# THE SPEARMAN REPORTER

wenty-Fourth Year

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Spearman, County Seat of Hansford Count

Thursday, December 24, 1931

Number 3

# Merry Christmas





Dear Santa Claus:

I am a lttle boy seven years old.
Will you please send me a football, skates, knife, a great big story book and a caterpillar Tractor. I wish all of the little boys and girls a "Merry Christmas."

Yours truly,

EUGENE SMITH. ball, skates, knife, a great big story book and a caterpillar Tractor. I wish all of the little boys and girls a "Merry Christmas."
Yours truly,
EUGENE SMITH.

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been a good little boys, and I hope you will bring me a football, a police suit and a pony for Christmas.

Your little friend,
HOLLIS THORNE.

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Dear Santa Claus:

I am trying to be good and to study my lessons well. I want a doll, set of dishes and pencil box.

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been a very gool girl.
Please bring me a rain coat, an unberella, a pair of boots and lots of oranges, apples and other goodies. I have a brother named Joe Douglas Womble. Please bring him a Boy Scout suit, also some fruit and other goodies.

Your loving friend,
JANELLE WOMBLE.

I am trying to be a nice boy and would like to have a nice sweater and cap.
Your friend,
T. P. RUSSELL.

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy nine years old and I have been a good little boy and I just want two things for Christmas. They are, an eversharp peneil and a fountain pen just alike. Also some nuts, candy and fruit.

Merry Christmas,
L. M. WOMBLE.

Dear Santa Claus:
Well, how are you? I am fine and looking for you. Please bring me some crayolas and an ironing board set. I'm trying so haid to be nice. I am 5 years old. I can go to school next year and I will be so glad. I will not ask you to bring candy and nuts this time. I will eat some of brothers. I will eat some of brothers. I thank you, with love,

MARCENA FRANTZ.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a doll for Christmas.

Also please bring me some apples, oranges and candy. Don't forget
Bonnie.

GEORGIA MARIE THOMPSON.

Dear Santa Claus:

Dear Santa Claus:

I got your letter, I will shut my, eyes as you told me to. Did you get my letter? I am eight years old and in the third grade. My Teacher's name is Miss Ada Marie. Dear Santa I want a doll and a cook stove. Helen is my sister and I will tell you what she wants, a game and a doll with black hair. Ialso want a set of dishes, set of pans, and toy watch. Wish you a Merry Christmas.

MARY ELIZABETH AUSTIN.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a set of dishes,
a tricycle and some fruit, nuts
and candy. I have been a good
little girl, OLA JEAN ROSSON.

Dear Santa Claus:
Will you please bring me a foot ball a pair of gloves, some apples, oranges and candy.

VIRGIL ROSSON.

Dear Santa Claus:

Lovingly, KATHLEEN KENNY.

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy four years old and Grandma said I had been very sweet. I am asking you to please bring me a caterpillar tractor, a baby doll in a basket, some candy, nuts and fruit.

Your little friend,

LEE BROWN, JR.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am glad it is time to write you again. I am very anxious for you to get here. I am 7 years old and 1 go to school every day, I leave at 7:30 every morning and don't get home until after 5 o'clock in the evening. I am in the second grade and Mrs. Powers is my teacher. Please bring me a Caterpillar tractor and plow set. Also some candy, nuts, oranges and apples. I'll not sak for more this time. With lots of love to you I am,

Your little friend,

C. J. FRANTZ, JR.

PATSY RUTH DACUS. co Henry Dacus, Spearman, Tex.

Spearman, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a school desk and two little chairs to match it, because I want to get my lessons on it and play school. I would like a doll with long curly hair and eyes that open and shut because my doll is old and I need a new one. I would like a plano too, so that I could play my dolly to sleep. Please don't forget to bring me lots of nuts, candy and fruit.

Lots and lots of love,

DORIS JEAN RUSSELL.

Sear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a basketball, a story book and lots of candy and nuts.

Your little friend,
LEDRU JACOBS.

Wany Good Boys And

Girls At Christmastime

No holiday finds so many good boys and girls as does Christmas.

On Christmas morning all the homes are filled with little saints.

Spearman, Texas, December 21, 1931. I go to school every day and get my lessons real well, and I think it is nothing but right that go hard and some fruit and nuts. Good bye, MARJORIE GERBER.

Dear Santa:

I want a pair of ball bearing kates, a paint book, story book, and some fruit and nuts. Good bye, MARJORIE GERBER.

Dear Santa:

I want a pair of ball bearing kates, a football bladder, a Bunny Brown and Sister Sue story book, a paint book and a pitchers book, a paint book and a pitchers book, a paint book and a pitchers baseball glove. Guess that will be all.

