



**LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS**



Milligan, Texas.  
Dec. 17, 1936.  
Dear Santa,  
I go to school and am in the first grade.  
Please bring me a red wagon that will hold water. I want a pair of skates and a watch.  
Your little friend,  
John William Brannon

Dear Santa Clause:  
I am a little girl with brown hair, blue eyes, fair complexion. So I know when you see me you will know who I am. So I am not asking for very much this Xmas.  
The main thing I want is a baby doll, bath robe, dishes, sparklers, fruits, nuts and candy, so my tree is where you can find it.  
Looking for you soon,  
Little Sedonia Simmons

Milligan, Texas.  
Dec. 17, 1936.  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like a big doll with brown eyes and brown hair and some clothes, a real watch, and a weekend bag.  
With love,  
Elizabeth Eeds

Milligan, Texas.  
Dec. 17, 1936.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a B. B. gun, and a pair of skates. I want some oranges and candy.  
Please visit all the little boys and girls everywhere.  
Your little son,  
Jack Howard, Jr.

Dear Santa Claus,  
Please bring me a ball and some jacks, also a doll with sleepy eyes.  
Please bring me a Mickey Mouse book and of course candy, nuts and oranges.  
With love,  
Geraldine Curry

Santa Anna, Texas.  
Dec. 16, 1936.  
Dear Santa Clause:  
I am a little boy three years old. Please bring me a little train on a track, drum, a doll that cries, dominoes, marbles, fruit, nuts and candy.  
Don't forget all the little boys and girls.  
Your little friend,  
James Gale Smith

Milligan, Texas.  
Dec. 17, 1936.  
Dear Santa,  
I am 11 years old and in the seventh grade. I like to go to school very much.  
And Santa, I wish you would bring me a knife and a watch. And please don't forget other children that are poor or those that are not poor either.  
I am in a play with some other children at our Christmas tree Wednesday night and I sure wish you would come.  
With love,  
Robert Dunn

Brookesmith, Texas.  
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Dec. 14, 1936.  
Dear Santa,  
I am a little girl three years old. I have been a good girl so please do not disappoint me. I want a pair of little white boots, a teddy bear, a baby doll that cries, some fruit, candy, and nuts. Please Santa, be nice to mother and daddy. Also bring Modell and Chesby something nice. Thank you.  
Your friend,  
Wanda Lou Stearns

Milligan, Texas.  
Dec. 17, 1936.  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I am 8 years old. I want you to come to see me and the other little boys and girls too.  
When you come I want you to bring me a knife and a saw.  
Your son,  
J. B. Dunn.

Milligan, Texas.  
Dec. 17, 1936.  
Dear Santa,  
I am 12 years old and in the third grade.  
Please bring me a watch and a pair of skates and also nuts, candy and oranges.  
With love,  
O. C. Yancy

Milligan, Texas.  
Dec. 17, 1936.  
Dear Santa,  
I am 7 years old and in the third grade.  
Please bring me a watch and a pair of skates and also nuts, candy and oranges.  
With love,  
O. C. Yancy

Santa Anna, Texas.  
December 21, 1936  
Dear Santa Claus,  
We want a doll with a blue dress trimmed in white fur, a sailing ship, a croquet set and a pair of house shoes.  
Thank you for the things you brought us last year.  
With love,  
Beth and Joyce Lock  
P. S. We may go to Nacogdoches. If we do please bring our things up there.

Dear Santa Clause:  
I am a little boy seven years old, and I go to Rockwood school and love my teacher very much.  
Santa, I have been a pretty good boy this year. Please bring me a basket ball with baskets, a Buck Jones air gun, with plenty of shots, story book, some good game.  
Fireworks, fruits, nuts, anything else, Santa, you want to bring me.  
Your friend,  
Howard Lee Lovelady

Milligan, Texas.  
Dec. 17, 1936.  
Dear Santa,  
I like to go to school. I want you to come to our Christmas tree. But of course you cannot visit every one.  
Santa, I want a little doll I can make clothes for. And of course some nuts, candy and oranges.  
With love,  
Mildred Yancy

Milligan, Texas.  
Dec. 17, 1936.  
Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a doll with sleepy eyes and will cry. Please bring me a little machine.  
With love,  
Pattie Joe Howard

Milligan, Texas.  
Dec. 17, 1936.  
Dear Santa,  
I like to go to school. Please bring me a ball and jacks, a celluloid doll and oranges.  
With love,  
Faye Louise Curry

Milligan, Texas.  
Dec. 17, 1936.  
Dear Santa,  
I am seven years old and in the third grade.  
Please bring me a watch and a pair of skates and also nuts, candy and oranges.  
With love,  
O. C. Yancy

**The Capital Onlooker**

By Charles E. Simons  
Austin, Texas, Dec. 22.—An appeal to civic minded citizens to aid in protecting trees, shrubs and plants along the highways from destruction by persons seeking holiday decorations has been made by Jac L. Gubbels, landscape engineer for the Texas Highway Department. Depredations along the highways have increased at an alarming rate with the approach of the Yule season and threaten to reach serious proportions unless checked, Gubbels said.

Much of the trouble is being experienced with commercial dealers in holiday decorations who are violating highway rights-of-way and adjacent land and denuding it of the best plants. They have an especial fondness for the shrubs bearing the bright red berries that have been planted in profusion along many of the state's most beautiful roads.

"Texas has the best stand of red berries in the South this year and they add much to the beauty of our highways," Gubbels said. "It is a shame that certain persons will strip berries from the trees when a slightly appearance will mean so much to the thousands of travelers that will use the roads during the holiday season. Persons from out of the state viewing our beautiful highway shrubs comment extensively on our attempts to make the highways attractive. They will have a bad opinion of the citizens of the state if they observe these depredations."

"It takes years of effort to bring trees and shrubs to a state of beauty and all this is lost in a few minutes through an ax wielded by someone seeking an easy source of holiday decorations. It is a shame to ruin a countryside to provide for city homes holiday decorations that will be thrown into the alley the week after Christmas when the greenery can be obtained legally and without injury to any one."

"Engineering, Education, Enforcement."  
The three "E's" were advanced by Gibb Gilchrist, Texas Highway Engineer, as the best yet devised for improving the accident record on the nation's highways in his address as the retiring president of the American Association of State Highway officials at San Francisco. "We are too prone to say that accidents are 'unavoidable,' Mr. Gilchrist said. "We are too ready to bury the victim and sympathize with the cause. The highway accident record can, and must, be reduced. The road designer should remember that the finished product should be of such quality that the sane, sober and alert driver could travel any highway with reasonable safety, barring defects in his own equipment. The designer should remember that mental hazards are, in fact, real."

"Speed is with us to stay. It is absolutely essential that steps

be taken to remove the hazards for the sane, sensible driver and to educate, control or punish the others."

Mr. Gilchrist criticized encroachment of haphazard outdoor advertising adjacent to the highway right-of-way. He recommended that uniform plans be adopted by the states to control outdoor advertising to keep it from marring the natural beauty of the scenery adjacent to the highways.

"Outdoor advertising may be put in two classes, one being where a sincere attempt has been made to improve the sightliness of the signs; the other where small boards or metal signs are tacked indiscriminately to fences, barns and trees with no attempt at symmetry. Outdoor advertising can be done in a manner that would improve the roadsides but, as far as I know, it has never been attempted."

A recent report of the National Emergency Council shows conclusively the need for continued and accelerated construction of highways despite heavy expenditures the past few years by federal, state and local units of government.

"The Department of Agriculture reports that the improvement of rural roads is scarcely beyond the pioneer stage, that main roads have been, for the most part, initially improved but that much remains to be done to bring the highways to a state of safety," the report stated. "The Department further reports that improved roads constituted less than one-third of the country's total mileage, and that the remaining two-thirds, including a large mileage of vitally useful secondary roads, are either wholly unimproved or without surfacing."

"Beyond question, therefore, the Department reports, the work of highway improvement must be continued indefinitely and at a faster pace. As the demands of traffic have become more exacting there has been a steady trend toward substituting state and national control for local control and this trend, the Department says, must inevitably continue, the federal government taking an increasing part."

This, we are assured, is the stream-lined age. Well, at 45, ours isn't.

**Here Is Our Christmas Message To You**

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We hope that the good day of Christmas 1936 will find you enjoying health, happiness and peace. We hope it will bounteously bring to you the fullest satisfaction of any Christmas you have ever experienced.

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**D. R. HILL & BRO.**

**WE'RE LETTING THE CAT OUT OF THE BAG!**

No use trying to keep it a secret any longer — it's CHRISTMAS! And we can't let it go by without taking this means of giving you our Christmas greeting. We hope the good old day brings you everything you've hoped for and that the memory of a perfect day will remain in your heart through every moment of the New Year.

Ragsdale Serv. Sta. — Sinclair Serv. Sta.

**W. W. RAGSDALE**

**The Best Things Of Christmas Are Free!**

THE CHEERY GREETING . . . THE NEIGHBORLY HANDCLASP . . . THE SMILING FACES OF LOVED ONES . . . THE FRIENDLINESS . . . THE COMRADESHIP.

In this spirit we greet you at this glad-some season, and express the hope that Christmas will extend in memory all through the days of the New Year.

**STAFFORD BAXTER**

Agent Magnolia Petroleum Co.

Santa Anna Telephones 76 & 173

**"Seasons Greetings"**

Christmas 1936

Dear Friends:

As we look back over the year 1936 we are moved to a deeper, more sincere appreciation of our friends.

Each year we realize more fully that our friendships are what make life worth living and we, therefore, like to feel that there is a spirit of friendship underlying our business relations with our customers. Our daily experiences confirm this feeling.

We manifest our appreciation of our loved ones by tokens of remembrances at Christmas time. We manifest our appreciation of our friends by a word of friendly greeting, and so at this Holiday time we want to extend to you our sincere good wishes as an expression of our genuine appreciation of your friendship.

May the Christmas of 1936 be your merriest and the year 1937 your most prosperous.

Cordially yours,

**W. R. Kelley & Co.**  
Santa Anna, Texas

**Ring Up The Curtain**

**1937 Has a Brand New Assortment of Opportunities To Show**

As we extend you our cordial greetings of the season and our best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year, it is well to review the disappointments of the past, and appraise the possibilities of the future.

As 1937 comes upon the stage of Time, we can all look forward to increasing opportunities for the exercise of our best efforts, with the reasonable expectation of success.

Because you have been good to us, we hope in all sincerity that the New Year will be good to you and that as the days go by you will be increasingly enriched with all the best things of Life.

**Leeper-Curd Lumber Company**  
(THE PIONEERS)

Research Aids  
Rose Industry

Studies of rose diseases by specialists of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station covering the last three seasons have developed information concerning five of the important diseases attacking the rose plants of Texas. At least partial control has been worked out for die-back, and for black-spot, which is the principal trouble.

