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"He Profits Most Who Serves Best"

Miss Landon Speaks to School Wednesday

Miss Landon, formerly connected with the schools of Wilson, N. C., but now traveling over the south as special lecturer and representative of the Farm Bureau to the rural schools of the several Southern states, spoke Wednesday morning in the high auditorium.

Miss Landon has taught in some of the schools in other states and is making a special study of the system of far-away Denmark, gathering information as she collected her European trip through Germany, Austria, Italy, France, and England, is now working in connection with the Farm Bureau in visiting the schools of Texas, urging the importance of cooperation between the farmers and buyers being taught to our boys and girls as a basis for the future prosperity of our state.

After giving a brief resume of her European tour, Miss Landon said that education should teach a boy or girl to trade, teach him to make a profit in that trade, and teach him how to translate this income into the real things of life.

J. F. RESONER OF SHIELD DIED IN SANTA ANNA SUNDAY

J. F. Resoner, 19, of Shield, was found Saturday night about 12 o'clock between Santa Anna and Shield in an unconscious condition. He was brought to the Sealy Hospital about 11 o'clock the following day, and died about 3 hours later without regaining consciousness. The report is that he fell from a truck on which he was riding. Mr. Resoner has lived in Shield for quite a while and is the son of Albert Resoner. He was buried in Shield Tuesday.

Post Office to Remain Open Till Noon Christmas Day

Postmaster Lee Mobley authorizes the Santa Anna News to announce that this year, since Christmas day comes on Saturday, and the post office will be closed on Sunday, the entire office will remain on the job Saturday, Christmas day, until noon.

This will be a great accommodation to the public who we feel sure will appreciate the kindness of the postmaster and his faithful employees.

George Richardson from out on home creek was in the city Tuesday exhibiting four of the largest hen eggs we have ever seen, and Mr. Richardson states one hen does it all. She is a Rhode Island Red, and has the habit of depositing one of these over nine eggs every few days.

Oscar Williamson and Marshall Deegan returned Monday from Mexico where they have been hunting. They brought back one buck.

Revised Cotton Estimate 18,618,000 Bales

Washington, Dec. 8.—A further increase of 219,000 bales in this year's cotton crop as a result of favorable conditions during the last two weeks in November was shown in the primary report of the department of agriculture today which placed total production at 18,618,000 bales, or 9,809,000,000 pounds not including linters.

Exact information as to the size of the crop which will be available for the market must await the returns from the ginner, the final report of which will not be available until next March. Ginnings to December 1 totalled 14,644,968 running bales, the census bureau announced.

FOOTBALL SQUAD HAS VENISON FEED THURSDAY

The High School football club, enjoyed a venison feed last Thursday night given by their coach, Herbert Hopper, and served by the Domestic Science department of the high school under the direction of Miss Smith, head of the department.

The entire squad was present at the feed. Supt. J. C. Scarborough, and Mr. A. Ben Oliver, language teacher, were also present.

After the courses had been served Mr. Scarborough made a short talk to the squad in appreciation of the hard work and spirit shown by them during the past season. Following this talk Coach Hopper in a short address recommended letters to twelve boys to be awarded after required scholastic standards have been attained. Those receiving his recommendation for a letter were, Gordon Harrell, Byron Joiner, Burgess Sealy, Leo Gassiot, Dillard Freeman, Bowden Cheaney, G. A. Ragsdale, Curry Mills, Pressly Atkinson, Darrel Ashley, Paul Odor and Johnny Goen. Several other members of the squad who received honorable mention, were, R. McDonald, Buck Wheeler, Alton Blewins, Joe Barnes and Buster and Charles Turner.

After the letters had been awarded the squad elected Bowden Cheaney as Captain for the 1927 club. Dillard Freeman was chosen as line Captain. Both of these men have played hard consistent ball throughout the entire past season and will be capable leaders of the club next year. Cheaney plays an end position, while Freeman plays regularly at a guard position.

Before the feast was brought to a close Gordon Harrell, line captain of this year's squad, presented Coach Hopper with a beautiful fountain pen as a gift to him from the entire squad.

Florence Wille, the little 5 months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Wiggins, died last Thursday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Todd, where it was carried for treatment, and was buried late Friday afternoon in the local cemetery.

Give Santa Claus a Chance

It's really asking too much of Santa Claus to select all of his Christmas gifts and prepare them for distribution a few days before Christmas. He should be allowed more time so he can do the job right.

To everyone who wants to play Santa Claus comes the question—What shall I give? It is to help them find the answer that the merchants of Santa Anna have taken extraordinary care in choosing the holiday merchandise they have on display.

Supplying Santa Claus' pack with suitable gifts is much easier and more satisfying when shopping is done early. Stores are showing their holiday goods now that you may have ample time to select what you want for Christmas.

Make an early visit to the stores whose advertisements appear in the Santa Anna News and let the many suggestions contained in this issue guide you in making your purchases.

Merchants of Santa Anna have made special preparations for the Christmas trade and they are very anxious to satisfy you; holiday wants in the minutest detail.

You will find the stores full of Christmas gift suggestions, and if you don't see advertised the exact article you want, you may be certain you will find it in Santa Anna because nothing has been spared by local merchants to meet the demand of the season.

Local Lions Club Awards Prizes

At a meeting held in the Queen Theatre Tuesday afternoon, the Lions Club brought to a close their agricultural program for the year by awarding the several prizes offered the farmers throughout the country for the best crops produced this year. The attendance was not as large as was expected, but the meeting was a good one and we are pleased with the results. The main speakers expected for the meeting failed to show up, but some splendid talents were available and well used. The out-of-town speakers were L. E. Stockard, field worker for the Farm and Ranch, and Miss Susan Landon of North Carolina, who is in the county just at this time, speaking in the interest of the Farm Bureau Cotton Association. Both spoke in a few brief words messages well filled with good food for thought.

The local Lions Club conceived the idea last winter that problems confronting the farmers were also confronting the banker, the merchant and all alike, and while a banker or merchant could not go out and solve a problem for the farmer, we could go out and associate with the farmers, take them into confidence and learn as best we may what problems the farmers might be wrestling with and if possible, help them to find a solution. This has been the spirit of the Lions Club in Santa Anna this year in trying to foster an agricultural program for the betterment of all. Not that it will bring about better living conditions on the farm alone, but that it will help to bring about better living conditions among all classes. We hope this idea was fully appreciated by all who participated in the program, either by entering the contest or assuming the work of helping to foster the program.

The result of the program has been gratifying to us, for we think we can see it has meant a great deal to this country already and the intention of the program was to so instill the need and importance of raising more feed into the farmers for the future benefit of the country as a whole. We think Coleman county is in fine shape compared to other places we have seen this year, and if the efforts put forth by the people here to produce more feed and other products used at home have been instrumental in helping or encouraging the production of more feed, then our efforts have not been in vain. Where would we have been with the low price of cotton that is confronting us without a feed crop? The argument that feed is cheap too, is not sufficient to discourage the growing of more feed, for feed is high at any price when one does not have the money to buy it with. Oats at 35 cents per bushel are much higher when purchased with money from 10 cent cotton than they are at 70 cents a bushel with money from 20 cent cotton. There is a profit in cotton at 20 cents, but there is no profit in cotton at 10 cents. Coleman county has the largest feed crop she has had in years and in our judgment is prepared to withstand the storm and weather the gale, but if we had to buy feed with money from the present cotton crop, it just could not be done. Anyway, the Lions Club feel that their efforts have not been a failure by any means, notwithstanding we failed to enlist the support and cooperation of as many as we

Latest News From The Court House

Marriage License Issued:

C. F. Cody and Miss Bessie Lee Wilburn.

O. B. Davis and Miss Mable Wester. Dock Foreman and Miss Donia Green.

Robert Wilson and Miss Elzona May. Dick Farris and Miss Beulah Robbins.

Aaron Thomason and Miss Pearl Tidmore. Arthur Leonard and Miss Maurine Waterson.

Robert Stearne and Miss Florence Grant. J. L. Walton and Miss Vivian Taylor.

R. H. Quinn and Miss Oma Lee Harms.

Births Reported:

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Thammes, Coleman, girl. E. E. Mittel, Glen Cove, boy.

H. O. Hester, Silver Valley, girl. M. C. Coston, Coleman, girl. Russell Croom, Silver Valley, boy.

J. J. Sartain, Coleman, girl. H. L. Childs, Coleman, boy. I. K. Stephenson, Leaday, boy.

Richard Roberts, Coleman, boy. N. P. Moore, Coleman, girl. Bruce Hibbett, Santa Anna, girl.

Luther Bullard, Novice, boy. L. Storms, Trickham, girl. John W. Shamblin, Rockwood, girl.

Warranty Deeds Filed:

Chas. L. Snow, et al, to Mary A. Snow, a tract of land out of Manuel Chaves Survey No. 44; \$10.00.

Mrs. G. P. Browning, et al, to N. 1-2 of Lot No. 1, in Block No. 2, of Pearson's addition to Santa Anna; \$1000.00.

Mrs. Nannie Burns, to Floyd Henry, 160 acres of H. R. Starkweather Survey No. 16; \$1600.00.

