

MOUNTAINEERS MOP UP ON COLEMAN BLUE CATS FRIDAY

UNION CHRISTMAS SERVICE WILL BE HELD AT METHODIST CHURCH

At The Methodist Church Sunday

Installation of officers of the Woman's Missionary Society at the morning service. The message at the morning hour will be on Missions. Subject: "The Final Triumph of the Kingdom of God in this World."

The Young People will meet at 6:15. Preaching at 7 p. m.

Union services will be held at the Methodist church of the Baptists, Presbyterians, Christians, Methodists and others that will join with us. Rev. M. L. Womack, pastor of the Presbyterian church will deliver the sermon at this service. We cordially invite you to worship with us.

Committee: Hal C. Wingo, M. L. Womack, E. H. Wiley, W. T. Gray.

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

The pleasing custom of using living outdoor trees as Christmas trees is becoming more and more popular every year. We hope to see some trees in our town this Christmas decorated with colored lights connected to the house circuit, so that every body can share in the jubilation of the Christmas season.

Nobody knows, so far as we can find out, where the idea of a decorative tree as a symbol of Christmas originated. But like many another ancient custom, the source of which is lost in the dim past, it is a beautiful and time honored custom which arouses sentimental reflections and happy memories in the mind of everyone, no matter how old, in whose youthful life the Christmas tree formed the center of the family gathering on Christmas Day.

But the feast of Christmas and the Christmas tree imply very much more than merely pleasant recollections.

There is no race or religious creed which does not believe, in some form or other, in a divine promise of a better world. Science may never be able to prove the existence of God; but the faith of the truly religious is not a matter of proof. No one can live very long in this world without discovering that the forces which make it, from generation to generation, a better world to live in, and which are steadily making human beings more kindly and tolerant toward each other, are not the forces which science has discovered and industry has harnessed, but are the forces which come from within the human soul and that spirit of tolerance, of kindness, of "peace on earth, good will to men" is, to all Christians, a spirit flowing directly from the Heavenly Throne. And what we celebrate at Christmas is the manifestation of that spirit on earth.

Special to the Santa Anna News.

Miss June Bond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Bond, Santa Anna, Texas, will spend Christmas holidays, December 19 to January 4th, with her parents at home.

Miss Bond, a freshman at Texas Woman's College, is reporter for the freshman class, member of the college Press Club, Kappa Kappa Gamma Literary Society, Hughes West Texas Club.—T. W. C. News Service.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Arise and rejoice, for 'tis Christmas day,
Hear children exclaiming!
Fireworks are flaming!
For Santa Claus has brought gladness here.
Toy horns are blowing!
While cocks are crowing!
Arise and rejoice, 'tis Christmas day.
Arise! Arise! and hear the merry shout,
The children are here,
Christmas Gift, my dear,
Voices glad within, voices glad without!
Old time Christmas joy,
Again we're girl and boy,
Merry Christmas! Join in the happy shout.

Universal Critic Praises "Spirit of Notre Dame"

The critics report in the Motion Picture Herald gives the following review of "Spirit of Notre Dame" the Rockne Memorial film that will be shown at the Queen Theatre, Friday and Saturday:

"If the spirit of football has been able to bring together the largest audiences ever assembled in the world, then "The Spirit of Notre Dame" should be able to intrigue every one interested in football. And this should be considerable of a crowd! If you don't think so, try to buy a few good seats in the Olympic Stadium for the major games this fall—depression or no depression."

"Junior Laemmle has had the courage, or Notre Dame has convinced him (and they're not so dumb on audience psychology back there, either, that juvenile romance and picture formulae are not so important when you have national heroes like Frank Carideo, Don Miller, Jim Crowley, Elmer Layden, Harry Stuhldreher, Adam Walsh, Bucky O'Conner, Moon Mullins, Johnny O'Brien and their like in a cast. So Junior and his cohorts set out really to show the American public what was behind this man Knute Rockne, why he was able to accomplish what he did at the University of Notre Dame, and to outline a few of the reasons why football is today the most popular and best-supported sport in America.

