

## Mass Meeting Tuesday, Jan. 5

Citizenship Asked to Meet at Court-House to Seek Enforcement of All Our Traffic Laws

At the Courthouse in Big Spring 7:30 o'clock Tuesday evening, Jan. 5, a mass meeting will be held to discuss the ways and means of having some of the laws of the city enforced, particularly the traffic laws on the streets and highways. In view of the fact that practically no attempt is made to prevent fast and reckless driving in our city, the time has come when the citizenship must take action. If one life can be saved by tardy action, it will be well, and every good citizen should be willing to join in the endeavor to make our streets safe for those who observe the law.

Laxity of our traffic laws has prevailed so long that most of our citizenship rarely ever think of the dangers of this reckless driving, and speeding that is exhibited on our streets every day. If the thinking men and women, who see such stunts could realize their responsibility, many of these wrong doings would have been mended long ago. The longer we let them go, the worse they become, and before long we are going to reach the limit. One or two persons or officers can not enforce the laws but it is up to the citizens at large to lend their cooperation in such matters, and until each one realizes that it is much his duty as anyone else's to help eliminate recklessness and speeding, the danger will continue to increase.

Measures to effect the enforcement of these laws will be discussed and decided upon at this mass meeting on Tuesday evening, and the entire citizenship of the town and county is urged to come out, and voice their claim for the enforcement of the traffic laws. Those who observe the law, and the offender, is urged to come—it is a meeting for the entire citizenship, who is willing to make the streets safe, and to protect the lives of the people.

## PAVING PROGRAM BEING ARRANGED

City Engineer R. W. Baker and force are now busy preparing plans and specifications for the paving program that is to be started about February first.

It has been definitely decided that the section of our city to be included in the paving district will be as follows: First, Second, Third and Fourth streets, and Runnels, Main and Scurry streets.

Present plans call for widening the sidewalks about two feet and water mains to be laid beneath this two-foot extension so needed repairs may be made to the mains in the future without it being necessary to tear up the pavement.

About fifty nine ornamental street lights are planned for the district in which the paving is to be completed.

## FLYING CIRCUS SUNDAY

A Flying Circus with Big Spring stunts in the leading role is to be staged here Sunday afternoon. This group of World War flyers will feature wing walking, looping the loop, ball spins, barrel rolls, Immelman turns, falling leaf, whipstalls, etc. They will also make passenger flights.

The men interested in the flying circus are Butsie Herman of Big Spring, manager; Eddie Griffith of Big Spring, chief stuntman, and Stormy Roderick of Dallas, pilot.

They purchased a fine three-passenger plane, a Standard X-05, Messrs Griffith and Roderick bringing it here on Christmas Day from Dallas.

They plan to conduct the Flying Circus at many points in West Texas.

## B. B. FOX & SON

### GROCERY MOVED

The B. B. Fox and Son grocery is being moved from a space in the J. L. Ward building on West Second St. to the Currie building on Main street; the building in which is located the Northington Market. The Market will continue to occupy space in the building with the Fox grocery.

The move is a good one as the new home being on Main street is a better location for a grocery. Then too the grocery will now have double the space they had in the former location.

## WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON CLUB

Even though the toastmaster and quite a few members failed to answer roll call at the regular meeting of the Wednesday Luncheon club this week, a very interesting program was in order.

Visitors present were S. W. Moore of El Paso and a former resident of this city and Jack C. Chase of Dallas, traveling auditor for Armour & Co.

Rev. Frank H. Stedman was the first speaker and desired some information relative to the completion of the United Charities Association's program. He stated that calls for charity were now coming in and it was very essential that the United Charities function if we wish to get away from the necessity of aiding every crook and grafter who drifted in because he had learned we had no organization to investigate those who were appealing for charity. He said various organizations had been requested to name one director each but so far only two had responded. He urged that the other organizations be urged to name directors so the United Charities Association might accomplish its intended purpose. He also desired information as to the work of the solicitation committee. Responding to Mr. Stedman's inquiries, W. W. Rix advised the committee appointed to solicit funds would submit a report next Wednesday. Chairman Owens stated he would see that the other organizations named directors at once.

S. W. Moore expressed his pleasure at meeting with the club and praised their work. In the old days in Big Spring, Mr. Moore said, it was customary for two or three to congregate on the curb to discuss matters of general welfare, and the luncheon club plan had it beat a thousand ways. In fact, said he, it is the one plan for if you hope to accomplish anything you must work collectively.

Mr. Chase of Dallas gave an outline of the budget control system followed by Armour and other big corporations in conducting their business. S. H. Morrison paid high tribute to one of our members who was claimed by death on Christmas Day, Sam Hulen Hall. He said he was the most loyal member of the organization, the one always ready to render a service for the good of the community. Beloved by everyone and a citizen whose worth everyone appreciated. We cannot hope to find another to fill his place, but in memory of him, we should resolve to emulate the willingness and unselfishness of Mr. Hall.

A motion prevailed that a letter be prepared for the family of Mr. Hall to convey an expression of the esteem in which he was held by the membership. Edwin A. Kelley and James Wilson were appointed to draft the letter. It was also requested that this letter be published in the home paper.

W. W. Rix started a general discussion when he pointed out that our entire citizenship was at last aroused at the seeming lack of law enforcement and especially the non-enforcement of the traffic laws. Talks were made by B. Reagan, Geo. J. Ruth, J. F. Wolcott, Dr. E. O. Ellington and others.

A resolution prevailed that the organization favored a stricter enforcement of all laws and especially the enforcement of the law against auto speeders.

A motion also prevailed that a mass meeting of our citizenship be called for Tuesday night, Jan. 5 at the courthouse in Big Spring for the purpose of discussing ways and means of enforcing our laws. W. G. Hayden was appointed to prepare circulars and give notice of this meeting in the newspaper.

## NEW MACHINE AT POST OFFICE ADDS EFFICIENCY

An electric cancellation machine was installed at the post office here last week. These machines are used in first class offices and help greatly to increase efficiency and speed at the office.

The electric machine takes letters as fast as they can be fed into it, cancelling the stamps plainly as well as printing the post mark. It has a capacity of 1,000 letters a minute. Postmaster Ward urges citizens who mail letters in large quantities to mail them tied in a package with all the letters turned the same way as this will enable the letters to be cancelled by the machine without straightening by hand.

## Sam H. Hall Killed by Auto

One of Big Spring's Most Highly Esteemed Citizens Killed in Front of His Place of Business

The death of Sam Hulen Hall in this city on Christmas Day made this one of the saddest Christmas Days ever experienced by our citizens. One of our most loyal, unselfish and deeply beloved citizens, his death brought sorrow to the hearts of everyone who knew and loved him.

His death was due to an automobile accident which took place in front of his place of business, the Hall Tire and Top Company, about 7:40 o'clock on Christmas eve night. He was crushed between a truck on which he was working and a Ford touring car which crashed into the truck while being driven at a fast pace by Lloyd Wasson. Blinded by the glaring headlights of an approaching car, Lloyd did not see the truck until his car crashed into it.

The force of the impact sent the truck to the vicinity of Stone's Variety store, a distance of more than 200 feet, where it collided with another car.

Mr. Hall was carried into his place of business where emergency medical attention was promptly given and soon thereafter he was moved to the hospital. He suffered severe internal injuries, a broken leg and a broken arm. Death came at 2:10 o'clock on Friday afternoon, December 25, as a result of internal injuries.

Sam Hall who was aged 40 years, 11 months and 19 days came to this city twenty-seven years ago from Cleburne, and with the exception of six years he resided in Pecos and Reeves county, has made his home here. He has been associated in business with his father ever since he has grown to manhood, first in the saddlery and harness business and since 1915 in the automobile business—under the firm name of the Hall Tire and Top Co.

Of a dynamic personality, always on the job and ready to respond to any call for service in connection with his own business or for any community enterprise he had won a high place in the hearts of our citizenship. Entirely unselfish and always ready to volunteer to render a real service for our city or county, he was a citizen that any community would prize most highly and it will be impossible to find another who could take his place as a community builder. He was a director of the Chamber of Commerce, head of the Good Roads Committee, was instrumental in our section securing two national highways and was ready to give freely of his time and money to secure any worthwhile industry that would tend to add to the welfare and prosperity of our city. He served as Chief of the Volunteer Fire Department of Big Spring the past nine years, and he did not ask any other to take any greater risks or work harder to save property from fire loss than did he. He truly followed the teachings of the Golden Rule in his daily life and his fellowman in describing Sam will without fail declare he was a real prince. Our citizenship suffers a real loss in his death and many hearts are saddened by his untimely death.

Funeral services were conducted at the family home at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon by Rev. W. C. Hinds, pastor of the Methodist church and the remains were laid to rest in Mt Olive cemetery. The beautiful floral offerings, and the large concourse of friends who braved the severest winter weather of the year to attend the last sad rites for a beloved friend attest in a small measure to the esteem in which he was held.

He is survived by a devoted wife, and son, A. G. Hall, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Hall, and a brother, Dr. G. T. Hall, and to those who mourn the loss of one dearly beloved is extended the deep sympathy of our entire citizenship.

## IMPROVEMENT AT ICE FACTORY

The plant of the Southern Ice & Utilities Company is being placed in condition to give first class service by the time summer weather means a greater demand for ice.

One complete unit of the plant is being replaced with new equipment and the capacity is being enlarged. A daily capacity of seventy tons of ice will be possible when the present improvements are completed.

Herald Want Ads got results.

## CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL CAMPAIGN TO BE HELD

There will be held in Big Spring and Howard county on Saturday January 16, a campaign to sell the Stone Mountain Confederate Memorial half dollars to help complete the memorial for the Confederacy at Stone Mountain Georgia. These beautiful souvenir coins sell for one dollar; one half of this amount going towards completing the memorial.

A. G. Hall was named county chairman of the Memorial Campaign in our county by Lon A. Smith, State chairman, and a more appropriate selection could not have been made. Mr. Hall is a Southerner and patriotic American heart, soul and body and is ever loyal and true to the United States and the traditions of the South. The heroes of the Confederacy are his heroes still, and it is a real pleasure for him to play a part in assuring the completion of Memorial which will honor the heroes of the South for all time.

The following make up the committee to assist Mr. Hall in making the Memorial Campaign in our county a real success. Mrs. L. L. Freeman, Mrs. J. D. Biles, Miss Jena Jordan, Miss Lillian Frances Gary, Miss Verbena Barnes.

Be prepared to purchase at least one of these Memorial half dollars on Saturday, January 16th.

About 741 of these Memorial half dollars have been assigned to Howard county and Mr. Hall expects to be able to report that our citizenship of Howard county purchased every single one during the campaign.

A special memorial coin with Texas engraved thereon will be sold at auction at 2 p. m. Saturday, Jan. 16. Attend this auction.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETING

A meeting of the Big Spring Volunteer Fire Department was held Wednesday night for the purpose of selecting officers for 1926 and transacting other business.

The following officers were elected: Ole Cordill, Chief; C. E. Yarnell, first assistant; Harry Lees second assistant; Jess Andrews, Captain.

A vote of thanks and appreciation was extended to the employees of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for their efficient work in notifying the members and operating the fire alarm when fires occur in our city. Their unselfish service has resulted in the saving of much property and the members of the Fire Department want them to know their prompt and splendid service is appreciated.

A vote of thanks was extended to the officers of the West Texas National Bank for the \$50 Christmas present from the bank.

A committee was appointed to draw up resolutions of condolence for the death of their former Chief, Sam Hulen Hall.

## ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF FUGITIVITY

A young man giving his name as C. C. Walker and claiming Bosque county as his home, was arrested here last week on a charge of forgery. Several checks ranging from \$12.50 to \$37.50 made to C. C. Wallace and bearing the signature of I. N. McNew were accepted by business men here. Walker was arrested on T. & P. passenger train No. 6 just before it was due to leave for the east. He had purchased a ticket to Fort Worth.

Much of the merchandise purchased from the business houses here was recovered as a trunk owned by Walker was found to contain same when taken from the baggage room.

Walker formerly worked in Lamesa and Amarillo and had been here but a short time.

## BLIZZARD WEATHER

The most severe weather of the year had the entire country in its grip the forepart of the week. Freezing weather and snow were in evidence in Florida, South Texas and Old Mexico.

The blizzard hit this section about one o'clock Sunday morning and severe cold was experienced Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. It was cloudy throughout the cold spell, with a small amount of sleet falling early Tuesday morning.

As Saturday was as balmy as a spring day many failed to cut off the water Saturday night and as a result the plumbers have been busy repairing and replacing bursted pipes.

W. P. Soash left Wednesday night for a business trip to Fort Worth.

## Oil Men Watch Iatan District

Eyes Centered on 2 Wells—Magnolia Watson and Humble's Powell No. 3 Important Tests

Morrison & Thompson Test Well Drilling on the Morrison and Thompson Hyman well is progressing steadily; a depth of 1400 feet had been reached, Wednesday.

This test is about four miles east of the Deep Rock Oil Co.'s Hyman No. 1.

## Transcontinental Oil Co. to Start

L. J. Mellen, superintendent in Texas for the Transcontinental Oil Company of Tulsa, and other representatives have been here this week to make the location for the test well the company is to have drilled on the Roberts ranch southeast of Big Spring. This company has a lease on 4480 acres a few miles northwest of the Fred Hyer and are to make arrangements for starting on this test at an early date.

## Rig at Deep Rock Test Burns

The rig at Deep Rock Oil Co.'s Hyman No. 1 in the southeastern corner of Howard county, twenty-two miles southeast of Big Spring, burned to the ground at an early hour Wednesday morning when the crew encountered a strong gas pocket at 3075 feet.

The derrick was enveloped in gas from the well and was ignited by fire from the fire box of the boiler. The string of tools was badly damaged.

The derrick will be rebuilt at once and drilling resumed.

## Unloading Oil Rig Here

A drilling rig is unloaded here Wednesday and is now being moved to the southeastern part of Howard county where Sloan and associates are to make a deep test on the Otis Chalk ranch, about nineteen miles southeast of Big Spring.

Location has been made on section 113, block 49, W. & N. W. survey. This location is midway between the Deep Rock Co.'s Hyman No. 1 and the Hyer Clay No. 1; about two and a half miles from these wells.

It is especially favorably located and the fact that Mr. Sloan contracted to drill the well on such a limited acreage is the best evidence that he believes he is going to secure a commercial well.

The following from a recent issue of the Dallas News tells of the drilling tests now being made in this territory by the big oil companies:

Although the search for new oil pools in West Texas, being conducted by a number of the large oil companies as well as a host of independent operators, is of such extensive scope as to keep interest scattered over a very large area, indications are that attention will be centered largely about the time the Christmas holidays are over in the Iatan area, Mitchell county, where the Magnolia Petroleum Company is carrying on some interesting development work, and in that particular section of Crockett county where the Humble Oil and Refining Company is developing its Powell lease.

Of all the territory under the drill in West Texas, these two areas promise to hold the major portion of interest on the part of oil men during the next week or ten days. That oil exists in both areas has already been demonstrated, in the Iatan district by the Magnolia's Mary Foster well which has averaged about 125 barrels of oil a day on the pump for more than three months and on the Humble's Powell lease in Crockett county by two small producers which are flowing about thirty barrels a day each. Both the Magnolia and Humble are drilling an additional test in these respective areas. The Magnolia's Watson No. 1, in the Iatan area, 660 feet south of the company's Mary Foster producer, is drilling below 2,575 feet, while the Humble's Powell No. 3, 1,330 feet south of its Powell No. 1, in Crockett county, is drilling around 1,800 feet in the time the new year is expected to bring definite results in both these tests and these results will give oil men a fairly comprehensive idea of the importance to attach to these semiproven areas.

Acreage is not split up very much in either the Iatan or the Crockett county areas in question, except to

the south. If the Magnolia's Watson No. 1 and the Humble's Powell No. 3 develop as producers, demonstrating a pay trend to the south in each area, as the opinion of some holds, it is more than likely that an intensive drilling campaign will result in these Mitchell and Crockett county territories. By the time Jan. 1, 1926 arrives this question should be settled in a fairly definite way in both instances.

The Magnolia's Mary Foster No. 1, or the Foster No. 2 as it is generally known, is in the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 17, block 29, twp. 1-S, T. & P. survey, Mitchell county, four miles south of Iatan and six or seven miles southwest of the nearest production, in the Mitchell county Westbrook field. Production in the Westbrook field is found at 2,965 to 3,100 feet. In the Magnolia's Mary Foster well the pay was hit around 2,868 feet and the drill was sent four to six feet in the sand, the bottom of the well being 2,872 feet. If the pay in the Iatan area corresponds to that in the West-Foster is only in the first pay. If Brook field, the Magnolia's Mary drilled deeper, this well should get another pay sand after going through a nineteen-foot break.

The Magnolia's first Foster test in that section, the W. L. Foster No. 1, is a mile and a half west of the Mary Foster well. Through the fact that the same surname prevails in the fee ownership of these two leases, the wells have been generally known as the Foster No. 1 and Foster No. 2. The W. L. Foster test was drilled about two years ago and got a good showing, about four or five barrels. It was drilled to 4,200 feet and plugged. The belief is that the W. L. Foster test was on the extreme western edge of the producing area.

The Magnolia's Watson No. 1, in the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 20, block 29, twp. 1-S, T. & P. survey, Mitchell county, 660 feet south of the Mary Foster or Foster No. 2 well, has had a little showing of oil from the 1,960 and 2,580-foot horizons, similar to the showings made in the Foster No. 2. The Watson No. 1, now drilling below 2,075 feet, at the rate of about forty feet a day, should get the pay around 2,868-70 feet, the same horizon from which the Foster No. 2 is producing. Making about forty feet a day it should hit the pay within the next five days or so.

Several other operations in the general vicinity of the Magnolia's Watson No. 1 add to the interest with which developments in that area are being watched. Choate & Henshaw's O'Daniel No. 1, center of the southeast quarter of section 34, block 30, twp. 1-S, Texas & Pacific survey, Howard county, is about four miles southwest of the Watson No. 1. Choate & Henshaw's O'Daniel, is a small producer, with total depth of 3,103 feet. About nine miles southwest of the Watson No. 1 is the Deep Rock Oil Company's Hyman No. 1, in the southeast quarter of section 88, block 29, W. & N. W. survey, Howard county, which got a showing of oil around 1,300 and 2,700 feet. This test was carried on down to 2,645 feet. It is reported good for about ten or twelve barrels, but it is understood the operators expect to drill deeper. Five or six miles southwest of the Deep Rock's Hyman is the Clay No. 1 of Fred Hyer, in the southwest quarter of section 139, block 29, W. & N. W. survey, Howard county. Reports place the production of this well at thirty barrels a day. It filled a 250-barrel storage tank with oil, but over how long a period was not reported. This test was drilled to 1,563 feet. It had a show of oil at 1,508 and was shot at 1,552-1,557, with the result that it pumped half a barrel of oil an hour. The operation was shut down for orders some time ago, but it is understood it is to be tested further.