The die-back attacking Texas roses, is a disease of the rose plant peculiar to southern conditions and station workers have found that it is caused by a fungus belonging to the genus diploida. This type of die-back is different from the type studied and described by the workers in other stations according to Dr. J. J. Taubenhaus, who has general supervision of the special studies of rose diseases now under way in Texas. It has not been determined yet whether the diploida causing the die-back in roses is the same as those species known to attack cotton, sweet potatoes, peanuts, watermelons, and citrus fruits. The most effective control for die-back is to prune off the flowers soon after fully opening, since infection apparently occurs only through open flowers.

Field control of the black-spot disease has been secured by the use of different coppers and sulphurs but the time of application has been found to be very important. Whereas the dusting was formerly done only in the spring, the recent results indicate that dusting should be done in September and October, as well as in the spring.

An interesting result in the work with chlorosis is that acidifying the soil in the usual manner has failed in many instances to control the chlorotic condition of rose plants and the workers are seeking the cause.

G. T. Boyd, plant pathologist engaged in the laboratory studies of rose diseases, and J. C. Ratsek, assigned to the study of the horticultural problems incident to rose growing, are in constant contact not only with the rose gardens at the station and in various sections of the state but with the rose growers in the vicinity of Tyler where the most extensive rose production in the south for both plants and blossoms is under way. They have found die-back, can-

ker disease, phymatotricum root rot, armillaria root rot, and black-spot, as well as a number of other diseases which ordinarily are of little importance, but which may cause some danger at certain seasons. Among these are mosaic and various foliage diseases other than black-spot and which are induced by various fungi. There are numerous non-pathogenic ailments brought about by improper soil conditions, and all of these are being studied to find practicable means with which rose growers may combat them.

Texas nursery-grown rose plants intended for the general market are harvested during the late fall and shipped to eastern markets where they are placed in storage during the winter months. Some of these shipments have come from storage in poor condition favoring various decays. In order to improve the keeping quality of rose plants during winter storage, an extensive study is being made of an artificial means for the defoliation of the plants so that the shipments may leave the nurseries in a forced dormant condition free from foliage. This would minimize the possibility of plants heating in transit and in storage.

Considering that perhaps 90 percent of the diseases of rose plants are induced by microorganisms, the life history of each pathogenic organism has been placed under close study to find any vulnerable point of attack that may lead to practical methods of control. Such a study naturally involves a study of other hosts than roses that may figure in the life history of the organism that attacks the roses. Incidentally the dusts and sprays that have been found valuable in the control of diseases are often ineffective because of inadequate application and station studies include not only the problems of a better spread of the sprays and dusts, but a careful study of the times when the disease organisms are more vulnerable to these treatments.

With many diseases, a short cut to control may sometimes be secured by the development of resistant strains of varieties and in the horticultural phases of the experiments the development of resistant strains is being given attention as well as problems of production and breeding of new types and varieties.

The rose industry in Texas

has only in recent years assumed economic importance. The industry has had extensive spread, particularly in the vicinity of Tyler, but still may be considered in its infancy as regards the adequate supply of potential markets. These are among the influences that moved the Legislature to provide financial assistance for special studies of the problems confronting this thriving new industry.

(Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, College Station, Texas.)

BUSINESS SURVEY SHOWS  
IMPROVEMENT OVER 1935

Business moved forward on all fronts to establish widespread gains over the corresponding period of last year, according to early December reports to the Department of Commerce from key cities throughout the country. Retail sales were stimulated by a growing holiday demand which, in many instances, ran to such lengths that difficulty was beginning to be experienced in securing delivery of merchandise. Wholesale lines were stimulated by the same influences and the outlook continued to give credence to predictions that the 1936 Christmas season will run close to that of 1929 in retail and wholesale turnover.

In addition to a somewhat exuberant merchandising outlook there were reports of continued gains in industry. For example, Pittsburgh reported that the national steel operating rate of 76 will in all likelihood be exceeded later this month. Mill schedules, it was said, are virtually filled for the balance of the year with indicated overflow into January, making December 1936 a month reminiscent of 1920 and 1929. New York reported much additional buying in the railroad equipment field. Manufacturing and merchandising concerns also are showing constantly increasing interests in the modernization of plants and sales rooms, New York stated.

The arrival of cold weather brought a rush of Southern tourist trade such as had not been witnessed in some time. Tourist registrations at the Miami, Florida, Chamber of Commerce for participation in activities in the Civic Center were five times larger than at this time a year ago, it was said. Reports of building permits issued in November showed heavy

increases over last year in many large cities.

LLANO RANCHER  
KILLS MESQUITE TREES;  
GRASS FLOURISHES

Llano News: If the prediction of Agricultural Agent D. D. Steele of Llano comes true, to the effect that the Government some day will pay farmers and ranchers for the saving to their land from disposing of mesquite trees and other undesirable timber, Edwin Bauer of Llano county will be the lead-off man in this section.

Bauer, who has a small place on Hickory Creek, nine miles west of the town of Llano, killed out his mesquite on 250 acres during the summer and already the grass around these trees is fully six inches high, whereas there was no grass for 10 feet around the trees before they were killed. Because of results already seen, Bauer plans to kill every mesquite he owns.

He estimates his land will be increased \$5 per acre in value when all mesquites are killed on his 500 acres, and states that he can run 10 more cows and calves now than he could last winter, without hurting his land.

This type of soil conservation by eradication of timber which has a bad effect upon grazing land and saps substance from acorn and nutbearing trees is attracting the attention of other ranchers. Many have investigated Bauer's methods and have signified their intention of instituting a like program.

This native timber is valuable only in years of extreme drouth, for it is then that mesquite trees are most prolific. The beans serve as an excellent horse, cow and hog food and the leaves form an edible diet both green and dry. In some places this timber is used for wood, but in this section different types of oak are preferred. Due to the rapid mesquite growth in the last decade, what formerly was open grazing land is now heavily wooded with mesquites and finger pears.

Bauer, who has jumped the gun on the eradication of these soil enemies, uses a very simple method—a paint brush and a bucket of kerosene. The bark around the tree just above the ground is wet thoroughly and the trees soon shed their leaves and die. In only a short time the effect can be noticed.

ALPINE: Shely Brothers recently topped 400 ewes out of a flock of 2,500 and purchased 15 heavy shearing polled Rambouillet rams to round out a breeding program on their range. Records will be kept on the shearing of the lambs from this flock as compared with their regular flock, according to Ernest Gibbons, agricultural agent of Brewster, Jeff Davis and Presidio counties.

TIMSON: Through the efforts of the County Conservation Committee, farmers of Shelby county pooled their orders for 11,000 pounds of yellow blooming sweet clover seed which they will plant on idle crop land to control soil erosion and improve the fertility of the soil, according to J. O. Moosberg, county agricultural agent.

Replies to questionnaires sent by the Texas Planning Board to users of wool outside the New England and Philadelphia areas developed the fact that these mills desired Texas scoured wool.

A bill proposing the creation of auxiliary forests, thus assuring Texas of an ample supply of wood in the years to come, has been drafted by the Texas Planning Board's Forestry Committee.

To All Our Friends—  
A Merry Christmas!  
You have given us pleasure by letting us serve you, and at this season we derive added pleasure from wishing you a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a NEW YEAR full of HAPPINESS!  
Niell Service Station  
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SEASON'S  
GREETINGS  
TO YOU!  
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Your Treatment of our business has been royal and we hope that Christmas crowns each and every one of you as kings and queens of joy and Happiness!  
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LEWIS  
Barber Shop

Our Books For 1936  
Won't Balance —  
—Until we make acknowledgement of your friendship and support during the year now closing, and take this means of expressing the hope that the New Year will bring you unlimited success and happiness.  
W. A. STANDLY  
Blacksmith — Welding

1936  
MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
TO YOU!

WE HAVE A  
DOUBLE

1937  
AND A  
HAPPY  
NEW YEAR!

GREETING FOR YOU!

As Time rolls along and the seasons come and go, as the Spring changes into Summer and the Summer into Fall and the Fall into Winter, there approaches the gladdest season of all. Christmastide, the time of peace on earth and good will toward men when workaday plans and works are laid away for the finer and softer sentiments of the heart.

Now at this season of Christmas, we wish you to accept our sincere and heartfelt greetings and our genuine hope that the New Year will bring you a brimming measure of new and greater health, happiness and material prosperity.

Coleman Gas and Oil Co.

Telephone 88

Santa Anna

**Santa Anna News**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1936

J. J. Gregg, Editor & Publisher.

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**MRS. J. R. GIPSON HONORS BRIDE-ELECT WITH SHOWER**

Monday afternoon Mrs. J. R. Gipson entertained at her beautiful home with a miscellaneous shower for Miss Hettie Fae Todd, bride-elect of Mr. Roger George of near Buffalo, and teacher in the Valera public schools.

As the guests arrived they were greeted by the hostess and asked to register in the beautiful hand painted brides book, which was made by Mrs. Neal Oakes. Guests were asked into the reception room where Christmas decorations were profuse. A white Christmas was depicted by the white tree and the similar decorations.

Several appropriate games were played, among them being a contest to see which could unscramble the words written on pieces of paper given to each guest. The words proved to be Todd - George when unscrambled. Next words had to be made out of a list of scrambled letters that were articles used in a school room, since school teaching is the occupation of both the bride and groom elect.

After the games, Mrs. L. O. Garrett announced that a telegram had arrived for Miss Todd and proceeded to read it. It was a telegram from Santa Claus telling Miss Todd he had left a big red box of gifts for her under the Christmas tree. After the many lovely and useful gifts were opened and admired, the honoree graciously expressed her appreciation. Many who were not able to attend the shower sent gifts.

Refreshment plates of angel pudding, fruit cake and hot tea were served to the ladies present.

The bee is an ignoramus. It doesn't know that if it didn't lay up store for winter the Government would take care of him.

Merry Christmas!

**MISS PINNEY AND MRS. OAKES HONOR MISS TODD WITH SHOWER SATURDAY**

The approaching marriage of Miss Hettie Fae Todd of this city to Mr. Roger George of near Bangs was revealed Saturday afternoon at a miscellaneous shower given in her honor, at the home of Mrs. Kathryn Rose Pinney and Mrs. Neal Oakes as hostesses.

The lovely reception rooms were decorated with beautiful yellow and white chrysanthemums. Upon arrival, the guests registered in a hand painted brides book. Four tables of bridge were played with Miss Olene George, of Bangs, sister to the groom-elect, taking high score.

The many lovely gifts were placed on the Christmas tree on the dining table and on the table around the tree. A lace cloth covered the table. The honoree expressed her thanks for the lovely gifts after opening the many packages.

Refreshments carried out Miss Todd's chosen colors of pink, white and blue. Hot tea, wafers, and cookies, with plate favors of marshmallows with life saver handles, and tiny blue candles in the marshmallows, were served to the guests.

Those present for this occasion were Misses Jewel Smith, Lois Moore, Mattie Ella McCreary, Lula Jo Harvey, Olene George of Bangs, Era Hill, Alene Harper, Fay and Gay Coursey of Valera, and Mesdames George of Bangs, R. L. Todd, Tommy Starnes of Coleman, J. Everett Kirkpatrick, and Aubrey Childers, the honoree, Miss Todd, and the hostesses, Miss Pinney and Mrs. Oakes.