J. E. GERBER, Jr.

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I am a little by seven years old. Will you please send me a football, skates, knife, a great big story book and a caterpillar Tractor. I wish all of the little boys and girls a wear plane too, so that I could play my dolly to sleep. Please don't forget to bring me lots of nuts, candy and fruit.

Lots and lots of love, DORIS JEAN RUSSELL.

Doar Santa:

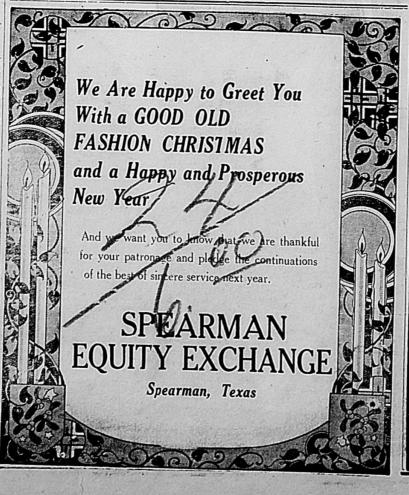
I am 7 years old and go to be been please on the plane and a plath to book and a pitchers bring him a little true brother, bring him a little true brother, bring him a little true has been not trouble in getting the boys to go to Sunday. Yours truly, As soon as breakfast is over sore that the wood and doing his chores for the been and a mit he howed and a pitcher, bring him a little true brother, bring him a little true brother,

Greetings and Sincere Good Wishes for a Merry Christmas and Bright New 00 Year

the year 495 Is closing we greet you and nd sincere good wishes for a Happy and More Prosperous New Year. That we may serve you better in 1932 that ever before is our aim.

## First National Bank

Spearman, Texas "OLDEST BANK IN HANSFORD COUNTY"



# GREETINGS!



YULET **SEASON** 

> As another year draws to a close, sending you these Christmas Greatings wishing you all the good things that you could wish

We want in particular to thank you for pleasant business associations during the year that we have just passed over and pledge our sincere efforts in serving you better with the coming of a new year.

# Hansford Abstract Co.

P. A. LYON, Manager

# We Bring Greetings

FOLKS!

Pack up your troubles and smile.

And when we say Smile Christmas brings you pleasant a sociations with friends and every blessing that you have wished for.

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This firm is mighty glad to have such good friends and customers. With the coming of another Christmay-time we want to thank each and every one of you from the bottom of our hearts for your patronage, your friendship and your loyalty.

With the dawning of a New Year, we pledge our utmost in sincere service and hope that there shall be many good things in store for you.

> Accept Our Best Wishes For A Very Merry Cdristmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Lumber Co.

D. W. HOLLAND, Manager

Twenty-Fourth Year

## Spearman Welfare Association Coping Splendidly With Charity Situation But Needs Clothes

#### Kiss Under Mistletoe Comes From the Druids

At last the historians have been At last the instortains have been able to clear up the mystery of the bewitching custom of kissing under the mistletoe. Their researches, as revealed by Prof. Jucy Hubbell, carry the matter clear back to the Druids.

"Misoletoe was considered an antidote for poison and an all-healer," writes Miss Hubbell in The Country Home, "Druids, priests of ancient Britian, walked

To Our Customers and Friends We Extend the Season's Best Greeting:

MERRY CHRIST<del>MA</del> S

Xpras Table Her

F. W. Brandt and Co.

Everything to Eat and Wear

With Grateful Acknowledgment of your past favors we extend Best Wishes for a

MERRY

Shoes had sold

Bring your shoes to us for

J. P. TERRY'S Electric Shoe Shop

Needy families of Hansford output are being ably cared for yet he Spearman Welfare Association, with a total of 15 families who are receiving aid, according to Rev. H. A. Nichols, pastor of the First Methodist church, who is head of the organization.

Mrs. Joe Perry, vice president and contact member of the organization was well in work of the county was well mand. However, she said, that at he present time, the organization who had these items to illowate hose who had these items to illowate, call her personally or the Spearman Chamber of commerce, giving the address so that the tems might be picked up.

The food supply department of the organization has stored for charity, flour, beans, can goods and other edibles.

"With the splendid support and coperation of people of this county who are helping with the sharity problem, we feel sure that we will be able to cope with the situation here in a manner much better than we anticipated," Mrs. Perry said.

Gruver, Morse and other cities of Hansford county, are working with Spearman in handling the chairity work of this county.

Kiss Under Mistletoe

By spending \$4.25 an acre for fertilizer, Edgar Cruse of Colmesneil, Tyler county, got 45 bushels and 40 pounds more corn per acre than he would have without fertilization, a demonstration reported by the county agent shows. A yield of 75 bushels and 50 pounds per acre was made on land well-filled with humus from a crop of cowpeas turned under, and fertilized with 100 pounds of acid phosphate and 150 pounds of nitrate of soda.