Sloan et al. are reported preparing to drill a test about halfway between the Deep Rock's Hyman and Fred Hyer's Clay wells. Location for the Sloan et al. test is reported as in section 113, block 29, W. & N. W. survey, Howard county.

Dan Lewis of Fort Worth is reported to have made location for a test in Glasscock county, the location being in the southwest quarter of section 159, block 29, W. & N. W. survey.

The Magnolia has made location for another test in the Iatan section, this being in the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 9, twp. 1-S, T. & P. survey, Mitchell county.

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## For All The Family

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## "Merry Christmas, Happy New Year!"

By Ellis Parker Butler,  
—in St. Nicholas

**LITTLE** called Rastus (once a day) in down the street,  
"A-milin' an' a-grinnin' at every one he meet;  
My, oh! he was happy! Boy! but he was gay!  
Wishin' 'Merry Christmas' an' 'Happy New-Year's Day!'  
Wishin' that his wishes nigh every one come true—  
And—bless your feet, honey,—I wish the same to you!"

In Arthur, who had come from Kansas City was having dinner with her at the hotel the night Peter Moffat came in from Chicago. Peter was hurrying down the street from the station when he happened to look in at the brightly lighted restaurant of the hotel and there—what? He stopped dead still, the evil green monster rising in his breast. It was Melinda with another man! His first impulse was to rush into the hotel, punch this impudent stranger and carry Melinda off with him. But this shyness was stronger than his passion and he only turned away, grinding his teeth and clenching his fists. He would see Melinda in the morning at her house!

The next morning about nine o'clock Melinda was surprised to see Peter Moffat at her door. She began to tremble nervously. "Good morning, Peter," she said to him, and extended a cold, moist hand. Peter grunted.

"I've come to talk to you, Melinda," he said very seriously indeed, and closed the door behind him. They sat in the little parlor of the Brown house. "You haven't been playing a straight game with me, Melinda," he began. "I know all about it—you needn't try to explain. I saw you last night, and I've seen you other nights. You have only been using me as a plaything while you've had these other fellows on the side."

Melinda gasped. "Why Peter Moffat, you—you!" she could think of nothing to say.

"I know all about it," he repeated; "I've been watching you. Now all I've got to say is that I'm not a man to be trifled with. Either you marry me at once or you never will see me again. I want an answer right now, yes or no."

Melinda felt as though she had been suddenly hurled into an avalanche. She could not understand what had gotten into her, or what he was referring to. She did know, however, with an ecstatic sense of delight that he was proposing.

"I'll marry you whenever you say, Peter," she said meekly.

Peter, feeling greatly triumphant, leaned over and kissed his future wife tenderly. "We'll be married tomorrow," he said.

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### Delayed Appreciation

It's difficult for youth to reckon with the generous joys that make the pulses throb. Some day they learn that Santa is a myth and that old father dear was on the job.

### KNOW TEXAS

Land owners in Texas in 1924 received \$192,115,166 from oil companies in the form of rentals, bonuses and royalties.

Of 167,934,120 acres of land in Texas 100,000,000 is capable of cultivation and less than 50,000,000 is under cultivation.

Recent average annual value of Texas farm crops was \$818,705,000.

The grape fruit crop of the lower Rio Grande Valley this season is expected to be about 1,000 car loads.

Texas produces more than half of the mohair crop of the United States.

Texas is sixth in the list of states in the number of motor vehicles registered. There are more automobiles in Texas than in any entire nation in the world except the United States.

The average annual date of the first frost in Texas ranges from November 1 at Amarillo to December 26 at Corpus Christi.

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Miss Sallie Buchanan left Monday evening to resume her studies in the Teachers State College at Commerce, after spending the Christmas holidays in this city with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Buchanan.

### WHITNEY READER

#### AWARDED MEDAL

Following is a clipping taken from the Houston Chronicle in regard to the awarding of a medal by the Kiwanis club of Houston to the Boy Scout making the best record during 1925. This honor went to Whitney Reader, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Rix of this city, who has spent many summers with them in this city.

Because their records were better than any other Girl Scout and Boy Scout had made in Houston during the past year, Rose Wood Arledge, 1020 Wichita Street, and Whitney Reader, 1920 Alabama Street, were awarded medals of honor by the Kiwanis Club Wednesday noon.

Whitney Reader, winner of the first prize for Boy Scouts, enrolled as a Boy Scout in February, 1924, a member of Troop No. 10, of which E. Burns Roensch is scoutmaster.

In October, 1924, he passed both the tenderfoot and the second class tests, and in January, 1925, was made a first class scout. He has taken the following merit badges since that time: Athletics, bird study, camping, carpentry, civics, conservation, cooking, craftsmanship in leather, dairying, electricity, firemanship, first aid, first aid to animals, life saving, pathfinding, pioneering, public health, scholarship, swimming, safety first, craftsmanship in wood, in bookbinding, machinery, leather working, blacksmithing, art, craftsmanship in woodcarving, business, automobiling, bee keeping, poultry keeping, painting and music.

He was made a star scout on October 29, 1925. At the same time, he was made a life scout. On November 25, he was made an eagle scout.

He is 13 years old, and was born and raised in Houston. He is a pupil in South End Junior High School, and a member of the Trinity Episcopal Church. He is the son of Mrs. Alice T. Reader, 1920 Alabama Avenue.

### POLITICAL MEDICINES FOR ECONOMIC ILLS

Declining prices for agricultural products, no matter what the cause, are always followed by a demand for legislative action and for loudly voicing complaints against the railroads, middlemen, exchanges, capitalists, and big money interests. It is the cue to the politicians to get busy. They cultivate a sympathetic attitude; choke up with emotion and shed "crocodile" tears while they prescribe political medicines for the economic ills of the farmers.

Legislation no doubt has, in times past, and may in the future, give temporary relief to the agricultural industry, but political medicine will never reach the seat of the trouble and effect a permanent cure. Legislation may act as a stimulant, but the reaction leaves the patients in a weaker and more helpless condition than before.

The farmers themselves must find a cure for their economic ills, and when it is found it must be used judiciously and regularly according to directions. There is an industry which presents many angles. New problems come up for solution from month to month and from season to season. The farmer who does not take time to give serious thought to these problems with a view to their solution, but just lets things slide, trusting to better luck next time, is the man who is making a failure. The farmer who sits down to find the reason for his failure will be found among the most advanced and prosperous citizens of his community.

More is demanded of farmers today than was required of grandpa in his day. Grandpa, from very necessity, produced most of his own food, and nearly all that he and his family wore. He was not greatly concerned about a market for his products, nor did he worry about fertilizers. Land was cheap, and when he wore out one farm he moved on to new territory. He was a pioneer, also a miner of soils. But there is mighty little pioneering to be done today, and the miner of soils is having hard sledding. Years ago anybody could farm successfully. Today it takes brains to make a success. Not passive brains, but the kind that develops new ideas and stimulates one into action. No man can farm successfully unless he makes a study of his business both as to the matter of production and of marketing. Those farmers who look forward and constantly strive to improve their business and to produce more than just a mere living for themselves and families pay but little heed to the political medicine man. The politician and the soap-box orator always receive a better hearing from the men who are just getting by, and doing it with just a little work and just a little thinking as possible. —Farm and Ranch.

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### HAS MURDER IN AMERICA BECOME SIMPLY A MISDEMEANOR?

A great jurist said to the publisher of this journal not long since: "Why do you not publish in every issue of your paper, why do you not discuss in every public talk you make, the horrible level to which the United States has fallen with regard to the taking of human life, and the lenient treatment of murderers?"

It is a subject that is, in fact, more important than any other the American people face — probably more serious than this Nation has ever faced. We will try and keep the subject to the fore often in these columns hereafter. Why preach building a better America if it is to be overrun with murder?

In London last year there were 8 murders.

In all of England and Wales there were 50.

Texas fairly swarmed with takers of human life.

The city of Los Angeles had 170 murders.

Other cities and States in about the same proportion.

A statistically inclined Chicago jurist estimates that are walking the streets of America today, free men, and waiting for their next victim, not less than 125,000 murderers, of whom at least 100,000 should have been hung, and would have been, had they committed their crimes elsewhere than in this country.

On the streets, in the trains, the street cars, the theaters, the men and women and children of this land rub elbows daily with men and women whose hands are red with the blood and whose souls are black with the crime of murder.

Leigh H. Irvine, in his tremendous book, "The Poisons of the Courts," in which he sums up the murder situation in this country, and fundamental causes, declares that there has never before been such a situation as this in all the history of the world, and that the manhood of America is unaroused, while the murderer has us by the throat.

Berlin, in broken-down and Communist-ridden Germany, had 32 murders last year. New York, in our prized and civilized America, had 333.

A situation unparalleled in the history of mankind exists in this country; scores of men and women are brutally murdered every day and the murderer is given bail so that he may intimidate witnesses, prepare his case, etc., and then goes free.

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In England a murderer gets no bail, and is generally tried and hanged in three weeks. If he claims insanity the court appoints a court physician to pass on his sanity, and that examination is brief and final.

In England they are engaged in defending society against the murderer.

In the United States the murdered person is gone, and the chief effort seems to be to safeguard the precious killer.

Are we really civilized?—The Gulf Coast Lumberman.

### CHRISTMAS PAGEANT GIVEN AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The members of the Christian Endeavor of the Presbyterian Church presented a Christmas pageant last Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. "At the Daybreak" was the theme of the pageant, and as the Girls Choir sang softly, different Biblical characters were dramatized, such as David, Job, Moses, Anna, etc. The effect produced was one of beauty, and very much appreciated and enjoyed by the many people who were there in attendance.

A free will offering was taken.

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## A "BEARFOOT" CHRISTMAS

By EMILY BURKS ADAMS

**T**HE beautifully decorated house, the gently falling snow, the brisk atmosphere, the hurrying, and the expecting of loved ones, evidenced the presence of Christmas.

Merry laughter and hurried steps assured Mrs. Bearfoot that her adored son and daughter had arrived.

"Hello, mother, a Merry Christmas!" shouted Rose and Wayne. "You've heard about Edith, mother, so here she is. I know you'll love her; Edith does, and I'm about to. Shake hands with mother, Edith," continued Wayne, excitedly.

"Yes, we are so glad to have you, Miss Darrow," said Mrs. Bearfoot, as she shook hands with Edith.

"Thank you. I am delighted to be here and to know you. What a thrill I'm having! I'm wild about Oklahoma. Rose and Wayne think they have a joke on me because I thought all those all wells were windmills."

"Yes, mother," interrupted Wayne. "Edith said, 'How all these windmills remind one of Holland!'"

"Oh, well, I shall be all the wiser when I return to Chicago. I'm anxious to see all the Indians Rose and Wayne have told me about. Are they joking me about that, too? I hope so, for I am mortally afraid of Indians, but of course the government keeps them guarded."

"Yes, Edith, if I may call you Edith?" and she caught the twinkling in her son's eye. "The Indians need watching; they are cunning. Wayne is a good athlete and will see that you are not scalped, at least."

"Well, I want to climb to the top of one of those 'windmills.' All the wells know anything about go down and I shall still call those tall things windmills. I want to see a tepee and an Indian chief, too, before I return home."

Dinner was served and Edith noticed the exquisite table service and appointments. The drawing room was spacious and Edith marveled at the magnificent furnishings. The rugs were Oriental; the pictures were done by master artists; and the culture of



"I'll Count It a Mighty Fine Christmas Present."

the home was in keeping with the elegant furnishings.

Rose and her mother were visiting, as only a mother and daughter can. After a four months' separation. "Oh, mother, it's too funny! Edith thinks Oklahoma is wild. Don't you like her? She is a dear, and Wayne is crazy about her. I think it is mutual, however. Her idea of Indians so amuses us."

Wayne and Edith were visiting as they, too, had been separated several months. "Well, Edith, what think you of Ponca now, and of mother? She is some mother. I tell you. You need not fear the Indians. Now that you've met mother and have seen Ponca, aren't you ready to give me that answer? I'll count it a mighty fine Christmas present."

"Oh, Wayne, you must wait until after the community tree. I want to see more of these natives. All good things are worth waiting for, you know, and besides, it isn't time yet to give our presents."

It was Christmas Eve, and Edith and Wayne were talking of the community tree. "My! What a crowd there was, Wayne. The singing was next to divine; but where were the Indians?"

"The man who sang that beautiful baritone solo was at one time an Indian chief; the girl, who gave that impressive oration was his granddaughter. The Indians were all around you, Edith."

Edith's eyes opened—"Oh! I thought all Indians wore blankets and guns!" "Edith, the Indian of today is civilized. A race that has suffered, yes; but a truly American race; a race that was sent from place to place; a race that fought and won. Only a small portion of their vast inheritance was allotted them, but that portion has taxed rich in oil. I am an Indian, Edith, nor would I conceal it. I am bestowing upon you the highest honor man can give to woman. Will you become my wife, Edith—the wife of an Indian—a man who would die for his race and you? If you will promise me, this will be the happiest Christmas of my life."

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## Turning Over a New Leaf

By W. H. Pierce

**N**OW listen to me, Heppie," said Happy Brown, as he got up from his easy chair to wind the clock and put out the cat and lock the back door. "Listen to me. It's two days now till Christmas. Look at that lot of packages over there on the sofa that I've got to play Santa Claus on. Think of the piles and piles of bundles we've sent out already; big bundles and little bundles, to Jim's folks and John's folks, Sairy's folks and Mandy's folks, the preacher, the orphan's home, the old cobbler, the washwoman and the newsboy. It's got so that Christmas is a nightmare."

Accordingly the next morning Heppie and Happy Brown started out on their last shopping tour before Christmas. As they turned the corner of the main street they came upon two children, a boy and a girl, poorly clad, who stood with their noses pressed against the window of a small shop, wherein were displayed a few cheap dolls and toys. They were so engrossed in their inspection of these articles that they did not notice the man and woman who stopped behind them and listened to their childish prattle.



"There's a Noah's ark," said the boy. "The baby could play with that a lot. There's animals inside, and if she'd play with one at a time it would seem like new toys all the time."

"Yes, but there ain't no dolly in there," said the girl. "She wants a dolly. How much money you got, Billy?"

Carefully drawing his hands from his pants pocket, the boy opened his fingers and slowly counted the few pieces of change in his palm. "Thirty-two cents, Sissy. I haven't lost any of it."

"Thirty-two cents! My, that's a lot of money! A lot of money, Billy, and it took a long time to earn it and save it. But—somehow it isn't going to buy much, is it, Billy?"

"No, but thirty-two cents is better than nothing."

"Well, then, you could get the Noah's ark; that's only twenty-five cents. Then you'd still have money left—how much, Billy?"

"Fifteen and ten, that's twenty-five," carefully separating a dime and three nickels from the rest of the little pile. "See, Sissy, that leaves only seven cents to get something for you."

"For me? Ho! Never mind me. I don't want anything. I can dress the dolly, you know, and play it's mine when the baby's asleep. Maybe we can find something for mother. Oh, Billy, if we could get one of those green wreaths with the red berries—wouldn't it be lovely?"

"Mother needs stockings more than anything else. Besides, the green wreaths cost more than seven cents apiece, I'm afraid. Come on; let's go in and see what they have got."

"Wait a minute," said Happy Brown, putting his hand on the boy's shoulder.

"Where do you children live?" The boy's hand closed tightly on the few pieces of money.

"Back on the next street, near the elevator. Why, mister? Where are you going?"

"Back on the next street, near the elevator," said Happy, as he took the boy's hand. "I want to see your mother and the baby."

"It ain't much of a place, mister. And mother's washing, I guess. She most always is."

"Never mind that. Come on, Heppie," turning to his wife, who was just behind, with the girl's hand in hers.

Their stay there was not long, but was momentous for Billy's mother and her little brood. Happy Brown had made Billy wildly happy by placing a dollar bill in his hand and another in Sissy's, and telling them to go on with their Christmas shopping. He had left a yellow-backed bill on the table under a plate. As he and Heppie turned the corner he pulled out a notebook and noted down as he muttered to himself: "Coal, blankets, potatoes, canned goods, apples—here, Heppie, take this money and get things for those children. You know what they want. I'm getting a few things the mother needs."

"Yes, but, Happy, I thought you'd swoon off."

"Heppie Brown, this doesn't count. This is an investment."

"An investment?"

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## UNCLE JIM'S CHRISTMAS

By MARION E. REAGAN

**I**T WAS just a week before Christmas. The Jacksons—that is to say, the J. J.'s, the R. P.'s and the W. J. Jacksons—had all met in the home of the latter to discuss what was referred to as their "predicament." The oldest son of the W. J. Jacksons had just gone into business some few months before and his father, and his two uncles, J. J. and R. P., had endorsed his note. In the meantime the business had failed and the Jacksons were now called on to make the note good. To pay, as they certainly would have to, meant to sacrifice what little they had, and none of them was any too prosperous.

"How about asking Uncle Jim for the money?" R. P. suggested. "He's rich enough and it wouldn't hurt him."

"Yes," interrupted his wife, "but you forget he's just as tight as he's rich, and there isn't one of us that's even laid eyes on him since Cousin William's death four years ago."

"That's all right," replied her husband, "people get generous impulses at Christmas time, and you never get anything in this world unless you ask for it."

Everyone agreed that what R. P. said was true enough, but none would "stoop to ask a favor of him." It wouldn't do, that was all. It wouldn't do.

However, after the little meeting broke up and the families went on their various ways, each had the idea that after all it wouldn't hurt to try Uncle Jim. They would say nothing to the rest and if it did not turn out well, no one would ever know.

And so that night three letters were sent to Uncle Jim—one from R. P., one from W. J. and one from J. J. Jackson, asking for \$5,000 to pay off the note of the young Jackson, and thus save three families from utter ruin.

Uncle Jim, an irate, extremely close old bachelor, was furious the morning of December 23. He paced the floor, his face crimson, three letters crumpled in his fist. "By George, what nerve! The begging beasts!" he exploded. He sat down to write a



"And One From J. J. Jackson Asking for \$5,000."

terse note to each saying "No," definitely, but found it a little difficult—even he—to be so cold. Finally he thought the easiest way to get out of it gracefully would be to write saying that he himself had had reverses and was poorer than any one of them. To make it a little more graphic, he even referred to his "cold garret."

Mrs. J. J. Jackson appeared at the breakfast table next morning with a letter in her hand.

"From Uncle Jim," she answered simply to her husband's inquiry.

"Nothing doing, I suppose?" he asked.