"Rock" is properly the theme of the piece. His magnetic instructions to his victorious teams start the whole thing rolling. You could sell Hoover government bonds at 105 with his brand of advice! The youth of America will be edified beyond words by it. And so will their dads and their brothers and—who knows—maybe their mothers and their sisters, too. Possibly, if 'Rock' had lived long enough, we might have settled this matter of business slump by taking Knute's advice and just plunged right through it as though it were merely an ephemeral hurdle.

"There is sound philosophy in this "Spirit of Notre Dame." It is the philosophy of keeping your eye on your goal and your mind on your work. It is the philosophy of fair play—and more, the cornerstone of success, team play. Never mind, says "Rock," about this all-American team, or who makes it. Play with and for your team; see that your team wins, even at the sacrifice of personal ambition.

"I don't know whether "The Spirit of Notre Dame" will make money. If I did, Junior Laemmle probably would have me on his pay-roll. But I do know that there are millions of people in this country who will find inspiration in the devotional production which some of Rockne's warmest admirers and most adept pupils have given to Universal. Released during the football season, it had all the elements of timeliness necessary to popularity.

"To the district credit of Lew Ayres, William Bakewell and Andy Devine, it may be said that they pose most successfully and most convincingly as Rockne stars, rather than movie stars. And that isn't so easy, as the sports editors might tell you! To that sterling Scandinavian, J. Farrell MacDonald, has been given the job of playing the role of the master, Rockne. Be it said to Mac's everlasting credit that could be done by any one but "Rock" himself. If I owned a football team I'd hire Mac to coach it! Harry Barris, too, helps excellently in providing natural comedy relief.

"The Spirit of Notre Dame" is another one of those Carl Laemmle productions which come along now and then, like "Western Front," or "Seed." It makes you glad you are connected with the picture business, because it is worthy of the screen's highest possible achievement, the lifting of millions out of doldrums of life, inspiring them to the principles which have been the making of this great nation.

"To Russell Mack, the director,

Business Houses Will Be Closed Friday and Saturday

Every business house in Santa Anna will be closed Friday and Saturday, with the exception of some of the garages, drug stores, service stations and cafes. Blue Hardware, Santa Anna Gas Co., and Burton Lingo Co. were not on the list published last week, but will be closed also.

A Pastor's Greeting

As we again approach the Christmas season we are all inclined to meditate and think upon the deeper things and experiences of life. As I thus think I become very grateful to God and find a burning desire in my soul to write this little word of greeting.

The old year is slipping away, and so is the earthly life of man. We are one mile nearer home. I breathe a prayer unto God for everyone I have met and known in this community and in that prayer is the petition that we might each and all make the landing safe on Heaven's shores.

This year has brought many joys to each, but to some it has brought also a measure of grief and sorrow. May the comforting grace of the blessed Spirit of God rest richly in your hearts if such has been your lot, and through your tears, heartaches, and shadows, may you see the bright face of the Eternal Son of God who came into this world of sin and sorrow to show us the Light Eternal. "In Him was life; and the life was the light of men."

As you gather in these days by the fireside where the ties of earthly love draw you together, may you be enriched in spirit and encouraged for the tasks yet out ahead, and may the Unseen Guest be recognized by you all to sanctify your coming together to the highest possible good, is my sincere wish and prayer.

And as you face another year, clean, unstained, unspotted, may the guiding Spirit of God be your pilot as you launch out on the uncharted sea, to direct you around the rocks and shoals, and bring you to the success your soul doth long for, and to spiritual heights yet unattained. May all the good that a Kind Providence sees fit to give you, come to you and yours is the warm wish of your friend.

Hal C. Wingo.

Mrs. E. G. Bishop of Dallas, who arrived Thanksgiving day, will spend the Christmas holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Nicholson.