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## We are Thankful

We want to thank you for your patronage and we hope that you will see fit to continue to patronize us with the coming of 1992. We wish you the season's greeting and pledge good

service for the coming year. Spearman Produce

A. Jacobs, Mgr.

#### Churches Unite Giving Beautiful Christmas Program Sunday Night

A program that was thoroughly enjoyed by a capacity attendance at the high school auditorium last Sunday night, was given by the United Chrurches of Spearman.

A choir composed of singers from the various church choirs of the city, rendered appropriate numbers at the opening and close of the services.

of the services.

Several special vocal numbers were given. A playlet, by the Dramatic club of Spearman High School was well received. The primary department gave an impressive Christmas presentation.

Rev. H. A. Nichols opened the services and Rev. J. H. Richards closed them.

A saying of \$52 on clothing last year due to making her own garments by the help of a foundation pattern and dress form is reported by Mrs. O. C., Humphris, Nueces county home demonstration club member.

WE

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YOU

GOOD.

Thanks for your 1931 patr hage!

WISEST CHRISMAS GITTS

ARE THE FOOLISH ONES

People who delight to do their
Christmas shopping in a spirit of
utter abandon, buying foolishly
and even extravagantly, can get
some consolation out of Eddie
Guest's latest summing-up of the
"true Christmas spirit." He
believes in the Christmas gift which
the wise consider foolish and useless.

"Happiness," he says in
American Magazine, "is born of
sentiment. Reason is cold and
sometimes cruel, but sentiment is
always gentle. Sentiment believes
in Christmas, and it believes
in the breast of all of us there
is the love for pretty baubles and
trinkets.

"Always to do the wise things
at Christmas is not always to
make others happy. There are 364
other days for Wisdom to hold

CHEER

C. Bryan & Son

"THE CHRISTMAS FOOD STORE" Spearman, Texas

# REPORTER

#### TWO SIDES TO XMAS THIS EXPERT FINDS

There are two sides to this Christmas business, according to H. L. Phillips, former humorist, who seeks to qualify as an expert and philosopher on the "inside workings" of the Christmas spirit.

workings" of the Christmas spirit.

"I am strong for Christmas," he declares in the American Magazine. "In fact, too much cannot be said for a custom which will encourage people to give something away, positively gratis, free of charge, and with no catch in it.

"Christmas is a season of good will, charity and general benevolence. But it also has become a season of intensive worry, frenzied footwork, agruments, accidents, nervous breakdowns, bruises, sprains and concussions. Christmas giving in America has Christmas giving in America has degenerated into a National Endurance Contest, combining all the aimlessness of a six-day bike ace, all the strenuosity of a game

Undismayed by low egg prices, to Howard country poultry demtwo Howard country poultry demonstrator have carved out profits of \$2.28 per hen above feed costs for the year ending October 31st. They did it by cutting production costs 40 per cent and increasing production 12 per cent through close culling, and feeding homemixed mash and skim milk. It cost them \$1.03 to feed a pullet a year and 7 cénts per dozen for the feed to produce on dozen eggs.

### GREETINGS



WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

and friends Give us the continue a pleaeverywhere re in our ure of greeting you often thoughts today, and as alduring 1932. Many thanks ways, it the kindest sort of to everyone for patronge way May health, wealth of the past. and happiness be yours and 1932 be your best year.

## **CECIL'S**

**GROCERY & MARKET** 

W. B. JOHNSTON GRAIN

Spearman, Texas

# Palo Duro Valley

Many years nature has been building this wonderful valley for the farmer. He has made it most fertile of all the valley s in the Panhandle. A fine river bed silt running to a depth of 10 feet and free from minerals that are harmful to vegetation.

Then too, there is great evellering underground sheet of water which can be found anywhere in this great valley. This water can be obtained in abundance ta very low cost.

There is cheap electrical power available in this valley for pumping and other acctrical conveniences on the form. There is a very low electrical rate for irrigation.

to ontinue its work in developing of irrigation in this great valley. At the close of its first crop year much knowledge and information has been gained which is available to all those interested in irrigation in this valley.

The Panhandle Power and Light Company is proud that it is the first to start such a great undertaking and experiment and is also proud of its capability in fulfilling its obligation to serve and is proud of the expressions of confidence heard daily from those we

## Only 3 **More Days** 'til Christmas ment of Silk Dresses came in this WE EXTEND THE SEASON'S GREETINGS

# Cockrell's Store



## TURKEY DINNER

a Good Turkey Dinner

On Main Street

are a few samples:

In England, villages gathered around the Yule log and toasted each other in "lamb's wool," a mixture of ale, sugar, nutmeg and roasted apples. Gayly they encircled the table with its enormous candles made to burn twelve nights. "Wes hai!" they cried, clinking their goblets—", Be whole be well, here's to your health!"