"Oh, it's much worse than that, Jack; the poor old man—read this. Isn't it too bad, after all he's had?"

"Let's invite him here for Christmas dinner," suggested Mrs. J. J. "It's pretty hard on him, you know, being alone and old like that."

It was agreed. Mrs. J. J. sat down and wrote the following:

"Dear Uncle Jim:

"We are so sorry to have bothered you with our note, but we never knew of your—reverses. Won't you come and spend the Christmas holidays with us? The enclosed is a postal order for \$250 to cover the fare. Do come. We are most anxious to see you."

"Your affectionate niece,

"ANN."

The peculiar thing was that precisely the same thing happened in the home of the R. P.'s and W. J.'s, with the result that Uncle Jim again received three letters from his nieces, all enclosing the fare to Evansville for Christmas dinner.

Old Uncle Jim was genuinely touched. Of all the things that might have happened, certainly this was the last he would have expected.

That night, Christmas Eve, the Jacksons met again at the J. J.'s to discuss what could be done about the note, which had to be met on the 26th. They had not gotten far with their plans when the noise of a high-powered motor was heard outside and the bell rang.

"Gracious, Uncle Jim!" exclaimed Mrs. J. J., when she opened the door. "Of course, Uncle Jim," said the old man. "I was only teasing you when I wrote that letter. I had intended sending all along and paying off the little note. Here take these—just a few Christmas greetings for each of you."

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# It Seems Incredible

that another Christmas Season is gone, that we are standing on the threshold of a new year — and it is a wonderful thing to be permitted to go into a New Year with all of its possibilities and opportunities for achievement.

The past is behind us, a record of accomplishment and failure, it is not worthy of consideration except as we can draw from it renewed inspiration and determination for the future.

## Let Us Face The New Year

with high courage, unafraid of anything it may have in store, and resolve to make it the best year of our lives.

We wish to assure our customers and friends that their patronage during the past year is sincerely appreciated and we hope that our merchandise and service have merited a continuance of that patronage in the future.

## We Hope The New Year

will hold in store for you a full measure of happiness and prosperity.

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### FOSTER'S WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Dec. 24.—A moderate cold wave north and cold wave south will cross the continent during the week centering on Dec. 26, followed by rising temperatures to the end of the month. A storm wave of moderate intensity will cross the continent during the week centering on Dec. 31, and spend its principal force on the Atlantic Ocean and cause principal precipitation in the Southern and East Coast sections and from the Great Lakes eastward. A cold wave following the storm center of Dec. 31 is expected to be of the severe and lasting variety, causing a general drop in average temperatures extending through the first ten-day period of January.

January precipitation will be about normal in North Central United States and South Central Canada, decreasing as the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence Valley are approached; above normal in the Atlantic Coast and East Gulf States, below normal near the Great Lakes, west of the Rockies and in the Southwest. January temperatures will average below normal in the Atlantic Coast and cotton belt States, about normal in the Great Central Valleys, above normal west of the Rockies' crest. Heaviest precipitation of the month will occur during the periods of Jan. 8 to 11 and 21 to 25. A storm wave centering on Jan. 4 will be mild and stay far to the north, causing a warm wave in the South. A storm wave from the Southwest near Jan. 9 will probably bring down a cold wave and a northwester to the Western plains and Southwest sections, but is not expected to be very severe. A storm wave centering on Jan. 12 will be preceded and followed by severe weather, reaching far south, with a cold wave and moderately heavy precipitation. Above normal precipitation is expected in the South Central and Southwestern sections during Jan. 10 to 16. Severe storms centering on Jan. 20, reaching South Central States and becoming severe as the Atlantic Coast sections are approached. A moderate storm wave centering on Jan. 23, reaching close to the



May your New Year be brimming with health and prosperity for you and yours is our sincere wish.

We also wish to take this opportunity to thank our friends throughout the Big Spring Country for their patronage and goodwill during the years that have passed and we will ever strive to merit a continuation of same.

## Big Springs Insurance Agency

BIG SPRING, TEXAS

Canadian line, Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Valley route. The best January crop weather is expected in Western and Southern sections east of the Rockies' crest. Severe weather northwest. Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Valley and along Atlantic Coast. Some increase in precipitation is expected on Central and Northern Pacific slope during the last half of the month.

Misses Margaret Caldwell and Mabel Holt of Midland, Texas, visiting friends here Christmas evening.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. McGowan and children returned Sunday from a visit with relatives and friends in Abilene and Eastland.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Phillips returned Sunday from Baird, where they spent the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends.

Miss Inaboth Whitefield, Leola Bingham, Tommie Preston, Almada Murray and Jim Flanagan of Midland, visited friends here Saturday night.

# Overdrafts to be Eliminated by Local Banks

At the insistence of a National Bank Examiner, Mr. L. D. Thorn, the three banks in this city have signed a contract agreeing to entirely cease paying any and all overdrafts, commencing on February 1, 1926.

The banks here have for years countenanced overdrafts to some extent, endeavoring to hold them to a minimum at all times, but instead of getting better, this habit, like most other bad ones, has continually grown worse. The result is that the local banks have been directed by the Comptroller's Department to strictly observe the law in this respect hereafter, and refrain from granting credit in this form to anyone. Below is a copy of the agreement entered into.

All who have heretofore occasionally overdrawn their accounts should arrange to keep tab on their balances, and assist the banks in complying with this agreement.

Big Spring, Texas, Dec. 18, 1925

WHEREAS, in overdrafts, every legal and business principle is violated by both the paying bank and the customer, it has, therefore, become necessary for the Comptroller's Department to insist such practice be discontinued without exception.

Therefore, we, the President and Cashier, respectively of the First National Bank, The State National Bank and The West Texas National Bank, all of Big Spring, Texas, enter into this contract this 18th day of December, 1925 and pledge our institutions to completely refrain from permitting overdrafts in any form in the future, beginning February 1, 1926, after causing due notice, signed by the above banks, to be given in the local newspaper; we will strictly observe the above provisions and cooperate in eliminating this abuse to the bank's credit.

## The State National Bank

W. B. CURRIE, President  
T. S. CURRIE, Cashier

## The First National Bank

L. S. McDOWELL, President  
R. L. PRICE, Cashier

## The West Texas National Bank

B. REAGAN, President  
ROBT. T. PINER, Cashier

Witness:

L. D. THORN,  
National Bank Examiner

## CLASSIFIED ADS

### FOR SALE

FOR SALE OR TRADE—A good lot near school for sale or will trade for milk cows. See Willard Smith, Big Spring, Box 211.

OIL BARRELS FOR SALE—50-gallon oil barrels for sale. Call at Bankhead Garage. 16-2

FOR SALE—320 acres of a fine farming land as can be found in Texas, 5 miles southwest of Big Spring. Fine crop on this farm. All or part for sale by owner. For terms address J. D. WILLIAMS, Box 375, Colorado, Texas. 2-

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PURE BRED WHITE LEGHORN Cockerels, \$1.25 as long as they last. W. H. or DR. LEE, G. C. Route, Big Spring.

FOR SALE—Span of 5-year-old iron gray mules, perfectly matched in salt and color, perfectly gentle for anyone to handle; 15 1-2 hands high. Also oil field special wagon, with 14-foot bed. LAWRENCE SIMPSON, G. C. Rt., Big Spring.

FOR SALE—One tractor and plow, good as new, \$400. Two double disc plows, have only been used to break one hundred acres of ground. For sale, \$100 each. Also two or three good mules for sale. See SID OLIVER, 13 miles north of Big Spring on Gail road. 1pd

LAND FOR SALE—Have improved and unimproved good farming land for sale on very easy payments in Howard, Sterling and Martin counties. See T. S. CURRIE. 51-tf

FOR SALE OR TRADE—1923 model Maxwell touring car good as new, run about 6000 miles. Will sell worth the money or trade for property. See me at Bottling Works or see car at my home, 407 Nolan. S. B. STONE. 6-tf

FARM—480 acres, 4 1-2 miles west of Knott, sandy loam, cat-claw land, 75 acres in cultivation, small house, good well stock water, fenced and cross fenced. Will sell in quarter sections. A bargain. Terms to suit purchaser. Address B. F. WILLS, Van Horn, Texas. 6tf

HOUSE—Six-room residence on Scurry street in McDowell Heights. Phone 337 or see W. D. Green. 13tf

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FOR SALE CHEAP—N. W. of 2, block 35, Box 1 N. Martin Co. Tex. R. P. HANDY, Oelwein, Ia. 134p

TRACTOR AND FARM TOOLS—Fordson Tractor in good condition and practically new 2-row planter and cultivator for tractor for sale cheap. Cash or terms. Apply this office. 15-tf

FOR SALE—150 White Leghorn Pullets and Cockerels will make very attractive price for entire lot as must dispose of them; this includes pen entered in A. & M. Egg Laying Contest. If interested write "Box 42, Ranger, Texas. 16-6t

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FOR RENT—Comfortable up stairs apartment to rent to a couple. Very reasonable for the right party. Call at 403 Bell Street. 9tf

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BRICK BUILDING—Brick business building 25x60 feet, for sale or lease. See, write or phone V. F. ROBERTS, Coahoma, Texas. 14-3

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### WANTED

I have grass to pasture 175 head of cattle. PHILIP THOMPSON, Sterling City, Texas. 10-tf

CATTLE WANTED—I will buy anything in the cattle line that will ship. Will buy from 1 to 1000 head. Leave word at the West Texas National Bank or see me. DEE PRICE, Phone 633, Big Spring, Texas. 52-tf

PLUMBING—I am prepared to do your plumbing and steam fitting and do it right at a reasonable price. Phone 595. W. W. FISHER. 134p

WANTED—Two men roomers. Will board if wanted for \$8 per week, each. Mrs. Bill Roberts, 419 Gollard St. 1tpd

BEDROOM—A nice bedroom for man or woman. Call at 490 Benton St. 1tpd

SHOATS—200 fine pigs—all sizes now on sale at W. E. Harper's barn on East Second St. Rowden Bates, owner. 1t-

### MISCELLANEOUS

FOR TRADE—A new Oldsmobile car to trade for Ford roadster, town lots or young cattle. Write W. W. Watson, Garden City, Texas. 162p

PIGS—PIGS—PIGS—200 fine shoats now on sale at W. E. Harper's barn on East Second St. Buy one or two. Rowden Bates, owner. 1t

CEMENT WORK—Am prepared to do all kinds of cement work, such as coping, walks, water troughs, tanks, etc. I refer you to any work I have done in this city as reference. A. B. WINSLOW.

POSTED—My pasture is posted according to law and hunting is prohibited. My friends are not going to trespass, and I expect to prosecute to the full extent of the law anyone caught hunting on my ranch. J. G. CARTER. 9-8t-pd

RAISE YOUR OWN MEAT—200 shoats now on sale. If you have surplus of feed, buy a few good pigs. Call at W. E. Harper's barn on East Second street. Rowden Bates, owner. 1t

### LOST

LOST—K. of P. watch charm, about one and a half inches square. Finder please return to Ben Blackwell at A. M. Fisher store.

LOST—White pit bull dog. Answers to the name of "Pup." Brindle spot on left ear and left eye. Tail and ears untrimmed. Last seen on east pipe near the road leading to Moss Springs: A liberal reward will be paid for return of same. Return to 503 Jack, or see W. W. Fisher. 1

LOST—A pair of tortoise shell rim glasses in case, was lost at Lyric theater Tuesday night. Reward for return to Herald office, 1p

### HOME FOR SALE

A brand new home with 2 lots for sale for less than you could buy the lots and build it for today. Part cash, balance easy terms. GEO. L. WILKE.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carney and Miss Mamie Prichard who were here to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Prichard left Sunday night for their home at Fort Worth. Mrs. Carney and Miss Mamie are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Prichard.

M. H. Morrison and children, Walton, Harmon and Miss Pauline, returned Tuesday from Crystal City, Texas, where they spent Christmas with relatives. Mr. Morrison said the frigid weather was in evidence in Sunny South Texas.

Miss Winnie Dempsey left Monday for Mineral Wells where she went to be with her aunt, Mrs. J. F. McWhorter, who was at the bedside of her father J. W. McCutchan.

Do your eyes hurt? Have your eyes tested and glasses fitted by WILKE, Registered Optometrist. He'll fit them better and for less money.—advertisement.

John A. Stuart arrived last week from New Mexico to join his family and spend the winter here. Mr. Stuart served nine years as U. S. Land Commissioner in New Mexico.

Mrs. Lee Minter of Mingus, who was here to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Prichard, left Saturday for her home.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rix returned Sunday to their home in Lubbock, after spending the Christmas holidays in this city with relatives.

Edwin Prichard who attends the Texas Christian University at Fort Worth has been spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Prichard.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bird and daughter, Miss Olive Ruth, returned Tuesday morning from a visit with relatives at Fort Worth.

Zudora Griffice returned home this week after a visit with her sister, Mrs. Clarence Henderson at Colorado, Texas.

John Leatherwood was here from his ranch in New Mexico to spend Christmas with his mother and other relatives.

Oscar Koberg will leave Friday evening for Nashville, Tenn., to resume his studies in Vanderbilt University.

### HOME WANTED

I wish to buy a good home not far from high school. What have you? GEO. L. WILKE

Read the display ads in The Herald Herald Want Ads get results.

## JINGLE ADS

"Her" candy box is empty. Of recent Christmas treats, So why not replenish At the Palace of Sweetea?

Gilmour's good plumbing will save you much fret His sewer connections Have not busted yet. Phone 565.

The Big Spring Hardware Co. Will serve their friends, both old and new Throughout the coming year With courtesy and cheer. Phone 14.

Apples make you happy, Apples keep you well The kind of rosy apples That Creath still has to sell. Phone 34.

Thee Electric Laundry is waiting To serve you quick and well By cleaning up the family If you'll only ring the bell. Phone 654.

The True Independent Is glad to welcome you And sell you Sinclair products The coming year clear thru. Phone 199.

Of course you're all in wrinkles Now that Christmas time is past Let James Campbell, Tailor, show you How well his work will last. Phone 514.

In the coming year One thing you need Is glasses with which Your new books to read. GEO. L. WILKE.

During mad Christmas buying You were "up in the air"— But now, for the New Year Get Mother a chair. PURSER & SONS.

The Homan Filling Station So reliable and true Thru all of 1925 Can serve your car and you. Phone 207.

In the coming year As in year just passed Big Spring Insurance Agency Can insure good and fast.

Biles Drug Store can serve you Throughout this glad New Year Efficiently and promptly "The Drug Store without peer." Phone 87.

Let Jim Winslow at Mt Olive Enclose your lot this week His work is so enduring His service you should seek. Phone 306.

You'll need L. E. Coleman In 1926 Your bad electric wiring And busted pipes to fix. Phone 51.

It is not too late A good leaf to turn And buy the new Dodge For which witty doth yearn. Phone 166.

The Yuletide seasons over And Dad lacks hat and shoes McDonald has good bargains From which for you to choose.

Christmas is over But we must still eat For groceries or market. Pool-Red's hard to beat. Phone 145.

Cunningham & Phillips. In Drug Stores 1 and 2 Have pills, perfumes and powder To offer me and you.



## Our Sincere Thanks!

are extended to our many good friends and customers for the fine business we have enjoyed the past year.

Your generous patronage and good will have been responsible for our success, and we take this method to let you know we deeply appreciate it.

We desire to extend our best wishes for a happy New Year, hoping that 1926 may be one of prosperity for all of you.

## W. R. PURSER & SONS

Big Spring Stanton

As long as men had rather grow ten and fifteen cent cotton to buy 40 and 50 cent bacon and ham, than raise their own meat, they cannot expect to beat the game. The man who raises most of what he eats on the farm is the man who does not have to worry about crop mortgages.

Do your eyes hurt? Have your eyes tested and glasses fitted by WILKE, Registered Optometrist. He'll fit them better and for less money.—advertisement.

### SPECIAL BAPTISMAL SERVICES SUNDAY

There will be special baptismal services at St. Mary's Episcopal church at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon. There will also be held a service for the Little Helpers. Members of the church and friends are cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Dahme returned Tuesday from San Antonio and Cuero where they spent Christmas with relatives.

**J. W. McCUTCHAN DEAD**  
J. W. McCutchan, for many years a beloved and respected citizen of Big Spring was claimed by death at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. S. McWhorter at Mineral Wells, Texas, at 12:45 p. m. Wednesday, Dec. 30th.

Funeral services will be conducted at the First Baptist church in this city at 2 o'clock this (Friday) afternoon and the remains will be buried beside his daughter and other relatives in Mt Olive cemetery. Honoring a request he made some time ago, the members of the Woodmen of the World will conduct services at the graveside.

J. W. McCutchan, who was aged about sixty-six years, moved to this county from Brown county about twenty-five or thirty years ago. For years he was one of our successful stock farmers, served as County Commissioner a number of years and served our county as sheriff and tax collector from 1916 to 1922. He had been in ill health before he completed his term as Sheriff and since that time his health has gradually declined. For the past year or more he was practically helpless.

Despite his long illness, he never lost the cheerfulness and optimism which characterized his attitude toward life. He had a smile and a word of cheer for everyone, and no one could win friends more readily

than could he. He had a heart as big as all out doors and no appeal for aid was ever refused by Uncle Mac. He was a true friend if ever there was one and he would go to the ends of the earth in the cause of friendship. He never intentionally harmed any man, nor hurt the feelings of the humblest and many hearts are sad because this good man has been called from his sphere in this city.

He is survived by his wife, and two daughters, Mrs. J. S. McWhorter and Miss Willie McCutchan of Mineral Wells.

We join friends here, in Mineral Wells, in Lamesa and throughout West Texas in extending condolence to those who mourn for their loved one.

### NOTICE OF MISSIONARY MEET

The members of the Methodist Missionary Society are urged to be present at the regular business meeting of the society, which will be held in the Rest Room at the court house Monday afternoon at three o'clock. An interesting program is being prepared, and a large attendance of members is desired.

Norman Girwood of Fort Worth was here Wednesday, to attend the funeral of his father, William Girwood, who was buried in Mt. Olive cemetery Wednesday afternoon.



## Sincerest Good Wishes for a Joyous New Year

We are prompted at this time to express our deep gratitude to our friends for their loyalty through 1925. May we continue to serve you in a sincere spirit of co-operation and mutual helpfulness throughout 1926.

CLYDE FOX

### MARRIAGE PERFORMED CHRISTMAS WEEK

Judge H. R. Debenport performed the ceremony which united in marriage N. A. Morris and Miss Eula Mae Kerr of San Angelo on Thursday evening, Dec. 24.

Marvin Harris and Miss Donie Byerley, both of Glasscock county, were united in marriage by Judge H. R. Debenport on Saturday evening, December 26.