J. C. McClendon to F. R. Lewis, 62 1-2 by 125 feet out of the N. E. corner of Block No. 25, of Subdivision of 18, 19, and 15, of Clow's Addition No. 2, Farm; \$8000.00.

Percy E. Zimmerman to N. A. Billings, 75x125 feet out of Block No. 2, of Flippen, Perry, Stockard & Branch Subdivision of Clow's Second Addition to Coleman; \$1250.00.

C. F. Sprinkles, to Novice State Bank, 160 acres of G. H. & H. R. R. Co., Section 46, Block No. 2, and 80 acres out of G. H. & N. R. R. Co. Section No. 46, Block No. 2; \$8650.00.

E. W. Marshall to Ed K. Jones, undivided interest in 80 feet by 80 feet off the north end of Lot No. 11, in Block No. 28, town of Santa Anna; \$450.00.

S. Titeworth to B. C. Colvin, 147 1-2 acres out of Samuel Sprague Survey No. 688; \$7375.00.

H. J. Marshall to C. D. Cole, 83 feet north and south by 466.6 feet off the north side of Block No. 32, King

Farm Bureau Cotton Ass'n Calls In Program

W. R. Baxter and D. A. Cameron of San Saba, district representatives for Coleman, McCollough and San Saba counties, accompanied by R. E. Buchanan of Dallas and Miss Susan Landon of the state of North Carolina, were making a week's campaign in the county this week, in the interest of the association, but due to the inclement weather, the program for the latter part of the week was called in. It is our understanding the program will be renewed shortly after the Christmas holidays, and a two weeks campaign will be made.

F. M. ALLENBACK DIED AT HOME HERE SUNDAY

F. M. Allenback died Sunday, December 5th, at the age of 59 years, and was buried Tuesday in the local cemetery. Mr. Allenback had been sick for two years, during which time he and his family have traveled for his health. They have been residence of this city only a short time, moving here from Wisconsin. Surviving are his wife, three sons, Leonard and Floyd of this city, and Elmer who lives in Missouri, and was unable to be with the family in their bereavement. The News joins friends in extending sympathy to the family.

NO FIRE WORKS PERMITTED IN CITY LIMITS

Part of Ordinance No. 19 in Regard to Shooting Fire Works in Fire Limits

Any person who shall explode, fire or set off or cause to be fired, exploded or set off any fire cracker, roman candle, anvil, torpedo, or other combustible package of any kind within the fire limits of this city as described above shall be fined in any sum not less than one dollar nor more than twenty five dollars. The above is a part of Ordinance No. 19 on the statute books of Santa Anna, and the same will be enforced to its full extent. J. M. Martin, City Marshal.

Oil and Gas Leases:

William Sheffield to Roxana Petroleum Corporation, N. 80 acres of a 167 1-2 acre tract out of northwest corner of Mary Ann Fisk Sur.; \$10.00.

J. T. Blair to C. E. Roth, the N. W. 1-4 of W. B. Simpson Sur. No. 18; \$1.00.

W. M. Riley to Kirby Petroleum Co., South 1-2 of N. E. 1-4 and S. E. 1-4 of the N. W. 1-4, and East 1-2 of the S. W. 1-4 of Section No. 22, G. H. & H. R. R. Co.; \$1.00.

W. C. Knight to C. O. Moore, S. 40 acres of the E. 1-2 of Block No. 30, subdivision of Comal County School Land Survey No. 181, and the E. 1-2 of Block No. 30, of said Sur.; \$400.00.

LEARNING HOW to SAVE MONEY

As the one solution of the problem of how to succeed, and in the accumulating of money, a Saving Account is one of the best encouragements that can be obtained.

The man who deposits his money regularly in his account is always sure to have ready funds to tide him over some misfortune, or with which to take advantage of some opportunity for profitable investment.

We invite small as well as large accounts.

The State National Bank

MEMBER FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

The name of this bank on your bank book means you are dealing with an institution which has been awarded a position of confidence and trust by the banking public.

The standing of the First National Bank in the public mind has not come suddenly. It is the result of constant fidelity for more than 15 years to conservative and sound principles of banking practice. This is an assurance of safety and service to our customers.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

Santa Anna, Texas

Mrs. J. H. McKinney fell Friday and fractured her hip. She was carried to the Sealy hospital where her condition is as well as could be expected.

Gifts that make Christmas merrier



Come to your Dry Goods Store for Gifts that will please---here you will find Gifts suitable for every member of the Family and Friends. Special values in every part of our store, and we will do our best to make your Christmas buying a pleasure---selling you gifts that will PLEASE AND AT PRICES THAT YOU CAN AFFORD TO PAY



For His CHRISTMAS

- Overcoat
- Suit
- Sweater
- Hat
- Ties
- Shirt
- Muffler
- Wool Hose
- Silk Hose
- Pajamas
- House Shoes
- Handkerchiefs



Lovely Fabrics As Novel Gifts

A Gift that is both a joy to choose and and to receive, and one that is certain of delighted appreciation.

We suggest a visit to this department before completing the gift list. It's your advantage to buy beautiful silk and woolen materials at the low price which we are now offering our entire silk and woolen stock—

\$3.00 values for	\$2.40	\$2.50 values for	\$2.00
\$2.00 values for	\$1.60	\$1.75 values for	\$1.40



For Her CHRISTMAS

- Coat
- Dress
- Sweater
- Teds
- Silk Slip
- Bloomers
- Gown
- Gloves
- Hosiery
- House Shoes
- Purse
- Handkerchiefs

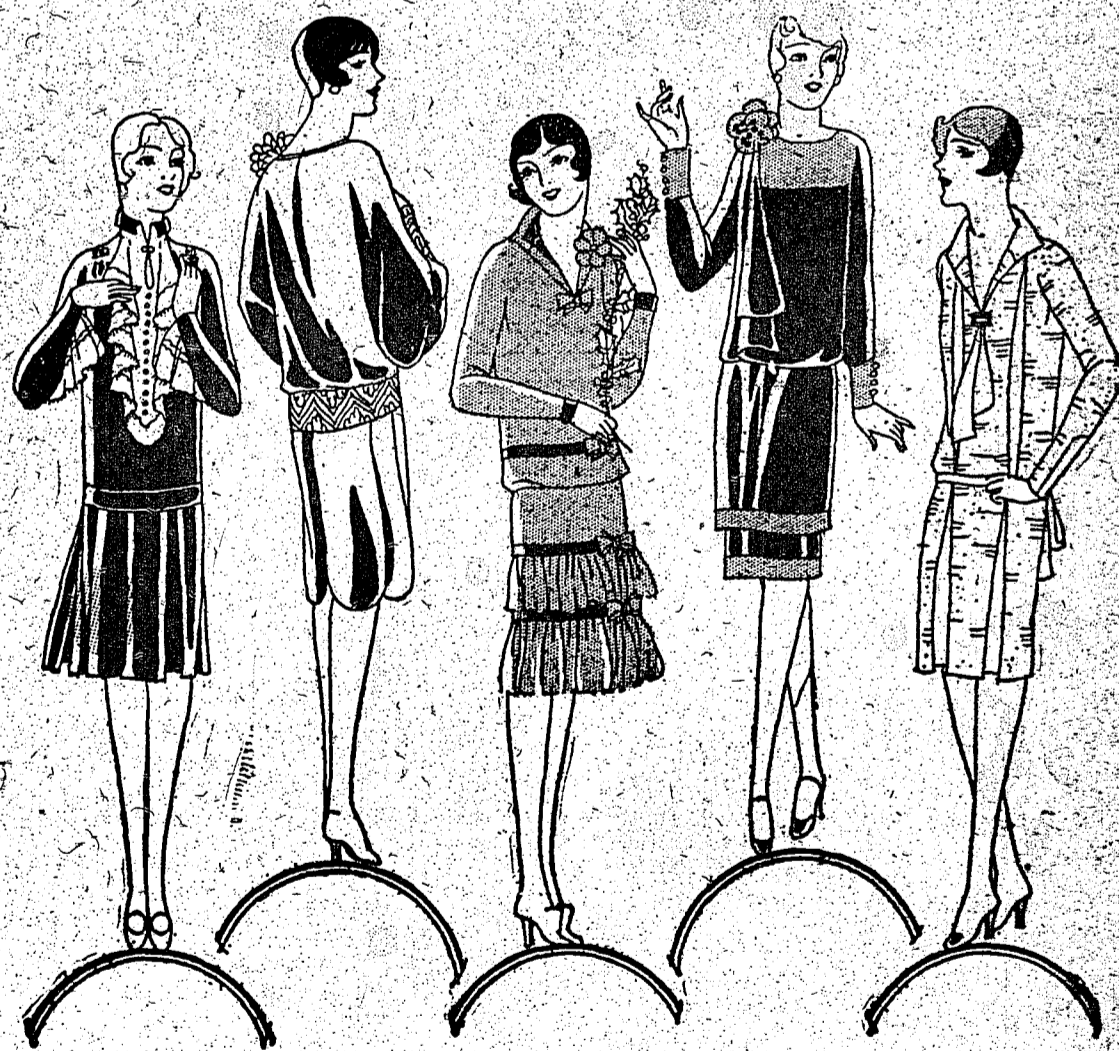


Final Clearance of Men's Clothing

You will find our assortment of materials, colors and styles in men's and young men's suits to be good. Single and double breasted styles, some with extra trousers. For before Christmas selling we offer these good suits—

- \$30.00 Suits for \$24.00
- \$27.50 Suits for \$22.00
- \$25.00 Suits for \$20.00
- \$20.00 Suits for \$16.00

A dandy assortment of Overcoats at very special values—
\$9.00 to \$22.50



YEAR-END CLEARANCE Of Fine Dresses AT HALF PRICE

Just in time to fill the needs of the holiday season, this timely sale brings you goods at a tremendous saving. A fairly good assortment of sizes and colors.

