—an unprofitable form of musing.—Youth's Companion

**TREASURY SAVINGS CERTIFICATES**

Although the new issue of the Government's registered Treasury Savings Certificates has been available to the investing public only since Saturday, December 1, calls for these loss-proof Federal Securities have been very heavy locally and other Postmasters in the county report the same brisk demand, according to Postmaster Claude Ellis. "At their new prices and with their new rate of compound interest, these Securities make every 80 cent invested now produce 20 cents interest in five years, returning a total of \$1 for every 80 cents," the Postmaster pointed out.

Features of the new issue Certificates were summarized as follows by Postmaster Claude Ellis.

"There are three (maturity value) denominations: \$1000, \$100, and \$25. The \$1000 Certificates cost \$800; the price of the \$100 Certificates is \$80; while the \$25 Certificates sells for \$20. The difference between the "face" and the cost of the Certificates is interest profit at maturity. Although these Securities mature five years from date of purchase by the owner whenever he pleases. Held to maturity these certificates yield 4 1/2 per cent compounded semiannually; cashed before maturity they yield 3 1/2 per cent compounded semiannually.

"They are registered against every form of loss and have valuable tax exempt features."

"Ownership is limited to \$5,000 (maturity value) annually, but this amount may be bought every year. Persons, minors, firms, associations, corporations, banks, trustees, administrators, lodges, city government, county government, school districts, etc., may buy and hold the \$5,000 limit yearly. Every member of a family may buy and hold the limit annually."

"Invested now \$4,000 becomes \$5,000 in five short years".

**LOST SOW**—A red sow, weighing about 450 pounds, strayed from my place, 13 miles southwest of Spearman about ten days ago. She is rather shortlegged, has thin hair and inclined to be dish-faced. I will pay a liberal reward for information leading to her recovery.  
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**A Wish**

"I have taken Cardui for run-down, worn-out condition, nervousness and sleeplessness, and I was weak, too," says Mrs. Silvie Estes, of Jennings, Okla. "Cardui did me just lots of good—so much that I gave it to my daughter. She complained of a soreness in her sides and back. She took three bottles of

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and her condition was much better.

"We have lived here, near Jennings, for 26 years, and now we have our own home in town. I have had to work pretty hard, as this country wasn't built up, and it made it hard for us.

"I WISH I could tell weak women of Cardui—the medicine that helped give me the strength to go on and do my work."

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# Railroads Completely Regulated

The Santa Fe says efficient transportation to meet growing needs of country is possible under existing Governmental regulation. Farmers and business men asked to exercise their influence in giving Transportation Act a fair trial.

The vigor of our national life absolutely depends upon transportation, primarily the railroads. To insure that all important functions of the railroads are discharged in an orderly and dependable manner the Government has undertaken to regulate them in the following particulars:

1. A Government Commission determines freight and passenger rates.
2. A Government Commission determines what is a "fair return" on the value of property used for transportation purposes, but does not guarantee any return.
3. A Government Commission determines the above value of transportation property.
4. A Government Board determines wages and working conditions in case of dispute between railroad employer and employe.
5. A Government Commission determines whether or not a railroad may issue its stock and bonds.
6. A Government Commission has determined how all railroad accounts are to be kept.
7. A Government Commission determines whether or not a railroad line may be built or abandoned, leased, sold or merged with any other line.
8. Any and every form of discrimination is prohibited by law.
9. A Government Commission prescribes safety methods and appliances and makes constant inspection for any failure to observe its requirements.

There are duties devolving upon the people to see that the railroads are given fair treatment by the Commission and Boards to whom has been delegated the task of exercising the overwhelming control described above, and that the provisions for such control are not lightly tampered with nor changed until some clear need for change appears. With such treatment assured the railroads can and will grow in capacity and efficiency to meet all the needs of our country, and health and vigor will be assured to our great national industries, such as farming, manufacturing, mining and commerce.

W. B. STOREY, President  
The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway System

**PROMINENT CATTLEMAN DIES**

John M. Shelton, 70, millionaire Panhandle cattleman, died in a sanitarium in Fort Worth last night at 8 o'clock, from a complication of troubles.

Mr. Shelton has been a resident of the Panhandle for many years. He moved to Amarillo ten years ago from Wheeler county, where he had large interests. Mr. Shelton cut up his holdings in Wheeler county and disposed of them to farmers. He still owns a large amount of land in that country and is interested in the First State Bank of Shamrock.

Mr. Shelton was the owner of the JJ and Bravo ranches in Oldham and Hartley counties, two of the most famous ranches in the Southwest. He had a large herd of black Angus cattle and these cattle were known throughout the world.

Mr. Shelton formerly ranged in Wyoming and Montana, having at one time more than 10,000 head of steers in that country.