**MISS BAXTER ENTERTAINS HEALTH CLASS FRIDAY**

One of the prettiest parties, as well as being instructive, entertaining and jolly, was that given by Miss Josie Baxter Friday afternoon honoring members of her Health Culture Class.

A holiday theme was emphasized in the decorations. A beautifully decorated Christmas tree stood in the center of the room. Vases of poinsettias and roses adorned the mantel.

All the guests engaged in amusing games that were educational and interesting, so that not a dull moment crept in.

First and second prizes went to Mrs. Roy Stockard and Mrs. John Oakes respectively in a ten minute contest, enumerating benefits derived from attendance at the Health Culture Classes. A few of the benefits enumerated are as follows: how to prepare foods, how to combine foods, how to keep off the "middle age" spread, how to keep young, what food elements are most essential, how and what to eat, how to care for my teeth, how to understand my family and myself, how certain foods effect the morals, why certain combinations of food should be avoided, how to economize, how to ward off disease, the value of fresh air, the value of cheerfulness rather than depressed outlook, that sunshine is food, how to prepare foods properly, the value of proper mental attitude, the value of play and many other essentials that are being taught, were mentioned.

After the games, a lovely refreshment plate was served. The color scheme of red, green, white and gold, was carried out in the foods. Plate scrapers, dressed up in bright colors, were used as plate favors. A large group of women were present at this gay party.

**HARPER INCLUDED IN GUEST LIST AT JTAC DANCE**

Stephenville - Among guests at the Christmas dance given by the Les Lunettes at John Tarleton Agricultural College preceding dismissal for the holidays was John D. Harper from Santa Anna.

The Christmas theme was carried out in decorations and refreshments. One wall was decorated with a simulated fireplace, with stockings hanging in front and colorful packages scattered about. Red and green streamers with hanging icicles formed the ceiling decoration.

Ice cream Santa Clauses and angel food cake with green icing were served to about 100 guests.

**TEN STATES USE "TAXPAYER BLUE" FOR 1937 MOTOR LICENSE PLATES**

Ten states will feature "taxpayer blue" in the color schemes of the 1937 automobile license plates.

Other colors will include Erh green, Moscow red, and oriental yellow. Silver and gold have increased in popularity, the American Automobile Association reports.

Completely new color combinations will be used by 31 states. Two states will make no change, while 15 states and the District of Columbia will reverse the 1936 color combinations.

Most of the states using "taxpayer blue" have high gasoline sales tax rates. One state has a 6c tax, three states have a 5c tax, four a 4c tax, and two a 3c tax.

Following are the 1937 license plate colors:

Alabama, purple on white; Arizona, black on copper; Arkansas, black on white; California, orange on black; Colorado, black on silver; Connecticut, black on aluminum; Delaware, colonial blue on old gold; District of Columbia, chrome yellow on black; Florida, white on emerald green; Georgia, dark blue on orange.

Idaho, black on silver; Illinois, black on canary yellow; Indiana, old gold on black; Iowa, white on dark blue; Kansas, lemon yellow on black; Kentucky, blue on white; Louisiana, gold on maroon; Maine, white on green; Maryland, black on white.

Michigan, yellow on deep blue; Massachusetts, white on green; Minnesota, black on aluminum; Mississippi, white on green; Missouri, white on black; Montana, black on green; Nebraska, black on gray; Nevada, blue on silver; New Hampshire, green on white; New Jersey, green on black; New Mexico, navajo red on turquoise blue.

New York, black on orange; North Carolina, gold on black; North Dakota, green on white; Ohio, maroon on white; Oklahoma, yellow on black; Oregon, white on black; Pennsylvania, golden yellow on ultramarine blue; Rhode Island, black on white; South Carolina, black on white; South Dakota, maroon on white.

Tennessee, maroon on ivory; Texas, ivory on black; Utah, white on black; Vermont, white on dark blue; Virginia, white on black; Washington, white on blue; West Virginia, national yellow on black; Wisconsin, white on royal blue; Wyoming, gold, on brown.

Jesse Brown and John David Harper, students in John Tarleton College at Stephenville, have arrived home to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, of the Leedy community and Mrs. Pauline Harper.

Happy New Year!

G. T. Colgrove of Skelly town in Carson county harvested his second crop from terraced land in October. Colgrove, who is a real terracing enthusiast, was one of the first men to do any terracing in Carson county. He began with 80 acres in the fall of 1934 and is terracing the remainder as rapidly as possible. M. F. Leaming, Carson county agricultural agent, reports that Mr. Colgrove keeps good records on his farm operations and can convince anyone that terracing on the plains is a paying proposition.

A 65 acre field of cowpeas was grown in 1936 as a soil conserving crop by W. B. Atkinson a tenant farmer in Coleman county. The peas made a mass of vines two feet deep and produced a good crop of peas which Mr. Atkinson harvested by turning in his 200 turkeys. The vines were then turned under as a soil builder. There are 1,500 Coleman county farmers who

are cooperating in the agricultural conservation program by planting crops which enrich the soil and check erosion and by terracing and contouring their fields and pastures. This work is being done under the supervision of county agricultural agent, C. V. Robinson.

In 1930 forty farms, a total of 3,200 acres were terraced; in 1931 sixty seven farms of 4,000 acres; in 1932 sixty nine farms of 3,700 acres, and so on. As an indication of the increased interest there are now at least ten levels owned by farmers who are fully qualified to run terrace lines.

SIERRA BLANCA: Three Hudspeth county families refinished furniture in their homes during October, according to Miss Gladys Young, home demonstration agent. The old paint and varnish were removed, the wood sandpapered, and the articles refinished and waxed.

A total of 11 dining chairs, 2 dining tables, 1 wicker set consisting of rocker, settee, and straight chair, 3 sideboards, 2 bookcases, 1 sewing machine and a number of other articles were also treated.

BALLINGER: Native plants such as cut leaf sumac, prickly ash and redbud have been recently set out by Mrs. Lester Bryson of Runnels county as a screen planting for her wash place, according to Miss Myra Tankersley, county home demonstration agent.

As a part of her yard improvement plan, the wash place was first moved to a more convenient location. Mrs. Bryson has also put out 53 shrubs in her yard which have been grown from cuttings.

Hubert Smith, worker in the CCC camp at McGregor, is at home for the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Turner Smith.

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Come in and ask about  
**DOCTOR LUGATE'S PRESCRIPTION**

A physician's treatment for bronchial asthma and hay fever symptoms that has brought relief to thousands. Now sold under a money back guarantee by

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL**  
**LOOKING BACKWARD AND LOOKING FORWARD**

As we look back upon 1936, we are thankful for your consideration during the year and wish to express our gratitude.

Looking forward into the days of the New Year, we see evidence that good efforts will be worthily rewarded, that progress and prosperity will make this land and this community its abiding place. Full steam ahead - with confidence, courage and co-operation.

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**PEACE AND GOOD WILL BE WITH YOU!**

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**IF WISHES HAD WINGS---**

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Our Christmas Wish for You is neither new nor unusual, but it is packed with friendly sincerity

We hope you will be visited by dreams that come true and by hopes that have a rich fulfillment.

And when the New Year comes sailing over the horizon of time, we hope that it brings you twelve months of undiluted achievement of your finest plans.

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Santa Anna

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**The Alpha and Omega Of Our Christmas Wish: Happiness Peace and Good Will To You!**

At this holiday season we wish to extend to you our cordial and sincere wishes for a most Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with the fulfillment of your plans for the future.

We realize that our business could never have even the slightest degree of success without the loyal patronage of you who have been our friends, and in gratitude we wish to thank you.

**Santa Anna Ice and Cold Storage**

**BARSTOW:** An old feather bed was utilized by Mrs. A. F. Johnson, cooperator of the Royal Home demonstration club, to make feather comforts, according to Miss Mary Jo Welgers, home demonstration agent of Ward county. Mrs. Johnson used feather proof material on which she stitched the design with a small opening in each part of the design. She then completed the border and the cord, cleaned and sunned the feathers, and blew them into the comforts with a vacuum cleaner.

Such a comfort, while very light, will take the place of several cotton quilts, Mrs. Johnson says.

**The Light of the Star**

Dear Friend:  
Well, here we are... bargain hunting again.  
It's that Season when good "horse traders" make a clean up swapping Christmas presents.

The candles are gleaming, the bells are jangling, and the turkeys are dying. Everything seems set for the celebration except my pocket-book. Even if money talks it has laryngitis and you can't hear it whisper. The only thing I have to offer you is a rose of friendship grown in the garden of my heart.



Christmas brings memories that never fade and cigarette-lighters that never light. It darkens poor quarters with disappointment and brightens big boudoirs with flaming pajamas. There are fox-fur dreams that end in rabbit skin realities, and silverware longings that weep their little eyes out over a set of iron-handle forks. We can't all get Russian sables in a world choked full of rayon bloomers nor fancy smoking sets from loved ones who only have the price of a cob pipe.

But we can all add to the glow of the day with a deed of kindness. We can make the Angels sing for someone where the night is dark.

There is no greater privilege and may it be yours. May the smiles of those you cheer bring to you from each happy face a beam of the light of the Bethlehem Star.

—AUSTIN CALLAN.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to express our thanks and gratitude to the neighbors and friends for their kindness and sympathy during the illness, death and burial of our companion and father, R. L. Hamiter. May God's richest blessing rest upon you is our prayer.

Mrs. R. L. Hamiter and children.

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**WORK RELIEF DEFECTS**  
By ELLIOT JONES  
Professor of Transportation and Public Utilities, Stanford U.

A Commission on Unemployment, appointed by Governor Lehman of New York, has recently issued a report embodying the results of its careful study of the problem of work relief. The Commission, which had the benefit of a mass of data collected by a research staff, reached the conclusion, by a vote of twenty-six to five, that work relief should not be adopted as a permanent method of meeting the problem of large scale unemployment.

The commissioners were not unmindful of the advantages of work relief. They pointed out that work relief tends to maintain the self-respect of the participants; it particularly avoids the stigma of charity commonly attached to home relief; it leads to the construction of valuable projects; it preserves, in part, the skills and work habits of those on relief, and sometimes creates new skills; it provides the participants a greater income than they would receive under home relief, since the public is disposed to render more assistance to those on work relief than to those on home relief; and it gives the recipients greater opportunity to manage their own affairs than they have under home relief (when relief is given in purchase orders).

Notwithstanding these advantages the commissioners opposed work relief as a permanent policy. They list its disadvantages, substantially as follows:

- It costs more than home relief.
- It is less efficient, as a means of performing work, than are the usual processes.
- If conducted on a large enough scale to take care of those in need, and if centered on projects of economic value, it is competitive with private enterprise.
- It is difficult to find sufficient suitable construction projects without resort to substantial improvements using a relatively large amount of materials, and this adds to the costs.

It falls to provide the workers with adequate incentives to exert themselves diligently, for the elements of competition are absent.