The ceremony which united in marriage M. G. Richey and Miss Bertha Scott was performed by Rev. W. D. Green on Saturday, Dec. 26.

L. W. Balley and Miss Clara Dansby were united in marriage by Rev. W. E. Smith on Wednesday, Dec. 23.

George J. Ruth, minister of the First Christian Church, of this city, performed the ceremony which united in marriage Albert McKinney and Miss Cathryne Willis of the Center Point community at the Christian parsonage Wednesday evening, December 30, at 7:30.

Congratulations and best wishes are extended by their many friends.

### LOVELY FLORAL DECORATIONS USED AT CLUB PARTY

The floral charm of beautiful carnations lent its fragrance to the entertaining rooms of the lovely Biles homes on Main street, Wednesday afternoon, when Mrs. J. D. Biles was hostess to members of the Pioneer Bridge club and guests. Three tables were arranged in the spacious room, gay with holiday attire, and two hours of bridge resulted in the high score honor going to Mrs. C. W. Cunningham, and visitors high score going to Mrs. Lee Hanson of Lamesa. Tempting refreshments in two courses were served to the guests by the hostess.

Out of town visitors enjoying this hour were: Mrs. J. B. Thomas, of Midland; Kathleen Coker, San Antonio; Jennie Bell, San Francisco; Mrs. Lee Hanson, Lamesa; and Mrs. Tom Woods of Parsons, Kansas.

### 1922 BRIDGE CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. EDGAR MARTIN

Among the many gay festivities complimenting Yuletide guests, the boys and girls home from college for the holidays and friends, the hostesses of the week entertaining club members did not forget the spirit of the affairs in entertaining their own group. The members of the 1922 Bridge club were treated to an unusually gay hour on Wednesday afternoon, when Mrs. Edgar Martin entertained three tables at bridge. At counting time, the honor of making club high score went to Mrs. Clyde Fox, and visitors high score was won by Mrs. Eck Lovelace.

A tempting salad course was served the twelve guests present.

Visitors expressing delight on being present at this happy occasion with the hostess were: Mrs. Eck Lovelace, Mrs. Ralph Baker, and Mrs. Raymond Decham of San Angelo, sister of Mr. Martin, and a holiday guest in their home.

### ENTRE NOUS CLUB GUESTS OF MRS. BLUE

The ornamentation of the tables and bridge accessories bespoke the usual theme of the gladsome Yuletide on Wednesday afternoon at which time Mrs. J. N. Blue was hostess to the members of the Entre Nous club, with two tables of players guests on this occasion.

At the end of the gay two hours of play, the honor of high score went to Mrs. E. H. Happel, and visitors high score was won by Mrs. S. A. Hathcock.

Further featuring the holiday theme, at the refreshment hour, dainty covers were spread and each table was centered with a miniature Christmas tree. Unusually delicious refreshments in two courses were served to the eight guests.

### COACH BRYAN AND BRIDE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE FRIDAY

Jack Bryan, athletic coach at the High School and his bride are expected to arrive in this city Friday night, and they will be at home to their friends at the Davis apartments on Rannels street.

Mrs. Bryan, prior to her marriage, was Miss Eva Louise Westall of Houston. The wedding ceremony, which united this happy couple in marriage was performed at the First Presbyterian church, Houston, Texas, Monday evening, Dec. 28, at 8.

### ELKS DANCE POSTPONED

The social dance, which was to have been held at the Elks Hall on the evening of Christmas Day, was postponed in respect to one of the members of the lodge, Sam Hall, who died at two o'clock Friday afternoon. The flag at the Elks Hall was lowered to half mast, until after the body was laid to rest Sunday afternoon.

Leo Meadows who was here to spend Christmas with relatives returned to Fort Worth, Tuesday evening.

# Tickle-toe! Tickle-toe! WHEN SHE CHARLESTONS, OH! OH!



## Monday and Tuesday January 4 and 5

Colleen Moore, the delicious star of "Sally," the fragrant Desert Flower makes a lame sister out of the flapper. Fifty laughs for every tear — that's why it's so wonderful. Only Colleen Moore could do it.



A Giant Dirigible flashing, flying, soaring through the air—like a winged bird of steel—and aboard, the moderns dancing, whirling to the tunes of a snappy Charleston!

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### Society

#### ELKS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Between 1000 and 1100 children thoroughly enjoyed the annual Christmas party given by the members of Big Spring Lodge No. 1386, Independent and Protective Order of Elks on Christmas morning. Through the courtesy of the management of the R. and R. Lyric theater the children were treated to a fine entertainment at the Lyric from ten o'clock to eleven o'clock Christmas morning. The attraction was Jackie Coogan in "A Boy of Flanders," and the little folks truly enjoyed this picture. At the conclusion of the show, Santa Claus appeared and the march to the Elks Hall, where twelve hundred packages had been prepared; and the little folks each given a Christmas sack. The sacks contained apples, an orange, a box of crackerjack, chewing gum, several kinds of candy, whistles, feather caps, balloons, and other novelties.

This was the largest number ever present at an Elks Christmas party, and it was necessary to fill a number of sacks after the supply which had been prepared was exhausted. There was better order this year than in crowding in line, and the Elks are proud that Big Spring is blessed with such a big bunch of happy boys and girls. It is a real pleasure to plan this annual Christmas feature since the children show such deep appreciation.

The committee feels under obligation to all who so willingly cooperate to insure the success of the party, and we believe the knowledge that they made this a very happy day for many young people who pay each and everyone who contributed money, merchandise, and labor to this cause. Nor do we wish to forget to thank Santa Claus for being present.

#### RAINBOW GIRLS ENTERTAIN

MOLAYS WITH BANQUET. One of the most thoroughly delightful festivities of the Yuletide season for the members of the Rainbow Girls entertained the members of the De Molay Order at a banquet at the Masonic Hall. The decorations bedecked the hall with an air of frivolity, befitting this season of the year prevailed. About the sixty or more young people assembled in the hall.

Long banquet tables were fully set, each one centered with an artificial fir tree, with red and white poinsettias at each end where the merry group found and enjoyed this delightful

- Roast Turkey
- Dressing and Gravy
- Peas in Potato Nests
- Cherry Jelly
- Celery
- Hot Rolls
- Pie with Whipped Cream
- Coffee
- Hazel Kennedy of El Paso, as toastmistress, and during

the meal toasts and short speeches were made by different ones present. To Mrs. Chas. W. Davis, Mrs. Chas. Koberg, Mrs. E. H. Happel, Mrs. Joe Barnett, and others, the success of this happy affair is due.

A partial list of those present given the Herald is as follows: Allen Bunker, Walter Scott, Lillie Opal Fitzgerald, Wanda True, Hayden Griffith, Tommie Johnson of Cisco, Onie Queen, Estelle Hutto, Hazel Kennedy, T. B. Reeves, Virginia Barnett, Frank Segoll, Pat Allen, Robert Lee Pike, Elza Jeanette Barnett, Helen Hatch, Dorothy Fleeman, C. E. Johnson, Frances McNew, Arlo Forrest, Nell Davis, Cleo Sellers, Merle McCleskey, Mamie Hair, Imogene Price, Virginia Whitney, Mary and Margaret Happel, Dona Carter, Patrie Belle Reeves, Ina Mae Bradley, Lola Belle Stewart, Mary Dallas Collins, Nell Brown, Mildred Marshall, Cecil Shockley, Maywood Rix, Albert Hartman, Kathleen Bette, Phillips Musgrove, Zeke Taylor, Johnnie Cowan, Lee Porter, Helen Reagan, Edwin Prichard, Elizabeth Barton, J. T. Johnson, Mary Wade and others.

#### RANCH HOMES SCENE OF TWO HOLIDAY GALETIES

Miss Mary Lou Cushing, who is at home from the State Teachers College at Alpine, spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cushing, was hostess to a group of friends on Christmas evening at their ranch home in Glasscock county, when she entertained informally with a dance. The merriment of the day, together with congenial company and good cheer, made the occasion a happy one for those attending. Misses Dorothy Homan and Mary Wade of this city were guests at this affair, and ten couples from Sterling City. Dainty refreshments were served during the hours of dancing.

Miss Cushing was the honoree on Saturday evening, when Mrs. George McEntire entertained with a dance for her and her week end guests, Misses Mary Wade and Dorothy Homan of this city, at her ranch home in Sterling county, about 30 miles south of Big Spring. A happy group assembled, at this lovely home, in the evening and whiled away the hours dancing to the most popular tunes of the day.

#### ROCK-LUNCHEON POSTPONED

The Rock-Luncheon, which was to have been given on Christmas evening, by members of the Thursday Rock club, in compliment of the husbands of the club members was indefinitely postponed, because of the death of the husband of one of the members.

#### TWENTIETH CENTURY MOTHERS CLUB TO MEET SATURDAY

The regular meeting of the 20th Century Mothers club will be held at the home of Mrs. C. W. Cunningham next Saturday afternoon, Jan. 2. All members are urged to be present.

Miss Theima Mann of Colorado, is spending the week in this city, the guest of her sister, Miss Grace Mann.

#### GAY MEETING OF THE EPISCOPAL CLUB

The merry season of the year was the inspiration for the happy time planned by the hostesses, Miss Elsie Willis, Mrs. W. H. Homan and Mrs. Jim Winslow at the regular meeting of the Episcopal club on Wednesday evening, with about forty guests present.

Each guest was requested to bring a foolish gift, and these were collected upon entering. Unique and interesting games held the interest of the participants for an hour or more, and a jolly time was in order. The appearance of old Santa Claus, concluded the games, and he brought with him a pack of gifts to distribute among the guests. Each one received a package, and varied were the articles, that some of the wrappers contained.

Following this gay hour, dainty refreshments of sandwiches, tea and sweet wafers were served by the hostesses.

Herald Want Ads get results.

#### SIMMONS UNIVERSITY STUDENTS TO HOLD PARTY AT COLORADO

The Mitchell-Howard County Simmons University club will give a party to its members, the ex-students of the University, the members of the senior classes of the high school, and to all prospective students of the University at Colorado, on New Year's evening. This club was organized at the University in Abilene about two weeks ago, and its purpose is to advertise Simmons University in the "Old Home Town." To all the above mentioned a most cordial invitation is extended, and a good attendance from Big Spring is expected to be present at this meeting and party.

The members of the Mitchell-Howard county club at Simmons University are: Lark Crutcher, Dorcas Reeder, Alta Lee of Lorraine, Blessie Hearn, Lesesene Hearn, Delma Bishop, Mattie Franklin, Vivian Franklin, Prentiss Viles, Claude Cook, Robert Whipkey, James Logan, Martha Hines and Dale Hall of Colorado; Loula Cardwell, Helen Hatch, Eva Mae

#### COOK, FRANCES MELTON AND MELVIN PITMAN OF BIG SPRING.

#### MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED

Friends in this city are in receipt of announcement cards this week, telling of the marriage of Chauncey Edward Penix to Miss Mildred Tidwell of Graham, Texas, which took place on Monday evening, December 28. The engagement announcement was made at a luncheon given by Miss Frances Bell, the wedding uniting two of the most prominent families in Graham. They will be at home to their friends after January first, at 1908 Speedway, Austin, Texas.

Chauncey is the son of Judge and Mrs. S. A. Penix, former residents of this city, and he has many friends who are pleased to learn of his marriage and wish him every success.

Misses Lillian and Louise Shive, Wanda and Vallia True left Wednesday evening for Belton, where they are students in Baylor College.

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**BOUNCE THE BEGGARS**

Hoboes are becoming a real menace to Pecos the past two weeks. Beginning with the theft of \$18 from the Mint Cafe last week, followed by numerous petty thieveries, the menace of these "wandering willies" is approaching the stage where direct action is essential.

Ranging from throwing stones at passing cars that refuse to stop and play the part of a charity taxi, to threatening woman drivers, these footloose "vags" are crowding the highways and making themselves liable for a shotgun party.

Refusing offer of employment, this class of undesirable pests hang around the streets, begging for the price of coffee and cakes. Using all of the old known means of graft, and employing new ones, they go from door to door while the men are working asking for help in a financial way to get home, put their blind sister through a school for blind, and any other hoax that might get by.

They tell not, neither do they beg. They are entirely incapable of appreciation or gratitude for any kindnesses rendered them. They desert any labor and abhor the chance for a good job with any work attached.

Other towns have solved this problem by righteous treatment, such as running them all out of town and posting signs at all entrances warning them to keep out and stay out. The jail is only a warm place to send them for the winter and not a disgraceful place of confinement.

The local officers of the law are now busy running as many of these tin can tourists from the environs, but the number is large, and the officials few. Sheriff Kiser and his Deputies and Constable O'Neil have tied the can onto many in the past few days and will appreciate assistance from the rest of us in letting the bums know this is the enemy camp for them.

Action is necessary and endorsed by the officials of the law, your aid in refusing these begging hoboes will help to guide their wanderings to the other places than Pecos. We can easily get along without their obnoxious and dangerous presence.

You can easily recall incidents of their depredations and even murders that some of their tribe have committed. Of course nothing as serious as that may happen, yet there is the imminent risk and the practical man always prepares and guides his life to the elimination of many risks as possible. Many cars have bumpers attached to them by the owners that have never come into use, but again many a person's life has been saved by that elimination of a risk. So let it be with this menace, get the bumpers ready for use and then use them—Pecos Enterprise.

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**ASK CAR OWNERS TO AID IN RUBBER FIGHT**

Washington, Dec. 24.—Another onslaught on the high price of crude rubber, in which the voluntary co-operation of the American automobile-using public will be enlisted, was begun Tuesday by Secretary Hoover with the backing of the National Rubber Association and the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce.

Garages, service agents and car owners everywhere will be solicited and encouraged to cut down sharply their consumption of rubber in tires, with the object of combating what Mr. Hoover has repeatedly called the extortionate policy of the East Indian rubber combine, which has obtained support from the British Government in putting a price of \$1 a pound on its output.

T. E. Satterwhite and R. T. Parrish returned last week from Texas, where they had been to attend the State and National convention of the Farm Labor Union.

Mr. and Mrs. Less Thomas and children spent the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends in this city.

**Kansas City Life Does 16 Million Business In Texas During 1925**

*We take this opportunity to thank our more than 40,000 Texas policy holders for their patronage and wish them and all our Texas friends a Happy and Prosperous New Year.*

*We direct your attention to the following statement of business in force in Texas and the amount written during 1925, which we feel is ample evidence of the confidence which Texas citizens have in the Kansas City Life Insurance Company. Many of our old policy holders have applied for additional insurance during the past year; in fact, over 10 per cent of new business written during 1925 was placed on the lives of old policy holders.*

Total New Business Written in 1925 in	<b>TEXAS</b>	OVER	<b>16 MILLIONS</b>
Total Insurance in Force Jan. 1, 1926 in	<b>TEXAS</b>	OVER	<b>81 MILLIONS</b>

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Calotabs are the greatest of all system purifiers. Get a family package, containing full directions, price 35 cts.; trial package, 10 cts. At any drug store. (Adv.)

The deplorable accident which cost the life of one of our best beloved citizens and brought sorrow to loved ones should be a warning to drivers of automobiles, but the pity of it is that it will not. On Christmas Day automobiles were speeding up and down the streets of our city just as fast as the engines could turn. Had an emergency required these speeders to stop within a reasonable distance to avoid an accident it would have been impossible for them to do so. Why take a chance? Take a little more time rather than take a life.

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R. CRAVEN, 22-41

Mr. and Mrs. Red Steele of Midland spent Christmas with friends in this city. Red was hobbling around with a broken leg; the injury being secured while in a scuffle with friends at Midland a day or so before Christmas.

W. P. Soash spent the latter part of last week here, looking after business interests, leaving Sunday morning for his home in Lubbock.

**MONEY TO LOAN**

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COURTNEY DAVIES

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lockhead and children of Hagerman, N. M., arrived last Thursday night to spend the holidays in this city with her mother, Mrs. L. A. White.

Mrs. Paul Carney and Miss Mamie Prichard of Fort Worth arrived Christmas morning to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Prichard.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bradshaw of Midland spent the Christmas holidays in this city with their daughters Mrs. Howard Goodpaster and Mrs. Willard Sullivan.

Roger White of Amarillo arrived Wednesday evening to join his wife and son in this city and to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Miss Mabel Moss arrived Friday morning to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Cora Moss.

Miss Tommie Preston of Midland, Texas, visited her sister, Mrs. James Lamar on Thursday.

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**WILBUR MATTHEWS ELECTED TO MEMBERSHIP IN SOCIETY**

Austin, Texas.—Elections of new members in two honor societies were announced at the banquet held recently by the students and faculty members of the School of Law of the University of Texas.

Four students were "tapped" for membership in Chancellors, highest scholastic honor society in the School of Law. They were Lewis Jeffrey, McMahon; Wilbur Lee Matthews, Big Spring; Fred T. Porter, Terrell; and Dwight L. Simmons, Hillsboro. According to the tradition of the Chancellors, the new members were notified of their election to the society by being "tapped" on the shoulder by an old member on the night of the law banquet. They were then conducted to a table reserved for the Chancellors where they were given the simple rites of entrance into that body.

**WHAT'S IN A NAME!**

"And what does your father do?" asked the kind gentleman of the little boy?  
"Oh, he's a numismatologist," the lad replied.  
"Why, a numismatologist is a coin collector."  
"Yes, that's what my father is," said the boy. "He's a conductor on a trolley."—Merton Item.

**CHILLY**

Doctor—"When the symptoms first appeared did your teeth chatter?"  
Patient—"Oh, I don't know. They were on the table."—TH-BITS.  
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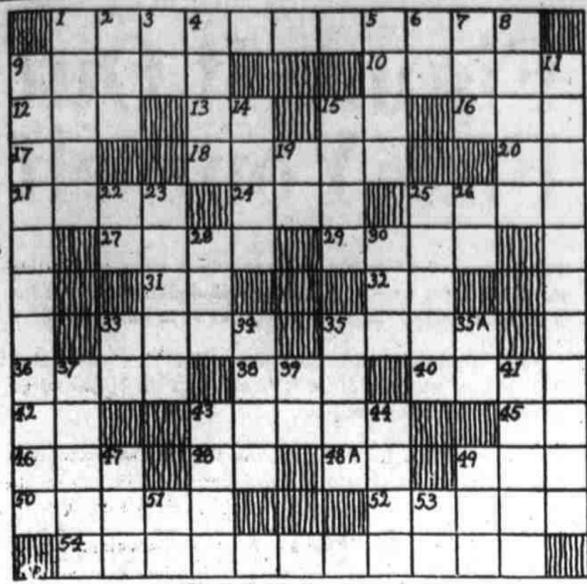
The young lady palmist of church bazaar said to one of her clients: "I see by your hand that you are going to be married." "Wonderful!" said the girl. "You are engaged to a man named Wilkins," continued the amateur. "How amazing," gasped the girl. "surely the lines on my hand don't reveal the name." "Lines," sniffed the palmist, "said anything about lines? You wearing the ring I returned to Wilkins three weeks ago."—naut.