He was the sole owner of the John M. Shelton Loan Company, which company provided money for many cattlemen and farmers in the Panhandle. He was not only known as a successful cattleman and financier but as one of the old type of hospitable western cowmen. He loved cowmen and he loved to be with cowmen.

He is survived by two sons, James Malcolm and Jimmie, and a daughter, Mrs. E. C. Houghton, and a niece, Miss Edna Pendleton, formerly of Amarillo but who now resides in Fort Worth. The Shelton brothers and their sister live on the JJ and Bravo ranches.—Amarillo News.

**THE ADVANTAGE OF AMERICA**

The one thing above all others has that has given modern conveniences to the common everyday American citizen has been the character of our government which encouraged the individual of enterprise to go ahead and develop industries unhampered by stifling interference and official control such as experienced in other nations.

The following facts speak for themselves and are a testimonial as to the advantage of the American system contrasted with methods which discouraged private initiative. The use of manufactured gas in Great Britain, where the industry was born a century and a quarter ago, is steadily increasing and last year totaled 232,600,000 cubic feet, or 5524 cubic feet per capita on a population basis of 42,000,000.

New York State alone, where first manufactured gas company was established in 1823, has developed a per capita use of gas nearly double this amount, with an estimated production this year of approximately 90 billion cubic feet.

The production of electrical energy in Great Britain last year reached a high total of 5,738,700,000 kilowatt hours, whereas New York States this year will use approximately 9,000,000,000 kilowatt hours or nearly 800 kw. h. for each person in the State, as against 134 kw. h. for each of the 42,000,000 persons in Great Britain.

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In order to reduce our stock before the annual inventory, we are putting on a Red Tag Sale, which will continue from Monday December 17 to Saturday December 22.

During this week we will offer everything in the Hardware and Furniture line at prices never heard of before in Spearman.

Don't forget the date, and be on hand early in the week to take advantage of these bargains.

This is the time to buy Christmas Gifts that are really gifts.

We are going to make it worth while to buy during this sale. Everything in the store will be marked with a Red Tag, and the sale will positively close on Saturday night.

REMEMBER everything in the store will be included in this Sale—Hardware, Implements, Furniture—everything.

Come early and make your selections. We know we have something you need and we know our price is right.

This is Spearman's first Red Tag Sale. Come, the Bargains are here for you and we want you to take advantage of them.

## Sale Closes Saturday Night, Dec. 22

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### NOTICE TO HUNTERS

Hunters will please take notice that they must stay out of my field and pasture, adjoining the town section on the east. If this notice is not heeded I will be compelled to take more drastic steps to bring about its enforcement.  
9 2p  
JOE MATHIS.

### NOTICE

Owing to bad stormy weather the Doll Contest has been postponed until after the Holidays. Your votes will count the same. Keep them. Hillouse Drug Co.

Typewriter ribbons and Carbon paper for sale at the Reporter Office.

Boost for Spearman.

### THE FACE AT FORTY

Edwin M. Stanton was President Lincoln's Secretary of War. One day a man applied to Stanton for a position and Stanton rejected him immediately. "Why did you do that?" asked a friend, who stood by. "I do not like his face," said the secretary. "But he is not responsible for his face." "Every man over forty is responsible for his face," was Stanton's sharp answer.

It seems a hard saying, but it is worth a little reflection. Neither Stanton nor anyone else could maintain that the fundamental features of the face can be altered at will, or that any method of living or feeling can make the nose longer or the chin stronger or turn blue eyes to black. But, after all, we judge a face by the expression even more

than by the permanent features, and there can be no doubt that the expression of any face is greatly affected by the life that goes on behind it. Even direct, conscious effort can do something in the matter. "William's mouth was weak, but he has made it firm," said a lady of her husband, who was and is a person of importance in the world.

There is some question whether for all of us to set about making our mouths firm would be good policy. Nevertheless, what we do and what we are, what we think and what we feel, does flow into our features and flow out from them. If you are melancholy, sad, discouraged, it shows in your face. If you are gay, vivacious, responsive, your countenance will quiver and sparkle. Greed makes the narrow eyes, the contracted forehead, the hungry, close, anxious glance that searches for its own profit everywhere. Suspicion makes the look uncertain, shift, troubled, breeds an answering suspicion in all who encounter it. On the other hand, how tenderness gets into the eyes and lips and smile, how love gets into them! Who will deny that the devil haunts some faces, and that others glow with the presence of God?

Obviously it is not wise to think too much about our own faces. Whatever story they have to tell is not easily read, or life would be far simpler than it is. All the same there is a story there, and we all feel it. It rests with ourselves to see that it is a story worth telling.—Youth's Companion.