There are fewer dismissals or inefficiency than in private enterprise, and fewer opportunities for advancement.

It is subject to the usual evil effects of employment upon the basis of need.

The workers tend to become accustomed to work relief, and thus fail to seek private employment. A tendency has developed to regard work relief as a matter of right and as a continuing job.

Work relief has seriously disturbed the financing of improvements by special assessments upon those benefiting from improvements. Those upon whom the special assessments would fall demand that the improvements be made through work relief.

It is difficult to maintain public control over work relief activities. Some of the customary democratic processes, such as itemized appropriations, by legislative bodies for specified purposes, are inoperative in respect to undertakings carried on under work relief.

Work relief tends to be cumulative and self-perpetuating because it provides a distinct economic advantage to local communities to rely upon it.

Though definitely opposed to work relief, the commissioners were unanimous in the view that its abandonment should be effected gradually.

**MINIMUM WAGE QUACKERY**  
By GUS W. DYER

Professor of Economics and Sociology, Vanderbilt University

Every great science has passed through a long period of quackery. Astronomy emerged from a long period of astrology. The science of medicine has found it a difficult task to shake off the quackery that permeated and dominated it for centuries. Quackery is based on ignor-

ance of natural laws. The quack has no logical, scientific knowledge of the relation of cause and effect. Hence he functions with the boldness characteristic of presumptive ignorance.

Modern business is a highly complex science. That which appears on the surface as simple and plausible is almost always misleading and fundamentally wrong. The quack accepts superficial appearances as complete knowledge, and proceeds to administer dope. He treats symptoms, not causes.

To the man or woman who knows nothing of the laws of business, and has the hallucination that employers arbitrarily fix wages, the minimum wage law is plausible. They learn that large numbers of men are receiving eight, nine and ten dollars a week, and a large number of women and girls are working for seven, eight and nine dollars a week. They are moved with compassion for these low paid workers and such sympathy is highly commendable. Then the minimum wage is proposed as an effective remedy for the untoward condition. The minimum fixed for men is eighteen dollars a week, and the minimum fixed for women and girls is fourteen dollars a week. This means that no employer is allowed to pay men less than eighteen dollars a week nor women and girls less than fourteen dollars a week.

Under such a law simple minded and uninformed people in general and quack reformers in particular see the wages of all the women and girls who were receiving seven, eight and nine dollars a week immediately advanced to fourteen dollars a week and the wages of all men working for less than the minimum advanced to eighteen dollars a week. Such reasoning is so purile and fantastic that it would be laughable were it not vitally connected with a very serious subject.

A minimum wage law doesn't open the door to high wages for those who are receiving low wages; it closes the door of employment altogether to these unfortunate people and denies them the inalienable right to work to sell their services on an open market at the price fixed by the market. The law gives a monopoly wage advantage to the strong and fast and efficient workers at the expense of the weak and slow and inefficient workers.

It would be just as logical to put a minimum price on hogs and potatoes and chickens in order to help that great class of farmers who receive low prices for these commodities on account of inferior quality, as it would to pass a minimum wage law. The effect of such price fixing would be to drive these poor farmers out of the

market and send them into bankruptcy and pauperism. A minimum wage law would have a similar effect.

Andrew Jackson, Abraham Lincoln and a host of other great leaders came from environments below the standards of those whom the reformer would now uplift with a minimum wage. They became the leaders that they were, not because of a paternalistic government-fixed standard of income but rather, we suspect because they were absolutely dependent upon themselves in a tough battle against hard conditions. This is the spirit of independent Americanism! Long may it live!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

The long-awaited day is at hand, and we hope that it contains a multitude of blessings for you, in the form of dreams that have come true, and in quantity of mental serenity and happiness that it brings.

It gives us real pleasure to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Happy New Year.

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**CHRISTMAS!**

The Brightest Star In  
The Galaxy Of Days!

To Youngsters and Oldsters alike Christmas is always the Promised Day, the day when dreams come true.

It's our earnest hope that this Christmas will give you the fulfillment of your dreams, that you will be completely covered with happiness, peace and plenty.

**HARLEE'S COFFEE SHOP**

**Whatever The Coming Year May Bring—**

—and we honestly believe that it will bring more than the ordinary year's share of good things—we want you to know that we have vastly appreciated your good will and patronage during 1936, and give you our cordial thanks.

We cannot but feel that 1937 is a New Year packed with promise and crowded with opportunities for worthwhile achievement.

**TODD'S DAIRY**

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**The Best Yet!**

That's The Kind Of Christmas We Hope You Have

As our greeting let us express the wish that Christmas 1936 will be the sweetest Yuletide that has ever come to you. May you and all those who are dear to you be richly blessed with the season's best, and may the New Year be a period of new and greater happiness.

**Ragsdale's Bakery**

**Let Joy Be Unconfined-- 'Tis Christmas!**

Christmas is here again, the high spot of the whole year, significant of the spirit by which our nation lives.

At this season we bring you our greetings, our sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas for each of you and a New Year that will leave nothing to be desired.

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TEACHERS OF 1926-27

Mr. J. C. Scarborough was the superintendent of Santa Anna High School and is still holding the same position.

Mr. N. H. Gottwald was the principal of the Santa Anna High School, and taught agriculture. He is now superintendent of the Harwood School.

Mr. A. Ben Oliver taught Spanish at the high school. He is now a missionary in Brazil.

Miss Mamie Smith taught home economics in high school. Her whereabouts are not known. Teachers of 1927-28

Mrs. D. L. Pieratt, the only new teacher in 1927, taught mathematics in high school. She is now living in Santa Anna.

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Senior Honor Roll

Carlene Ashmore, Marilyn Baxter, Ruth Conley, Martha Bell Harvey, Raymond Holland, H. W. Kingsbery, Anita Kirkpatrick, Rosalie Niell, Ruby Lee Price, Annette Shield, Doris Spencer, Annie Nickens. —Blondy Sue.

Debaters Enjoy An Evening With Billie Burk Pope

Monday evening the debate club met in the home of Billie Burk Pope. Everyone gave his speech; and after they had been criticized, refreshments were served to Dorothy Sumner, Arabelle Ragsdale, Mary Louise Curry, Carlene Ashmore, Talmage Turner, William Mitchell, H. W. Kingsbery, A. L. McGahey, Mr. Mathews, and the hostess, Billie Burk Pope.

Spanish Club Has Fiesta

Thursday evening, December 17, the local Spanish Club under the direction of Miss Harvey, the Coleman Club under the direction of Mr. Wallace, and the Bangs club under the direction of Miss George, presented an interesting program in the high school auditorium. After the program, the clubs assembled at the W. O. W. Hall. The clubs in turn had their "pinatas" and while one club went to the Service Cafe for chili, the other two devoted themselves to interesting games. Everyone reported a most enjoyable time.

LOCAL CHAPTER OF HOME MAKERS DEBATE

A debate was enjoyed by the members of the Home Makers on Wednesday. The question was: Resolved, that the modern girls are better Home Makers than the old-fashioned girls. Mickie Parker and Willyne Ragsdale upheld the affirmative side while Alice Jane Lovelady and Thelma Dodgen defended the negative. The group decided that the affirmative won, which shows that the modern girl is really worth something.

Basketball Team Organized

The basketball team has been organized and is now ready to get down to real practicing.

Only two lettermen are back on the team, Quinton Hudler and H. L. Lackey. Other members are, O. T. Stacy, Virgil Lancaster, Hilburn Henderson, Rodney Dean, J. S. Brewer, Stuart Williams, Duane Moore, Arnold Richards, and Thomas Wristen.

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A GOOD NOTICE

Anyone found near my house at night will be there the next morning.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT!

Christmas is here! Football season is over. There were quite a few alumni in SAHS Monday and Tuesday.

Carlene got a Christmas present from East Texas Monday. Mr. Prescott won't be with us after Christmas.

The seniors had a party. The Civics grades are out. Ruth Erick won't sit down. A sophomore girl wears Byrl Hunter's class pin.

Ruth Conley makes a good Spaniard. —Dorothy Dix, Jr. S-A-H-S

Freshman Class Entertained

A real Christmas party was enjoyed by the happy members of the freshman class at the home of their sponsor, Miss McCreary, Saturday night from seven to nine thirty. Various games and contests were enjoyed by the group. Then they found a real surprise — Santa had left presents on a lovely tree for each and every one. The group was then served with pop corn balls and apples. —Nelly Jean S-A-H-S

RUMORS

Christmas is almost here again. The Spaniards presented a program Thursday night.

The seniors had a Christmas tree at Miss Harvey's Monday night.

The sophomores had a Christmas tree at the Lovelady home Wednesday night.

—Queen of Hearts S-A-H-S

Dearest Santa,

I am exasperated! This abominable, unmitigated, insatiable "sparking" must be discontinued. Won't you please bring me a curriculum by which I may adequately punish the offenders.

Yours very worriedly, J. C. Scarborough

Dear Santa,

I am a very small boy in the senior class and this year I want a whole car load of writing paper, as the teachers won't allow speaking in school. I want to write to my little girl friend. Be sure to bring her lots of nuts and candy or she will get mine.

Love to you, Quinton Hudler

Annelle: Seems queer to speak of the diamond market.

P. B: Why? Annelle: Sounds like vegetable market.

P. B: How's that? Annelle: Well, you see a lot of carats.

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Billy S: Would you be afraid to hunt grizzly bears with a club?

Marilyn: Not if there were other members in the club.

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Bill: Look at that fellow drive!

Julian: Yeah, he is trying to get that latest model car home before it becomes obsolete.

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Dear Santa, Please don't over look me this year, for I have been a real good boy. I want a train that really runs. Lots of love, A. D. Pettit

Santa Anna High December 21, 1936

Dear Santa, I have been a very good boy this year, and therefore I hope I get what I want. I am asking for only one thing, and that is a little "Sea-man."

Yours truly, John Gregg S-A-H-S

Dear Santa, Please remember your friend James Royal, because this Christmas I would like to have a large steel trunk with a lock on it to file my merit slips in.

Lots of love, James Royal Lock S-A-H-S

Education Chief Tuberculosis Foe

Austin, Dec. 23.—Tuberculosis continues to be one of the major causes of death in Texas. Public health authorities agree that the death rate will not diminish satisfactorily until the average person appreciates that tuberculosis is preventable, that it is not inherited directly, that it is acquired by direct transmission of the tuberculosis germ from the sick to the healthy; and above all, that he must be concerned immediately if any symptom appears.

"In combatting tuberculosis," said Dr. John W. Brown, State Health Officer, "education of the public is of prime importance — education as to the treacherous character of the disease and its methods of transmission, how to prevent the disease and how to treat it when contracted, to the end both that recovery may be as rapid as possible and that spread of the disease to other members of the family and to neighbors may be avoided.

"Children pick up tuberculosis as readily as they do measles or scarlet fever or any other contagious disease, but tuberculosis differs from some in not showing up as quickly as other germ diseases. As a rule, the characteristic symptoms of other diseases develop in a few days after a person has been exposed, while it takes a much longer time for the symptoms of tuberculosis to be recognized.