In Ireland, no one was allow on suff the Christmas eve can save those named Mary. Like Y log ashes, remnants of Yule celles were kept for their supporting the work of the supporting the results of the supporting the suppo



# Our Christmas Wishes to All

We want to express our ery best wishes to you for Joys and Happiness at Christma We are thankful for friendly associations of the past year and pledge our continued service during 1932.

Wilson Funeral Home and Flower Shop

Prompt, Courteous Ambulace Service PHONE 121-SPEARMAN

Service With Sincerity

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March To Trappers For urs as Any Fur House! lower than last season however, you money trap can make ping this eason when you sell your furs to-

## D\ M. JONES

Spearman, Texas South Harewood Street 

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DR. R. T. SPENCER

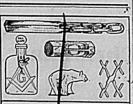
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON
X-RAY DIAGNOSIS
and Treatment
Offices in Reporter Building
West Side Main
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SPEAIGMAN, TEXAS

J. E. G.O.W.E.R., M. D.
Physician and Surgeon
tones: Residence, 98; Office 3:
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Office in Reporter Building
Spearman, Texas

DR. F. D. DAILY Dentist Office on Secund Floor McLain Building, Phone 156 X-RAY

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w. O. ALLISON CHIROPRACTOR and PHYSIOTHERAPIST



WE SAY MERRY

# restone ES are better

IDESTONE do not manufacture special brand tires for others to distribute but they do make a complete line of tires for us, bearing the Firestone name and guarantee, that not only meets the prices but beats any special brand tire distributed by mail order houses or others in Quality and Construction, giving greater values.

restone live invested \$25,000,000.00 with Firestone Deal in establishing the most economical distributing and servicing system in the world.

Come in today-let us show you the INSIDE JACTS from cross sections that you may understand the EXTRA VALUES in Firestone Tires.

#### COMPARE CONSTRUCTION and QUALITY

	4.50-21	Tire	6.00-19 H. D. Tire			
Firestone Gives You	Firestone Oldfold Type	#A Spe- cialBrand Mail Order Tire	Firestone Oldfield Type	#A Spe- cial Brand Mail Order Tire		
More Rubber Vol., Cubic Inches	172	161	298	267		
More Weight,	16.99	15.73	\$8.35	26.80		
More Width,	4-75	4.74	5 98	5.84		
More Thickness,	.627	.578	.840	.821		
More Plies at Tread	•	5	8	7		
Same Price	85.69	\$5.69	\$11.4	\$11.40		



MAKE OF CAR	Our Cash Price Each	KA Special Brand Mail Order Tire	Our Cash Price Per Pair	MAKE OF CAR	Our Cash Price Each	#A Special Brand Mail Order Tire	Our Cash Price Per Pair	MAKE OF CAR	Our Cash Price Each	KA Special Brand Mall Order Tire	Our Cash Price Per Pair
4.40-21 Ford Chevrolet	84.98	<b>\$4.98</b>	\$ 9.60	S.00-19 Roosevelt_ Willys-K	\$6.98	\$6.98	\$13.60	6.00-18 Chrysler Viking	\$11.20	11.20	e517
Chevrolet	5.60	5.60 5.69	10.90	5.00-20 Essex Nash 5.25-18	7.10	7.10	13.80	Franklin_Hudsen_Hupmobile_	11.40	11.40	22.10
4.75-19 Ford Chevrolet Whippet	6.65	6.65	12.90	Marquette_Oldsmobile_S.25-21 Buick	8.57	7.90 8.57	15.30	6.00-20 LaSalle Backard	11.50	11.50	22.30
4.75-20 Erskine Plymouth) 5.00-19	6.75	6.75	13.10	5.50-18 Auburn Jordan Reo	8.75	8.75	17.00	6.00-21 Pierce-A 6.50-20	11.65	11.65	22360
Chandler	6.98	6.98	13.60	Gardner Marmon Oakland Peerless Studebaker	8.90	8.90	17.30	7.00-20 Cadillac	13.10		29.80

\*A "Special Brand" Tire is made by a manufacturer for distributors such as mail order houses, oil co panies and others, under a name that does not identify the tire manufacturer to the public, usually becat he builds his "best quality" tires under his own name. Firestone puts his name on every tire he mak

THANKS for Your Patronage --- Let us Serve you Better in 1932

Consumers

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## **Merry Christmas**



May we add our best wisher to your host Our institution is builded on carful, conscientious service. By such a standard may we serve you again in 19