### FIRST OIL IN GRAY STRUCK BY TEXAS

The first crude oil ever brought to the surface in Gray county was found at the Texas No. 1 Saunders well, near Lefors, last Friday.

The crew had been fishing prior to the discovery and when they completed the fishing job they run the bailer with the result that half a bailer of the genuine article was brought out.

The showing was found in the big lime at a depth of about 2240 feet. The lime at this point is a very gray lime, and not so hard as that in other wells in the Panhandle. The oil find came somewhat as a surprise since no gas has been encountered as yet, and usually the gas is picked up first in the big lime.

The drillers are of the opinion that the oil seeped into the hole either from below or from one side, and are of the opinion that more will be encountered at most any time.

Several samples of the oil were brought to town and are being kept as souvenirs. It is apparently a crude of good grade and remarkably clean.

This well picked up the big lime at 1800 feet, which is about the proper depth for that locality, owing to the lower surface altitude. The lime in wells westward of there ranges from 2000 to 2200 feet in depth.

Considerable interest was created when the oil was shown here, and a number of people have visited the well since.

Geo. Melton, scout for the Texas Company, and Messrs. Mahon and Kelleher, officials from Wichita Falls office, have been here and at the well the past week.—Pampa News

### LABOR GROWS CONSERVATIVE

Not so long ago—during and just after the war, in fact—a great many people feared, and some confidently predicted, that American labor was facing toward radicalism, and that the socialists, if not the communists, would straightway be in control of it. Those fears appear to have been without foundation. The radical element among the unions did indeed make more than one hopeful attempt to enlist labor in the movement for special and political revolution, but they all failed. For several years now the prevailing sentiment in the Federation of Labor has been increasingly conservative. Never has the organization spoken out so frankly in support of the political principles that all Americans used to accept, but that modern theorists so often denounce, as in the report of the Executive Council read to the recent convention at Portland, Oregon. Consider these excerpts:

"Red propaganda has for its purpose the destruction of the trade-union movement and the eventual overthrow of democratic government.—It is carried on—under the domination and dictation of the Russian communist oligarchy."

"Modern democracy is not without its faults;—because of its imperfections great injustices have been practiced. But democracy does give opportunity for the application of remedies and the achievement of every right and good thing."

"The largest freedom of action, the freest play for individual initiative in industry, cannot be had under the shadow of constant and incompetent political interference, meddlesomeness and restriction. The clamor for extension of state regulatory powers under the guise of reform can but lead to greater confusion and more hopeless entanglement."

Now, whether you agree with that kind of political philosophy of "the Fathers" rather than that of the most vocal of the prophets of this latter day. It is startling to see union labor, which not so long ago seemed committed to state ownership and to the state management of industry, now declaring emphatically that industry must govern itself and learn by itself to solve those problems with which the politicians wrestle unsuccessfully, and to hear it say: "Our people cannot live and thrive under a regime of bureaucracy."

The swing of labor back to conservatism is important, for it delivers the country not only from the fear of revolution but even from the fear of a revolutionary movement of respectable strength. The Marxists and the Leninists have failed to rush the American workman off his feet. He is not yet ready to exchange democracy and a free industrial field for the tyranny and lifelessness of a theoretical communist bureaucracy.

### A DASH OF COLD WATER

In his Recollections of a Rolling Stone, Mr. Basil Tozer tells the following story about Mark Twain.

On one occasion the humorist gave at the British Embassy in Paris a reading from his works in aid of some charity. The price of admission was a louis, and the hall was crowded with representatives of the American and the British aristocracy resident in Paris. When the reading, which was extremely well received, was over I met Mark coming slowly and pensively along the pavement in the Rue de Rivoli, and when we had talked for a few minutes and I had congratulated him on the afternoon's success I noticed that he seemed to be subdued.

"What is it, Mark?" I said. "You look depressed."

"I am depressed," he replied. "After reading for an hour and getting a lot of money for that charity the criticism I overheard as I was coming out with the crowd was: 'What a beastly American accent that man has!'"

### PUBLISH PUBLIC REPORT

We notice a quarterly report of the treasurer of Hemphill county in last week's issue of the Canadian Record. These reports are printed in many of our neighboring counties and we are led to wonder why no reports of any kind are published in Gray county.—McLean News.

Public officials desiring to serve the community to the fullest extent should be glad to publish proceedings and all activities of general interest. County commissioners, city councils, school districts and other public bodies should be glad to take the public into their confidence.

No newspaper would ask a public body to go beyond common sense and the law in the publication of public records. But there is room for improvement in many counties,

and Gray county probably is not the only Panhandle offender in this respect.—Amarillo Daily News.