"The periodic health examination by a competent physician plays an important role in the fight to stamp out tuberculosis. These check-ups should include examination of high school and college students by the tuberculin test and X-ray and prompt examinations of all persons who have symptoms of tuberculosis.

"Removal of the contact case, protection of the infant and the young, and prompt professional advice when symptoms suggestive of tuberculosis arise, will do much to reduce the tuberculosis death rate. These measures, however, are largely outside the province of health officials, and the problem is quite definitely a personal one."

WHY NEWSPAPERS ARE LIKE WOMEN!

Because they are thinner than they used to be. Because they are well worth looking over. Because they are easy to read. Because they carry the news wherever they go.

Because they must be made up. Because they have a great deal of influence. Because they are not afraid to speak their minds. Because if they know anything they usually tell it. Because they always have the last word.

Because back numbers are not in demand. Because it costs plenty to run one and pay expenses. Because every man should have one of his own and not run after his neighbors.

Government advises employers not to slip on the old-age retirement slip.

Texas Auto Death Figures Analyzed

AUSTIN — Every four hours and 48 minutes someone is killed in Texas by an automobile, more often than not a speeding one.

Department of Public Safety statisticians show that 17,000 of Texas' 1,350,000 registered automobiles were involved in accidents.

Taking into consideration the small flow of traffic at the time, the period from 12:01 to 6 a. m. is the deadliest time on the highways, the department reported.

However, the greatest death toll, regardless of amount of traffic, is from 10:01 to 11 p. m., 5:01 to 6 p. m., and 11:01 p. m. to midnight.

Twenty-nine per cent of drivers involved in death wrecks were between the ages of 20 and 29, and 47 per cent of those involved came in the 30-49 years classification.

BLACK CATS PLAYED PART DURING EARLY PAGAN DAYS

Centuries before the coming of Christ, October 31 was counted as the last day of the year. During this pagan period, observes a writer in the Los Angeles Times, the Druids were the priests of the Celts, performing strange rites and ceremonies, and it was on this date that they believed the "Lord of Death" gathered the souls of all who had died in the passing year and had been condemned to live in bodies of animals and decreed what form they should inhabit for the next twelve months.

That the black pussy was the favorite may be judged by a sentence in a very old volume concerning the traditions of that period: "A slender black cat reclining on a chain of silver, guarded the treasure of the temple." Another was, "One day, my lady's soul walked along the wall like a cat," from the "Priest and the Piper."

The belief that the form of animals held the human soul caused them to become dreaded creatures and just the usual traits became the foundation of some supernatural meaning. Evil stories were told of witches attended by black cats. Sickness and death was forecast by their actions. Even German mythology refers to the ancient belief that men were transformed by evil means to wolves, women to cats. Not all beliefs refer to evil for in many parts their reputation for goodness caused them to be honored and revered.

BANDERA: In the course of a culling demonstration with the 125 hen flock of Mrs. John Langford of Bandera, 48 birds were removed as boarders, according to R. F. Hartman, agricultural agent of Bandera county. The 48 hens were placed in a pen and fed for six days before being sent to market, and during this period layed a total of only four eggs.

LONGVIEW: The ten demonstrators in home food supply in Gregg county have already canned 3,120 quarts of vegetables and fruits, according to Miss Vida Holt, home demonstration agent, in addition to bringing 255 quarts of pickles, canning 600 containers of meat, 165 quarts of jellies, curing 1,200 pounds of meat and drying 1,450 pounds of vegetables and fruits.

Many Thanks

and

Best Wishes!

We recognize the fact that our business could not grow without your friendly patronage, and as we face the future with confidence, we want to wish you a NEW YEAR that will leave nothing to be desired in Opportunity and Accomplishment.

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WITH A HEART FULL OF GRATITUDE we give you our unbounded good wishes for a

Merry Christmas

and a New Year packed with happiness and material prosperity.

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GREETINGS

Joyous Christmas Greetings

As Christmas approaches and the world is flooded with the spirit of that first Christmas 1936 years ago, we hasten to extend our season's greetings to you!

With our whole heart we wish for you an abundance of your dreams come true... we wish for you the realization of supreme happiness in the real spirit of Christmas.

PHILLIPS Drug Company

All Hail to

1937

The Future is Bright with Promise!

As the old year draws to its close and the New Year dawns with its promise of better days, gather opportunity, and a fine field for achievement and accomplishment, let us hope that yours will be a generous measure of the worthwhile things of 1937.

We would feel ungrateful if we failed at this time to thank you for your patronage and friendship and to ask your consideration in the days to come.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO

YOU — AND MANY

OF THEM!

Banner Creamery

Santa Anna

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SENIORS HAVE CLASS PARTY

Miss Lula Jo Harvey entertained the senior class Monday night at her home with a Christmas party.

Many games were played and contests held. Christmas gifts were exchanged and fire works were shot.

Miss Harvey served refreshments to Annette Shield, Marjorie Pope, Anita Kirkpatrick, Hazel Gilbert, Rosalie Niell, Margaret Jones, Thelma Vinson, Jewel Taylor, Irene Stiles, Allene Hardy, Carlene Ashmore, Doris Spencer, Ruby Lee Price, Marilyn Baxter, Doris Rollins, Ruth Conley, Veoma Newman, Bill Mitchell, H. W. Kingsbery, P. B. Lightfoot, Jack Howard, Dan Blake, Bill Howard, Quinton Hudler, Frank McGonagill, Dolphus Ashmore, Bill Early, Edwin Webb, Alvin Newman, Stuart Williams and Sealy Ferguson.

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JUNIOR CLASS PARTY GIVEN

Miss Pinney entertained the junior class with a Christmas party Monday night at her home.

Many games were played and enjoyed, and later gifts were exchanged amid much laughter and fun. Refreshments were served to the following: Misses Louise Oakes, Ruth Irick, Ada Lois Newman, Dorothy Tilly, Gene Adams and Gale Collier. Messrs. M. L. Guthrie, John Gregg, Page Mays, Arnold Richards, Thomas Wristen, J. B. Dodgen, Mace Blanton, Ben Parker, Jr., J. W. Davis, S. A. Stapleton, A. L. McGahey, H. L. Lackey, and Mr. Mathews.

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Students Visit School

Ex-students who visited school Tuesday were Bess Inez Shield, Beulah Tisdell, Francine Merritt, Beth Barnes, Emma John Blake, Vernon Rowe, Mary Lee Combs, Jack Price and Zelda Ruth and Charlotte Moseley.

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CENTERVILLE: When an overflow destroyed his bottomland cotton field, Clyde Robeson of the Middleton community replanted with hegarl, according to J. B. Short, agricultural agent of Leon county. When frost threatened the feed crop, Robeson dug a trench silo and filled it with hegarl bundles.

1937 AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM IS ANNOUNCED

College Station — General plans for the 1937 Agricultural Conservation program have been approved by the Secretary of Agriculture after conferences of representative farmers and Extension staff members had gone over the 1936 work and suggested needed changes.

Cotton and wheat, peanuts and rice, the crops listed as soil-depleting in which Texas is most interested, have been subject to very few changes in the revision.

Cotton is again rated at five cents a pound and the base will be determined in about the same manner as in 1936 but with provision for adjustments such as those indicated by measurements made in 1936. The maximum cotton acreage upon which payments will be made for soil-conserving crops is 35 per cent of the base.

Peanuts have a 15 per cent limit and a 1.25 cent per pound payment.

Rice has a 20 cents per hundred pounds payment which will be conditioned on carrying out certain practices or growing certain specified soil-conserving crops or both.

Reduction from general soil-depleting base will be approximately the same; with the 15 per cent limit still applying.

No farm will be eligible to earn a payment for diversion from the general soil-depleting base except upon approval of the County Conservation Committee. This approval must include the fact that home consumption needs of the farm are taken care of before any diversion of acreage is made.

Each state will have a handbook giving details of the program as they apply to that state with no reference to exceptions applicable to other states. This will enormously simplify the administration of the program. The handbook will be prepared by the State Conservation Committee and approved by the Secretary of Agriculture.

In issuing the new program Secretary Wallace said, "Despite drought and other handicaps, the majority of farmers who took part in the 1936 conservation program approved its principles. Hundreds of community and county meetings were held at which the growers discussed

plans for next year. Many suggestions for program improvement and for simplifying administration were made. We considered all of them carefully and incorporated as many of them as could be well fitted into a national program for agriculture.

"The modifications are intended, for the most part, to adapt the program more closely to the needs of the various regions. As you will recall, this is in line with the statement made by H. R. Tolley at the time the 1936 Agricultural Conservation Program was announced.

"For the 1937 program, additional emphasis has been placed on soil building and more money will be available for soil building practices. Such practices, together with the shifting of acreage to soil-conserving crops on land previously devoted to soil-depleting crops, are essential to any sound plan for restoring soil fertility and preventing erosion.

"The new program should not only improve the soil but it also should protect the interests of consumers and help to preserve the economic gains which farmers have made during the past four years.

"The fact that funds for the 1937 program are not yet available should be pointed out. The Congress, at the time the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act was passed in 1936, authorized an annual appropriation of \$500,000,000 for carrying out a program under the Act. The actual appropriation for 1937 remains to be made, however. The program we have drafted, therefore, is dependent upon the action of Congress."

NOVEMBER REGISTRATION OF NEW CARS SHOWS 11.1% INCREASE OVER NOV. 1935

Austin, Texas, Dec. 23.—Registrations of new automobiles in fifteen representative counties during November totaled 6,284 cars, 52.3 per cent over October and 11.1 per cent over November, 1935, the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research has reported. Aggregate registrations during the eleven months of this year were 62,673 cars, against 54,630 cars during the corresponding period last year, an increase of 14.7 per cent.

In comparison with the preceding month, sales in the two lower price brackets made the sharpest gains, but in comparison with November and the year to date last year this year's sales gains were considerably greater in the upper than in the lower price brackets, the Bureau's report said.

pool, during fall registration. All those who can swim are asked to take a safety swimming test. This consists in staying up in deep water for ten minutes. Those failing the test are required to take eight weeks of swimming lessons which are given three times a week. Between four and five hundred of these tests are given each fall.

OVER 16,000 TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TEXAS U. SWIMMING FACILITIES

Austin, Texas, Dec. 23.—A total of 16,044 women took advantage of the swimming facilities at the Women's Gymnasium at The University of Texas last year.

"Registration is opened to the women and children of Austin as well as University students and age has nothing to do with the matter if the applicant can stand in the shallow end of the pool and keep her chin above the water line," Miss Anna Hiss, director of physical training for women, said.

Freshmen women at the University are introduced to the

EL PASO: J. W. McAllister of El Paso makes silage out of his alfalfa by adding 75 pounds of black strap molasses to each ton of silage. The resultant silage, according to W. S. Foster, agricultural agent of El Paso and Hudspeth counties, is of excellent quality. In the past McAllister has run the alfalfa through a chopper and added the molasses as the alfalfa leaves the machine, but he has found that he can put the legume into the silo without cutting and sprinkles the molasses, thinned with water, over the alfalfa as it is put in.