PERRYTON,

A Fully Equipped Hospital

Dr. G. J. Budd

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## -:- Letters To Santa Claus -:-

er Santa Claus:
I am a little girl six years old
I am in the first grade. Dear
nta this is what I want you to
ng me, a pair of house slippers,
ench harp, ring, big doll, and
ne candy, nuts and fruit.
Your little friend,
I want a wagon, tractor and lots
of candy, nuts and fruits, and I
surely would love a black and
white dog if you have any. Be

r Santa Claus:
lease bring me a big bay doll
bries, goes to sleep and looks
a real baby, and a doll suit,
some candy, nuts and
nges. Don't forget my sisters,
re are four of them, bring
n some toys, nuts and candy,

Your little friend, LOUISE RYAN.

ar Santa Claus:
I want a watch, lots of oranges, ples, candy and nuts. Don't fort my little brother Keith, he nits a little areoplane, and my tile sister wants a little doll.
Thank you for your kindness,
A. L. JACKSON, JR.

Santa Claus: want a baby doll that will cry go to sleep, little blackboard some candy, fruit and orang-

Dear Santa:

I want a wagon, tractor and lots of candy, nuts and fruits, and I surely would love a black and white dog if you have any. Be sure to bring Lee Marie some thing if it's only a bottle fo milk. Guess this will be all until next Christmas.

Here's hoping you don't get stuck in the snow.

LOVE.

JOYCE HENDRICKS.

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been a good little girl and hope you will remember me. I would like to have a doll with long curley hair and sleepy eyes, a cedar chest, desk and chair to match and lots of fruits, candy and nuts.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a doll doll buggy, little toy dresser and some dishes.

I am as ever,

JOYCE DULANEY.

## Xmas Tree Started In Germany But Brought to Us by Victoria

Historian and research experts mas tree popular in France. Dentre just completed their annual vestigation into the background America's Christmas customs, and have come up with an unual harvest. The Christmas tree, ey inform us, comes from the hine Valley and goes back to 108. Queen Victoria introduced custom to English-speaking untries in 1840.

Empress Eugenie, of whom the orld has heard a good deal durget the past year, made the Christmas tree is given to the publice by one of its ablest research country. Home. She recounts, for instance:

## GOOD NEWS!

BARBERING PRICES CUT

Licensed Barber With 8 Years Experience ed in Spearman Shops in 1928 and 1930

Work Guaranteed to Please Shaves 25c

> Sanitary Barber Shop L. N. TRAYLOR, Owner

1st Door South of Harbison Furniture Co.

## AMONG OUR ASSETS

We like to count among our assets the only one that money cannot buy, you good will And so at this bolid season, we extend to you customer alone, but as a friend

The Best of Wishes for a Merry Christmas And Happy New Year!

## SNIDER PRODUCE

Phone 115

West Spearman

### KIND REMEMBRANCES AND BEST WISHES

mas time but laying our best wishes and kind remembwith your dyour house. We shall welcome the opportunity to serve you when possible in 1932

Service Cleaners

Phone 138

MAN

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On Main Street

## XMAS DAY DINNERS

Spearman, Hansford County, Texas,

Thursday, December 24, 1931

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## Her to Poultry Success

MUST SUIT EVERYONE
When she figured up the year's poultry profits from her calendar record Mrs. J. B. Watkins of Permela, Coryell county, found as hundreds of other demonstrators

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## To Everybody Young and Old

we intend to put into effect during 1932 that may

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## BURRAN BROS.

PHONE 71—WE DELIVER

## We Know not What the New Year Holds

But we do know that it is the beginning of new hopes, new thoughts new pospects and new determinations to chieve we hope it will hold for you many opportunities for success and that you will be ready for each of the

We thank you for all you have meant to this business—not only in patronage but for the good influence you have used among your friends in our behalf. behalf.

Conoco Service Statio No. 1 CHAS. CHAMBERS, Mgr.

of the Greatest

in and a New Year of Prosperity

### HALE DRUG COMPANY

The Rexall Drug Store Spearman, Texas

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Wishing You Every Christmas Joy and all Happiness in the New Year

Announcement: -

I have moved my radio shop to the Spearman Motor Company.

I sell Crosley and R. C.

A. Victor radios and can

HOME RADIO **SHOP** 

W. O. SWAIM Spearman Motor Co. PHONE 6

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ou, our old customers, customers, our appreciation of your confidence. To you who are not customers, the hope that we may be of service to you, and to wish you all not only a Merry Christmas, but a Happy and Prosperous New Year. our appreciation of your loyalty. To our new

## Jimmie Davis

Hood Tires-RCA and Crosley Radios and Champlin Products

## Rich in Meaning To all Mankind

CHRISTMAS IS FULL:

-of hallowed associations

-of fond memories

—of golden deeds

—of warm hearts

—of glowing hospitable hearthstones
May all its richness, feeling and fondness be yours,
this year, next year and the years to come.