### SOUND PRINCIPLES FOR EVERY CITIZEN

The international Farm Congress held its seventeenth annual session recently in Kansas City. It is a most influential and enlightened organization and has delegates from all other farm organizations. Particularly worthy of note is its "Declaration of Principles." For 1924 they are:

1. Undivided loyalty to country, first and always, with no conflicting obligations; protection of its institutions and preservation of its traditions.

2. The increase and dissemination of scientific and practical agricultural education and knowledge.

3. Pledging adequate production on farms, and demanding it in factories.

4. The right of every man to sell his services without interference, and to increase his earning power by improving his skill or increasing his capacity.

5. A reasonable tariff for the protection of American agriculture.

6. A sharply restrictive immigration policy, and careful selective process.

7. Recognition of the futility of efforts to correct natural economic derangements by statutory measures.

8. Clear legal establishment of right of co-operative buying and selling.

9. Recognition and performance of the duty of every individual to society, regardless of class or vocational affiliation.

10. Basing right of any business practice to exist upon service it renders society.

11. Rigid economy in Governmental expenses, and restriction of Governmental activities to their legitimate functions.

12. No special favors to any section or industry; equal opportunity to all.

13. The best possible transportation system, including the development and correlation of waterways, railroads and public highways.

14. Broadly comprehensive and constructive Reclamation and Conservation policy, enlisting co-operation of National, State and private interests and resources.

15. The sacred protection of personal liberty and property rights, and rejection of everythingavoring of State socialism, paternalism or syndicalism.

16. A better agriculture, better organized, informed, financed; better balanced, better fortified against calamitous market changes and economic disturbances.

17. A better country to live in, with better homes, schools, roads, citizenship, and free opportunity for the exercise of individual initiative.

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### HUNTERS TAKE NOTICE

Hunting will not be allowed on the VZ pasture, on the Palo Duro. Hunters will please take notice: void trouble, as I will positively prosecute all such as trespassers.  
RUTLEDGE HENDERSON  
Mans

S. C. TYLER, Owner.

### NO TRESPASSING

The public will please take notice that I will not allow hunting or fishing in my pasture on the Palo Duro, west of Spearman. Please observe this notice and avoid trouble.  
2016p Mrs. JOS. W. JONES.

### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

No hunting or fishing will be allowed in the Diamond C pastures, on the headwaters of the Palo Duro. These lands are posted and trespassers will be prosecuted.  
JAMES H. CATOR & SON.

### TO THE PUBLIC

Having posted my ranch lying in the northeast corner of Hansford county, along the Palo Duro creek as required by the law of Texas, this is to specially call attention to any one fishing, hunting or trespassing in any way therein, that they will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

GUS B. COOTS,  
36152\* Owner of Palo Duro Ranch.

### TO TRESPASSING

Trespassing will not be allowed on the Simmons ranch on the Palo Duro. Fishing and hunting is positively forbidden.

SAM ARCHER, Owner.

### A. F. & A. M.

Hansford Lodge No. 1040 A. F. & A. M., Spearman, Texas. Regular meeting Saturday night on or before the first full moon in each month. Visiting brethren welcome.  
P. A. LYON, W. M.

### I. O. O. F.

Hansford Lodge No. 785, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, meets 1st and 3rd Friday night of each week at 8 o'clock. Visiting brothers are accorded a royal welcome.  
J. E. WOMBLE, N. G.  
BURK BOLAND, Sec'y.

### W. E. Caldwell Rebekah Lodge No.

23 meets every Friday night.  
Mrs. VIRGIL WILBANKS, N. G.  
Mrs. L. S. CATOR, Sec'y.

### W. O. W.

Palo Duro Camp No. 3353 meet the second and fourth Monday night of each month.  
V. W. WILBANKS, C. C.  
J. E. WOMBLE, Clerk.

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Big Events in the Lives of Little Men



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"Though the mills of God grind slowly, yet they grind exceedingly small!" has been quoted in connection with a thousand causes. Not often is it applicable to roads, but in at least one instance, no glove ever fitted tighter!

Two friends lived across a county line from each other, in the one county was good roads, connecting with the nearby county seat, in the other was opposition to good roads, and no good connection with the county seat.

The two friends had many an argument on the subject, he of the good roads county exulting in what the good roads did for him, he who had poor roads being glad at the smallness of his taxes.

There seemed no winning the argument for either. The one had a definite saving in hauling and time, the other had much smaller taxes.

Then the farm house and the barn where lived the opponent of good roads, caught fire. He telephoned instantly to his county seat, meanwhile his friend was also crying "fire" to his county seat, over his telephone!

The fire engine from the up-to-date county seat arrived and put out the fire before those from the poor road county were seen!