Just two weeks until Christmas—do your shopping now—Stocks are complete and prices are the lowest they have been in a long time. You will find specials in every department

WE GIVE GOLD BOND STAMPS

Santa Anna Merc. Co.

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NEED GLASSES

Dr. Jones, the Eye Man, will be at Mrs. Comer Blue's Jeweler every Tuesday. Eyes examined, glasses fitted, headache and eye strain relieved.

FARM & RANCH LOANS

Let the Bangs N. F. L. A. build that house that you have long wanted for 5 per cent, to 35 years. F. E. Strange, Bangs, Texas

TRADE

Piano for a Ford or Roadster. No older model than 1923. L. E. Bell. 49-46c

SEED OATS FOR SALE

First Year Ferguson No. 922 Pettigrew Seed Oats, made 104 bushels per acre at 75 cents. These are the best oats that the Ferguson Seed Farm puts out. They are free from Johnson grass seed, and the seed that they were sown from were not treated and will hold good for at least two years. See W. E. Wallace, or the Bookkeeper at Farmers Gin No. 1. 41

SEED OATS

I have made arrangements with Mr. Freeman at the Public Wagon Scales to weigh my seed oats—if it is more convenient than to weigh at the gin. W. E. Wallace. 45-46c

FOR SALE—R. I. Cockerels, spring hatch; \$2.50 each.—Fritz Hoernicke, Pflugger Ranch. 49-8tp

CAR greasing, gas, oil and tires.—East Side Service Station. 41-44

TWO rooms for light housekeeping. Phone No. 9. 43-46c

COLD weather is sure to come. Save your radiator with alcohol.—Mathews Motor Co. 47-46c

LET us protect your radiator during the cold weather by keeping it supplied with alcohol.—East End Filling Station. 47-46c

COLD weather is sure to come. Save your radiator with alcohol.—Mathews Motor Co. 47-46c

FOUND—A lady's coat. Owner may have same by calling at this office and paying 25c for this ad.

FOR SALE—Irishland Incubator, 260 egg capacity, used one season, in A-1 condition; also 300 Chick Brooder, used one season, will sell at a bargain. Call at J. W. Shore's, 12 miles northeast of Santa Anna. 49-47tp

WANTED—Local agent for high class old line life insurance company. Write L. D. Lane, Brownwood, Texas. 49-2tp

FOR SALE—Graded Short Horn Bulls, Bundle feed of all kinds, also head maize. See Emzy Brown on my farm south of town.—Mrs. S. G. Canton. 49-2tp

IF you want R. L. Bennett cotton seed direct from the originator at \$2.00 per bushel see C. S. Hensley at Farmers Gin or Virgil Newman. 49-46c

WANTED—Some one to drill a water well at once. See Dr. Sealy.

CAR greasing, gas, oil and tires.—East Side Service Station. 41-44

FOR RENT—2 of 3 room furnished apartment, also bedroom.—Mrs. C. E. Welch, telephone 382. 49-46c

WANTED—Old mattresses to make new. Several grades of tick. Prices reasonable.—McClellan Mattress Factory, on J. E. McClellan's farm. 52c

FOR SALE—200 White Leghorn pullets of high production strain, ready to lay.—Brownwood Hatchery, Brownwood, Texas. 47-36c

FOR SALE—Six room framed house; three porches, 3-3-4 acres land, orchard, one block from school. Terms if desired. For particulars see P. P. Bond at State National Bank. 48-46

FOR SALE—Bundle Sorghum.—Miss Louella Chambers.

POSTED

Notice is hereby given that no hunting, trapping or trespassing of any kind will be permitted on the premises owned or controlled by any of the undersigned citizens. All violators will be prosecuted according to law.

C. F. FREEMAN, Mrs. M. E. Chambers

Others may add their names to this notice to run two or more times per month during the hunting season for

LET us protect your radiator during the cold weather by keeping it supplied with alcohol.—East End Filling Station. 47-46c

COTTON is cheaper than for years, so is tires and tubes at my store.—C. E. Welch.

FOR SALE—Team of mules, wagon, harness, planter and Acme harrow, on the Traylor place at Red Bank.—Clark Miller. 49-2tp

NO hunting allowed on my premises.—T. J. Lancaster. 45-46c

PURE Mammoth Bronze turkeys; toms \$10.00, hens \$6.00, good until Dec. 15th. Must call and receive turkeys at farm.—Mrs. J. W. Shore, Route 2, Bangs, Texas. 46-46c

CAR greasing, gas, oil and tires.—East Side Service Station. 41-44

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks to all who assisted us during the illness, death and burial of our baby.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wiggins.

FOR SALE—On trade for milk cow. One double disc plow.—Loveh Richardson, phone 3402. 50-36c

FOR SALE—R. I. Red Cockerels, Aikhart-Owens strain, \$1.50 each if taken at once.—Mrs. B. P. Alexander, on C. A. Crump farm, 1 mile west of town. 50-2tp

THREE-room house for rent.—J. O. Stephenson. 50-46c

DON'T FORGET—We have a good disc roller and can give satisfaction at Bell Shop. 50-46c

WE are a little late with our Holiday Goods, but see them before deciding.—Phillips Drug Store.

FOR RENT—Unfurnished apartment. See Ross Russell at Piggly Wiggly.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE UNDER EXECUTION

WHEREAS, by virtue of an execution issued out of the County Court of Coleman County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court in cause No. 1904, upon a judgment in favor of Leeper-Gurd Dumber Company, Plaintiff, vs. Miss Blanche Boyd, Defendant, and to me directed and delivered, I did, on the 30th day of November, 1926, at 11 o'clock A. M., levy upon and seize as the property of the said Blanche Boyd, the following described real estate situated in Coleman County, Texas, to-wit: 332 acres of land being the South one-half of Survey No. 63 surveyed by H. T. & B. Ry. Co., Block No. 4 in Coleman County, Texas, being the land described in Patent to L. D. Boyd by State of Texas of record in Vol. B, page 327 Patent Records of Coleman County, Texas, and being known as the L. D. Boyd Survey Abstract No. 1631; said land being located ten miles South forty degrees East of Coleman, generally known as the L. D. Boyd land.

THEFORE, by virtue of said judgment and execution and the authority aforesaid, I will, on the 4th day of January, 1927, same being first Tuesday in said month, at the Courthouse door in Coleman County, Texas, between the hours of ten A. M. and four P. M. offer for sale and sell at public auction for cash the above described land and premises, together with all the right, title and interest of the said Blanche Boyd in and to the same and apply the proceeds of said sale to the payment of said judgment, interest and costs and costs of said sale.

WITNESS MY HAND at Coleman, Texas, this 30th day of November, 1926.

W. R. Hamilton, Sheriff of Coleman County, Texas.
By Will Corkran, Deputy. 49-3

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

In Memory of Bro. S. H. Phillips Who Died November 27, 1926

Once again a Brother Mason, having completed the designs written for him on life's trestle board, has passed through the portals of eternity and entered the Grand Lodge of the New Jerusalem and hath received as his reward, the white stone with the new name written thereon.

And Whereas, the All-wise and Merciful Master of the Universe has called from labor to refreshments our beloved and respected brother, and he having been a true and faithful member of our beloved order,

Therefore be it Resolved, that Mountain Lodge No. 661, A. F. & A. M. of Santa Anna, Texas, in the testimony of her loss be draped in mourning for thirty days, and that we tender the family of our deceased brother our sincere condolence in their deep affliction and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to family.

Dr. L. O. Garrett
W. DuBois
R. D. Kelley
Committee

Mountain Lodge No. 661, A. F. & A. M. Santa Anna, Texas

Baptist Church Notes

Teaching Service begins at 9:45. All come and study the Bible.
Preaching service at 11 o'clock—preaching by pastor.
Sunbeams meet at 11 o'clock.
All B. Y. P. U.'s meet at 6 p. m.
The evening worship begins at 7:00 o'clock—Evangelistic.

Other announcements will be made Sunday. All are invited to any or all of the services at the Baptist church. Bring your neighbors and your friends.
Sidney F. Martin, pastor.

G. F. Barlett and F. N. May made a business trip to Brownwood Tuesday.

Improved Uniform International

Sunday School Lesson

By REV. P. B. FITZWATER, D.D., Dean of Day and Evening Schools, Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.
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Lesson for December 12

THE BOY SAMUEL

LESSON TEXT—1 Sam. 3:10, 15-19.
GOLDEN TEXT—Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth.

PRIMARY TOPIC—The Boy Samuel.
JUNIOR TOPIC—God Calls the Boy Samuel.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—The Boyhood of a Great Leader.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Hearing and Heeding God's Voice.