**HAD HIS DOUBTS**

Willie—"Hello! Why aren't you standin' here in front of the you got fired from last week?" "in' to get taken back?"  
Jimmie—"Not much! I wanted to see if they was in business."—Kansas City Star.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hooper family of Slaton were here in the Christmas holidays with parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hooper.

Grover Dean of Sweetwater the Christmas holidays in this city with relatives.



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- Horizontal.
- 1—Comfort
  - 2—Displaced piece of turf on a golf course
  - 12—To hold in high regard
  - 13—Collection of information
  - 14—Preposition
  - 15—To exist
  - 16—Period of time
  - 17—Southern state (abbr.)
  - 18—To ward off, as a blow
  - 19—Note of scale
  - 21—Mountain pass in India
  - 22—Ocean
  - 23—Substance used by eastern women to darken their eyelashes
  - 27—Not hard
  - 28—To smile broadly
  - 31—Three-toed sloth
  - 32—Preposition
  - 33—Border line
  - 34—Chances, as in a gambling game
  - 35—Employer
  - 36—Moving wagon
  - 37—Kind of fish
  - 38—Spelling (abbr.)
  - 39—Therefore
  - 40—Point of compass
  - 41—Meadow
  - 42—Indefinite article
  - 43—Printing measure
  - 44—Atmosphere
  - 45—Capas with fatigue
  - 46—Coins money
  - 47—Insane propensity to steal

- Vertical.
- 1—A snap (slang)
  - 2—Eggs
  - 4—To halt
  - 5—Those people
  - 6—Maiden loved by Zeus
  - 7—Unity
  - 8—Point of compass
  - 9—In a perilous manner
  - 11—Transportation workers
  - 14—Quickly
  - 15—To boast
  - 19—Note of scale
  - 22—Like
  - 23—Froglike amphibians
  - 25—Varieties
  - 26—Preposition
  - 27—Kind of fruit
  - 30—To free
  - 32—Early English (abbr.)
  - 34—Level
  - 35—At one time
  - 35A—Be quiet!
  - 37—To utter
  - 39—Indefinite article
  - 41—Girl's name
  - 42—A clasp or fastening
  - 43—Girl's name
  - 47—Shoemaker's tool
  - 49—Blackbird of the cuckoo family
  - 51—Point of compass
  - 52—At home

Solution will appear in next issue.

### The Builders of Violins

By HOMER B. KING

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IT WAS eight years ago in New York, on Pier No. 4, I first saw Litchafsky. He was sitting on an upturned box, playing a violin while waiting to load for the other side; a strong-faced, slender-bodied boy, in a man's years, dressed in Uncle Sam's khaki.

During my first talk with him he told me he was American born, of Austrian parents, by trade a carpenter, at heart a maker of violins, who, since childhood, had longed to build an instrument that would sing the joy of his soul.

"Oh!" he exclaimed, "if I could only put into it the greatness of my happiness, the song that continuously sings and dances within me—but I've failed. Always I think that within the next will live a soul bubbling with mirth, but always creeps in the note of sadness—and I put it away and build another.

A year later I, with several physicians, was detailed to accompany home a shipload of our sick heroes, and Litchafsky was one of them. He was propped up on his cot, and instantly his eyes arrested me, and he smiled his same old smile.

"Hello, doctor!" he called. "Together we journeyed from our happy land, so we travel back. I am so happy," he continued as I, trying to smile, held his hand. "I want so much to get back to my violins. You see, with these steel legs I can't go back to my carpenter work, therefore I can spend all my time putting music into my pieces of wood."

That he had come out of the war's hell with his soul still flaming, his creed of joy, filled me with a surprise which he saw, for he said:

"That back there is nothing—already I have forgotten its awfulness. It is only for a moment that sorrow has triumphed—happiness will beat it back."

"Where is your violin?" I asked.

"I gave it away, because the last time I played it there in the hospital it would not dance—it only cried and cried, and with it the men wept, and I grew angry, for I was going home and it should have spoken my joy—so I threw it aside, saying, 'I will build me another that will not sing such notes.'"

Yesterday, in his little room adjoining his smaller workshop, I found him smiling, though a mere shadow of his former self—but his eyes were changed. In them lived and burned all the sorrows of a world—sorrow his heart would not let him speak, yet under them lay his soul, crushed.

He hobbled with me to his shop where lay his last soul-built instrument; a jewel in shape and beauty. Worshipfully he gazed upon it, caressing it as tenderly as a mother yearning over her first-born.

"Twice before I failed," he said softly, "and each was greater than before. Each wept and mourned in sorrow, and I sold them. But this time I have not failed! See the wood, grown in sunny Italy! Not yet has it sounded!" His voice fell to a whisper. "But I know, as though it had spoken, the song of joy it will sing. My heart already hears its glorious notes, its melody of purest happiness, that will set the world to swaying in an ecstasy of delight!"

Before I left I prevailed upon him to let me bring a few friends. You know how we gathered in his little shop; how he tenderly lifted the instrument from its bed of cotton, and you must have seen by the expression of his eyes that he seemed to be looking into another world; that his smile was infinitely tender. Then you saw the bow touch the strings; heard a glorious sound pour forth, filling not only the little room but all outside.

To me the walls vanished and I heard the marching of soldiers, the thunder of tramping horses, the roaring of motors, the purring of machine guns, the shrieks, groans, yells, prayers, curses of maddened and tortured men. In all its horror, war screamed from the wondrous instrument. Then came the saddest notes the ear of man ever heard; it was the prayers, moanings, sorrowings of a world of mothers, sweethearts, fathers, friends, a world stricken. Suddenly it stopped, and we, with hearts leaping to suffocation, watched him, the maker of it all, look in wonderment at the instrument that so truthfully deceived him.

Over and over he turned it, seemingly unable to recognize it. Bewildered, he looked at its box and back, and I saw death chilling his features. Then he smiled, and death, overtaking, froze it. Yet his eyes lived and glowed with a fire kept alive by the great God, and again he played. This time the notes sang in a volume of unearthly rejoicing, and beneath were the wondrous dancing notes he had sought so long.

Under its magic rhythm the world must have moved and sung. Higher it rose to an ecstasy of all things glorious. At last, from a world unseen by other eyes than his, he was sending forth his message of peace and happiness. Gradually the bow traveled slower and slower. Softer and further away sounded the notes until their melody seemed to float to us, a breath from beyond, and looking into his eyes, I knew he was dead.

Incapable of movement, we watched him, as he saw the instrument fall.

## Big Spring Herald

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### PITMAN-BARNES WEDDING

A quiet and simple, yet lovely wedding, which united in marriage Omar Pitman of this city, and Miss Daphne Barnes of Corsicana, was performed, at the First Baptist church of Corsicana, at five o'clock in the afternoon on Christmas Day, by the Reverend Kennedy, pastor of the Baptist church of that city. The romance, which began in this city, several summers ago, when the bride was in Big Spring on a visit to her aunt, Mrs. W. A. Ricker, culminated in this happy marriage on Christmas Day.

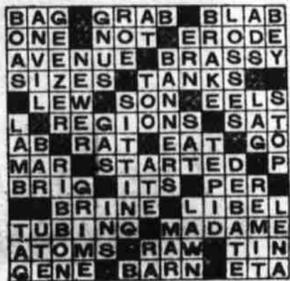
The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Barnes of Corsicana, and is a talented and charming girl. She is a graduate of the Corsicana High School, has studied music at B. M. U., and for the past three years she has been a music instructor in the State Orphans Home in Corsicana. During her several visits to this city, she made many friends, who welcome her to this city to make her home.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pitman of this city. He is a graduate of the Big Spring High School, and during his school days he made an enviable record on the football team. He graduated from the St. Louis Watchmaking School last year, and since that time has been engaged in business, with the Clyde Fox Jewelry and Drug Co.

The happy couple arrived in this city Sunday morning after a brief visit in Dallas, to make their home. Congratulations and best wishes are extended by their many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack C. Chase and baby of Dallas arrived Tuesday for a few days visit with Rev. and Mrs. Frank H. Stedman. Their main business here was to have Rev. Stedman baptize their three months old baby. Mr. Chase is traveling auditor for the Armour & Co. packing company and has fourteen plants in Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas to look after. He makes his headquarters in Dallas.

T. J. McKinney was in Tuesday to secure lumber for the erection of a new out house on his farm south of this city. This is to be a residence.



### ZEPPELIN CRASH IS SCREEN THRILLER

Colleen Moore Gets Real Thrill of Screen Career in "We Moderns"

Plunging earthward, amid the shrieks of thirty frenzied passengers, an airplane crashed into it full tilt, a huge Zeppelin miraculously came to a stop just ten feet off the ground at First National's studios, within five hours of the all-too-real crash of the Shenandoah, which snuffed out fourteen lives.

Thus suspended between sky and earth, by invisible supports, the Zeppelin remained until all passengers had disembarked.

"The biggest thrill we ever had," exclaimed the thirty unhurt sky commuters as they stepped down ladders out of the craft with real sighs of relief.

They were "extras." Then the air-anchored craft was cut adrift to continue its plunge and complete its demolition.

And all the while—of course—the cameras whirred.

The Zeppelin was an amazingly realistic replica of the accepted navy type.

A small fortune was spent by the management of First National productions on this scene, which required hardly seven minutes to photograph.

Colleen Moore, in whose latest offering, "We Moderns," this costly thrill is presented, was herself one of the passengers.

"I wouldn't want a scene like that in every one of my pictures," Miss Moore declared with emphasis when she had recovered her breath and equanimity. "It really frightened me."

The huge floating palace, in which a jazz party was in progress when a mid-air collision rocked it from stem to stern, was 500 feet long and 65 feet in diameter over all, containing six gas compartments and carried a cabin 55 feet long and 12 wide.

The airplane was acquired from the government for the scene. It is now on the scrap heap.

"We Moderns," which is an adaptation from Israel Zangwill's novel of the same title, will be shown at the R. and R. Lyric theater next Monday and Tuesday, January 4-5. John McCormick produced the play.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Egan spent

### CHAIN OF 51 PARKS PLANNED FOR TEXAS

Working out a program to develop fifty-one State park sites, scattered from Amarillo to Brownsville, and from Texarkana to El Paso, making Texas the most attractive tourist State in the Union, is planned for a regional park conference to be held in Texarkana, Jan. 15 and 16. Plans for the regional conference were announced Friday by D. E. Colp, chairman of the Texas State Park Board. Park officials and Governors from six States, Mr. Colp said, will attend the meeting.

Other States have developed a plan, Mr. Colp said, by which State parks are self-sustaining and earn enough money to purchase and develop additional playgrounds.

A total of fifty-one park sites have been given the State without cost, Mr. Colp said. They comprise a total of 39,821 acres, valued at \$1,300,000.

Work of developing and operating them has been temporarily held up and it is believed the conference will produce a plan whereby they can be beautified equipped and put into public use.—Dallas News.

Big Spring citizens are interested in this movement as the City Federation secured and donated a two hundred acre tract near our city for use as a State Park.

### PROGRAM

Song Service at the Church of God Sunday evening, Jan. 3, 7:00 p. m.

Opening song.  
Scripture reading—19th Psalm.  
Prayer—Rev. Walters.

Two songs—J. A. Kinard.  
Two songs—W. A. Prescott.  
Two songs—Loy Acuff.

Special song—P. A. Pitman.  
Two songs—E. A. Nance.  
Duet—Nora Pearl Marchbanks and Hazel Nance.

Two songs—C. J. Shultz.  
Special music—Mrs. Marchbanks.  
One Song—Fred Whitaker.

Two songs—W. R. Purser.  
One song—Steve Baker.  
Closing song—Nola Forrest.

You are invited.  
C. C. NANCE

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schull returned Tuesday from Lubbock, where they had been for a few days visit.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Sharn spent the

# NOTICE!

THE HOME BAKERY IS TO BE CLOSED ALL DAY ON SUNDAYS FROM NOW ON

This means that our bakery will be closed every Sunday throughout the year 1926.

If you fail to secure a supply on Saturday you may secure bread at the restaurants, as they expect to keep an emergency supply for such purpose.

By taking one day's rest each week the proprietors and employes of the bakery will be better prepared to serve their patrons with the finest bread, pastries, etc.

We appreciate your valued patronage and ask your loyal co-operation in this Sunday closing movement.

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SANITARY THROUGHOUT

### BLUE MELODY BOYS FILL CHRISTMAS ENGAGEMENTS

The Blue Melody Boys, local dance orchestra, has had a busy week, filling engagements in this city, and also out of town, during the holiday season. They not only furnished the dance music for the holiday affairs given at the K. of P. Hall, but also have made trips to Best, Colorado and Sweetwater this week.

This popular dance orchestra is making for itself a name, not only here but also in the neighboring cities, having engagements throughout the year because of its ability to furnish excellent music, giving the very latest dance numbers.

### AFTER BRANCH AIR MAIL

Abilene is now seeking an air mail and passenger line from Abilene to Dallas to serve as a feeder to the Dallas-Chicago air mail line. It is just a question of time until an air mail line connects Dallas and Los Angeles, and Big Spring and other cities along the Bankhead Highway, between Dallas and Los Angeles, should be making plans to provide landing fields.

Miss Mamie Parr left Monday evening for Waco, where she is a student in Baylor University.

The bringing in of one more good well along the trend between the Mitchell and Reagan county oil fields will cause development to increase at least one hundred per cent. This will convince the big oil companies that a big field is due to be developed and give them a better idea as to its location. Many wells will have to be drilled to properly define the area favorable for big production.

Conductor Jack Stevens of Baird says a railroader these days needs a lawyer or two at every station along the T. & P. to keep from being pinched for blocking railroad crossings and delaying traffic. These long trains of eighty cars or more make it almost impossible to connect the train, after crossings have been cut, within the limit allowed at points along the line.

One of the good resolutions you must not overlook is to secure a poll tax receipt before February first. The coming year we will have elections for city, county and state, and the citizen who is not prepared to cast a ballot in the selection of officers feels like a maverick at election time.

Mrs. James Waddell and daughter, Miss Margaret, arrived in this

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Corner East Third and Goliad Streets  
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Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. M. H. Morrison, Superintendent.  
Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.  
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Prayer meeting each Wednesday night.  
A welcome awaits you.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Corner Main and Sixth Streets  
D. H. HEARD, Pastor  
Res. 1411 Scurry Street  
Phones: Res. 492; church 460  
Services Each Sunday  
Sunday school 9:45 a. m.  
Preaching 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.  
Mid-week service Wed. 8 p. m.  
Women meet each Monday, 3:30.  
Strangers especially invited.

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Corner Main and Fifth Street  
R. L. OWEN, Pastor  
Phone 369  
Services each Sabbath, except the third.  
Sunday school 9:45 a. m.  
Morning worship 11 o'clock.  
Evening worship 8 o'clock.  
Mid-week service, 8 p. m. Wed.  
A glad-hand welcomes YOU.

### FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

W. C. HINDS, Pastor  
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Phone 342  
Sunday services:  
Sunday school 9:45 a. m.  
Epworth League 7 p. m.  
Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m.  
All services are being held temporarily in the District Court room at the court house.

### FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

5th and Scurry Streets  
GEO. J. RUTH, Minister  
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Bible school 9:45 a. m.  
Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.  
Prayer meeting Wed. 7:30 p. m.  
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### CHURCH OF GOD

Corner Tenth and Main Streets  
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Sunday school 10 a. m. each Sunday.  
Preaching every Sunday at 11 a. m., except third Sunday.  
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### CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mass every second and fourth Sunday at 10 a. m.  
Strangers especially invited.

### EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Mary's Church  
501 Runnels Street  
FRANK H. STEDMAN, Rector  
Church School 9:45 a. m.  
Morning Prayer 11 a. m.

John Quinn, son of Mrs. Mabel Quinn of this city, who attends Annapolis Naval Academy, spent the Christmas holidays with friends in Washington, D. C., and was a guest at the Mayflower Hotel.

L. J. Sullivan left Wednesday night of last week for Marshall to undergo treatment at the Texas &

## PANTHER DRAW NOTES

On Tuesday night before Christmas Miss Edith Park, teacher of Panther Draw school, had a little tree for her pupils. A nice, short program was rendered. Each one present was remembered by good old Saint Nick.

Miss Edith Park left December 23 for her home in Brownwood where she will spend the holidays with her parents. She will return and resume her school work Jan. 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Hart Phillips took Christmas dinner with J. W. Smith and family, near Highway.

Thomas Hardin is now visiting relatives in Hamilton county.

P. A. Pittman and family accompanied by Mrs. Gilbreath ate turkey with J. J. Phillips Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Pittman and Jewel White went to Dublin to visit their parents.

Mr. Corbitt and family from north of town moved to the Scribner place. They will farm there the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. George Overton and sons spent Christmas afternoon with J. W. Reeder and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Reeder had the great pleasure of entertaining all their children, except one son in Florida, during the holidays. Three sons and two grandsons came from San Antonio. They returned home Saturday.

Mr. Rankin and family have moved into the house just vacated by Walter Sullivan, he having moved to Big Spring. We will now lose two pupils from our school.

On Christmas night a large crowd of youngsters and older ones, too, from this community, Fairview, Lucien Wells, and Big Spring enjoyed the candy breaking at the home of Geo. W. Overton. Numerous games were indulged in. Each one went away declaring they had a delightful time.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie W. Tyree and Troy Laxton of Ballinger arrived here Saturday night for a visit with relatives. They returned home Tuesday.

Olle Phillips spent most of last week with his parents.

Johnnie Phillips has taken charge of Mr. Settles' cattle for the winter. P. A. Pittman will remain on the ranch and run the farm.

Herbert Phillips is improving his farm near Lomax. Now, girls, here is your chance for you know Herbert doesn't want to batch.

Last Monday night Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Phillips gave a play party and the young folks did not fail to play. Those taking part were: Misses Gladys and Jewel Tomlin, Marie, Elouise and Hortense Pittman, Ruby and Ethel Phillips, and Mrs. Everett Overton, Everett and James Overton, Claud Tredway, DeWitt Day, Harold Raney, Jesse and Rueben Overton, Calvin Rankin, John, Herbert and Victor Phillips.

Delicious cake and chocolate were served.

Several elderly people were present. The men played "42" while the women gossiped. All pronounced it a howling success.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Day and sons also James Overton of Lucien Wells, and Troy Laxton of Ballinger spent Saturday night and Sunday with their uncle, George Overton.

Mrs. Salinda Bilbreath of Dublin is spending some weeks with relatives in this community.