Of course the poor-road advocate had to pay the cost of that fire run; it was not in his county! And of course the cost was much, much more than a road tax would have been. But he paid it cheerfully.

"Either we get good roads next election, or I'm going to move across the line!" he said.

Adequate fire protection is just one of hundreds of reasons why any other kind of a road than a hard road is uneconomic, expensive, unreasonable and foolish.

#### SHOULD HIGHWAY TRAFFIC HAVE FEDERAL SUPERVISION

Motor transport should come under Federal supervision, like rail and water carriers. Highways should be developed in response to needs, so says a report submitted by a special committee to the United States Chamber of Commerce.

The personnel of the committee includes railway traffic officials, officers of farm and labor organizations, representatives of the motor industry, motor haulage companies, water carriers, and the shipping public.

The committee believes that—"The best interest of the public and the carriers lie in cooperation between the various agencies of transportation.

"The greatest opportunity for cooperation is at the points where the capacity of the railroads is most limited; that is, in the terminal areas of our great cities."

"Store door delivery by motor truck is undoubtedly the greatest contribution which can be made to the solution of the terminal problem."

"Outside of the terminal areas, motor trucks and busses should be used to supplement the facilities of existing common carriers."

"It is to the public interest, as well as to the interest of the respective carriers, that the economic limitations of each type of carrier be recognized; that the railroads be permitted to discontinue unprofitable service, to which the motor is better suited, and that the motor abandon its efforts to handle general traffic over excessive distances."

#### HORSE BARRED FROM ASPHALT

Not so many years ago, "horseless carriages," as the first automobiles were called, were ordered off the streets of at least one Indiana city. Now the order has been reversed, for in Terre Haute horse-drawn vehicles are prohibited from using certain streets in the down-town district. Exception is made, however, for horse-drawn delivery wagons.

Trucks or wagons can not use any asphalt-paved street in Terra Haute except from nearest intersection to the destination.

#### NEW ARGUMENT FOR GOOD ROADS

An enterprising native of Maine knows what to do with an abandoned railway. When the Bangor and Aroostook Railway discontinued service over its 12-mile branch running from Brownville to Katahdin Iron Works, Henry Green saw an opportunity. He started with a small automobile and the idea of fitting the car with flange wheels, to make it run on the used rails. He rented the whole branch line from railroad company for \$100 a month and started business. Now traffic is so brisk he is using a trailer behind his car.

#### NOTED ROAD AUTHORITY TAKES UP NEW WORK

Prof. Arthur H. Blanchard, a nationally known authority on highway transportation and highways, has accepted appointment as a member of the Research Council of the National Transportation Institute.

Professor Blanchard has won wide recognition as an educator and as a highway engineer. He is connected with the department of civil engineering of the University of Michigan as professor of highway engineering and highway transport. He is the president of the National Highway Traffic Association and president of the American Road Builders' Association.

Professor Blanchard has served as consulting engineer or as deputy highway engineer for various States, among which are New York, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, and Michigan. He has served as consulting engineer in highway matters for the Dominion of Canada and now holds that post with the National Highways Association. He was chief of the bureau of public works of the Army Overseas Educational Commission in 1919.

From 1899 to 1911, he was connected with Brown University, his alma mater, in the department of highway engineering, following which he served for two years in the same capacity at Columbia University. In August, 1919, he joined the faculty of the University of Michigan as professor of highway engineering and highway transportation.

Professor Blanchard attended the Second International Road Congress at Brussels in 1910 as reporter for the United States. He represented the United States on the International Commission on Standard Tests for Highway Materials in 1914. He is a member of various American and foreign scientific and engineering societies, and a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He is a member of the advisory board on Highway Research of the National Research Council and a director of the Eno Foundation on Highway Traffic Regulation.

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#### THE JOHNSTOWN FLOOD AND SOCIALISM

It is recalled of the Johnstown flood, which some years ago wiped out a Pennsylvania city almost in the twinkling of an eye, that children attending a picnic near by unconscious of the danger were amusing themselves, using the stream trickling from a crevice in the dam impounding the water, to make "mud pies."

A civil engineer passing by observed the leak in the dam and turned pale. His trained mind quickly comprehended the danger mounting a horse he rode the perilous trail through the gorge warning people to flee for their life. Many heeded the warning and escaped but hundreds were drowned, for before he had reached Johnstown some 15 miles away, the dam had broken and a great flood of water was thundering down the canyon carrying everything before it.

There is an analogy between this incident and the manner in which socialism is trying to gain a foothold in this country. Government ownership of the banks, of the railroads, of public utilities, insurance, coal mines and oil lands, sponsored as "reforms" by a certain class of politicians masked behind a party name so commonized as to allay suspicion and attract support, is nothing short of unadulterated socialism.