In order to grasp the story of Samuel's boyhood life, a survey should be made of 1 Samuel, ch. 1-3.

I. Samuel Given in Answer to Prayer (1 Sam. 1:10, 20).

The name Samuel means "asked of God." He was given to Hannah in answer to her prayers. In connection with her asking this gift from God, she vowed to give him to God. He was to be therefore a Nazarite all the days of his life.

II. Samuel Given to the Lord (1 Sam. 1:24-28).

For a time he was cared for by his mother in the home. The best nurse and teacher for a child is its mother. According to her vow when she asked the Lord for this child, at an early age she took him to the sanctuary and gave him over to the charge of Eli, the priest, to minister in the sanctuary.

III. Features of Israel's History in This Period (2:12-36).

1. The demoralized priesthood.
(1) They were actuated by greed (2:12-17).

It was God's will that those who ministered at the altar should live of the things of the altar, but they broke through the divine regulations touching this matter, even to securing their selfish ends by force.

(2) Gross immorality (2:22).

The courts of God's house were thus polluted. The condition of the nation was most appalling. Degradation and ruin follow rapidly when God's ministers are under the sway of lust and greed.

2. An alienated people (2:30-32).

Their sins separated them from God. God's holiness is such that those who practice sin are alienated from Him.

3. The cessation of divine revelation (3:1).

The Word of God was precious in those days. "There was no open vision." This shows that God was silent. The message from the Lord was more a memory than a present experience. The same thing in principle is true of the individual life today. Some who once enjoyed fellowship with God no longer hear His voice speaking to them.

IV. God Called Samuel (3:2-10).

In striking contrast with the degeneracy of the nation, we have before us the beautiful life of Samuel. Dwelling within the sacred courts and ministering before the Lord with Eli is the innocent Samuel who is become the savior of his people. In Samuel we have a striking pattern of child reformation. The Lord gave him in answer to Hannah's prayer. From his birth he was dedicated to the Lord. While quite young his mother took him to the sanctuary of the Lord where he served and slept. Two traits in Samuel's character stand out in this call, namely, his cheerful obedience to the Lord's call and his surrendered will. He expressed his willingness before he knew what was required. He did not inquire what was wanted and then let his obedience depend upon its suiting him. We should believe that the Lord knows what is best and be willing to yield glad obedience to His commands.

V. Samuel's First Prophetic Message (3:11-18).

Up to this time Samuel obeyed the one who was over him, but the time had now come when he must directly hear and obey the Lord. The first message entrusted to him was a most terrible one. To deliver it was a most trying task. He hesitated to tell it to Eli, but when pressed by him he manifested the true courage which was lying back of his fear. It must have been a bitter experience to Eli to see Samuel recognized and himself passed by, but he was submissive. He knew that the slight was just. He could not fall to interpret it thus in view of the appearance of the man of God to him (2:27-36). This fearful visitation upon Eli's house was due to the sins of his sons. He was held accountable for not restraining them.

VI. Samuel Established in the Prophetic Office (3:19-21).

"And Samuel grew and the Lord was with him and did let none of Eli's words fall to the ground and all Israel from Dan even to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of the Lord."

Supreme Blessedness

As long as we remain the ultimate owners and disposers of our goods we miss the supreme blessedness of life.—F. B. Meyer, D. D.

Obedience

Obedience to God's command is the gateway to high experience and large blessing.—Christian Monitor.

Life

Life is a constant want, therefore it should be a constant prayer.

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Kiddies, don't forget that next Tuesday is the last day for sending in your letters to Santa Claus for publication in the News. We want every one of you to get your wants to the good old man, but you should be sufficiently interested to be prompt. If you wait to the last day you may forget it, and we positively will not devote two issues of the paper to this mission. Better sit down right now and write your letter and mail it. Times may be a little tight this year, but Santa is going to make his rounds as usual, and no child will be overlooked.

Senior B. Y. P. U. Program

Subject: Responsibility.
Scripture Lesson—Mr. Gayle.
Introduction—Leader, Cora Roth, ermek.

What faith the scripture—Johnnie Pearce.

Responsibility of privilege—Bernice Traylor.

The illustration—Glenda Ford.

Responsibility of rejecting the gospel and requirement is a talent—Mrs. John Pearce.

Friends of a mission—Ora Lee Neill.

Conclusion—Mrs. Ewing Lovelady.



MUFFLERS

Make Fine Gifts

Especially those brushed wools or plaid ones—in all the wanted colors or combination

\$2.00 to \$3.50



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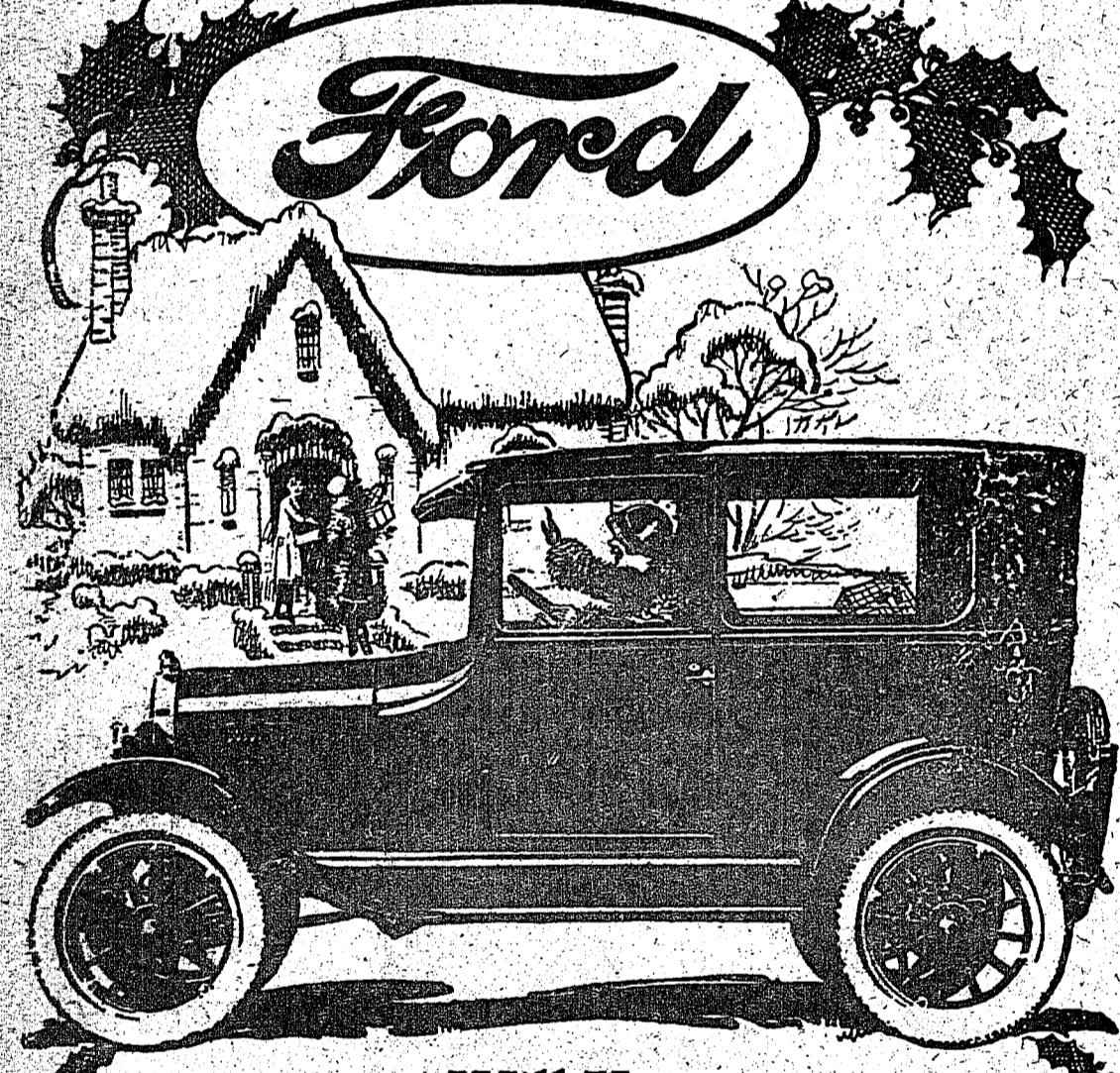
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**CLEANLINESS KILLS
RATS, SAYS OFFICER**

Austin, Dec. 4.—Rats are coming in from the fields and other outdoor haunts in search of winter quarters, and prompt measures should be taken to keep these disease carrying pests from gaining a foothold in residences, Dr. H. O. Sappington, State health officer, warned Saturday.

"Rats will not stay where they can not obtain food, and housewives will do well to keep all food supplies in tightly covered containers to which rats cannot gain access," he said. "Waste scraps of food should not be left on kitchen tables or shelves, but should be placed in a tightly covered metal garbage can. To eliminate food and hiding places is to eliminate rats."

**CONFERENCE CALLED
ON GAS AND AUTO TAX**

Dallas, Dec. 4.—The Northeast Texas County Judges' and Commissioners Association has invited all county commissioners of Texas to meet with it here Dec. 15 for a discussion of gasoline and automobile taxation. Announcement of the invitation was made Saturday by Z. E. Black, assistant general manager of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce.