J. C. Phillips is spending the holidays with his family in Gorman. He has his home on the highway sixteen miles south of town, almost completed. His family will move here in the spring.

Hart Phillips and wife motored to Stanton on business Tuesday afternoon. X.Y.Z.

### \$75,000 FIRE AT LORAIN

Ten brick and rock business buildings at Loraine, Texas, were destroyed by fire early Sunday morning, entailing a loss of \$75,000. The fire broke out between 1 and 2 o'clock, a short time after the blizzard struck Loraine.

Owing to the high wind and limited water supply the flames practically burned out and were not under control until five substantial buildings housing nine business concerns had been completely destroyed.

Concerns burned out were the Loraine Leader, Gothord's Candy Kitchen, Masonic Hall, Odd Fellows Hall, theater, Brown's Harness Shop, Land Bros. Garage, Baker Auto Repair Shop, Joe Worley Lunch Room, McAlersith Tin Shop and Loraine Bakery.

Miss Alta Buchanan, Secretary of the State Teachers College at Commerce, Texas, after spending the Christmas holidays in this city with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Buchanan, left Monday evening to resume her duties.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tucker of Fort Worth were here to spend the Christ-

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Mr. and Mrs. Earl Green of Idalou were the guests of her sister, Mrs. Chas. Yarnell a few days the forepart of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Yarnell and children spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Williamson in San Angelo.

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## HOME FOR SALE

A brand new home with 2 lots for sale for less than you could buy the lots and build it for today. Part cash, balance easy terms. GEO. L. WILKE.

Lon Dempsey was called from Dallas last Thursday by the serious illness of his father. Mr. Dempsey has been in Dallas where his baby under medical care of a baby specialist at Baylor Hospital.



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THE HERALD OFFICE

## Cold Weather Specials

Winter time is really here, and those who desire good weight clothing for warmth and comfort can be furnished with it from the goods in our stock.

Winter union suits, warm flannelette gowns and pajamas, sweaters, knitted caps, winter coats, etc.

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**GARY & SON**  
DRY GOODS, GROCERIES & GRAIN  
BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS

**CLASS OF STOCK SALESMEN**  
"SPECTACLE AGENTS"  
A year or so ago quite a number of middle-aged people in this section lost their hard-earned savings to absolutely worthless stock speculators. The velvet-tongued fakers had duped them as a very valuable investment that would pay remarkably large dividends. Every penny they had put away was utterly lost, for there was absolutely no way to recover it. Your splendid articles had been published earlier, this community would have been richer by hundreds of dollars.

venience and all the equipment necessary for specialized service, with a constant stream of patients hunting the office.  
Recently a spectacle agent and his colleague called on an aged couple nearby. When the cash was being counted out to pay for the worthless glasses purchased, a pistol was put in their faces and the whole roll of greenbacks snatched from them. The car was cranked and the rogues made a speedy get-away before the old farmer could recover sufficiently from the shock to give the alarm of the outrageously bold robbery.  
—Mrs. Chas. B. Coble, in the Progressive Farmer.  
Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Eddins left Saturday morning for a visit with relatives in El Paso.  
Frank Hefley of Lubbock was here to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hefley.  
Read the display ads in The Herald

### PROFESSIONAL LINGO

When I was a youngster I used to be greatly intrigued by the highfalutin' talk spilled by doctors. To hear them explain the nature of a case to other members of the family was great sport—because it kept one guessing as to what it all meant.

But, the doctors have been left at the post. It takes soda jerkers to dumfounded us with their jargon. "One in the rain," "draw two," and a "snowstorm." That's the dope. Try to find out what it means. The waiters, the garage men, and all down the line—they all have their own code of Latin.

The other day I discovered the code book of the railroad men. At least, the newspaper that published it said it was. Brush up on it and the next time you hear a railroad man talking, give him the benefit of the doubt—he may not be cussing you.

One of the picturesque features of railroading is the terminology used by railroad men themselves to describe things which are known to the traveler in altogether different language.

Here is some of the railroad man's patois:

The engineer is known variously as "eagle eye," "hog-head," "throttle puller;" the fireman is "diamond pusher" and "tallow pot;" brakeman "shack," "ground hog," "fielder" and "car catcher;" yardmaster, "switch hog;" yardmaster's office, "knowledge box;" yard clerk, "number grabber;" railroad clerk, "paper weight;" track laborer, "jerry" or "snipe."

Locomotives are "mills" or "kettles;" the heaviest type of engine, "battleship;" lighter type, "hog;" passenger car, "rubberneck car;" box car, "side-door Pullman;" steel coal car, "whale belly;" refrigerator car, "reefer;" freight caboose, "dog-house" or "buggy;" pay car, "band wagon" or "family disturber."

Switching is "shuffling them up;" if three cars are to be cut off you might "amputate three," "saw three," "hand me three," or "scuse three."

To cool a hot box is to "freeze the hub;" to set the brakes, "anchor them;" to set the emergency brakes, "wing her;" the roadpath on the side of the track is the "grit," and to have to jump is "hitting the grit;" missing a meal is "flying light;" to leave the service, "pull the pin;" to quit for the day is to "pin for home;" to boast is to "blow smoke."—Southwestern Machinery.

### BETTER COTTON

#### BETTER PRICES

A State-wide interest is being manifested in better cotton. In many counties growers have met and made a selection of varieties to be planted in gin communities. Other meetings have been announced.

We have "More Cotton on Fewer Acres" campaigns, "More Feed on More Acres," and now cotton growers are going to improve their staple.

The market this year is glutted with short and weak staple. The drought, in many sections, was a contributing cause, but poor seed and short staple varieties are largely responsible for the low price paid to many farmers. While the market has been quoted around 20 cents, middling basis, many growers have had to accept from 15 cents down to as low as 11 and 12 cents for their cotton because either the grade or the staple was poor.

The mills of the world demand a certain amount of short staple. Improved machinery has made possible the use of short staple to a better advantage than formerly, but why grow it in Texas and other Southwestern States when India is unable to produce the longer staple, and therefore produces more than 4,000,000 bales of the short kind.

More cotton per acre is a goal to strive for, but it would be better to produce more good cotton per acre rather than to reduce quality in order to produce quantity.

Every ginning community in the Southwest should make a selection of some good standard staple, make arrangements for the seed, and grow a uniform product. Then every farmer should adopt a rotation program suited to his farm, and gradually build up his soil so that the good seed will have a chance to produce quality cotton in abundance. Good seed require good soil.—Farm and Ranch.

### STOP THAT ITCHING

If you suffer from any form of skin diseases such as Itch, Eczema, Tetter or Cracked Hands, Poison Oak, Ring Worm, Old Sores or Sores on Children. We will sell you a Jar of **BLUE STAR REMEDY** on a guarantee. It will not stain your clothing and has a pleasant odor.

J. D. BILES

Herald want ads gets results.

### STARTING IN DAIRY BUSINESS

No man who proposes to go into the dairy business should accept any apologies for himself, who does not provide all the legume hay his cows will eat after being supplied with good pastures or a liberal supply of silage. If silage is not provided then the cows must have all the legume hay they will eat. Grass hays and other cheap dry roughages such as corn stover, straws, etc., are not fit to feed to dairy cows.

If it be decided to keep any 25 cows, then the next step is to provide feed for these cows and suitable housing and other facilities before the cows are obtained.

Pastures.—A large part of the feed of a dairy herd during six to eight months of the year may be obtained from the pastures, if suitable pastures are provided. If this be true, then it is worth while providing good pastures, even if good land has to be set aside for that purpose, as it must if pastures are to prove satisfactory.

No one can determine the number of acres which must be put in pasture for 25 cows, without knowing the quality of the land. And even then a liberal excess of land over that required for usual conditions must be added for unfavorable seasons, unless extra silage is to be provided for furnishing succulent feed during unfavorable seasons for pasturing.

Our pasture provisions are usually below requirements because the land is too poor, not enough attention is given to making and maintaining good pastures, and there is not enough acreage allowed for unfavorable seasons.

There is no longer any ground for argument as to the necessity for silage for the dairy herd of 20 or more cows. If the dairy business is to be most successful silage must be provided. The supply must be ample for winter feeding, with a reserve to supplement the pastures during dry periods, or other unfavorable pasture conditions. The quantity of silage should not be less than four tons per cow for the smaller breeds and say five tons per cow for the larger breeds. This will provide 35 to 40 pounds a day per cow for six months and leave a reserve of 25 per cent for helping out during poor pasture conditions.

Concentrates.—To the extent that the dairyman can produce corn, oats, soybeans, and other concentrates cheaper than he can buy them or he can buy substitutes for them, just to that extent will he increase his chances for success in the dairy business.—The Progressive Farmer.

### THE CURSE OF

#### "TIME-PRICES CREDIT"

In any sincere and thoughtful discussion of "farm business and finance," the crop-lien or crop-mortgage "time-prices" credit system of the South must have much attention. It is the curse of our section. As I have said before, just as chattel slavery was the curse of the South before Appomattox, so crop lien slavery has been the curse of Dixie since Appomattox.

It is a shame, too, that this whole great subject has had so little attention from our politicians, statesmen, and public men. They have either been blinded or cowardly. Henry W. Grady alone among Southern leaders has spoken as if with a full understanding of the subject. Perhaps the greatest single sentence ever written about Southern agriculture was this utterance of Grady's which not only Sam Johnson but all Southern farmers ought to learn by heart.

"When every farmer in the South shall eat bread from his own fields and meat from his own pastures, and, disturbed by no creditors and enslaved by no debt shall sit amid his teeming gardens, and orchards, and vineyards, and dairies, and barnyards, pitching his crops in his own wisdom and growing them in independence, making cotton his clean surplus and selling it in his own time, and in his chosen market, and not at a master's bidding, getting his pay in cash and not in a receipted mortgage that discharges his debt but does not restore his freedom, then shall be breaking the fullness of our day."—Clarence Poe, in The Progressive Farmer.

6 0/0 -- Farm and Ranch Loans -- 6 0/0

Pay 3 1/2 per cent every 6 months and the debt is cancelled in 33 years. Dallas Joint Stock Land Bank Correspondent.

West Texas National Bank. Big Spring, Texas

Mrs. Ralph Kirby arrived Friday morning from Dallas to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Willcox.

Read the display ads in The Herald

## THE CHOICEST AND BEST



that can be secured in staple Groceries, Fruits and Vegetables can be found in our stock. The nationally known brands of canned goods—famous for their superior flavor and food value from which many tempting dishes are prepared—are here for you to order. We prize our line of groceries because of their high quality of purity and flavor.



## Tempting Meat Cuts

Savory and flavory, cut from the choicest fat steers—tender enough to melt in your mouth. Serve your family with our tasty meats each day.

We give GOLD BOND SAVING STAMPS. Ask for them; with each 10c purchase you get one stamp. Paste each one in the collection book that is given you, and when the book is filled, redeem it for some valuable article, FREE.

WE EXTEND TO YOU OUR WISHES FOR A BRIGHT AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

**POOL-REED CO.**  
GROCERY AND MARKET  
PHONE 145



## Clean Ahead!

Winter has come, so embark your clothes on a voyage to our tailor shop and have them reach a haven of cleanliness.

Our expert workmen can make your old, dirty and worn-out suit, dress or coat take on a new appearance. You can always look well, if you will keep your clothes clean and neat.

Phone us --- No. 420 --- and give us a chance to help you to always look your best.

**HARRY LEES**  
Anything in Tailoring

## LANGBOTHAM & GOODPASTER

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Competent, Dependable, Reliable  
**CHIROPRACTIC MASSEURS**

FIRST DOOR WEST COLE HOTEL ENTRANCE  
OFFICE HOURS 8 to 12 a. m.; 1 to 5 p. m.  
OFFICE PHONE 40 LADY ATTENDANT

Big Spring, Texas

Dr. Chas. K. Bivings of Atlanta, Miss Cora Martin of Lamesa spent the Holidays with relatives in this city.

Best Wishes for  
New Year

MAY SUCCESS ATTEND  
YOUR NEW YEAR IS  
OUR CORDIAL WISH!

**R I X**

Furniture & Undertaking Co.

Big Spring Lamesa Lubbock

**We Invite You!**

This little "ad" is meant to convey to our friends and patrons our very sincerest thanks and appreciation for the favors you have shown us in 1925.

We invite your patronage in 1926 and will do our very best to merit the business you give us—in fact we do not believe that any of us are entitled to business we do not merit.

The people of this county have been good to us in the past year, in fact, you made for us the best year we have had in Big Spring, even better than 1924.

So with unspeakable gratitude to all of you we extend our very sincerest wishes for your prosperity and happiness in 1926.

**P. & F. COMPANY**  
"The Best Place to Buy or Sell"

When in  
**Coahoma, Texas**  
visit the  
**CITY CAFE**

F. P. WOODSON, Prop.  
BEST PLACE TO GET SHORT  
ORDERS AND LUNCHEONS  
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**FORMER GLASSCOCK  
COUNTY JUDGE DIES**

William Girdwood, 81, retired Glasscock county ranchman, died at the home of his son, David Girdwood, in San Angelo, Tuesday morning. The remains were brought to this city Wednesday afternoon. Funeral services were conducted at the Eberley Chapel at two o'clock.

Mr. Girdwood was one of the early judges of Glasscock county, moving there in 1885, while Glasscock was still a part of Tom Green county. He was born in Scotland, where he taught school, coming to America in 1870. For fifteen years he was connected with a dry goods company in Pittsburgh, Penn., disposing of his interests there and coming to West Texas in 1885. Mr. Girdwood had made frequent visits to this city and he was widely known throughout our county, having made his home in this section over twenty years.

He is survived by three sons and three daughters, Norman Girdwood of Fort Worth, Mrs. Elizabeth Daugherty of Arlington and David Girdwood of San Angelo, being here to attend the funeral services.

To the bereaved relatives, and friends, deepest sympathy is extended.

Mrs. Barbara Huttenus and grandson, Freddie Huttenus, of El Paso, who were here to spend Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. L. L. Freeman and family, left Thursday morning for their home.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Ashley and children returned Tuesday morning from a several days visit in San Antonio.

Sid Moore of El Paso was a visitor in our city this week.

**RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT**

In the death of Sam Hulien Hall, Chief of the Big Spring Volunteer Fire Department, the department has lost a fearless leader, a tireless worker and a most efficient fire-fighter and the members a true and tried friend.

Always ready to respond when the fire alarm sounded, risking his life and working tirelessly and ably to save property, he was an inspiration to the other members who honored and respected their Chief. He would not expect or request his men to take chances he would not take. He had the welfare of his workers always in mind and would not permit them to take any unnecessary chances—even taking chances he would not allow others to take.

He was a real man in the truest sense of the word. We wish we were able in this message to express the love and esteem in which we hold him. His good fellowship, unselfishness and kindness, his great work as chief of the department shall never be forgotten and we shall ever treasure the memory of one of God's noblest men, Sam H. Hall.

**MEMBERS OF THE BIG SPRING  
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**

**MRS. MOON TO MOVE  
MILLINERY SHOP**

The Moon Hat Shop, which is at present located in the balcony of the Albert M. Fisher Store, will be moved from this location into the space now occupied by the Elite Hat Shop in the J. & W. Fisher Store. Mrs. J. E. Moon, the owner of this popular and fashionable hat shop, will be fixed up in her new place of business next week ready to serve her friends and patrons as in the past. The Elite Hat Shop has not secured a space, but as soon as a desirable one is obtained, the shop will be opened and ready to serve its patrons.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Reid and son of Corpus Christi are visitors in our city, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Crenshaw.

Mrs. Tom Woods of Parsons, Kansas, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Shine Phillips.

**OIL NEWS**

(Continued from page 1)

& P. survey, Mitchell county. This location is a mile and a half north and east of the same company's Mary Foster or Foster No. 2 well. Another test in Mitchell county, just recently spudded in, is that of the Marland Oil Company and Morrison & Thomson in the northwest part of the southwest quarter of section 15, block 29, twp. 1-s, T. & P. survey. This operation was shut down for water shortly after spudding in.

Six and a half miles south of the Magnolia's Foster No. 2, Morrison & Thomson, Independents of Colorado, Texas, are drilling their Harry Hyman No. 1, located in the center of the northwest quarter of section 3, block 17, Southern Pacific Railway survey, Mitchell county. This test is down 600 or 700 feet.

W. J. Thomson of Morrison and Thomson, independent operators of Colorado, Mitchell county, is one of the most frequently mentioned operators, so far as "discovery" wells are concerned, to be found in the ranks of Mitchell county oil men. As the driller on the job, Mr. Thomson brought in the original well of the Westbrook field, Mitchell county, for the Underwriters Oil Company. Following this he went into business as an operator himself, forming a partnership with Earl Morrison of Colorado, formerly County Clerk of Mitchell county. Since then Morrison & Thomson have extended the Westbrook field twice, once with their Badgett well to the north and east and again with their Adams well to the north and east.

Field headquarters of the Magnolia Petroleum Company for their operations in the Iatan area and vicinity, Mitchell county, are located on a section of land which the company bought in fee about three months ago for that purpose. The location is section 47, block 29, township 1-n, T. & P. survey, Mitchell county. The company's camp, warehouse facilities and tank farm are located on the property. One steel storage tank of 55,000 barrels capacity has been erected to date. Railway switch track along the Texas & Pacific line has been built to accommodate the field headquarters. The Iatan railway station is being moved nearer the Magnolia headquarters site.

**TO MY FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS**

This is to notify you that I gave up my present location at J. & W. Fisher's to Mrs. J. E. Moon on my own accord, having at the time I released my space to Mrs. J. E. Moon, the promise of the part of the building on Main Street formerly occupied by the Auto Economy Shop in the building occupied by the Northington Meat Market.

Through no fault of my own I was prevented from obtaining the space in the building occupied by the Northington Meat Market, and consequently have been thrown temporarily out of a desirable location, but I trust that I shall soon find another suitable location where I'll be able to serve you as in the past.

My only reason for moving from J. & W. Fisher's was to secure a front location where I had hoped to be able to serve better my ever increasing patronage, and as soon as such location is found I will open up again.

**ELITE HAT SHOP  
By Otero Lloyd.**

**TEJAS CAMP FIRE**

The Tejas Camp Fire Girls met at the Junior High School Tuesday, December 29, with twenty-five members present. We planned for a candy sale Saturday, Jan. 2. The officers, Margaret Bettie, treasurer, and Evelyn Creath, secretary, were re-elected.

The Camp Fire is continually growing and we expect to accomplish many things during the year of 1926.

**NOTICE AS TO AUTO LICENSE**

You are requested to bring your 1925 auto license to the County Tax Collector's office when making application for 1926 license. You will enable the tax collector to issue you a license in quick time if you heed this request.

Please bring the 1925 license and avoid delay and inconvenience.