Miss Margaret Gray, is home from Abilene, for the Christmas holidays.

The Ideal Secretary



Katherine Kramer, 19, of Moines, was chosen by the Junior Chamber of Commerce as the most beautiful and good stenographer at its national convention.

and to Richard Schayer, who supervised and wrote the screenplay in collaboration with Dale Van Every, there should go special commendation."

The Cuban Love Song, starring Lupe Velez and Lawrence Tibbett is heralded as one of Tibbett's best pictures but one is warned that it is not a picture to take the children to see as it is rather sophisticated and much too advanced for the youthful mind.

Delco Destroyed By Explosion

Damage to the amount of several hundred dollars was caused by an explosion at the home of Roy Stafford, in the Rockwood community. A short, caused a spark to fly across the batteries on the Delco system, making a terrific explosion which wrecked the delco house and doing quite a lot of damage to the garage and breaking the glass in the car. The noise was heard for several miles around and soon a crowd gathered to assist in putting out the fire which resulted.

Basketball Schedule For Precinct No. 2

At a meeting of the coaches of the schools of this Commissioner's precinct here Saturday the basketball schedule for this season was arranged. There are seven schools in this precinct entering the race to see who goes to the semi-finals in the county. The schools are Santa Anna, Buffalo, Live Oak, Whon, Trickham, Rockwood, and Shield. Shield won the race last year, beating Santa Anna in the final game by one point. It looks like now that the race this year will be between Shield and Santa Anna with Santa Anna the favorite as their team is about 25 percent stronger than it was last year. The favorites in the other precincts look now like Brown Ranch, who has won the county championship the last two years, Coleman, and Talpa or Valera. When all the precinct schedules have been played the winners from Precinct one and two will play and the winners from 3 and 4. The winners from those two games will play for the county championship.

To a December Rose

Pink rose of gray December,
Tossed by the chilling breeze,
Tell me, has it been your choice
To brighten days like these?
You're the last of the season's beauty,
Soon now you must depart;
The cold rain falls upon your head,
And chills your fragrant heart.

Sister roses, ere you came,
Smiled up to skies of blue,
Were fanned by gentle southern breeze,
And kissed by the morning dew
They went to cheer the aged or ill,
And lent sweet fragrance there.
A sacred altar some adorned,
Within a house of prayer.

No sunbeams dance about you
O'er head, no skies of blue,
Among your fragrant sisters,
Were none more fair than you
We're glad you chose to linger
We long to have you stay;
You're the last of the season's color
To bless December's gray.
By a flower lover

Myrton L. McDonald came in from Abilene Saturday, to be at home during the Christmas holidays.

William Wheeler, Science and Business Education instructor, in Cross Plains, High school, is spending the holidays at home.

Has Powerful Friends



Mayor Walker, of New York City, went all the way to California to plead with Gov. Ralph for Tom Mooney's pardon. Mooney has been in prison since 1916 for bombing a preparedness parade in San Francisco.

JAMES SYLVESTER LAUGHLIN

James Sylvester Laughlin was born in La Salle county, Texas, June 12, 1856 and died at his home near Cherokee, December 16, 1931. He was married to Olive Mabel Clark, November 10, 1897. To this union seven children Elmer, Roy, and Mrs. Carl Sheffield of Trickham, Gray, Willie, and Mrs. Harry Wilson of Cherokee and Jack, who was killed in the World War and for whom the Jack Laughlin American Legion Post here is named, were born. There are also three grand children.

Mr. Laughlin was united with the Christian church when a young man and Rev. E. H. Wylie, an old friend of the family conducted the funeral services at Trickham, Friday afternoon. Mr. Laughlin had lived with his family, just south of Trickham since the early eighties, when he bought his farm, at the time the old Brooksmith pasture was sold off in farms, until about four years ago when he bought a ranch near Cherokee.