We Wish You a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

## Jackson Tire Shop

See The New Dictator Batteries Tires: Tubes: Chains: Tire Service Magnolia Gas and Oils

## THIS IS JUST TO SAY



We Wish You a Merry Christmas

We hope to see you often durthe New Year.

TEXACO SERVICE STATION JOE W. GATEWOOD, Mgr.

Spearman, Texas





## Christmas Older Than Christianity Recent Historical Studies Show

Recent Historical Studies Show

That Christmas is much older
than Christianity, is conclusively
shown by recent historical studies.
The Christmas tree, the candles on
the tree, and the Yule fire, all
comes from the worship of the sun
and of trees, "Yule" is an old
Anglo - Saxon word meaning
wheel," and the wheel was the
sun, Burning of the Yule log was
a sacrament of sunshine.

In Northern Europe the darkest
day of the year, now December 21
but on early calendars December
24, was observed with suppliance
to the sun god, and the following
day with rejoicings.

"In Rome at the time of
Christ's birth, December 25 was
celebrated as the birthday of the
unconquered sun, with bonfries,
candles, garlands and incense,"
writer Lucy Tmbury Hubbell in
The Country Home. "For more
than 300 years after the birth of
Christ, His birthday passed unnoticed. And then in 336 A. D.,
the first Christ Mass was held in
Rome, where old customs and new
creeds were being oddly intertwined.

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birth of the Christ-child on a date that was originally set as a pagan holiday, we are not wholly wrong in doing it. Nobody knows the exact hour or day when the Infant Saviour was born, but we know that it was in this season, for the Jews, too, had their Feast of Lights during the solstice, and it was being celebrated when Jesus was born. Thus it was a bright world on which the small Saviour's eyes first opened, with candles twinkling in the windows and along the lanes of little Bethlehem.

and along the lanes of little Beth-lehem.
"By this time the old customs were too deeply rooted in the souls of men to be torn out. The first Holy Fathers tried and failed, so after a while they wisely in-corporated the old worship in the new faith, giving to age-long us-age a fresh meaning."

Here's

Wishing

For You



ship are our business associations grow in mutual accord and confidence With best wish-es for Christmas and the

ITCHEN

A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS AND A PPY. PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

We might write a page and never wish you more!

Nickens Electric Company

Willard Batteries

West Side Main



We are sincerely thankful for your patronage of past years and pledge or continued service to you next year.

W. L. RUSSELL

Spearman, Texas

ren, but also grown-ups appear to believe there is a Santa Claus, and his mail is likely to set an all-time record, according to postal authorities who have been consulted by William L. Chenery, editor of Collier's Weekly.

"In our hearts, we all believe in Santa Claus." comments Mr. Chenery. "At Christmas time most of us come closer to what we ought to be. It seems to be clear then that those who share then that those who share the enter that those who share the enter that those who share the enter the obstacles and backslidings the world moves steadily forward is a better place this year and will be better still next year. There is a cloud around these ideas in other.

Thut's why I t hink the world is now asking Santa Claus to stay to learly.

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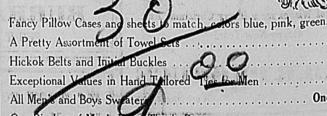
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THE REPORT OF THE PARTY OF THE

Santa Claus is the most popula an in the world. Children watch for him fron

e patron saint who can make eir dreams come true. Santa Claus himself, however, esn't visit every country. He mds helpers to some of them. metimes, too, Santa Claus an-

#### Santa Originated in Holland

He originated in Holland, hunds of years ago under the me let St. Nicholas. He didn't it until Christmas Eve to come, t appeared on Dec. 5. Therefore is expected on that night every ar, and the day is called St.

cholas Day.

St. Nicholas rides a snow white rese down the narrow Dutch reets. Wherever he sees a woodshoe outside the door of a buse he enters. That shoe is a gn that a little boy or girl lives ere. St. Nicholas scatters tays at candy, from the sack on his oulder, over the floor, and then ies on to the next house.



as their Santa Claus is

This is how Santa Claus is picred by American children. In her lands it is Santa's "brother" "wife" who brings gifts to derating children.

illed, to come on Christmas Eve hose who have misbehaved are ightened. For with Le Pere Noe avels Father Whipper, who has long gray beard and a frown ather Whipper follows Le Peroel down every chimney an aves ar switch for each child who is disoboyed during the year.

#### Santa's Brother Helps

Santa Claus sends his twin broer to Sweden and Norway, Faer Christmas, as the brother is alled, looks very much like Santa e doesn't leave any gifts until e children have sung their hristmas carols for him.