**CANDY! CANDY! CANDY!**

Come to the Candy Sale at Purser's furniture store Saturday, Jan. 2 which is held by the Tejas Camp Fire Girls. We will sell many different kinds so you can probably buy your favorite kind. You will get your money's worth if you buy from us.

Mrs. J. B. Sloan and daughter were in Merkel this week the guests of Sam Butman and family at their ranch home.

New car of Bowleys flour next week. **P. & F. COMPANY.**

**FOOTBALL MEN GIVEN  
SWEATERS ON TUESDAY**

The successful season of football for 1925 was brought to a close on Tuesday morning at the Assembly period, when the members of the Steer squad, first and second string men, were presented their football sweaters. A short program was conducted during which time talks were made by Rev. D. H. Heard, Clyde E. Thomas and Shine Phillips. A. B. Edwards, athletic manager, presented the fellows with their sweaters, which are indeed attractive apparel, and should be highly appreciated by the men who won them.

Men in the first line-up who won sweaters were: J. T. Johnson, captain; C. E. Johnson, Zelma Gay, Boyd Carpenter, Franklin Segell, Harold Harwood, Morris Gay, Ike Knaus, Lloyd Wasson, Dick Collins, captain-elect; Harold Yarbrough, Roland Schwarzenbach, Lewis Rix, and Clyde McGinnis.

The second string men who received sweaters were: Curtis Driver, Leroy Merrick, Chas. Frost, Frank Griffith, Garland Saunders, Berma Barley, Vernon Manuel, Paul Miller, Sidney House and Hugh Dubberly. Superintendent Bittle was given a miniature football sweater, as a keepsake of this successful football season.

**Y.M.C.A. HAS ATTRACTIVE  
FURNACE HEATER**

The cold weather that most of us have been fussing about all week, has not been felt within the walls of the Y. M. C. A. building, since the installation of their new Washington Home Furnace, which has been in operation this week. It not only is a first class heater, but is an attractive piece of furniture for the building, and the inhabitants that frequent the place duly appreciate this warm fireside.

Pete King of Ranger was here Tuesday and Wednesday to bid on the contract for drilling a deep test for the Transcontinental Oil Co., about fourteen miles southeast of Big Spring.

John Ross Williamson after spending the holidays in this city with relatives left Wednesday evening for his home in Eastland.

Miss Alice Dawes left Tuesday evening for Canyon to resume her studies in the State Teachers College there.

Hazel Smith, who attends the Academy of Our Lady of Mercy at Stanton, spent the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Bertha Smith.

**New Year Greetings**

We have arrived at the end of 1925. It typifies the occasion when we ponder at length on pleasant relationships, old friends and new, past achievements and future hopes, when we wish for you a full measure of prosperity, health and happiness for the coming year.

Albert M. Fisher Co.



**S. L. HULL FAMILY  
HOLDS FAMILY REUNION**

Christmas, the time of year when the home ties are strongest, and when all of the children and members of a household get together to celebrate this glad season, is the occasion when many glad happenings occur, which are long cherished in the memories of the participants. On this Christmas Day, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Hull and family held a family reunion at their home in the R-Bar community, the eleven children of the family being together for the first time in fourteen years.

The Christmas dinner, Christmas tree, and other joys of the day were combined in making this one of the merriest affairs ever celebrated by members of the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Hull, the father and mother of eleven children, have made their home in Howard county for over nineteen years, and have a host of warm friends here.

Following is a list of the children living out of the county who were present on this happy occasion with the children who live near home: E. A. Hull, Shreveport, La.; Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Hull and family of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hull and family of Stanton; Mrs. Otis Davidson, Stanton; Henry Hull, Chico; Lillian Thompson and family, Coahoma.

**RIX FURNITURE COMPANY  
INSTALLS HEATING SYSTEM**

The Rix Furniture and Undertaking Company this week installed a new heating system in their big department store, putting an automatic oil burner on their warm air room heater. This burner is made by the same company as the Round Oak heating stoves, and they are a reliable firm and guarantee their work. This system was in operation on Tuesday, and in spite of the unusually chilly weather, the entire store, which has a floor space of 13,500 square feet was comfortable throughout the day. The burner, after it is turned on by electricity, is self-regulating, keeping an even temperature throughout the day.

John Hatch, who spent the holidays in this city with his mother and other relatives left Sunday night for Waco, where he attends Baylor University.

W. H. Wise returned Sunday night from Fort Worth where he spent Christmas with relatives.

Beginning Saturday, we will have vegetables from South Texas. **P. & F. COMPANY.**

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

The ladies of the First Baptist church met at the church Monday afternoon, Dec. 28, 10 p. m. Owing to the inclement weather the attendance was not as usual, but those who were present were fully repaid for their cold weather, as Mrs. Tolson was leader, had arranged the interesting program which included the following:

Opening Hymn—"Joy in the World."  
Bible study.  
Prayer for the Real Christmas Spirit—Mrs. Hatch.  
The Child from the Holy Bible—Mrs. Beckett.

Children Always—Mrs. Gay.  
Prayer of Thanksgiving for Christ Child—Mrs. Holmes.  
Common Characteristics of the Christmas—Mrs. Austin.  
Prayer for the Children of the World—Mrs. Pitman.

Hymn—"He Lives On High."  
Angels Announcement—Mrs. Beckett.  
Hymn for the Year—"Be Faithful unto Death."

Gifts of Grace.  
Prayer of Thanksgiving for Christmas Gift—Mrs. Res.  
"Week of Prayer" will be observed at the church beginning Jan. 4, and continuing each noon at 3 p. m. through Wednesday, Jan. 6. All members of the church are urged to attend these services.

Mrs. Hatch will be in charge of the program; Mrs. Burrows, Mrs. Parr Tuesday's and Mrs. Green Wednesday's.

**HOME FOR SALE**

A brand new home with 2 1/2 acres for less than you could buy elsewhere and build it for total cash, balance easy terms. **WILKE.**

**SUNDAY CLOSING FOR**

James Curris, proprietor of Home Bakery, has decided to close his bakery all day on Sunday out the year of 1926.

Realizing that his employees are entitled to one day's rest a week, he has decided to observe Sunday as a day of rest. An extra supply of bread, rolls, etc., will be ordered by the restaurant, so they can meet the requirements of any who may fail to secure supplies for Sunday.

**HOME WANTED**

I wish to buy a good home from high school. What? **GEO. L. WILKE.**

Still want your butter, eggs, etc. **P. & F. COMPANY.**

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Big Spring, Texas, Friday, January 1, 1926

By T. E. Jordan



**WE'RE HOPING THAT  
1925**

*was the best year that you  
have ever seen and is the  
worst year that you  
will ever see*

*May Your Good Fortune and  
Prosperity Continue Through  
the Coming Year*

*The  
BIG SPRING  
HERALD*

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## New Year's Gift

By Phoebe K. Warner

It was early in the morning. The stars seemed still asleep. But I wanted to get an even start with the New Year. Christmas was past with all its joys. The packages had all been opened, the Christmas cards read and put away. I was alone, thinking, scarcely conscious where I was. The Past was dead, and the future had not yet come. It was only the present. Other things in my life seemed to be dead, and the future had not yet come. It was only the present. Other things in my life seemed to be dead, and the future had not yet come. It was only the present.

Who's that, I thought. But I didn't know. I opened the door and you had a little gift that I have never seen before. I opened the door and you had a little gift that I have never seen before. I opened the door and you had a little gift that I have never seen before.

Open your east door and you had a little gift that I have never seen before. I opened the door and you had a little gift that I have never seen before. I opened the door and you had a little gift that I have never seen before.

Love to stop and visit a while with every child I have. But this is the best day. Besides traveling five thousand miles today, I will distribute nearly two billion dollars' gifts to all my children. I have been on the go since the very first day of the old year died last night. I want to get to every child I have

on earth by their day light. And I must not be one second behind else they will miss a part of their gift. I am a true democrat and I believe in giving every man, woman and child an equal chance. Somewhere in your package you and your family will find their chances for this New Year. Be careful not to overlook them. I may not have planned them just as you would have done or as you expected but they are there if you will watch closely. May you use this gift for your own good and the good of others, and the better you use it the more joy it will bring you. This is my key to happiness and contentment. Good-bye until 1927.

You've been in homes when a mysterious looking Christmas package from a mysterious source arrived. Everybody wants to see what's in it. That's just the way our family felt about their New Year's gift. They wanted to tear it open which they did, but instead of finding some big wonderful gift each one found in their package three hundred and sixty-five little packages. Each one marked "A New Day" and locked with a time lock and dated. We couldn't even open the package for tomorrow and see what was in that. Every one sealed tight. Our curiosity became an intense it was almost painful. But no doubt Father Time knows what we should and should not know about the future. But we could not keep from wondering what those little packages contained.

One of the best things that could happen to the most of us would be for 313 of them to contain an honest day's work and the other 52 a quiet day's rest. Nobody has ever improved on the Creator's plan for work and rest. But how many of us ever rest on Sunday? But a lot of us will do well to even find a job locked up in any of those curious packages. But there will be many happy surprises as well as disappointments in those daily gift boxes. In some of them there may be a new home, or a new car, or a new radio, or a new baby. Thousands and thousands will discover a new diploma in one of those packages marked "June." That is if they keep working for it they will and didn't Father Time say the better we

each used each little gift the more joy there would be in them. Some of us may find a good position wrapped up in one of those little packages and others will find a political office for this is campaign year in Texas. And others will find their political box empty when time unlocks it. But that's the way life goes every year. Others will find in them a chance to go to school while others will find restored health. Many of us may find a good new friend in some of these little time locked gifts while others may find a wife and still others, yes, entirely too many may find a divorce in their package. In some there will be joy and in others there will be sorrow. And many will meet an accident and find a casket and a tombstone within some of those queer packages. Some will be filled with good luck and some with bad luck. In one man's packages he may find freedom and in another there may be a cell. One will find success and another failure. Thousands of little orphans may find a good home locked in one of their days while thousands of other little children will see their parents carried out and away from them forever and their home lost. And let us hope that everybody will find a good crop in some of those prize packages.

The distribution of these New Year's gifts is a great responsibility and that responsibility rests on you and me and every human being who is so fortunate as to receive a full package of 365 more days of life. What are we going to do with them? Does it mean anything to you to be given another year of life? Does it mean anything to you to be given another CHANCE to do your best, correct the mistakes of the past and plan better things for the future? Are you prepared to face each new day with its hidden secrets and its dangers and its opportunities? Or all the gifts you have received this Christmastide none can compare with this gift of a New Year of Life. Do you appreciate it? Are you thankful for it? How will you prove it?

Floyd Dodson of San Angelo was a business visitor in this city the forepart of the week.

## Wishing Everyone a Happy

## and Prosperous New Year

*We thank our friends and customers for their liberal patronage during the past year and trust we may be favored with a continuance of same.*

*Start the New Year right. Do your Banking Business with us, for Safety and Service.*

**The State National Bank**  
Big Spring, Texas

### CAR BURNS AT FILLING STATION; FOUR INJURED

Clarksville, Texas.—Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Terrell of Negley and Mrs. C. C. Foster of Hopewell and Miss Geneva Billam, a teacher in the Negley School, all residents of Red River county, were brought to the City Hospital here shortly after noon Saturday from a filling station located four miles west of Clarksville to receive treatment for burns received when a car in which they were riding was burned.

C. C. Foster, driver of the car, escaped with slight injuries. The car stopped at the filling station for gas and the gasoline was ignited from the exhaust pipe of the engine. Occupants of the car were unable to escape until the side curtains were torn off.

The very common practice of filling the gas tank with the engine running caused the above fire. This should be a lesson to all garages and filling stations not to allow gasoline put into any car while the engine is running.

Unless this dangerous habit is stopped it will be necessary to have laws enacted against this careless and dangerous practice.

### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

This is to notify the public that I have purchased the J. E. Davis grocery store on East Third street and Mr. Davis will operate same for the present.

Mr. Davis assumes all indebtedness incurred prior to Dec. 11th, and all accounts due to the firm prior to that date are due and payable to Mr. Davis. C. T. GOOCH, 14-3t

### BELOW ZERO

Jim Jones was born in the city, and while yet a young man went into the country to work on a farm.

The second day he was on the farm he was called before dawn and told to harness the mules to the sleigh. He was too tired to light a lantern, and in the dark he didn't notice that a cow was in the stable with the mule. The farmer, impatient at the long delay, shouted from the house: "Jones, what are you doing out there?"

"I can't get the collar over the mule's head," Jones yelled back, "his ears are frozen stiff."—Utah Farmer.

### BAKERY TO BE CLOSED SUNDAY

On next Sunday, and on every Sunday throughout 1926, the Home Bakery will be closed all day. Secure sufficient bread, pies, cakes and pastries Saturday to do you over Sunday.—advertisement.

Mrs. Dinty Moore of San Angelo, spent the Christmas holidays in this city with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sullivan.

## Greetings:

*This finds me at the end of 1925, and ready to enter the New Year 1926, with good will toward all and malice toward none, and I want to thank my friends and patrons who have made it possible for me to stay in business in Big Spring a long, long time.*

*Wishing For All a Prosperous 1926  
I AM*

**H. B. ARNOLD**

### WANTED! OLD FASHIONED HOMES

Youth and adventure hardly miss being synonyms. When the sap flows giddily and a thousand promptings fill heads lacking the ballast of experience, things happen. We are looking at an Associated Press Dispatch, dated San Antonio, Texas: "Knocking down a seventeen-year-old girl who blocked his path, a boy bandit fled from the Lone Star Bakery with \$1,000 in cash." According to the girl's story, the boy was slender, had pink cheeks, and wore a white shirt and gray trousers. Clip a jelly-bean bandit from your own newspaper.

Keep track of a few crimes and discover how many of them are the work of persons under twenty-five years of age.

Does it take an editorial a mile long to fix the responsibility? It does not.

Boy bandits represent empty homes. Homes that have motor cars—always motor cars—and radio sets, and red-hot mommas and poppas with dishwater brains—homes that are doubly empty because crowded with implements to satisfy the gnaw for sensation as necessary to outraged nerves as dope is to drug addicts.

Our boys and girls—our boys and girls—are born with no more brains, no less morality, than the boys and girls of other times. The blame hardly fits a seventeen-year-old youngster with pink cheeks, or other children perpetually trying to slosh around in buckets of blood. The responsibility properly belongs to parents who are so bent on having a good time themselves that they haven't time to regulate their family affairs, or to parents who are so "kind" to their children that they voluntarily let them run wild and risk getting their necks in a noose, or to parents who blame their own shortcomings on "the tendency of the times." Yet, so far as we can make out, holidays fall as before and all creatures except men obey the same impulses that have swayed them since long before the word "alibi" got in the dictionary.—Editorial, Holland's Magazine.

### IMPORTANT NOTICES

The Home Bakery will be closed all day on Sunday. In the future, Secure sufficient bread, pies, cakes, etc. on Saturday to run you Sunday.—advertisement

Polly Thomas who was operated on Thursday morning is doing nicely.

**"ACRES OF DIAMONDS"**  
 Russell H. Conwell, of Philadelphia, who died last week at the age of 82, was probably the most successful lecturer in the world. In the course of his long and astounding active life, he made more than \$11,000,000; and most of this was gathered from the lecture platform. He received, first and last, close to \$4,000,000 for a single lecture, "Acres of Diamonds," and a four million dollar lecture certainly is unique among the talks of the world. What manner of speech was it?

Before any understanding can be given of the talk, something must be said of the man.

He was born in New Hampshire in 1843 of mixed New England and Maryland ancestry. He enlisted in Lincoln's first call for troops, and became a captain. He was wounded, and the bullet worked into his lungs later, nearly causing his death.

He had practiced law for a time and was quite successful, but lost all his savings in a fire and came from the hospital where the bullet was extracted badly in debt. He went to work on the Boston Traveler for five dollars per week, was promoted rapidly, sent to the battlefields of the South, sent round the world, became editor of the paper, practiced law again, entered the ministry, and became probably the most successful preacher in the United States.

When he went definitely into the ministry, he multiplied twenty-fold the attendance at the church in which he preached. Then he came to Philadelphia. There he built one of the greatest churches in the world—the Baptist Temple.

Deciding that a church should teach as well as preach, he created Temple College, attached to the church, and that school now has about 8,000 students. Then he founded the Samaritan hospital, then

the Philadelphia Orphans' home.

In every instance, his method was the same, start the work first and raise the money afterwards. "Acres of Diamonds" was one of the most potent factors in building these great institutions.

He died practically penniless. He had succeeded in giving away his millions.

There are many versions of his lecture, "Acres of Diamonds," for he spoke without notes. Always he began by telling a story told him by an Arab camel driver on the Tigris.

This Arab told of a man in India who dreamed of finding diamonds, and the soothsayer to whom he told his dream said that he would find them in a stream flowing over white sand between mountains. So the man sold his farm in India, and wandered over the world seeking the valley of diamonds, and not finding it, drowned himself; while the man who bought the farm found diamonds back of the house; the beginning of the great Golconda mines.

That tale furnishes title and theme of the lecture. The acres of diamonds are at your door. Find out what people need, and supply it. Every community has some source of wealth, or will show some unsatisfied want.

After two or three such instances, Conwell goes on to say:

"I remember meeting personally a poor carpenter of Hingham, Mass., who was out of work and in poverty. His wife also drove him out of doors. He sat down on the shore, and whittled a soaked shingle into a wooden chair. His children quarrelled over it in the evening, and while he was whittling a second one, a neighbor came along and said:

"Why don't you whittle toys if you can carve like that?"

"He said, 'I don't know what to make.'"

"There is the whole thing. His

neighbor said to him, 'Why don't you ask your children?'

"Said he, 'What's the use of doing that? My children are different from other people's children.' I used to see people like that when I taught school.

"Well, the next morning when his boy came down the stairway, he said: 'Sam, what do you want for a toy? I want a wheelbarrow.' When his little girl came down he asked her what she wanted, and she said: 'I want a little doll's washstand, a little doll's carriage, and a little doll's umbrella.'"

"He consulted his own children right there in his own house, and began to whittle out toys to please them. He began with his jack-knife, and he made those unpainted Hingham toys.

"He is the richest man in New England today, if Mr. Lawson is to be trusted in his statements concerning such matters; and yet that man's fortune was made by consulting his own children in his own house."

Scores of men wrote to Conwell, telling him that his lecture had started them on the road to fortune. He puts some of these tales into the lecture:

"I was lecturing in North Carolina, and a cashier of the local bank sat behind a lady who wore a very large hat. I said to that audience: 'Your wealth is too near you; you are looking over it.'"

"The cashier said to his neighbor: 'Well, then, my wealth must be in that hat.'"

"A little later, as he wrote to me, I said: 'Wherever there is a human need, there is a greater fortune than any mine can furnish.'"