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Joy Be With You At Christmas!

We are very mindful of our debt to the friends who have favored our business, a debt of gratitude which we can never repay. We feel that we would be ungrateful if we failed to seize this opportunity and eagerly wish you a—

MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND A

VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR

SERVICE CAFE

The New Year 1937 Joins The Parade Of Progress:

The ever widening horizon of future progress is soon to reside in the opportunities given by the New Year.

One of our resolutions is to serve you with increased efficiency and with even greater appreciation for the loyalty of your patronage, for which we sincerely thank you.

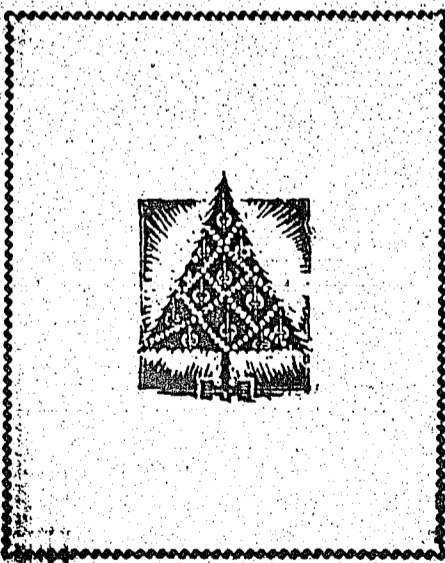
Santa Anna Beauty Shop

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May The Santa Claus of Good Cheer Visit Each and Every Home!

May The Year 1937 Bring To You and Yours A More Substantial Happiness Than You Have Ever Known Before!

In the spirit of Christmas we extend our heartiest and most sincere greetings of the holiday season. When Santa Claus comes down your chimney, we hope he will fill your stocking with a long-lasting store of health and happiness, and that when the New Year comes, with its inspiration for greater accomplishments and



achievements, it will bring you the choicest blessings you have ever known.

Though the old expression be trite and though the words themselves are worn by time, still we can not think of anything that could express our feeling toward you at this season than the simple but sincere message—

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ONE AND ALL!

The Staff of the Sealy Hospital and School of Nursing

**A. W. S. COUNCIL OF JTAC HONORS NEW GIRLS ON CAMPUS**

Stephenville — Over four hundred guests were invited to call Wednesday afternoon when the A. W. S. Council of John Tarleton Agricultural College entertained with a reception at the Tarleton recreation hall in honor of new girls on the Tarleton campus.

Among the guests were Mary Lee Combs, Frankie Holt, Beulah Tisdal, Sarah Williams and Kathryn Ann Wylie, all of Santa Anna.

The hall was decorated in Christmas fashion with red and green ropes hung with icicles forming a false ceiling, and masses of red berries placed about the room. The punch table was covered with a lace cloth and the punch bowl was set in a wreath of red berries. Ruth Jo Jennings of Mason, president of the Association of

Women Students; Jane Gracey of Roscoe; vice president; Bobbie Rawls of Christoval, secretary; and Miss Clara Savage, dean of women at Tarleton and A. W. S. sponsor, headed the receiving line.

Others receiving were Miss Lucille Hearon, manager of the Tarleton girls' dormitories, and the sponsors of girls' social clubs: Miss Dexter King, sponsor of the O. W. L. S.; Miss Moselle Hillswick, sponsor of the S. O. S.; Miss Laura Fellman, of the Aggettes; Mrs. Effie C. Neathery, of the J. A. P.'s; and Miss Neva Cox of the Tejas Club, and Miss Ida Lou Nelson, of the Len Lunettes Club.

Hostesses for the afternoon were named by Miss Jennings and were Margaret Grisette, Ennis; Margaret Carlisle, Kaufman; Margaret Powers, Eldorado; Mary Margaret Bigham, Goldthwaite; Mare Leone Hoge, Knox City; Lavinia Schley, George West; Ruth Ayers, De

Leon; Isabel Somerville, San Antonio; Effie Lindsay, Mason; and Luna Ruth Petty, Big Spring.

Dorothy Davis, Stephenville, president of Len Lunettes social club, and Gulnare Whisshunt, Gatesville, president of the Aggettes and of the Tejas Club, poured during the afternoon. They were assisted at the tea table by Lillian Pratt, Sweetwater, and Frances Aiken, Sterling City, members of as A. W. S. council.

Eugena Gentry, De Leon, and Miss Petty, pianists, played during the afternoon. Mary Frances Robinson of Morgan and Roberta Robbins of Abilene sang. Margaret Stacy, Millersview, and Alice May Shanafelt, Bryson, were in charge of the program for the afternoon.

Others in the house party were members of the A. W. S. council; Anita Stewart, Yoakum; Yotta Bell Byers, Breckenridge; Charlene Bratton, Rochelle; Marian Mayes, Mineral Wells; and Cherry Price, Palacios.

**COTTON GROWERS AND MANUFACTURERS BENEFIT BY TRADE AGREEMENTS**

College Station — Concessions of direct benefit to the American cotton grower and manufacturer have been obtained in 13 or 14 trade agreements thus far concluded, according to information supplied the Texas Extension Service by the U. S. Department of State.

Six countries — Cuba, Sweden, Canada, the Netherlands, Switzerland and Finland — have agreed to continue favorable treatment accorded imports of American raw cotton. Two countries — Cuba and Guatemala, have reduced the duty on cotton seed oil. Two countries — Cuba and Sweden — have granted concessions on cottonseed cake. Five countries — Cuba, Canada, Colombia, Guatemala and France — have granted concessions on cotton yarn, and ten countries have granted concessions on various cotton textile manufactures.

In the negotiation of trade agreements every effort has been made to insure the continued free entry of American raw cotton into the countries concerned, as well as to increase foreign buying power by enabling foreign countries to sell us more of their goods. During the first year of the agreement with Belgium imports into that country from the United States increased 23 per cent. There was an increase of only five per cent in imports into Belgium from all other countries during that period. Imports of American cotton (already on Belgium's free list) increased by 132 per cent, while imports of cotton from all other countries decreased by nine and four-tenths per cent.

In 13 of the agreements concessions have been obtained on tires and automobiles and the products of other industries which are important consumers of cotton, thus indirectly benefiting cotton and cotton manufacturing industries.

Havlock Ellis thinks our most reckless optimists are in lunatic asylums. Dr. Ellis must not have traveled our highways.

Texas flood control and water conservation projects reviewed at a recent hearing of the Texas Planning Board's water resources committee totalled \$95,000,000.

**NYA EXPERIENCES AID TO VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE OF BOYS**

Austin, Dec. 22. — Terracing survey work being done by NYA youths under supervision of County Agricultural Agents is training them to be better farmers, two agents reported to the National Youth Administration this week.

About 550 boys, mostly residents of rural areas, are now working part-time on soil conservation surveys in 57 Texas counties. Work is done for farmers who apply and agree to construct the needed terraces.

C. V. Robinson, Coleman county agent, reported: "We were able to map out 28 farms of about 5,000 acres with the plane table, giving the farmer an exact map of his cultivated land. . . . We were able to turn about 22,500 feet of terrace lines.

"Those boys derive much educational information. . . . Most of them are boys of grammar school education, and their future depends on labor. We see no reason why they will not be trained to make good farmers."

Ross B. Jenkins, Callahan county agent, wrote: "These boys soon learn how to set up the farm level; how to gauge the distances needed between terraces and to do everything needed in running lines."

Due to bad weather Mr. Jenkins' crew was in the field only eight days but ran terrace lines on about 700 acres of land, he said. "The boys like the work," he wrote. "Most of them are so interested that after they have worked the time allotted them they wish to go out with me even though they do not receive pay."

**JTAC STUDENTS MAKE "TAGGING" RULES**

Stephenville — Rules of etiquette for tagging at dances have been formulated by Eddie Bryant, Tommy Gordon, and Lillian Burns, students at John Tarleton College.

1. When tagging, the Tarleton students say, tag the boy's left.
2. Be gentle. You don't have to knock a boy down to persuade him to give up his partner. A slight tap on the shoulder will do.
3. When tagging, it is only polite to say, "May I tag?" or "May I cut?"
4. The boy who is being tagged should thank his partner for the dance. The tagger should also thank the boy for being allowed to tag.
5. Don't tag someone who has not taken more than two steps with his new partner.
6. Never back tag.
7. Do not form the stag line in the middle of the floor.
8. Be considerate of your partner.
9. The first and last dances are reserved for the date. Do not tag at either of these.

**GASOLINE PUMP GREATEST TAX PRODUCER IN HISTORY**

As a producer of taxes for the federal and state governments the ubiquitous gasoline pump is unequaled by any other device created by human ingenuity!

Taxes on gasoline dispensed at the average pump equal in one month and 22 days the value of the pump, according to a study by the American Petroleum Industries Committee.

A new gasoline pump is worth, on the average, \$140. The annual output per pump is estimated at 20,000 gallons. On this is paid an average of 5.36 cents per gallon in taxes, or a total of \$1,070 per pump per year. That is 7.2 times the value of the pump when new! According to recently published census figures, a total of 80,110 new gasoline pumps was produced in 1935. Their aggregate value was \$11,938,340. By the end of 1936 these pumps, if all were in operation, will have produced \$85,727,330 in tax revenue.

In addition to service station gasoline pumps, the equipment manufacturers in 1935 produced \$2,202,462 of grease guns and pumps, \$749,528 worth of lubricating oil and other pumps, and pumping equipment for use at oil wells valued at \$1,484,751. Total value of pumping equipment produced for use in the petroleum industry was \$16,375,079. Petroleum industry pumping equipment accounted for 19 per cent of the dollar value of all pumping equipment produced in 1935.

It is estimated also that the manufacture of petroleum pumps was productive of 2,925 jobs which netted a total of \$3,256,182 in wages.

**FIFTH MAN SENTENCED FOR TAX REFUND FRAUDS**

R. A. Shinn, filling station operator of Ripley, W. Va., has been sentenced to serve two years in the state penitentiary for participation in gasoline tax refund frauds. Shinn is the fifth to be sentenced to the penitentiary in his connection. The others, including Frank C. Horn, former state budget director, also were given two-year sentences.

Two persons who were accused in the frauds committed suicide. Boyd Ferrell, of Spencer, shot himself while being questioned by state policemen, and Shirley T. White jumped to his death the day before he was to be sentenced.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the people that were so nice to us after the burning of our home. We ask God to bless you in our prayers and wish you all a Merry Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin West and family.

**SIGNALS ALL GREEN!  
CLEAR ROAD OPEN!  
FULL SPEED AHEAD!**

**LET A 1937 ZENITH RADIO**

**MAKE IT A**

**HAPPY  
NEW YEAR  
FOR YOU**

The beckoning finger of 1937 and the smiling face of this New Year indicate the possibilities to be found in the coming twelve months.

Our hope for all our friends and customers is that 1937 will liberally reward you for your efforts, will bless you abundantly with health, progress and material prosperity.