The association has under consideration a bill governing gasoline and automobile taxes for presentation to the Fortieth Legislature, which meets in January.

A British observer says the people of the United States look after their private affairs only between political campaigns. From our observation we decide that there isn't any time between campaigns.

NOT WHAT, BUT HOW

Every once in a while, these days one is reminded that in a little while Christmas will be here. Of course the merry season is still a month away, but many children and grown-ups have already begun to make their plans.

To do the kind of thing that old Kriskringle does takes a lot of planning if it is to be done well; in a manner of speaking you have to get ready for it. Not that this planning is ever hard work, even if you go at it with all your might and main; because as every boy and girl knows when you do anything to make anyone happy, it is never hard work, and the more patience and skill you have to employ in doing it, the more fun it is.

If you were to ask him face to face, Santa Claus would tell you that a lot of people miss half the fun of Christmas because they forget that it isn't what is given that counts, but how the thing is given! He would tell you that what a thing costs, or how much it shines, has nothing to do with it. What really counts is how much affection and kindness and well-wishing you put into it. It's what you are, and not what the gift is, that counts.

That's why Christmas is such a wonderful season; and that is why most people who like Santa Claus and Christmas try to plan and get ready for this great day so that they may have most of themselves to give when that day comes.

Santa Claus never yet waited till the last minute and then scurried around and wondered what he would do about this and about that. You can guess from the stories they tell about him, and from the way he looks, that he is the kind who does things when they ought to be quite a while before the last minute. And in these things it is well to follow Santa's example.

People always exaggerate the value of the things they haven't got. The man with the toothache thinks he will be happy when he is out of pain.

Are You Acquainted With Yourself?

The ancient philosopher said, "Know thyself." Now comes a modern sage and phrases it, "Get acquainted with yourself." Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, of Cleveland, says, "Religion in America is superficial because it must make its appeal to people who are in a hurry! But the Kingdom of God comes without haste. The heart of religious mood is meditation, the hushed and silent contemplation of life's profundities. But what American ever meditates? We need more time to get acquainted with ourselves."

Rabbi Silver touches a vital point. People blame their churches, their ministers, or the system of religion or society; but they might find the answer in themselves. Do we know how to pause and meditate on life's realities? Pause gives poise; poise offers opportunity for thought; thought means education; education builds character; character grows spirit; and spiritual character is religion.

LAW OBSERVANCE

We hear a great deal said about law observance and law enforcement. Some people have always refused or failed to observe the laws. It dates back to the very beginning of time itself, back to the transgression in the Garden of Eden if you please. From that day until this we have had people who have refused to obey the law; both the divine law and the law of man. This condition will doubtless continue to exist as long as time shall last, and the fact that a law is not enforced 100 per cent. does not mean that it is not a good law. Every law on the statute books is violated at some time by somebody. Nobody wants the Ten Commandments thrown into the discard. Laws do not abolish crime, but they suppress it and minimize it.

A SNAKE STORY

Recently the editor of the Publisher's Auxiliary bemoaned the fact that good fish, snake, and other animal stories have become scarce. Perhaps there are no new ones, but we ran across one this week modestly credited to "Exchange," which ought to qualify for the old scrap book, whether it is new or not.

A kind-hearted farmer up in North Dakota found a rattlesnake caught in a trap and compassionately released the animal and went his way. The snake followed his liberator home and exhibited such friendliness that the farmer kept it as a pet. When the weather got cold, the rattler was allowed to sleep in the kitchen. One night, hearing a commotion downstairs, the farmer rushed down to find the snake tightly coiled about the neck of a burglar who had entered the house. The snake's tail was stuck out of the window, frantically rattling for the police. —Brady Standard.

RELIGION AND BUSINESS

For centuries the world has declared for more religion in the everyday walks of life, and in more modern times men have preached the doctrine of religion in business. But of late there is a new slant on the relation of the one to the other. Instead of talking about putting religion into business, it is asserted that there should be no division; that business should be dominated and animated by the religious practice and attitude.

If this view could be adopted and maintained in all commercial dealings there would be little need of regulatory laws to guide men's acts and restrain their wrongs. If, in all business transactions men could act with the same fairness and put into use the recognized moral and religious precepts, the world would overnight witness a change for the better. If men and women in their homes and offices, stores, factories, farms, forests, mines, recreation places, as well as in their houses of worship, were imbued with the ideal that what they are doing is or is not religion, according to their works, thoughts and examples, there would come into being a new spirit in modern life. In fact this is coming. But many are still laboring under the idea that their work-a-day affairs are to admit only so much of religion as may have come to their convictions, or as the conventions of existing society warrant.

Religion and morality, without being used and diffused in all undertakings, are mere sentimental abstractions. It is by men's works that they are known.

Nagging tongues, it is well known, lead to divorce. More than that, they shorten life. The Chicago health commissioner says he finds that couples who are tolerant and charitable toward each other's failings, and who remain married, live about twice as long after marriage as do those who nag each other and are divorced.

IT'S SO FUNNY

It is a strange condition of things that a country editor has to contend with. There are a whole lot of hangers-on. What we mean is people who seem to be tickled pink to get and read the paper we have worked so hard to create, but the minute they find out an editor wants pay for his labor the gig is up and they have no more use for you or your sheet. They seem to think that an editor and his family can live on wind, and his goods cost nothing. But this class of humanity is not the one who make the world move. It takes a stronger brained set of people than that to do the things to make the business of the world go round.

Again, when they are needed to help build up and maintain a community they are not the ones to stand hitched. If they will not help keep up a town paper they are but little good for anything else. The best people are always boosting for the local paper even if it is not 100 per cent perfect.

The Bugle can stand and is willing to bear its share of free donations, etc., but when it comes to putting in our entire time and expensive material it takes to keep a paper running here is where we balk, and if you are a member of this gang, off goes your name from our list. —Tri-State Bugle, Rulo, Neb.

THE TIDE OF LIFE

In the city you are only half conscious of the stream of life. The human river is flowing all about you, it is true; but it is the river in full tide, mature, active and vigorous people. Unless you are fortunate enough to have children and old folks in the home, you are scarcely conscious of life at its source, and yet know even less of the fact that it so steadily flows into the great sea and disappears.

In the country, now, you know all the babies in the neighborhood from the time they are born. You see them go through the schools and out into their work. Suddenly their own children are about their feet, and then those who were young with you are growing old with you. And the aged ones pass away from you, one by one, and you are reminded that soon enough you too, will be gone.

It is a little sad, perhaps, but it is the complete picture of life, and makes for humanity and wholesomeness.

One of those confounded experts is now out with the assertion that four hours sleep are enough for anybody. Four hours sleep would suit us if we could get that much after it is time to get up.

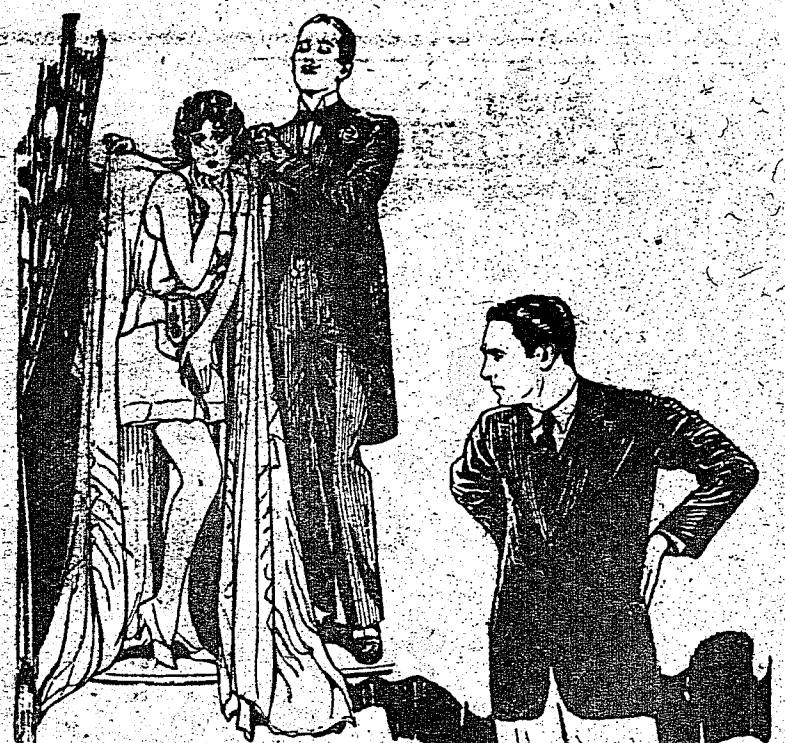
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Austin, Dec. 4.—Thirty-five persons were killed and 156 persons were injured in accidents in Texas during the week ending Nov. 23, the Texas Council of Safety announced Saturday.

Automobiles killed 15 and injured 98, while railroads killed four and injured 14. Street cars killed three and injured two persons, and fire arms and explosives took two victims each. Seven deaths and 18 injuries resulted from other accidents and falls killed one, injured 10, one person burned to death, motor cars injured three, fire arms injured six, explosives injured by escaping gas.