Death came suddenly and he was laid to rest in the presence of a host of sorrowing friends. This section of the state has lost a fine man.

News From Coleman Junction

There were several attended Sunday School Sunday in spite of the cold weather and bad roads.

Brother Sanders, who preaches every fourth Sunday, preached Sunday and Sunday night. He is now attending Howard Payne College.

The Junction Home Demonstration Club met Dec. 9 at the home of Mrs. McGayhe. The evening was enjoyed very much. The next meeting will be January 6 at the home of Mrs. John Crump.

We regret very much to have the Horner family move out of the community. We hope to have them back at church real often.

Misses Aleen and Nadine Ripley are spending the Christmas holidays in Cross Plains, with their aunt and uncle.

Orea McDonald, who has been attending Tech at Lubbock, has been visiting with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. U. P. Moore, of this community. He intends to return to school soon after Christmas.

Miss Imogene Ward spent Sunday night and Monday with Miss Velma Dunn.

Misses Aloma and Mildred Tatcher are entertaining the Junior Sunday school class with a supper Thursday evening at five o'clock.

Willis and Lena Moore spent Sunday in the home of G. H. Dunn.

Junction and Watts Creek schools played another basketball game. Junction won the game.

There was a very interesting program presented at the school house last Friday afternoon. They also had a Christmas tree.

Misses Opal Odom spent Saturday night with Miss Jewel Buford.

Miss Velma Dunn was a guest of Miss Lena Moore Saturday night.

The B. Y. P. U. members are getting up a special program for Sunday night.

We are glad to report our B. Y. P. U. is still doing good work. The subject for next Sunday night will be "Progress in the Far East." Everyone is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Bragg of Demmitt are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Vinson.

Mesdames J. G. Williamson Ben and J. W. Parker were Coleman visitors Wednesday afternoon.

Miles Wofford, of Miles City, Montana, is visiting relatives here.

A. G. Weaver came home from Waco where he is attending the Baylor University, Tuesday night, for the holidays.

Mountaineers Show Good Form

Last Friday night in their initial basketball game of the season the Mountaineers took the Bluecats to a cleaning at the rate of 27 to 19. The game was played in the armory building at Coleman where there is a floor large enough to play on. The Coleman team was playing in their fifth game of the year and should have been playing nearer top form than the local team.

The line-up for the Mountaineers was: Forwards, Rankin McIver and Dexter Walthall; Center, Grady McIver; Guards, Clifford Wheeler and Deggs Traylor. Murrell Spence alternated with Deggs. Our boys took a lead in the scoring with a rush making a goal from the first tip-off, and held the lead all the way through. The Coleman boys never threatened to catch up. The score at the half was 16 to 6.

Part of our best players were not present for the game. Leon Ward, Edwin Rollins and Vernon Buse, all lettermen from last year were not present. When these boys all get together it looks like we are going to have a fair team this year. There are four lettermen back from last year's squad. Leon Ward, Edwin Rollins, Clifford Wheeler and Vernon Buse. To go with these boys we have the two McIver boys from Trickham who have had much experience at basketball and who will do a lot to help the team. Also, there is Dexter Walthall from Coleman who was kept off the team there last year by his ineligibility. Added to this group, there are some squadmen from last year who will have a chance to make the team this year. Some of them are Newlin Meyers and Ernest Harrod. Donald Williams from Rockwood will also be in the race for a place on the team.

The thing that the team is going to need most this year is support from the town. In the years past nobody has shown much interest in basketball. All our games are free and it looks like a good number of people from the town could come to see them. We invite you to study the team plays and support it with your presence.

Our lease on the Santa Anna News will be up the first of the year and we will not be here after that date. We wish to express our appreciation of the kind way in which the people of Santa Anna have received us and our services during our stay in this splendid town. We leave with you our best wishes for your success and happiness. Our sojourn here has been most pleasant because of the excellent patronage the paper has received from the business concerns, the hearty co-operation of the subscribers and the happy associations we have had. Where ever we may go we can but wish to find such fine, generous people as we have found in Santa Anna. Sincerely,
Mr. and Mrs. Callan

Mrs. McCreary and children came in Tuesday night from Waco, to spend Christmas at home.