Over in Denmark little gnomes ing the Christmas presents to e children They wear small red ats which make them invisible in bouse. The children leave bowls trice in the stables, which the nomes ore expected to eat, if we are hungry

Santa's wife fills the stockings Italy. An old legend explains by Befana, a witch-like woman, omes instead of Santa Claus. It seems that on the night the tree Wise Men started to search or the manger where the Christ hild lay, they passed the house here Befana lived.

the manger where the Christ lide lay, they passed the house ere Befana lived.

"Come with us to seek the rist Child," they said.

Befana shook her head. "I re to sweep my house," she ansered. And so, as a punishment, e must spend all her life sweep-k, except the night before aristmas when she stops long ough to deliver gifts to Italian lidren.

#### Kris Kringle in Germ

In Germany Kris Kringle mere looks down the chimney, lo less the wooden shoes that ariting to the filled and lets the start drop down into them.

e windows in Ireland and the ors are left open, for children lieve that perhaps the Christ lild, searching for shelter, may me to their housses. There is allys food on the table for him. and Claus also comes to Ireland in ricks for stockings.

in Poland, it is believed that at e hour of Christs's birth all the imals ar granted the power to k as human beings. All presents r Polish children are left at ir churches.

the Kolyada, a girl dressed in tite, who has always driven her d from house to house on distinas Eve in Russia, is bandow, the new government has ided that Santa Claus and fittinas trees, too, must stay out the country.

#### In Other Lands

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Hingary, and shoes are left or doorsteps. If a child has been d he finds sugar in his, but it has been bad, he will find thes.

as oeen bad, he will nuckets.

Likulas, who travels thrue tenis, is accompanied by an eland and add advil. The devil knows naughty children and urges is Mikulas to give them the story of the story of

## mas morning. While they are gone Santa Claus stops long enough to

Santa Claus stops long enough to leave his toys and let the reindeer eat the food.

In England Father Christman

Santa Claus has many names and many helpers, but no matter who comes on the gift-bringing mission the same joyful spirit is

Guaranteed pure ribbon cane syrup, honestly made and labelled is on sale by the Houston County Syrup Growers Association com posed of 70 farmers. The Associ atoin was organized with the aid of the county agent to furnish additional farm income.

#### eep Our Heads

The so-called "power issue" ha furnished the excuse for an im mense amount of cheap politica ballyhoo.

We hear, on the one hand, that the power industry is an iniquitous octopus, devouring an excessive share of the citizen's income and thrusting its tentacles into every phase of his life. On the other hand, we sometimes hear that the power industry is a sub-

tween these two extremes. Ther are undoubtedly flaws in the im mense structure of the power in dustry—exactly as there are flaw in every human activity, Perfection is not of this world. It made that individual power companies have, in certain instances taken steps that are unethical an opposed to the public interest. Shave individuals elected to public office. But there is no more reaso for denouncing the entire industrand branding it as corrupt, tha for denouncing all governments.

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industry, in the brief span of itexistence, has made a most re markable record in improving and broadening its service to custom cers, and at the same time constantly lowering the cost of that service. Perhaps no other industry has ever made so outstanding a record for the benefit of man kind. And in the fact of that, it improbable that malicious and selserving criticism—something distinct from honest criticism that may be deserved—will sway is public which is worrying far morabout its tax bill than about it power bill.

The cost of producing one bushel of corn by Wharton county. H club members this year is reported to be 21.8 cents. Land rental was figured at \$5 per acre hand labor at 20 cents per hou and horse labor at 10 cents per hours.

# y opposed to the public interest. So have individuals elected to public office. But there is no more reason and for denouncing the entire industry and branding it as corrupt, than and horse labor at for denouncing all governmental hours. We Mean it When We Say

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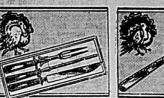
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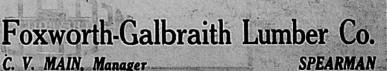
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Now comes the napty season of the year when we extend to everyone of our good friends and customers a Merry Christmas. We are mindful of the pleasant associations of the past year—we are mindful of the husiness and patronage you have accorded us—and we thank you with every sincerity.

When comes the New Year our best wishes go with you for good health, happiness and prosperity. We shall have no greater aim than that we might be permitted to serve you satisfactorily.

SECTION SECTIO







Not a creature was stirring, Not even a mouse,

The stockings were hung by the Chimney with care In hopes that Saint Nicholas Would soon be there,

In hopes that Saint Nienoias Would soon be there.

As the bright lights shine in colors of green and red and thousands of candles sparkle on green trees, and the bells of the holidays peal out, countless little hearts will again beat faster in anticipation of another Christmas Santa Claus, the good giver of gifts will come again to gladden the hearts and spirits of children. And as we are wishing Merry Christmas to everyone let us not forget those little boys and girls who are looking yearningly for Santa Claus, but hopelessly, for many are unfortunate in poverty, believeing that the good giver of gifts has forgotten them.