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Services next Sunday at the 11:00 o'clock hour. The pastor's subject will be "Launch out into the deep." A year of progress lies ahead of us. Let our watchword be "Go Forward." At the evening hour the theme will be "A Gospel of Power." Let us take up the work of the new Conference year with enthusiasm. Bring the whole family to church. The public is cordially invited.

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THE OLD-FASHIONED HOME

(By Thos. E. Pickerrill)

Say, what has become of the old-fashioned house, with its sweet perfumed flowers round the door? O what has become of the calico blouse, that mother and sister Sue wore?

Say, what has become of the love and the care, that affection made too strong to roam? And where is the family whose absence was rare, in that quaint little old-fashioned home?

I'll ask just once more of that old-fashioned place, where fortunes and sorrows were wed; and I'll find not the answer till I see the trace, of the romance that long since has fled.

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SEQUEL
 "What has become of the old-fashioned home?" It has traded a wooden wash-tub for a porcelain bath tub or refreshing shower. It has changed the splintered flooring and a patch of rag carpet for a hardwood floor of modern hew with a rug of rich design. It has witnessed the old hot cook stove turn into a modern gas range or fireless cooker. It has seen a thousand house flies reduced to a struggling few, which the good wife soon puts to rout with a silver-handled swatter.

What has become of the old-fashioned home? It has seen the old organ on which sister played "Tra, la, la, la," turn into a radio that chooses the finest compositions from the ethereal vastness. It has seen disease diminished and longevity produced. It has seen the musty stall where the family mare dreamed of oats and hay, turned into a concrete-floored garage where the plush-lined motor car honks for gas and trembles to be out on the road.

This has been a wonderful transformation! And in the modern home with all of its conveniences, love still exists and waxens warm where the heart is open and the spirit is right. Righteousness, does not diminish with accommodation. The test of virtue is not mechanics. Invention has not changed human character. Speed, efficiency and sanitation have not contributed to moral delinquency.

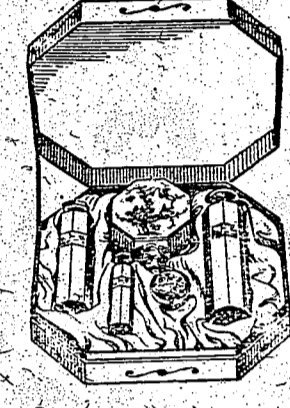
It is to rejoice that material welfare has thus advanced. Man's attitude toward, and action in, life has not one wrong; it has but changed to meet new conditions. Attractions outside the home, and the means of obtaining them, are the real tests of whether or not native virtue can withstand temptation and the pull of intemperance. Modern life is dangerous? Yes. So is a violin. For it can make an audience pray or swear, depending upon the manner and the skill or lack of it, which the player draws the bow. It is not the instruments of life, but the way we play on them, that counts for good or ill.

Eighty-four persons out of each hundred in Texas are white and seventy-six out of each hundred are native white people.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram advocated the new grammatic rule, sneaking belief ever since our school days that nature never intended anyone to say, "It is I." If it had been the natural expression it would have been as easy to say as "fit is me." You know, we may find some good in those "damyankees" yet.—Mineral Wells Index.

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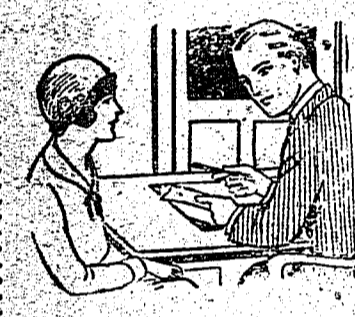
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FARMER'S WOES

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holds to the view that agriculture will never be helped by legislation. Another school of thought centers about the idea that farming can not lift itself by its own bootstraps, but must have federal aid.

The result has been a babble of suggestions and so many crooks have been stirring the broth that the kettle may be upset, at any moment. The prospect for any sort of farm legislation is exceedingly remote. This brings cheers from one crowd of rooters and dark looks from the other crowd.

This confusion produces indecision rather than action. One substantial gain has been made, however, in that people who live in brick houses on paved streets, far from the furrows and cattle barns, are being educated on the woes of the farmers.

The city dweller has always known bread came from wheat, but he knew nothing about wheat, wore wool clothing and had only a dim recollection of what sheep looked like, and ate choice steaks with little or no knowledge of the cattle they came from.

Recently the Academy of Political Science held a farm conference, and experts presented their view of the question. Some of the large industrialists of the country have been talking of a high-grade commission to make a study of farm conditions with a view of devising a way to close the gulf between the farm and industry.

At least, it may be said that the industrial east is not indifferent to the troubles of the farmer, and some good for all concerned is very likely to come out of the agitation for the improvement of agriculture.

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Harry Houdini, master magician, has entered his last coffin, and this time one from which there is no escape. Mr. Houdini, who for many years baffled his audiences, with feats of apparent miracle, was what might be termed a "gentleman fakir," or one who believed in exposing sham and bringing out skill. He made the impossible possible insofar as exposition of magic was concerned. At any rate, lovers of sleight-of-hand and the whole category of legerdemain have lost a friend and an entertainer de luxe.

CHRISTMAS-THE YEAR 'ROUND

What a world it would be if all of us kept up the Christmas spirit all through the year!
 How much of happiness, or discontent, or unrest, would we all be spared? How many foolish quarrels and useless bickering would never be if our heart held the message of love and peace that they do today?
 How many homes would be unbroken and how many men and women would work together in a new and deeper bond of love and service? How trivial and small would appear some of the reasons that estrange us from each other? How petty and mean the little jealousies and misunderstandings that hamper our way and our vision?
 How different our fellowmen would appear in our eyes—their little weaknesses and failings would be things to stir our hearts to pity instead of to scorn and contempt.
 Well it would be for the world and for each one of us as individuals if the spirit of peace, love and good will toward all men burned in our hearts through all the year with the fervor it does today.
 In all human experience there is no page more replete with joyous association than Christmas. The first Christmas we remember only as described in sacred story, and we visualize the influence through the spirit exemplified in the lives of our fellow men.
 The next Christmas none of us can recall. Then followed anniversaries beaming with visions of sleighs, Santa Claus, candy and toys, when the romance of the Yuletide was so real. None of us ever forget those days.
 But how mystically they merge into another epoch of our lives. With the diminishing vision of Santa-Claus we become aware of a better Christmas in the conscious love and loyalty of others.
 In the years that follow, the Christmas season becomes richer and more beautiful. It has lost the confusion of toys and confections. But in all these years there has been growing a tree that is ever green—upon it a thousand lighted spangles—hallowed memories of those who played with us around our earliest

Christmas trees, of shared the season's festivities in later years.
 Refreshing are the recollections that flood upon us as never generation takes our place in the pleasures and the happy illusions of Christmas. May this Yuletide be brighter and happier than all that have gone before.

WHAT'S DOING IN WEST TEXAS

Stamford—West Texas scores again. The West Texas Chamber of Commerce agricultural exhibit at the Sesqui-Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia been awarded the gold medal in competition with practically every state in the union. The display won on the basis of scope and variety of products ingenuity of arrangement according to a letter received from Sesqui officials. The silver medal of award went to North Carolina and Ohio. Arkansas won the bronze medal.

Memphis—L. M. Thompson, County Agent, is conducting an exchange list for the purpose of getting native blooded gilts placed with farmers in this section who need them. He is attempting to supply the demand with local swine as a precautionary measure against infected northern stock.
 Quanah—Numbering of Quanah's business houses and residences is in progress here as a preparatory step to getting out a city directory. The work is sponsored by the city, the chamber of commerce, and the Retail Merchant's Association.

Plainview—The New Harvest Queen Mill recently began operations in this place with a daily capacity of about 800 barrels of flour. Products of this mill, wheat and corn meal flours made from Plains grains, are to be known as Everlite. The mill cost \$150,000.

Artesia—A highway from this place to Las Cruces, N. M., will be opened according to present plans. Work on the Y O road has already begun.

O'Donnell—O'Donnell is the proven garden spot of Texas according to a local farmer. J. J. Hodnett, residing near the high school building, lives entirely at home, through truck gardening on a 140x150 foot plot of ground. This year he raised almost every kind of vegetable, all kinds of flowers, and shrubbery and started a young orchard.

Bledsoe—Work on a temporary school building to relieve congestion in the Bledsoe schools is nearing completion here.

Hale Center—A contract calling for the expenditure of \$37,919 has been awarded for the installation of a complete system of waterworks for Hale Center.

Amherst—A new grain company located at Amherst, promising to pay the highest market price for grain and to deal in all commodities connected with this line of work.

Anson—B. M. Whiteker, Exhibit Manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce and Manager Homer D. Wade of that organization were guests of the Luncheon Club here December 1 at which time Whiteker made an address on agricultural problems to members and farmers of the community who were special guests. Similar lectures are given by Whiteker in any section calling upon the West Texas Chamber of Commerce for a service man to assist farmers and stockmen in various communities.

Comanche—Machinery and equipment for a pecan shelling plant has been installed, and operations begun here. During full capacity runs, 32 pickers are employed besides packers and those operating shelling and grading machines. Shelled pecans from the plant will be retailed and sold wholesale all over the northern states in addition to shipping unshelled pecans in car lots.