Leon Bartlett is home from Abilene, for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett are also expecting their other children, Clyde and wife and child of Midland.

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JOE GISH GAS
FREE AIR
A LOT OF THIS
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ABOUT IS CAUSED BY
SNOW SHOVELERS LOOKING
FOR JOBS IN FLORIDA

SIGHT UNSEEN

by MARY ROBERTS RINEHART

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Charlie Ellingham had killed Arthur Wells, but in a struggle. In parts the story was sordid enough. She did not spare herself, or her motives. She had wanted luxury, and Arthur had not succeeded as he had promised. They were in debt, and living beyond their means. But even that, she hastened to add, would not have mattered, had he not been brutal with her. He had made her life very wretched.

But on the subject of Charlie Ellingham she was very emphatic. She knew that there had been talk, but there had been no real basis for it. She had turned to him for comfort, and he gave her love. She didn't know where he was now, and didn't greatly care, but she would like to re-

cover and destroy some letters he had written her. She was looking crushed and ill, and she told her story nervously. Reduced to its elements, it was as follows:

On the night of Arthur Well's death they were dressing for a ball. She had made a private arrangement with Ellingham to plead a headache at the last moment and let Arthur go alone. But he had been so insistent that she had been forced to go, after all. She had sent the governess, Suzanne Gautier, out to telephone Ellingham not to come but he was not at his house, and the message was left with his valet. As it turned out, he had already started.

Elinor was dressed, all but her ball-gown and she had put on a

negligee, to wait for the governess to return and help her. Arthur was in his dressing-room, and she heard him grumbling about not having any blades for his safety razor.

He got out a case of razors and searched for the strop. When she remembered where the strop was, it was too late. The letters had been beside it, and he was coming toward her, with them in his hand.

She was terrified. He had read only one, but that was enough. He muttered something and turned away. She saw his face as he went toward where the revolver had been hidden from the children, and she screamed.

Charlie Ellingham heard her. The door had been left unlocked by the governess, and he ran up and the two men grappled. The first shot was fired by Arthur. It struck the ceiling. The second she was doubtful about. She thought the revolver was still in Arthur's hand. It was all horrible. He went down like a stone, in the hallway outside the door.

They were nearly mad, the two of them. They had dragged his body in, and then faced each other. Ellingham was for calling the police at once and surrendering, but she had kept him away from the telephone. She maintained, and I think it very possible, that her whole thought was for the children, and the effect on their lives of such a scandal. And after all, nothing could help the man on the floor.

It was while they were trying to formulate some concerted plan that they heard footsteps below, and, thinking it was Mademoiselle Gautier, she drove Ellingham into the rear of the house, from which later he managed to escape. But it was Clara who was coming up the stairs.

FINAL INSTALLMENT

"She had been our first governess for the children," Elinor said, "and she often came in. She had made a birthday smock for Buddy, and she had it in her hand. She almost fainted. I couldn't tell her about Charlie Ellingham. I couldn't. I told her we had been struggling, and that I was afraid I had shot him. She is quick. She knew just what to do. We worked fast. She said a suicide would not have fired one shot in the ceiling, and she fixed that. It was terrible. And all the time he lay there, with his eyes half open."

The letters, it seems, were all over the place. Elinor thought of the curtain, cut a receptacle for them, but she was afraid of the police. Finally she gave them to Clara, who was to take them away and burn them.

They did everything they could think of, all the time listening for Suzanne Gautier's return; filled the second empty Chamber of the revolver, dragged the body out of the hall and washed the carpet, and called Doctor Sperry, not knowing that he was at Mrs. Dane's and could not come.