These exploiters of public credulity proceed on the theory that like the little children making mud pies, the people, unconscious of the danger, will take no notice of what is really the object of these "reform" movements, will not, like the trained engineer, comprehend the danger, but will fall blindly into the trap.

This is a dark-lantern method of which the public should beware.

## Christmas Shoppers

Will find useful and appropriate gifts at our store, for both old and young.

For the Children we have little Wagons, Kid-dy Cars, Tricycles and other things for t boys and for the little girls, we want to show you the nicest little Aluminum Tea Set in town. Any little miss will be proud of these little cooking and serving utensils.

What is Nicer for Friend Wife than a Percolater.

Womble Hardware Company  
Fone Four-Four -:- Spearman

## COAL!

This bad weather found us loaded to the guards with good Coal of all kinds.

Colorado Lump  
Colorado Nut  
Smico Blacksmith

Lumber—Building Material, Builders' Hardware.

Own a Home

## White House Lbr. C

EARL CALLAWAY, Mgr. -:- Spearman

#### LET IT BE DEFINITE

The average citizen seems to feel that he is not qualified to discuss the Muscle Shoals project and the disposition of this great public property by Congress, due to the magnitude of the transaction involved.

This property belongs to the people and Henry Ford has made a proposition to lease it from the government for a period of 100 years at a very low rental, part of the consideration for which seems to be that he will make cheap fertilizer. This latter point, however, is apparently indefinite as to quantity or price.

If a man leased a farm to a third party on condition that he clear out so many stumps per year and the lessee failed to live up to his agreement, a good lease would provide that the land revert to the lessor, and not be left with the lessee for speculative purposes.

After all verbiage is brushed away, it would seem that this is about the situation in regard to Muscle Shoals and the public interest should be protected along these lines whether a lessee is made to Henry Ford or anybody else.

#### Housewives

Who pride themselves knowing good meats, well appreciate our offerings. We suggest you try some of these specials:

Pork Chops  
A Juicy Sirloin Steak  
A Fresh, Tender Roast

Either of these ought to go "just right" for dinner tonight. Buy it at our shop to get it fresh and tender and at a reasonable price.

#### THE STAR MEAT

GEO. W. FA

## PRIZES and APPLES

WITH EVERY BUSHEL OF APPLES BOUGHT YOU GET A PRIZE

Ladies  
Try  
Your  
Luck  
Win  
Prizes

I will give a prize with every bushel of apples I sell on ::: FRIDAY and SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21 and These prizes will be wrapped in plain packages and no one will know what he or she has drawn until after the apples are purchased and the package is opened.

PRIZES ARE WORTH FROM 10 CENTS TO \$5.00

We have an abundance of good, sound apples. Two kinds:

Black Ben Mountain Apple at . . \$1.85 per bu.  
Missouri Pippin, at . . . . . 1.50 per bu.

Now is the time to buy your winter apples. Come and get them NOW. These prices will not hold good long.

Here are a few of the prizes:—One locket valued at \$1.00; one Cigar Case Valued at \$2.50; face powder, cold cream, powder puffs, and other things of value.

C. M. T

Apple Merchant



# Merry Christmas!

We wish you a Merry, Merry Christmas, and for the last Minute shopper, who must have a few more gifts to go 'round, we have many useful, practical things left.

## FOR HER ---

The most practical as well as the most acceptable gift you could select for wife, sweetheart, sister or a lady friend is a choice from our line of Handkerchiefs, Hand Bags, Towel Sets, House Shoes, Barrets, Dresses, Coats, Wool Scarfs, Knitted Skirts, Silk Hose, Wool Hose or Shoes.

## FOR HIM ---

Buying gifts for men is not a problem if you come to this store to make your selections. Every place you turn you will see a score or more suggestions, that will fit in exactly with your requirements and at prices you can easily afford. And there is the further satisfaction of knowing that the high quality and correct style of our offerings will bring added pleasure to the recipient.

And if you wish to give something of which you do not know the size, we can be of great assistance to you.

20 PER CENT OFF ON BOY'S SUITS.

25 PER CENT OFF ON LADIES COATS AND DRESSES.

# Blake Dry Goods Co.

## SPEARMAN

Buster Brown Shoes, Topsy Hoes, Stetson Hats, Justin Boots, Busby Gloves.

### GRAND PLAINS

Elmo McClellan went to Spearman Wednesday.

D. L. McClellan hauled wheat to Spearman Saturday.

Weldon Stewart visited at the McBride School house Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave McClellan spent Sunday with L. S. McClellan.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Bayless and family visited with D. L. McClellan Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Wilson went to Spearman Friday and returned home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wilmoth family spent Sunday at the L. Clellan home.