GOOD FELLOWSHIP

One thing that helps make good feeling in a town is for people to form the habit of speaking pleasantly to their neighbors. Some folks will go downtown year after year and see certain people whose faces they recognize, but they will never speak to such ones. That makes a town seem cold and aloof.

If these distant mannered persons were asked why they did not speak to someone with whose face they were perfectly familiar, they would remark that they had never been introduced. In Santa Anna that should not be necessary. The fact that two people are citizens here should indicate that they have things in common and mutual interests that they will like to talk about together. Good fellowship does wonders in building up a town.

We are all born ignorant, and a lot of us never succeed in outgrowing it.

A New Jersey youth shoots two people at the breakfast table. This wouldn't have happened had he obeyed the injunction: "Be good till ten o'clock in the morning and the rest of the day will take care of itself."

JUSTICE MCKENNA

An honored member of the Supreme Court of the United States, Joseph McKenna, at the ripe age of 83 has put aside his law books and pen to receive the verdict of a Higher Power. He has passed from one of the most highly respected and august judicial bodies in all the world.

One may stamp and storm about Congress and the legislatures, or raise a rumpus over the acts of executive officials; but there is a wise hesitation about hurling criticism toward the highest court in the land. This is further testimony to the sagacity of our forefathers. They provided against the removal of our

preme court judges thru the fickle fortunes of politics, thus giving them a life-time devotion to their arduous tasks during ability and good behavior.

Your old gloves are probably good for a few more miles. You may get some new ones Christmas.



On His Way

Santa Claus is on his way—and will arrive in our store with all kinds of toys this

WEEK

TOYS

of all kinds for all ages are here. Visit this wonderful collection of Christmas Toys before you do your buying.

Baxter's Variety Store

"Same Goods For Less Money"



HER CHRISTMAS WISHES

HER Christmas wishes are revealed quite frankly this season! Short skirts and low-cut shoes hint eloquently for Humming Bird Pure Silk Hosiery. She will appreciate their close clinging fit and fine clear texture. We have a wide range of the newest shades from which to choose. Humming Birds, so famous for their long wear, will continue to give her pleasure throughout many months to come.

Humming Bird
PURE SILK HOSIERY
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"Beware of the Rush"

In order to stimulate Battery sales we are offering a special for the next two weeks---that means we are going to pay big for old batteries --or anything that resembles a battery, in on a new

Genuine Ford Battery

13 Plates---12 Months Guaranteed

With batteries selling at a low price and getting a big price for the old one you must not miss this

Battery Special

SANTA ANNA MOTOR COMPANY

VISIT

Joyland

Toyland is in full swing; and our store is full of gifts for each member of the family.

Buy Early

and get the best selection.

Come in and see our display—a pleasure to show you.

Blue Racket Store

S. H. PHILLIPS

(Contributed)

On the afternoon of November 27, 1926, there passed into its eternal home the spirit of S. H. Phillips of Santa Anna, Texas. He was stricken

with paralysis just two weeks prior to his death and after the first few days his condition began to improve slowly, but so surely that the attending physicians held out hope for his recovery. But it was not to be. The relapse came at noon and on the af-

ternoon of the following day, he went to sleep much as a tired child might drift into dreams, with the calm, placid look of a conscience free from guilt, and the happy assurance of a glorious awakening. Looking upon his face one might feel the thought: "A burden lightened by the cheer-

Then do I hold the golden hours well spent, And lay me down to sleep in sweet content."

Mr. Phillips was a native of Tennessee, coming to Santa Anna in his early manhood, where he opened up the first drug store in that place. For a number of years he was secretary of the School Board, which was filled with efficiency. At the time of his death he was trustee of M. E. Church and Vice-president of The State National Bank, which proves the confidence of the community. He was married first to Miss Annie Hubert of Santa Anna, to which union there were born four daughters, all of whom are living. His first wife preceded him and after a few years he was married to Miss Belle Hampton of Gonzales, Texas, who survives him. His daughter, Mrs. Otis Middlebrook and Mrs. L. D. Terry of Abilene, Mrs. Alva Shaller of Cambridge, Mass., and Miss Kate Phillips of Santa Anna, were all privileged to be with him during his illness and last hours.

The funeral was under the auspices of the Knight Templars, assisted by the Blue Lodge. Funeral services were conducted at the Methodist church of which he had long been a member, by Rev. Doss, of Abilene, assisted by the local pastors, Rev. Kirkpatrick and Rev. Sid Martin. Beautiful music was rendered by the choir. "Pearly White City" sung by Misses Grace and Eureka Pleasant was very touching. Active pall bearers were members of the Commandery. Honorary pall bearers consisted of all physicians and druggists of the city, and Mr. Phillips' older personal friends.

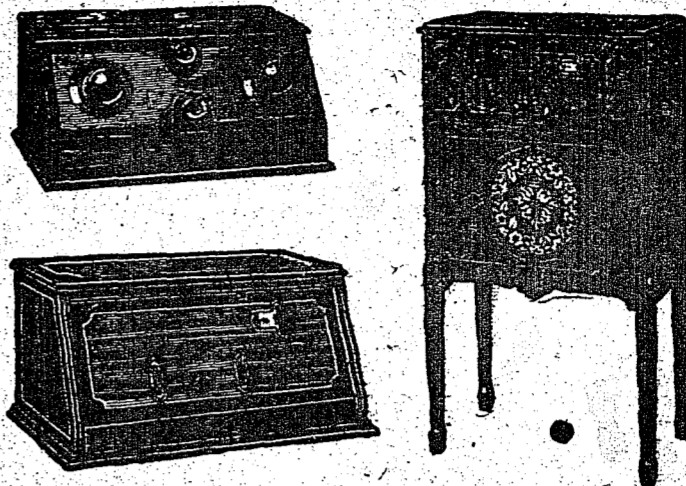
There has never been a greater profusion of beautiful flowers than the offerings made for him. Besides the numerous designs from personal friends, there were those from the Commandery, the Blue Lodge, the banking institutions of the town, the

U. D. C., the Eastern Star, the Waco Drug Co., and other out-of-town organizations and friends, all of which verified the loving esteem and respect in which he was held by all who knew him, and after his own last resting place was banked with flowers, the graves of those gone before whom he had loved were covered. There was never more real and sincere grief shown than that of the citizens of this place felt for the loss of a friend whom each and every one mourned. He was a friend, which was proven by the only test by which friendship can be judged, the test of deeds. Words alone are inadequate. Deeds are necessary—deeds requiring personal sacrifice on the part of the doer. Analysing his friendship for humanity as well as his personal friendships, we find sacrifice as its fruits and love as its basis. We see the Divine spark—the love of right, and the desire to see happiness in others, welding its benign influence upon all, from the busiest of men and women to the youngest of the many children with whom he came in contact as they came to his place of business for their school supplies. And the many who stood beside the grave while the dust of friendship was being lowered into the kind old earth that waits for and receives us all, might have glimpsed far ahead the journey's end glowing in the light, and felt the throb of Masonic friendship gripping their souls, and might have said—in a Masonic way too, "His body to the earth, his soul to God, his memory in the heart." It was a beautiful service that his friends made for him. It was a wonderful privilege for him that his dust should rest in the land that he loved. It was a fine tribute that death paid him: this sending him home in the gold of November, while the leaves of the trees were scarlet and amber and purple like the jewels of the home to which he went: "Jasper first, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the rest in order, the last an amethyst."

The mysterious "X". If we continue to call it "Xmas" we run the risk of having future generations think the "X" stands for the mystery involving the receipt of Christmas gifts.

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BETTER—COST LESS RADIO



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Geo. Johnson, Selling Agent Santa Anna, Texas

HOME CURING OF PORK

The cotton situation is causing farmers to think of the possibilities of hog production, also the production of feed and food for themselves and their livestock. The records show that over half the farms in Texas have no hogs, and we do not believe it will be possible to get all the farmers to produce hogs for home meat consumption, especially during times of depressed hog prices until they learn how to do a good job of curing their own meat, advises E. R. Eudaly, Extension Service Specialist, A. and M. College of Texas.

Curing pork is not only a matter of making it keep. It must be put up in such a manner that it will make a desirable food. Not only must it be tasty when first cured, but it should stay that way for twelve months. Mr. Eudaly does not think that the dry salt method fulfills these requirements. Sugar curing by the brine process, he says, is always followed by folks once they have learned to use it.

There are several formulas for making this brine, the following being a good one:

- 10 gallons water
- 20 lbs. salt
- 10 lbs. brown sugar
- 5 ounces salt peter

Bring the water to a boil, then add the salt. Stir this about a minute, then add the sugar and salt peter. Continue to stir until all is dissolved. Allow this to cool and the brine is ready.

It is preferable to kill the hog in the afternoon. Cut up the meat and rub salt on it, spread it out and allow to stand over night. In the meantime, make the brine as directed and allow it to stand over night.

The next morning, pack the meat in a barrel. Pack the hams and shoulders first, with the skin side up; then

pack the side meat with skin up. Put a weight on the meat and then pour the brine over it. Let it stand in this manner for three weeks. At this time, take out the side meat and hang up to drip. Weight the hams and shoulders down in the brine again and leave it there another ten days. After this time, take these out and hang up to drip. When all the meat has dripped dry, smoke it and then wrap it. This is usually done by wrapping first with newspapers and then cotton sacking. Be sure to sew the cloth on tight so that no bugs nor flies can get to the meat. Sew on a strap to hang the package with. Hang it in a cool place and you will have as good meat as you can buy during the entire year.