Clara had only a little time, and with the letters in her handbag she started down the stairs. There she heard someone, possibly Ellingham, on the back stairs, and in her haste she fell, hurting her knee, and she must have dropped the handbag at that time. They knew now that the Hawkins had found it latter on. But for a few days they didn't

MARSHALL'S GROCERY SPECIALS

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1 gallon Dreamland Syrup	50c
Cabbage, good quality, pound	2c
4-lb bucket Lard	40c
100 lbs sheep and goat salt	73c
Block Stock Salt, 50 Lbs.	49c
Flour the Good Kind, per sack	79c
Meal 10 Lbs Cream, per sack	19c

Market Specials

Hog Jowls, per pound	8c
Salt Bacon, best grade, pound	10c
Pork Roast, nice and tender, lb	14c

We wish you a Christmas that's merry and gay, And a New Year of promise before you; A measure of wealth, abundance of health, And the star of peace hovering o'er you.

GEHRETT Dry Goods Co.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

We wish for all of you the blessings of this gladsome season.

We wish to thank each of you for the patronage accorded us during the past and earnestly solicit your future business.

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know, and hence the advertisement.

"I think we would better explain Hawkins," Serry said. Hawkins was married to Miss Clara her, some years ago, while she was with Mrs. Wells. They have kept it a secret, and recently she has broken with him."

"He was infatuated with another woman," Clara said briefly. "That's a personal matter. It has nothing to do with this case."

"I explains (Hawkins' letter." "It doesn't explain how that medium knew everything that happened," Clara put in excitedly. "She knew it all, even the library paste! I can tell you, Mr. Johnson, I was close to fainting a dozen times before I finally did it."

"Did you know of our searches?" I asked Mrs. Wells.

"Yes, I may as well tell you that I haven't been in Florida. How could I? The children are there, but I —"

"Did you tell Charlie Ellingham about them?"

"After the second one I warned him and I think he went to the house. One bullet was somewhere in the ceiling, or in the floor of the nursery. I thought it ought to be found. I didn't know

whether he found it or not. I've been afraid to see him."

She sat, clasping and unclasping her hands in her lap. She was a proud woman, and surrender had come hard. The struggle was marked in her face. She looked as though she had not slept for days.

"You thing I am frightened," she said slowly. "And I am, terribly frightened. But not about discovery. That has come, and cannot be helped."

"Then why?"

"How does this woman, this medium, know these things?" Her voice rose, with an unexpected hysterical catch. "It is superhuman. I am almost mad."

"We're going to go to the bottom of this," Sperry said soothingly. "Be sure that it is not what you think it is, Elinor. There's a simple explanation, and I think I've got it. What about the stick that was taken from my library?"

"Will you tell me how you came to have it, Doctor?"

"Yes. I took it from the lower hall the night—the night it happened."

"It was Charlie Ellingham's. He had left it there. We had to have it, doctor. Alone it might not mean much, but with the

other things you knew—tell them, Clara."

"I stole it from your office," Clara said, looking straight ahead. "We had to have it. I knew at the second sitting that it was his."

"When did you take it?"

"On Monday morning, I went for Mrs. Dane's medicine, and you had promised her a book. Do you remember? I told your man, and he allowed me to go."

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WINTER WILL SOON BE HERE

ANTI-FREEZE IS TO EXPENSIVE TO WASTE IN A LEAKY RADIATOR. LET US CONDITION YOUR RADIATOR BEFORE WINTER SETS IN. ALL WORK GUARANTEED.

Lavelle & Owens
Coleman, Texas

Seasons Greetings:

As Christmas, with its wonderful spirit of Good Will and Good-Cheer draws near, it is but natural that our thoughts should turn to those who have contributed to our success. Our sincere wish is that you may enjoy a very Merry Christmas and a New Year brim full of Happiness and Prosperity.

SANTA ANNA GAS COMPANY