"He caught the thought, and he drew up his plan for a better hat pin than was in the hat before him, and the pin is now being manufactured. He was offered \$55,000 for his patent. That man made his fortune



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*Ride as you go!*

*Go more and enjoy more. It costs so little in one of these fine used cars. We have them in all models, and remember they are guaranteed by an Authorized Ford Dealer.*

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Our line of coats, dresses, sweaters and ladies ready-to-wear still have some attractive values. If you have been putting off buying you one of these much needed garments this season, delay no longer, but come now, while you can get clearance prices.

### BLANKET TIME

is at hand, with the temperature bordering on zero. We have all kinds of blankets at all prices—wool, cotton, and mixed cotton and wool, double and single. It would be wise to invest in a warm, downy comfort at the same time you buy your blankets.



*We want to express our thanks to our patrons and friends who aided us in making 1925 a year of success and happiness and wish to extend to them our sincerest wishes for a Bright and Happy New Year.*

**The Grand Leader**

before he got out of that hall. This is the whole question: Do you see a need?"

#### KNOW YOUR OWN COWS

A story comes out of Wisconsin about a dairy farmer who had made some success with his dairy herd, and added regularly to his equipment as well as to his bank account, but who made the mistake of not knowing the individual merits of his animals. He was a good judge of cows, insofar as outward appearances go, and he knew about how much milk each animal was giving. He had a fairly good herd containing some outstanding individuals, but did not know just which ones were the best. Finally, he was prevailed upon to join a testing association, of which there are large numbers in that State, and by weighing the production of each cow, testing the quality of their milk and studying each animal's feed requirements, he was not only able to cull out several boarders, but to greatly increase the product from his other animals. He found that with just a little more trouble he secured more and better milk from twenty cows than he had been receiving from twenty-six.

There are not many milk-testing associations in the Southwest, but every farmer who is depending on cows for a part of his income should make a study of the subject of proper feeding, and should, as nearly as possible, determine which animals in his herd are making him money. The county agent, or a dairy specialist at the agricultural college, will be glad to assist in culling the herd and in making an efficiency test.

The average cow in the Southwest is far below the average cow in the United States. The cows in the Southwest are an annual expense to their owners. They are eating more than they produce. Why not sell them and get some good cows. One good cow is worth more than a dozen poor ones, for the good cow will yield a profit, while the more average cows you own, the more your cows will cost you.—Farm and Ranch.

We can obtain loans on Patented Farm and Ranch Lands at 5-1-2 or 6 per cent on long time. If you desire to borrow money on your land. See STATE NATIONAL BANK, 411 1/2

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Leonard of Eastland, were here to spend the Christmas holidays with her brother, Nat Shick and family.

#### BILL BOOSTER SAYS

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#### JUST RIGHT

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#### TOOK OFF FLESH

Exra went to the doctor to learn what ailed him, and the doctor said: "You ought to take off flesh. Get a car and get out more." "And, so I got a car and got out more," says Exra. "I got out six times in one block and took off a little flesh in four different places. The last time I got out was through the windshield. That was the time I took off the most flesh."—Birmingham News Bulletin.

Miss Willie Saunders returned Monday from O'Donnell and Lubbock, where she spent the Christmas holidays with relatives. She was accompanied by her brother, his wife and daughter, who have visited her here a few days this week.

Spencer Wells, manager of Hemphill-Price of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Bell and children, Misses Lena Woods and Bernice Waggoner, spent the Christmas holidays in San Angelo with relatives.

#### THE NEW YEAR

Time rolls on unheedingly year ago we were making resolutions for 1925. Ever since then we have been breaking them. Some gained, some of us lost. All made mistakes.

But one of the fine things Time is that it's always as new as old. It is always as full of hopes as of broken bubbles. There of it ahead than there is behind.

Come to think of it, January nothing more nor less than the marks on a man-made clock. And every sunrise means the beginning of a new year.

The value of January 1st is turning over of the page, the out of the old leaves in the book, the ruling off of the new ledger. If we can adopt the right attitude toward this red-letter day, January 1, 1926, can be made cheering. It can be made the shedding of the old, the and the donning of the new.

"The world is so full of opportunities are the first of capital in this democratic age. Opportunities can make men wiser, happier, more useful. A capital of mere money on can do all these things, but likely to make the average more narrow, more foolish, more erable, more useless.

Every year the world grows that must mean that every orange atom of humanity is growing better. Nineteen six, we must therefore conclude serves an affectionate welcome it is with an assured ring of joy that we greet our readers joyful

Happy New Year!

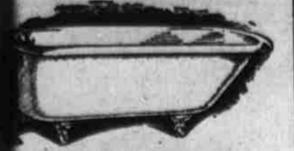
—Farm and

#### HEMSTITCHING 7 1/2 CENTS PER

Am prepared to do hemstitching for 7 1/2 cents per yard and press work to be satisfactory in every Workroom opposite postoffice from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m.

Some one has well suggested that if the city would employ officers to catch speeders and less auto drivers instead of citizens for parking their cars the business section more hours each Saturday it would better from every standpoint parked car is not a menace and limb.

Read Herald advertisements



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Dentist  
OFFICE OVER WEST TEXAS NATIONAL BANK  
BIG SPRING, TEXAS

**A CONTRARY MAID**

The maid had been using surreptitiously the bath tub of her employer, an elderly bishop. He was a bachelor, very fastidious about his toilet, and desired the exclusive use of his tub.  
He reprimanded the maid with much indignation:  
"What distresses me most, Mary, is that you have done this behind my back."—Ex.

It is well to pause at the end of the year and check up on a few fundamentals to which we all must adhere. The one big thing that makes success for all of us possible is a sound government which does not wash the initiative and enterprise of the individual. Without this, all our personal efforts would be in vain. An understanding of this basic fact should be in every person's mind. Our nation and people have become great, not by chance but by a well thought out program for government which has never been excelled and which to date, has been subject to little improvement beyond the plan of its founders 149 years ago. We should bear these facts in mind and constantly call them to public attention in order that we may truly appreciate the great blessing of liberty under a reasonable form of government such as we have. The Manufacturer.

Gen. Buchanan of Paris, after spending Christmas here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Buchanan, left Sunday evening for his home.

**ALL THAT HEART COULD DESIRE**

By GREIG LAPHAM

(By Short Story Pub. Co.)

**A**S WILLIAM WARNER LEMINGTON cut with precision forty-five small, rectangular pieces of cardboard, he neatly wrote a word on each. Then for a few minutes, while he meditated dreamily, he gently shook the bits of cardboard in his hat. At length, he slowly drew forth one of the pieces, and glanced at it. "Michigan!" he exclaimed, a bit ruefully. "A trifle damp and chilly there, I fear, but then—so be it."

An hour later, the young man entered the office of the lawyer who looked after his property, and there was a hint of energy and determination in his bearing which warned the legal adviser that something unprecedented was in the air.

Lemington succinctly made known his wishes. "Sell immediately, even at a sacrifice, all my property, all of it, Blake. I shall want at least two hundred and fifty thousand cash at my command by June first. Invest the balance in such bonds as look good to you."

Blake stared blankly at his client for a moment. "Why, what—" he began.

"Not insanity," Lemington hastily interrupted, with a smile, "merely philanthropy. And say, my dear Blake, I certainly have at last hit upon a novel way of spending money."

In another hour, Lemington was back in his library. In his hand he held a pocket atlas of Michigan. With closed eyes he permitted the booklet to open where it would, and then let the point of his pencil touch the page. After drawing a long breath, he opened his eyes, and read, "Browntown—population 1,023." Next he consulted the map. "A nice location," he thought, and then he cried aloud, "O thrice fortunate Browntown!"

Browntown, Lemington discovered, was a pretty little village, located on a rather picturesque creek. It did not take long for him to become acquainted with the object of his generous impulse—nor was the town slow to take notice that there was a stranger in its midst. In the course of a year but few strange faces appeared in Browntown, and those were mostly infantile. Occasionally, of course, there came a new minister or a school teacher, to take the place of one who had left for a larger field. Browntown was, in fact, a very agreeable place in which to begin life or to pass peacefully away—but it held out no glittering promises to ambition.

Lemington, as he strolled about that first day, soon found himself attended by an escort of small boys, who gazed in awe upon his splendid toggery; while admiring feminine eyes were fixed upon him from porches and doorways, or discreetly peeped at him through lace curtains, and fully noted the grace and distinction of his carriage.

Yes, indeed, long before Lemington had reached the old McKinney place, the village of Browntown was keenly alive to the fact that a stranger of no small importance was astray within its limits; and that, at the hotel, a zealous Jap servant was guarding well both his master's luggage and his secret—if he had one, and, of course, he had.

When Lemington came to the McKinney property, his eyes brightened. It was exactly to his liking. The great stone house, sadly out of repair, was set with careful accuracy in the middle of a village square. Surely if he were to rebuild the house, have some of the giant evergreens removed, give the grounds over to the magic of landscape gardeners, in short, spend a goodly amount of money, he would have a dwelling place quite in accord with his taste. He glanced across the street, and caught a glimpse of a most alluring bit of femininity. Yes, then, the neighborhood was all that heart could desire.

Lemington read the sign which hung dejectedly on a tree near the gate: "This place for sale by Wm. Simmonds."

"Take me to Simmonds," cried Lemington, pressing a dollar into the hand of a dumfounded lad.

"You really want to buy the place?" gasped Simmonds, when Lemington had made known his intentions.

"I do," affirmed the young man.

"Well, now, I vum!" cried Simmonds. "I never thought to live to see this day. Why, I've advertised that place in our paper for the past twelve years, and every time the ad's read differently. My land! 'twon't seem right at all with that place sold."

"How much did you say?" Lemington broke in.

"I haven't said how much yet, young man," came the response, petulantly. "But I will say it if you will give me time." Then Simmonds lowered his voice to a whisper: "They won't sell for a cent less than five thousand."

"I'll take it, and I want it quick," said Lemington.

The McKinney place had been sold. That was the first of a series of momentous happenings which crowded thick and fast upon the hitherto tranquil Browntown. Of the why and wherefore of the many blessings Browntown could gain no tiding. Mr. Lemington evidently had money galore. Mr. Lemington said he was not married. Nothing more did Browntown know about William Warner Lemington.

But his beneficent influence was widely felt. Both of Browntown's churches were recipients of Lemington's generosity. A library was built, a park laid out, the streets improved, the poverty stricken relieved. There was an exodus of the halt, the lame and the blind—some being sent to hospitals, some to a better climate, one to a school. Embryo geniuses were given the wherewithal to pursue their studies, and in the fall a dozen youths and maidens went joyfully off to college. Indeed, Browntown was drenched with a golden shower.

Yet requests from near-by towns for even a drop of Lemington's bounty fell on deaf ears; and certain nomadic ne'er-do-wells who, hearing a wondrous story, sought out Browntown as being a land of milk and honey, were doomed to bitter disappointment. Lemington for Browntown, such was the decree of fate.

It was June again, and for a whole year Browntown had been fed at the hand of a philanthropist. Now all Browntown gathered at his bidding, and surged through the reconstructed mansion that was once called the McKinney place. Here, in the center of the village, on this June evening, was fairyland. Hundreds of Japanese lanterns lighted the grounds, while the house itself was aglow with brilliant illumination. An orchestra of twenty pieces furnished music, and in a temporary pavilion youth and age mingled in the dance. Finally, a favored few congregated in the drawing room, and to them Lemington explained just this much:

"I came here, friends, because I was bored to death. I wanted to do something different, and I've done it. I've really had a lot of fun. I've spent a pile of money, and I've got my money's worth. I'd like to stay here right along, except when I want to stay away. This isn't home, but it may be. The question is, 'Shall I stay?' It's all up to just one person, and she's not very big, yet she's the whole of Browntown and all the world beside. Dorothy Deane, shall I stay?"

A shy, pretty girl gasped, blushed, and shrank behind a palm. Lemington walked right straight toward that palm.

"He's a crazy fool," growled the Jealous Man.

"Deliciously eccentric," declared the Club Woman.

"How romantic!" cried the Maiden Lady.

"Isn't he handsome, though?" interrogated Sweet Sixteen.

But Lemington heard just one word—Dorothy's softly spoken "Yes."

**Best to Beware of  
Jap Jade Ornaments**

When one of the most fashionable of California women wore her newest hat that bore proudly on one side, above her eye, a jade ornament, she noticed that her Japanese servant looked at it in covert disapproval.

She had come in late in the afternoon with two friends to whom the boy brought in tea and as she took her cup from the tray the oriental, usually imperturbable of manner and absolutely inscrutable of expression, stumbled, for he was gazing at the hat in a way that was so marked as to astonish his mistress. There was a look as near shocked surprise as it was possible for a well-trained Japanese to manifest.

After the departure of her guests the woman called "George" in to her. He came bowing in his most deprecatory fashion.

"What was the matter with you when you brought in the tea?" the woman questioned.

"Madame will pardon, but hat pin very bad?" George answered with more bows.

"Bad, what do you mean?" This, as the hat was removed and closely scrutinized.

"Very, very wicked words on that might-be jade, words tell shame thoughts," the Japanese explained. "Pins made for 'Merican trade say ugly things—how shall I make you know?—they words women not hear, not even know. Japanese see California ladies carrying words on hats, bracelets, neck, things not spoken by nice people."

Gradually it was made clear that the very latest thing in a hat ornament really announced to the world the most indecent of sentiments and that thus the oriental mind of a certain type had found a way of retailing for fancied grievances. In truly running fashion American women had been lured into the mode that made them the carriers of ribald tags.—The Argonaut.

**Haggard's Autobiography**

Rider Haggard wrote his autobiography before he passed on. In his will—he died worth about \$300,000—is this passage:

"As to the MS. of the work I have designated 'The Days of My Life,' an autobiography, I enjoin my wife not to destroy such MS. under any circumstances, and I express the hope and belief that she will reflect well, and take sound and expert advice, not only as to when it shall be published, but also as to what passages, if any, should be omitted."—W. Orton Tewson, in the New York Evening Post.

**Stick to Home-Made Bread**

Although bakers' products have increased enormously in the last ten years, due to the letting-up of home cooking and baking and the increasing custom of entire families eating out, there are still many home makers who bake their own bread apparently, as last year the United States Department of Agriculture sent out more than 2,000,000 copies of the bulletin, "Baking in the Home."

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Redemption Fund..... 2,500.00  
Federal Reserve Bank Stock... 4,500.00  
CASH..... 111,051.00

TOTAL.....\$447,052.33

**LIABILITIES**

Capital Stock.....\$ 50,000.00  
Surplus and Profits..... 137,309.35  
Circulation..... 50,000.00  
DEPOSITS..... 609,742.98

TOTAL.....\$847,052.33

**RESOURCES OVER \$800,000.00**

PROGRESSIVE SAFE LIBERAL  
**The First National Bank**  
OF BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS.

**"Friendly Ground"**

*When you come into this bank, whether you are a depositor or a depositor-to-be, we want you to know that you are on "Friendly Ground."*

*We want you, too, to be so pleased, more than just satisfied, with the friendly services of our institution and the courteous treatment of our personnel, that you will want to bring your friends here as well. We welcome you.*

**The West Texas National Bank**  
**"The Bank Where You Feel at Home"**  
**BIG SPRING TEXAS**

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B. REAGAN, President  
WILL P. EDWARDS, Vice President  
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John Ross Williamson of Eastland spent the Christmas holidays in this city with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom B. Wood of Duncan, Okla., arrived in the city Tuesday on a visit to relatives and friends.

Yuel Robb had the pleasure of witnessing a real football game at Cleo last Saturday when the Forest High team of Dallas defeated the Big Dam Lobos by a score of 7 to 0.

Shurston Ornbauer, who has been spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Ornbauer, will leave Monday for Van Horn, where he holds a position with the Highway department.

**BUY SUPPLIES ON SATURDAY**

Beginning January 3, the Home Bakery will be closed all day on Sundays. Please take note and secure your bread, cakes, pies, etc., on Saturday. If you do forget to do this occasionally, the restaurants will sell you bread, etc.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Y. Fetters and children left Wednesday of last week for Austin, where they spent the Christmas holidays with their little son, Burl Lee, who is attending school at Austin.

Don't believe the other fellow wrong because he differs from you; there may be some merit in his contentions.

**WORLD COTTON CROP INCREASES 2,000,000 BALES**

On a basis of preliminary estimates of lint cotton production for all countries reporting up to date the bureau of agricultural economics reports an indicated total of 25,298,600 bales of 478 pounds net as compared with 23,220,000 bales for the same countries last year.

This is an increase of 2,000,000 bales.

Ledford Beard and family returned Monday from Waco where they spent Christmas with relatives.

Dan Lewis of Colorado was a business visitor in the city the forepart of the week.



# **RUSH** Specials! Specials! Specials!

**A FEAST**

Of Bargains Will be Offered

## **During Our Big 15-Day Winter Clearance Sale!**

### **Starting Saturday, Jan. 2**

*Prices have been Smashed on WINTER CLOTHING, including everything for every member of the family. Prices on everything in stock will be reduced for this Winter Clearance Sale.*

*You will have to call---inspect the article you need and learn the low prices that we are making. You can afford to come miles to this sale and borrow money to make needed purchases.*

Prices have been absolutely smashed on Ladies' Ready-to-Wear, Coats, Underwear, Hosiery and Shoes. On Men's Overcoats, Work Coats, Sheep-lined Coats, Underwear and Sweaters.

Children's clothing for winter is marked down exceptionally low. Sweaters, all kind and sizes, to go at practically your own price.

*Lack of space prevents our giving but a few of the thousands of bargains we will offer during the big Winter Clearance Sale. Let nothing prevent your attending. Opportunities to save money will be great during our big 15-day sale.*

*Be ready on the opening day to join the crowds that will be on hand to take advantage of the money-saving values we are making on every item in stock. We had rather have the CASH than carry the goods over another season.*

Men's \$1.00 work shirts, only.....	69c
Children's \$1.00 E-Z union suits....	69c
Large size bath towels, regularly priced at 30c, only.....	19c

Ladies' 65c silk hose, only.....	40c
Ladies' \$1.00 silk hose, only.....	69c
Ladies' \$1.50 silk hose, only.....	\$1.19
Ladies' \$2.00 all silk chiffon hose.	\$1.69

**Cash Only Gets The Goods At These Extremely Low Prices**  
**Extra Special** A big line of fine dress shirts, with or without collar, at rock bottom prices. See these and you will buy.

**NO EXCHANGES AND NO REFUNDS DURING THE BIG SALE**  
**DON'T MISS THIS CHANCE TO SAVE MONEY**

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Dry Goods, Shoes, Notions    ❖    ❖    BIG SPRING, TEXAS