Count of the large snow the state has been unable to make Frank says.

Mr. A. Shapley has been family visitor daughter Mrs. Robert Shapley past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Shapley and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sunday.

attended the Equity Spearman Saturday were: Messrs. H. Higgs, Paul Higgs, Ben Harris, J. H. Horris and L. S. McClellan.

The Literary Society its regular Saturday night at the Plains school house. Ben resigned as secretary of the and Miss Beulah Shapley stepped to take his place. A consisting of Messrs. F. Paul Higgs, and M. F. elected to see about for the school house.

### NEW HOPE ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cline were Spearman shoppers Saturday.

Mr. Gus Newcomb made a business trip to Spearman Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Williams spent Saturday night at the Fred Cline home.

Several from this community attended the program at McBride Friday evening.

Miss Mable French, Mrs. A. W. Cline, Earl and Clara Cline and Paddy Brennan, were shopping in Guymon Tuesday.

The three St. Mary's girls have withdrawn from school to help their mother prepare to move to their new home in Ochiltree county.

Price Miller came very near having his New Ford car destroyed by fire Saturday evening. He and Miss Ester Rice, Everett Tomlinson and

Miss Ethel Womble had started to an entertainment at the A. W. Cline home. She stopped at Mr. Tomlinson's to fill the gas tank. Everett was holding the match for her to see where to pour the gas when suddenly the match broke and fell near enough the gas to catch it on fire. Fortunately everyone escaped harm, but the car is minus a top, steering wheel, upholstery and curtains. One tragedy of the fire Saturday evening was the loss of Miss Womble's and Miss Rice's hats.

### A PRIZE FOR BEST COTTON

It seems that the city of Amarillo is offering a cash prize to the farmer who produces the best crop of cotton in Potter county, and we believe the writer of the following letter has made a splendid suggestion, when he proposes to extend the territory. Also, the local Commercial Club could not do a better thing than to offer a good, substantial cash prize for the best cotton produced in the Spearman trade territory.

### Gives Views on Cotton

To The Daily News: I note with interest your campaign to stimulate cotton production by offering a premium for the best yield. Two years ago, I made an address before the Realtors Club in which I tried to convince them that Amarillo was a better cotton country than the sandy land on the South and East. I do not think I convinced any one at that time; but am pleased that this club is now an active booster. While on the road this summer, I met with a great deal of friendly derision in the Lubbock and Memphis territories because of my advocacy of cotton production in the Amarillo territory but I still believe in it.

It seems it is intended to limit the premiums to Potter county alone. Why? May I suggest that you include the trade territory contiguous to Amarillo? By so doing, you would have some three thousand farmers competing for premiums instead of about one hundred, if limited to Potter county alone.

I am confident the object of the premiums is to demonstrate the success of cotton production in the Panhandle proper. If confined to Potter county, some local condition—a severe hailstorm or local drouth might reduce the yield very materially and defeat your purpose. This condition would hardly exist over

the entire territory. The premium offered is very handsome, indeed—could not better results be obtained with three thousand farmers competing than one hundred.

I would suggest the following territory:

Begin at the north line of Briscoe, Swisher, Castro and Parmer counties, extend north to the line of Oklahoma; begin at the caprock on the east and extend to the caprock on the west. This is the territory which our skeptical friends in the sand positively can not mature cotton, notwithstanding the excellent yields in Moore and Armstrong counties for the past two years. Of course, a local committee of bankers or County Agents in each locality would gladly take charge in their respective communities and make correct returns of yields under affidavit.

This is written in no spirit of criticism but with the intent to assist in a very commendable enterprise. May I add that I think I voice the sentiment of the Amarillo trade territory.

SOLON C. BYRD.  
Canadian, Texas, Dec. 6, 1923.

### A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT

If Human nature is the combination of self-seeking, ambition and greed which some materialistic philosophers assert it is; if life is a contest in which all fine sentiments are subordinated to self-advancement and success at any price, how is it that the spirit of Christmas has not only endured but grown in power during nearly 2,000 years? If the pessimists are right, it would seem that the light would have been extinguished long since and with it the spirit would have departed.

Were history our daily lives not replete with evidences—noble evidences too—of the unselfishness in men's hearts, we might be impressed with the teachings of the sordid and the carplings of the morbid. Christmas is the symbol and a celebration of love—love which is synonymous with charity and which our purest teaching tell us is the finest attribute of the soul. We, who during the past few weeks have watched the Yuletide preparations, are prepared to say that represent a beautiful manifestation of that attribute.