**Radio Electric Shop**

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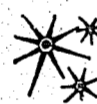
**TO ONE AND ALL!  
HAPPY CHRISTMAS**



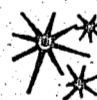
As the Yuletide comes again with its message of "peace on earth, good will toward men," we are moved to give that greeting which is always new, yet which is as old and substantial as the very spirit of Christmas—MERRY CHRISTMAS!

**Schreiber Chevrolet  
Company**

**May Your Christmas  
Be A Happy One!**



In appreciation of the friendship you have shown toward us, we take this means of extending you the season's greetings, wishing you a very Merry Christmas indeed and the happiest New Year you have ever experienced.



**Hi-Way Cafe**

**CHRISTMAS JOY  
TO YOU AND  
YOURS!**

Valuing your friendship and loyalty as we do, we want to broadcast our Christmas greetings far and wide to each and every resident of this community, young and old alike.

We hope that your Christmas will be one of great joy and that your New Year will be full of the things that you most want.

**B. T. VINSON**  
Groceries & Feed

**Christmas Is The Flower  
Of The Year!**

It is the day of days . . . when hearts are relieved of the workaday pressure and the spirit of Christmas takes possession of everyone, creating a harmonious world of good will and friendly neighborliness.

In this spirit we greet you at Christmas, giving you our whole-hearted hope that it will be a great day for you, one long to linger in your memory.

**Purdy Merc. Co.**

"The Store That Saves You Money"

**Let The Glad  
Christmas Carols  
Ring Out!**

**Merry Christmas  
To You  
... And A Happy New Year!**

Here's our true Christmas wish: that the season will be the sweetest you have ever known, that you will be visited by all the objects of your heart's desire, and that the remembrance of Christmas 1936 will long abide in your memory.

**THE TELEPHONE — A SOCIAL DISTINCTION  
A BUSINESS NECESSITY**

**Santa Anna Telephone  
Company**



### NYA Employment Offices Open to Texas Youths This Week

Austin, Dec. 22.—Two employment offices to serve Texas youths who have had little or no work experience will be opened this week at Dallas and Houston. One similar office, which is a junior division of the Texas State Employment Service, has been operated at Fort Worth since early Spring.

Youths seeking employment may register at these offices. The service is open to all youths, those of relief status and those not on relief alike. The youths are interviewed and a record by occupational classifications is kept for each youth, based on his work experience, education, and aptitudes.

The representatives of the junior division office contact employers of youth in each community, offering to supply employees believed qualified for particular types of work when needed. There is no charge for this service, either to the youth or to the employer.

At Houston, the National Reemployment Service will establish a junior division office in cooperation with the National Youth Administration. It will be located in the building at Louisiana and Bell Streets which now houses the district NRS office. Miss Fannie Mae Canon, formerly with the National Reemployment Service, has been chosen acting supervisor of this office, with John F. Hilliard, formerly on the NYA staff at Houston, as junior interviewer. Miss Iva Lee Bradfute has been named office clerk.

At Dallas, the Texas State Employment Service will establish a junior division office in cooperation with the National Youth Administration. The office will be in the Wilson Building, with John I. Beauduy acting supervisor. Mr. Beauduy was an employee of the TSES, and for several months has been assigned in Dallas to deal with youths who sought employment. Edward Puls, also with the TSES will become junior interviewer on Jan. 1, and Miss Elizabeth Smith has been chosen office clerk.

The Ft. Worth junior division office has been operated by the Texas State Employment Service in cooperation with the Na-

tional Youth Administration, with Paul Sprull, as supervisor. Because of the good record of his office, Mr. Sprull has been asked to advise the Houston and Dallas offices during the first few weeks.

Byron Mitchell, state director of the National Reemployment Service and associate director of the Texas State Employment Service, and Lyndon B. Johnson, director of the National Youth Administration in Texas, announced the establishment of these two junior division offices.

"Our Service is attempting to aid employers in matching men and jobs," Mr. Mitchell explained. "If an employer needs young workers to fill ten jobs, using our Service will relieve him of the necessity of interviewing a great many applicants, of whom only some or perhaps none may be qualified. The employment office will send him the best qualified youths available, from whom he makes his own selections."

An example of the service was reported recently by Mr. Sprull. A Fort Worth concern wanted 60 youths to work in their mailing division. One requirement was that all must be right-handed. Mr. Sprull and his staff consulted the records and finally sent the employer 75 youths from whom the 60 were hired. All of the 75 were qualified as clerical workers, and all were right-handed.

"The employer might have had to interview 200 to 300 applicants before he got 60 youths qualified as clerks, all of them right-handed," Mr. Mitchell commented.

The National Youth Administration is seeking to obtain private employment for the youths who make a good record on NYA work projects, Mr. Johnson said. "We give these youths some work training. They learn how to work with other youths. They learn what an employer expects. When they have developed the right attitude toward a job and some skill in performing it, we want to get them into private industry or business," he commented.

Through cooperation with the national and state employment services, the NYA hopes that placement of youths prepared for private employment will be increased. During recent months more than one thousand youths so trained on NYA projects have

been placed through the employment services and cooperation of NYA representatives.

Since the staff for each new junior division employment office has been organized, there will be no opportunity to employ other workers in these offices now, Mr. Mitchell said.

### Prevention Is Cure For Auto Accidents

Austin, December 22.—"The only way to avoid the useless waste of life due to traffic accidents is to prevent the accident," reads a warning issued by Dr. George W. Cox, State Health Officer.

"It is not a question of who is right and who is wrong after the accident has occurred," he said, "and automobile accidents never happen merely because of 'bad luck,'—there is a definite cause for every one of them, although it is not possible to determine the precise origin of every mishap.

"Leaders of the safety movement agree that the most fundamental approach to the solution of our national accident problem lies in the education and training of the individual. Safety education includes the training of individuals to avoid accidents to themselves and to prevent accidents to others. It involves the acquisition of a certain fund of information, the ability to apply this information to concrete situations, and the building up of habits which will make the application of knowledge to situation automatic."

"The dangerous curves and intersections on the highways of this State are distinctly marked, and automobile drivers can assist greatly in the reduction of deaths from automobile accidents by carefully observing these warning signs.

"Some motorists rely too much on traffic rules and regulations, thinking that if they are obeying the rules of the road at the time when an acci-

dent occurs, no blame can be attached to them. This is not true. The only man who can consider himself blameless in case of an accident, when he was obeying the rules of the road, is the one who did everything possible to avoid that accident.

"The consequences of an automobile accident are so disastrous, that only when we have done everything in our power to avoid such accidents, can we consider ourselves, or expect others to consider us, blameless

in the case of an accident. "When each individual does all that he is able to do toward avoiding an accident of any kind, and then only, will our traffic accidents be avoided."

Plans for a \$3,000,000 paper plant at Beaumont are nearing completion, the Texas Planning Board has been advised by B. A. Steinhagen, former mayor of Beaumont. The plant will utilize Texas pulp wood and Texas labor, Steinhagen said.

A small boy came into the office the other evening with a black eye. We asked him where he got the shiner. He replied: "I was chasing that new kid next door." We asked: "Did you fall while you were chasing him?" "Naw," was his reply, "I caught up with him."

Times change. The Indians used to cook a white man while they celebrated, now the white man cooks a turkey while he celebrates.

### WE GREET YOU AT CHRISTMAS!

With all good wishes for a joyous holiday season we greet you this Christmas-tide.

May the season be filled with happiness, and the New Year bring you an unparalleled measure of success.

Combs' Variety Store

Old, yet always new—  
Simple, yet full of meaning—  
IS OUR GREETING TO YOU . . .

*Merry Christmas!*

If we used a thousand words and a space many times this large we could not more adequately phrase our wishes for you at this season.

*Happy New Year!*

When 1937 replaces 1936 on the calendar of time, it is our hope that you will have twelve months of happiness, abundantly filled with the success of all your plans.

The RED & WHITE Stores  
HUNTER BROS. J. L. BOGGUS & CO.

# A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

## And A New Year Full of Happiness

We Wish the Best of Everything For You, Our Friends!

Whatever your station in life, to young and old, to rich and poor, to all who have honored us with your friendship, good will or patronage, to all men everywhere, we extend our cordial greetings of this holiday season.

May this 1936th birthday of the Prince of Peace bring to you an abundance of the finest blessings that the world has to bestow. May you be surrounded by your friends and loved ones, and may you go onward into the New Year filled with the spirit of hope, confidence and courage to meet life's problems day by day.

In the spirit of warm appreciation for the consideration you have shown us in the past, we wish for you a Christmas and a New Year that will be the best you have ever had.

# Santa Anna National Bank

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Santa Anna

**Hospital Notes**

Earl Dean Garner of Stacy was able to go home Saturday. Mr. D. C. Gay of Burkett was a patient in the hospital Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs. E. R. Horton and baby of Cross Plains are patients in the hospital. Mr. C. W. Poe of Petersburg, who was a surgical patient, was able to go home Monday. R. D. Bell of Rockwood was able to go home Tuesday. Betty Jean Traylor of Santa Anna is a patient in the hospital. Miss Hazel Marie Cruger of Santa Anna is a patient in the hospital. Mr. Louis Burney of Santa Anna is a patient in the hospital. Mr. W. E. Haynes of Santa Anna is a surgical patient. Mrs. M. E. Foster of Melvin is

a patient in the hospital. Mr. F. J. Harper of Sherman is a surgical patient. Darmon Powell of Santa Anna is a surgical patient. Mr. John Lensure of Amarillo who was a patient in the Hospital, was able to go home Monday. Mr. Frank Adams of Cross Cut was a surgical patient Saturday and Sunday. Wayne Williams of Santa Anna is a surgical patient. Mr. Erwin Schroeder of Winters is a surgical patient. Mrs. J. A. Swofford of Stamford is a surgical patient. Mrs. F. B. Calcote of Eldorado is a surgical patient in the hospital. Mr. J. E. Smith of Sylvester is a surgical patient in the hospital. Mrs. O. L. Flowers of Winters was a patient in the hospital Monday and Tuesday. Betty Ann McCaughan of Santa Anna is a patient in the hospital. Mrs. Pete Brown and baby girl of Gouldbusk are patients in the hospital. The baby was born December 22, 1936. Mrs. L. T. Bowman and baby boy of Millersview are patients in the hospital. The baby was born December 22, 1936. Mr. A. B. Faubion of Lometa is a patient in the hospital. Mr. J. H. Anderson of Lawn is a patient in the hospital.

**Presby'rian Church**

M. L. Womack, Minister.  
Sunday School 10 a. m., J. T. Oakes, Superintendent.  
Services 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Christian Endeavor 6:15 p. m. Women's Missionary Society Mondays after second and fourth Sundays.  
Mother's Club third Thursday in month.  
Vesper Bible Hour first and third Tuesdays in month.  
Session Meetings first Tuesday in month.  
Sunday night the service was the story of the Birth of Christ told in Scripture and Song by the Young People.