If it is possible, let us remember these little boys and girls with some little token of Christmas. Let us see that Santa Claus is reminded not to forget them. The sum that we spend on such happiness cannot be computed in Dollars and cents. To make the hearts of little children happy on Christmas time is a spirit of Christianity.

Oh. that Santa Claus will remember every little boy and girl cand that those who are more fortunate than others will see that none of the countless little stockings that will be hung by the chimney with car are left empty.



Genuine gifts are not measured by their monetary value. It is the sincerity of the giver that brings an untold measure of appreciation from the recipient. A "Merry Christmas" spoken with sincerity and with the heart in it is worth for more than sark.

ling gems without the heart's direction.

Often the gift is looked upon with greater favor than the giver. Do not measure your gifts by their commercial cost. Measure them only by the spirit of your benefactor.

A man is poor because he lacks sincerity in the costly gifts he tenders. Another man is rich because his "word gifts" that ring with sincerity, brings happiness to the heart of others.

There is nothing so worthy in this life as sincerity in deeds.

Gifts tendered cheerfully in the true spirit of giving is a blessing in the world. To bestow a gift upon another because you feel it your duty, is a hollow gesture that benefits no one.

Let us this Christmas put our hearts in every gift, whether it be little or big. For such is the true spirit of Christmas.

Just because she likes to can.

Just because she likes to can, Mrs. Paul Braddock, home domonstration club member in Dickens county, puts up food far in excess of her food budget for the family and gives much of the surplus away. She has more than 1000 cans of fruits and vegetables, with meat to be cured makes the family food supply worth \$425 this year.

to the wishes of the political party in power.

"A Department of Education, being a political institution, would not be entirely trustworthy as an agency for research and dissemination of information.

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nation of information.

"The Federal Government
would build up its educational
power at the expense of state autonomy and succed in assuring
political control of the purposes
and processes of public educa-

and processes of public education."

We are sure that the readers
recognize all of the above standardized obj ctions to a Department of Education.

One of the objections frequently reffered to and which does not
appear in the minority report submitted by the minority members
is "the constitutionality of a Department of Education." The fourteen possible canstitutional warrants for Federal participation in
Education described and set out
in the report of the National Advisory Committee, has perhaps
eliminated this as a debatable
question.

The truth is that on the general

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The truth is that on the general question of whether there should be a Department of Education, many members of the committee were a priori opposed to such a department. When they got into the meat of the question, colleginate and university professors and presidents though many of them were, they followed the facts and gave an overyhelming vote for both a "Federal Headquarters of Education" and a Department of Education.

#### Old Hog Curing Methods Imroved on Many Farms

College Station, December 20—Hog killing weather calls attention to the modern killing, cutting and curing methods brought by county agents to Texas farms to give pork products equal in quality to packing house meat. The "Extension Service Way" of handling this meat, as outlined by specialists of the Service at Texas A. and M. College and demonstrated by county agents all over the State differs sharply from the old farm way, Killing is done by sticking to insure a good bleed; the cleaned and dressed carcass is split down the center of the back bone; cutting is entirely different and is delayed until after the car-College Station, December 20-

Department of Education
Although the National Advisory
Committee on Education, consisting for the most part of wellknown educators, has recommended a Department of Education,
many of those previously opposed
to ach a department continue to
ward Men." Christmas, a sacred
day. One of joy and happiness.
The beautiful and reverent
memory of Christ the Saviour whs
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occasion. We would all be good.
No one yearns to do evil.

And at Christmas time we pure
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## First State Bank

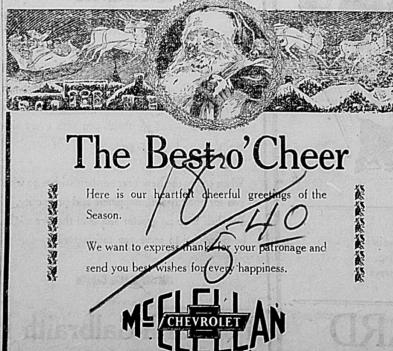
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At this holiday time when home turning hearts are filled with kindness and good fellowship, we renew the joys of old associations and send you our greetings and good wishes

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We hope that your ever wish for peace, prosperity and good health shall be accorded this Christmas and when you face the New Year, it will be bright

for you and that it will have many good things in store for you.

We want you to know that we are thinking of you at this time of the year and that we are mindful of every favor. In the future, with the dawning of a new year, we pledge the most of our hearts and hands in rendering you the best of service and in continuing our policy of business dealings that stands for fair treatment to everyone.

Look Up-Be of Good Cheer-May this be the Best of all Christmases you have ever had!

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