We have noted the working girl taking home at night her parcels; contributions wrung from the dole of her necessities, in order that she may testify to her love and bring a measure of cheer to some child, some relative, some friend. Tired from her daily toil mayhap, but in her eyes that something which transcends all fatigue; transcends, in fact, everything else in the world and comparable only to that which shone from a mother's eyes upon the Babe in Bethlehem. Friends, in the face of these and so many other

manifestations which we are all witnessing during this season, what right has one of us to say that the Light of the world grows dimmer?

Our hearts tell us there is no dimming. Let us be thankful for the extra radiance of Christmas. Let us seek to carry it into our daily lives. Our wish is, that this occasion, at least, will help all of us to forget our tribulations and sorrows, our complaints and animosities, and that it will be to all a day of cheer and everything which Yuletide typifies. The words of Tiny Tim have never been improved upon and we here invoke them: "God bless us all!"

Frank L. Carson came from Wichita and spent the week end with his brother, C. W. Carson, Jr., in Spearman.

### E. E. COON

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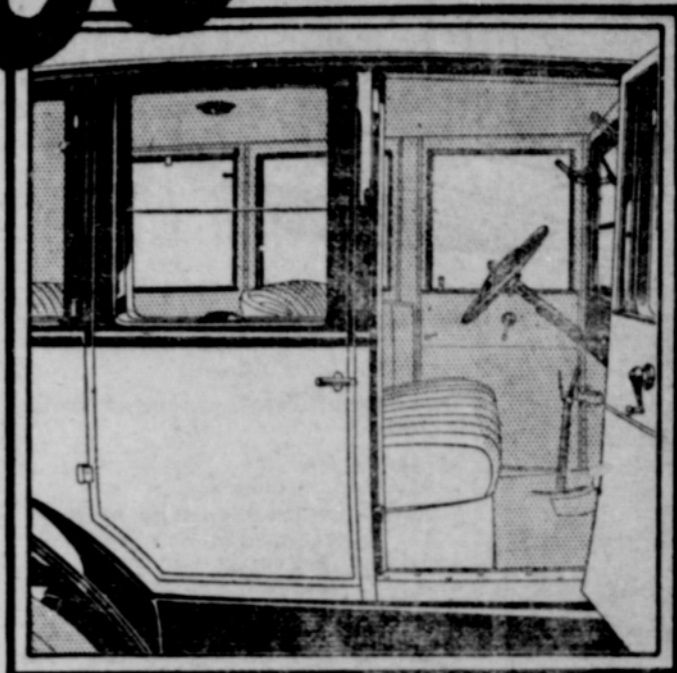
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## Fordor Sedan

# \$685



F. O. B. Detroit



## —for Christmas

IT IS not at all surprising that the new Fordor Sedan is proving extremely popular as a Christmas gift. For this handsome closed type body is a truly exceptional value at its present low price.

Important improvements in outward design and interior appointments have made it a much more attractive car—more gracefully proportioned, more richly furnished.

Notable among the changes introduced are a higher radiator, larger hood and cowl, water-tight windshield, more sturdy steering column, broadcloth upholstery, revolving type window regulators and bar type door handles.

Inspect this new Fordor Sedan at your first opportunity and arrange for its delivery on Christmas morning.

It will be a pleasant surprise for every member of your family.

You can buy this car through the Ford Weekly Purchase Plan

R. W. MORTON

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### A BOAR FOR SALE

One dandy Duroc Jersey Boar sale at a Bargain  
J. HILLHOUSE.



Let the Reporter do your Job Work.

### FOOD MARKET

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will hold a Food Market on Saturday, December 22. Anyone wanting any kind of a special cake baked for the holidays should call Mrs. Raymond Witt, but there will be many kinds on sale. Buy good things for the Christmas dinner at this sale.

LOST SOW—A red sow, weighing about 450 pounds, strayed from my place, 13 miles southwest of Spearman about ten days ago. She is rather shortlegged, thin hair and inclined to be head-faced. I will pay a liberal reward for information leading to her recovery.  
C. T. ROGERS.  
51 tip.

## "'Twas Night Before Christmas!"



Christmas when you were a youngster—spent with the folks in a home that was their very own! Those were the happy days!

Will your children when they are grown cherish as fond memories of Christmas time at home with you? Or, will they look back and resent that Christmas was not all it could have been because it was spent in an apartment or rented house?

Why not resolve to spend Christmas this year in a Home of Your own—to give your children the full measure of joy to which they are entitled? A few repairs or paint will make the old home brighter for Christmas.

Do you own the Chimney that Santa will use at your home, or do you have it rented. We can help you own it.

WE WISH YOU A MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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Reasonable rates—liberal terms of prepayment—no loan considered for less than \$5,000. The larger the better. It will be to your interest to write me if you need a large loan within the next thirty days.

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