On the platform the piano and organ were on opposite sides at the back while directly in front of each instrument were double rows of choir seats facing each other. This made the center aisle of the church extend to the back of the platform at which point was placed a cross. As the lights were turned off the bell was rung after which a voice from the rear spoke, "I heard the Bells on Christmas Day." Then two boys in white robes bearing lighted candles marched down the aisle to the cross, lighting candles on each side of it. While the organ played they continued around the platform and church lighting candles. The choir in the back room began singing "O Come All Ye Faithful," and on the second verse they appeared in their white vestments marching down the aisle in double file. On reaching the platform they parted, taking their places in the choir seats facing each other.

During the program the Scripture concerning the Nativity was read by sections by Miss McClendon, each section being followed by the story in a carol. During the reading of the Scripture there was a soft accompaniment on the organ of the carol to follow the Scripture. After the story of the Birth in the Manger and the singing of "Away in a Manger" Miss Aline Harper played "Brahms Cradle Song." Misses Eudora Garrett and Gale Collier sang "Silent Night" in Spanish, with Miss Garrett accompanying on the guitar.

As a concluding carol "Joy to the World" was sung, the choir marching out while singing it. The pastor wishes to extend to all the Greetings of the Season.

**MRS. LOCK ENTERTAINS**  
Y. W. A. AND GUESTS

With profuse decorations carrying out the season's yuletide motif, Mrs. J. R. Lock, counselor, entertained the members of the Oliver Young Woman's Auxiliary and their guests Friday night at her home. Pine burs, mistletoe, red and blue candles, miniature Santa Claus on reflectors, and many other clever decorations gave the holiday spirit to the rooms. The most attractive decoration was a miniature snow scene, showing Santa Claus in his sleigh with his pack of toys and his reindeer driving through the snow and the woods.

Five tables of young people first played Love Bug, with the prizes going to Misses Rheba Boardman and Rosalie Niell, Louis Pittard, and little Joyce Lock. Telegrams with the letters in "Christmas" forming the first letters of the words of the telegram were written next, with the prize going to Marvin McGlothing for writing the funniest. The men were then asked to perform stunts designated for each by drawing slips of paper with directions from a hat. The prize for another appropriate game was awarded to Miss Carmilla Flores and Miss Frances Gregg. They succeeded in getting 42 words out of the letters in Santa Claus in five minutes.

Refreshment plates of hot tea, loaf meat, crackers, congealed salad, and fruit cake, with sprigs of holly as plate favors, were served to the group who then gathered around the Christmas tree loaded with gifts for all present. Heart Sisters of the girls were revealed as the gifts were presented.

Those present for this joyous occasion were Misses Carlene Ashmore, Rheba Boardman, Margaret Jones, Frances Gregg, Carmilla Flores, Ruby Davis, Rosalie Niell; Messrs Bill Early, Dolphus Ashmore, Louis Pittard, Raymond Holland, Mr. and Mrs. William Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin McGlothing, Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Lightfoot, V. L. Grady, the hostess, Mrs. Lock, and Beth and Joyce Lock.

Senator Tom Connally of Marble Falls was a business visitor in Santa Anna first of the week, and renewed acquaintances with several friends while here.

**ONLY A YEAR OLD**

(Editor's Note. The following is an article clipped from last week's edition of the Baptist Standard. It concerns the work of Rev. A. Ben Oliver, Southern Baptist Missionary to Brazil, and former teacher in the Santa Anna High School. We are always glad to receive any word of good work from one so loved with whom we have been personally acquainted.)  
Dr. Maddy says, "One of the best prepared and most promising missionaries sent out by our Board in recent months is Dr. A. Ben Oliver. He is located at Curitiba, South Brazil. He has been on the field less than one year and is already preaching with great acceptance in Portuguese. We had the joy of spending a week with him last July and were greatly impressed with his spirit and his complete devotion to the work."  
From a letter we just received we quote:

"As yet I have not had an opportunity to visit all of the thirty-one churches in this field. To date I have preached in nine of the churches and in six other places. In all, I have preached, or tried to preach, thirty-six sermons, and have had seventy-four decisions for Christ. I have baptized fifteen, and before you receive this I shall have baptized several more. For a little over a month I have been pastor of the fine little church in Paranagua, where our work is growing nicely. Dr. Scarborough, you remember, went down there and preached while you remained here. I'm delighted with the work, for they really wanted me, and are following my leadership. Last Sunday we had one hundred and forty-four in Sunday school, and we are working toward a goal of two hundred. The possibilities are limitless, for ours is the only evangelical church in the city of 13,000 people.

"The next day we rested, visited, and prepared for the night service. Before sundown each little trail that leads into the forest was pouring out a stream of people into the clearing where the little church is located. Five little coal-oil lamps gird their best to dispel the darkness of the night, while I did my best to dispel the darkness of sin with the Gospel of Christ. The house was full and running over. Mosquitoes were so thick that we had to build a smoke to run them out, and then I could hardly breathe, but I preached. On the rostrum were children asleep, and every place was taken. When I made an appeal, six persons gladly gave their hearts to Christ, and I have reason to believe that many more will soon take a similar stand.

"We are still thanking God for sending us here, and asking Him to make our lives more and more fruitful in his work. In all my life I was never so happy, for now I am doing what the Master really ordained for my life."

Joe Bridges left Thursday morning for San Angelo where he will spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Bridges and their daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ferguson moved here from Lamesa last week to make their home in Santa Anna. Mr. Ferguson is serving this community as agent for Watkins Products.

**Christian Church**

There was a substantial increase in Sunday School attendance last Sunday and an interesting program rendered. Among those having special parts were Misses Marilyn Baxter, Dorothy Ross, Ruby Lee Price, Billy Ross and Marjorie Oakes. A better than last years offering was raised for the Juliette Fowler Orphans Home.

Thanks are due Mrs. Gipson's class of women for the gorgeous decorations and a Christmas treat for each one present. There were several visitors from Coleman at the preaching service when Bro. Brooks brought an interesting sermon. Next Sunday a new system of finance will be discussed and the official board will be given an opportunity to present their plans for 1937.

**METHODIST LADIES GIVE CHRISTMAS BANQUET**

Friday night members of the Lula Verner Wesley and Glad Hand Methodist Sunday School classes entertained their husbands and friends with a Christmas banquet. The yuletide motifs were prevalent in the decorations.

Carols and Christmas songs were sung by the group, then a turkey dinner of several courses was served. After the dinner, a Christmas tree was enjoyed and gifts presented to the guests. Gifts were also presented by the classes to their teachers, Mrs. M. A. Edwards, and Miss Bettie Blue, and the class presidents, Mrs. Dick West and Mrs. Adrian Davis.

**H. D. CLUB PRESIDENT ENTERTAINS WITH PARTY**

The local Home Demonstration club was entertained with a Christmas party at the home of the president, Mrs. John Lowe last Wednesday afternoon. The reception room was very attractively decorated with a Christmas tree and trimmings. All those that were present joined heartily in singing Christmas carols and old southern melodies with Mrs. Edmund Dial at the piano. Amusing games were played, also several interesting contests were held.

Numbers were drawn that corresponded with numbers that were on packages that had been placed on the Christmas tree. Then the hostess acted as good old St. Nick and each lady present received a very lovely gift. While the presents were being admired, hot chocolate topped with marshmallows, golden cake and chocolate drops were served to the following: Messrs. James Carl Ashmore, Dick West, John Williams, Leroy Stockard, Mace Blanton, Douglas Patillo, Clarence Hardy, J. E. Gipson, Brusenhan, W. A. Standley, Edmund Dial, Lee Hunter, Beatrice Lowe, Bill Lowrey, W. O. Garrett, W. E. Vanderford, John L. Burden, E. R. Lovelady, A. L. Oger, Frank Crum, and the hostess, Mrs. John Lowe. Those present expressed themselves as having had a grand time. The club's next meeting will be Friday, January 1, at 2:30 p. m. at the City Hall. The program for the afternoon is:

Leader, Mrs. West.  
Roll Call: What I need some in linens.

1. Quality sizes, and care of sheets, Mrs. John Burden.
2. Points to look for in home made and bought table linens, Mrs. Moredock.
3. Quality to look for in towels, Mrs. John Williams.
4. Care and storage of household linens, Mrs. Dial.

Every cloud has a silver lining. The increased traffic in arms promises better business later in wooden legs.

**CECIL FERGUSON** announces that he is now local agent for **WATKINS PRODUCTS** Will take orders at residence, Joe Griffin place, and will appreciate your patronage from house to house orders. "It Pays To Wait for the Watkins Man."

**Hip-Hip-Hooray For Christmas!**

That's the way the youngsters might go about writing a Christmas greeting, and it's just about the way we feel too!

MAY YOUR CHRISTMAS BE FILLED WITH JOY AND HAPPINESS - WE CAN'T THINK OF A BIGGER WISH!

**Griffin Hatchery**  
Santa Anna, Texas

Santa Anna, Texas Dec. 21, 1936.  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I would like for you to bring me a doll, farm set, a doll buggy and some fruit and candy. I will thank you very much if you will bring me these things.  
Lovingly yours,  
Barbara Bruce  
Santa Anna, Texas Dec. 21, 1936  
Dear Santa Claus,  
I am a little girl seven years old. I try to be very good. I want some doll furniture and a doll and some fruit and candy too.  
With love,  
Evelyn Bruce.

We Wish You Much Happiness For 1937!

A big share of our assets is the good will you have shown toward us. As the New Year begins, we place your friendship as the greatest single item on the inventory of our business.

We are grateful for this, so therefore we greet you in all sincerity at this season and express the hope that 1937 will be good to you in every way!

**Blue Hardware Company**

We Greet You At This Season Of Christmas!

We greet our hosts of friends, you who have made possible the growth of our business by your friendship and trade, with a wish that is sincerely dear to us, that you may have a Christmas of unalloyed joy and cheer and a New Year that will be full of hours and minutes of achievement, happiness and success.

**OWEN'S CASH GROCERY**

Please Accept Our **GENUINE GRATITUDE**

The year now closing has been one in which you have honored us with your confidence and patronage, and we want you to know that we are genuinely grateful.

As we move onward into the New Year, we bespeak your continued support and pledge ourselves to leave nothing undone that will work to your better service and satisfaction.

**MRS. G. A. SHOCKLEY**

**A LITTLE AD WITH A BIG MEANING**

Maybe we are not using as large space as some others but one thing we guarantee: Regardless of space or words no one can wish you a merrier Christmas or a Happier New Year than we wish for you.

**W. H. Hudgins SERVICE STATION**

Mobilgas and Mobiloil

**Piggly Wiggly**

TO EVERY Man, Woman and Child,

RICH or POOR  
SICK or HEALTHY  
HAPPY or UNHAPPY  
FAMOUS or FORGOTTEN

The growth of our business has been made through the loyalty of our many friends, and we are grateful from the bottom of our heart for your good-will.

We extend the sincere wish, in the truest spirit of the season, that you will be made happier and better because of the deep realization of the real meaning of

**CHRISTMAS!**