A RADIO CHRISTMAS

Our suggestion is that you buy Ma, or Pa, or Sister Sue, a radio for Christmas. Last year, when our neighbor across the way bought their new set, we were interested, but somewhat skeptical about his enthusiasm. "He'll get tired of playing it after a little," we thought. As the months passed, however, we found that neighbor and his wife were spending more time in the room with the loud speaker than they did at the beginning. We began to see that the radio was a permanent comfort in the home, and we had one installed in the corner by our own fireplace. So we speak from experience when we advise the radio Christmas. You may truly argue that the little magic machine is not yet perfect, but neither is the plow nor the automobile. The radio is practical enough for every day use, and since it will continue to be improved, like the telephone, for the next hundred years, we might as well have one now, and enjoy it while we are yet living.

You Can Afford to Buy That Diamond ---IF---

YOU SHOP AT CURRY'S

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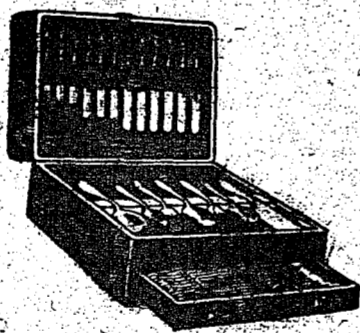
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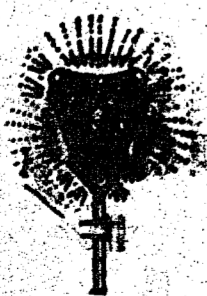
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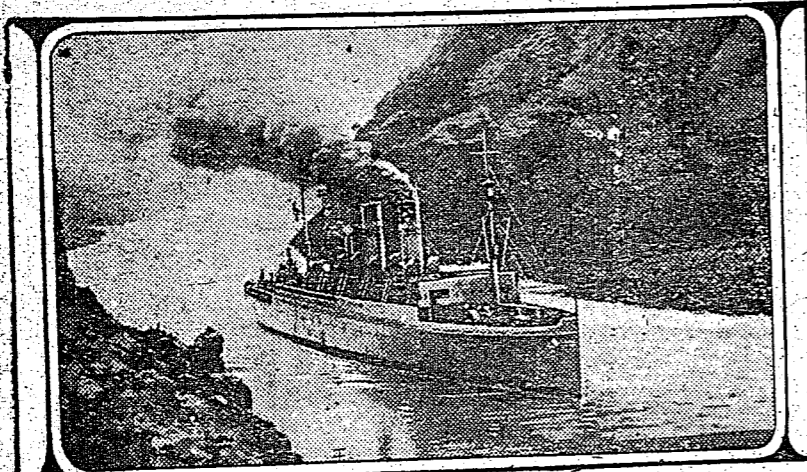
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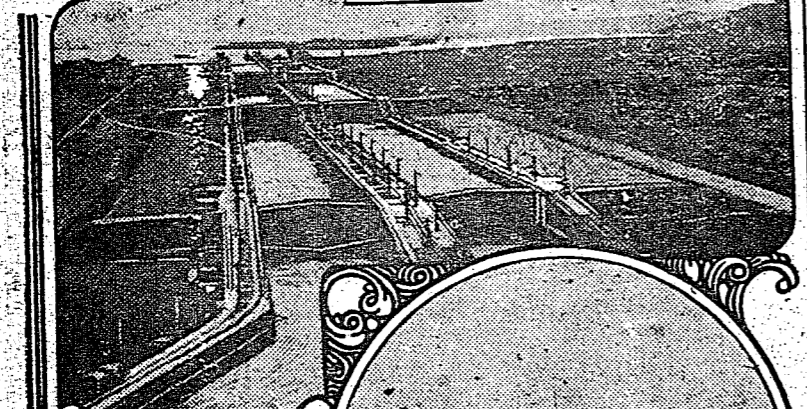
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OUR PANAMA CANAL LEADING BRITISH DITCH AT SUEZ IN TRAFFIC TONNAGE

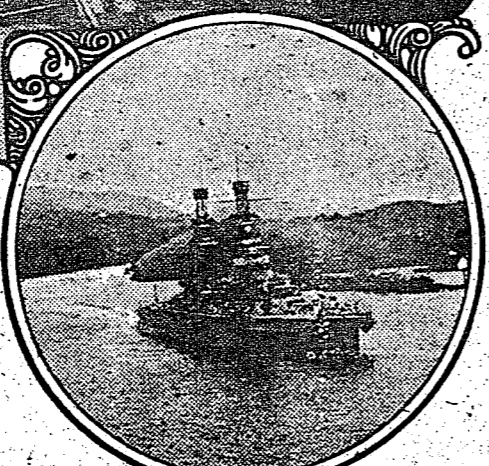


U.S. TRANSPORT "NORTHERN PACIFIC" PASSING THROUGH THE PANAMA CANAL.



GATUN LOCKS

Increase of Freight via Panama Route, Largely Due to Oil Shipments, Indicates Rise of United States to Leadership of World's Commerce.



U.S.S. PENNSYLVANIA AT CHAGRES RIVER CROSSING.

By JUDSON C. WELLIVER

One of the striking evidences of America's rapid rise toward commercial and industrial leadership of the world, is the Panama Canal, will almost certainly handle more freight in 1926 than will Suez. For several years the two canals have been in a neck and neck competition whose implications are the more interesting because the Panama ditch is owned by the American Government, and that at Suez by the British Government. Of course both Canals are open to the ships of all nations; and the competition between them is not only between the United States and Britain, but in a larger and even more significant view it is competition between old world and new world. When the Panama Canal was opened in 1915, Suez was already transiting about 25,000,000 tons of freight annually. Almost nobody believed Panama could ever attract anything approaching such a volume. But during the war fear of German submarines in the Mediterranean caused many vessels to take the Panama route between the far east and European or American ports. This gave Panama its introduction and it has not only held but greatly increased its business since the war. In 1923 Panama transited 5037 vessels, against 4621 for Suez; Panama handled 25,160,000 cargo tons against 22,770,000 for Suez. This was the first year of Panama's lead.

A Close Race
The following year Suez barely exceeded Panama's tonnage; and in 1925 comfortably held its lead. But reports for 1926 to date indicate that Suez is losing, owing to Britain's industrial depression, while Panama is doing better and is pretty certain to resume the lead.

The present Suez Canal has been in operation nearly sixty years, Panama only eleven. Although few people except antiquarians know it, the first canal at Suez was built more than 3,000 years ago. It was in operation as early as B. C. 1350; how long before, is mere conjecture. Before the Christian era began the ditch had been built, destroyed, rebuilt, silted up and built up again, time after time. When Alexander the Great conquered Egypt the Canal was one of the oldest of engineering works.

Between 1904 and 1915 the present Panama Canal was constructed. It cost about \$400,000,000. Suez about one-fourth that sum. But Suez is a simple, sea-level ditch across a sandy plain; while Panama is a lock canal, the greater part of its length lying 85 feet above sea level, so that most of the distance from ocean to ocean is through an artificial freshwater lake.

Early Profits Unexpected
When Roosevelt started building at Panama, neither he nor any other prophet of optimism would have dared suggest that within its first decade the Canal would earn a profit. Its chief justification concerned the national defense, and the establishment of competition with the trans-continental railroads.

Although both Canals are open to shipping of all nations, British vessels constitute the majority of those using Suez (55.3 per cent), while American vessels are 54.5 per cent of those using Panama.

For 1924, ships of 21 nations used

the Suez route, while 24 nations were represented in the maritime caravan at Panama.

The World War was not the only unexpected factor in bringing Panama so quickly to equality with Suez, nor the most important. The enormous increase in Panama traffic in 1923 was represented almost entirely by petroleum and its products, moving from California to the east coast and Europe. In the year ended June 30, 1924, tolls aggregating \$24,290,000 were collected, of which \$9,071,000 was from tankers carrying petroleum. An even more striking statement of the matter is that for the same year exactly 50 per cent of all tonnage through the Canal was between the two ocean fronts of the United States, that is, 13,500,000 tons; and of this, considerably over 9,000,000 tons, or more than two-thirds was petroleum. It was of course chiefly from California, en route to eastern refineries. In the succeeding year this petroleum movement fell off heavily; but for 1926 it is again increasing and the increase is likely to continue for many years. But for the petroleum traffic, the Canal would have shown a deficit in every year of its operation.

The enormous petroleum business has been in other ways advantageous to Panama. A constantly increasing proportion of maritime shipping nowadays uses oil fuel. Oil-burning ships seek routes on which they can most cheaply buy oil; and because California oil can be put so cheaply into the bunkers of vessels passing through the Panama ditch, there is a substantial inducement to prefer this route. This will increasingly favor Panama and militate against Suez, as the number of oil burners increases. Moreover, Panama's advantage will still further increase as the enormous oil resources of Venezuela, Colombia, and other South American countries are developed.

Great Service of Panama
If cheap petroleum has thus served Panama so well, Panama in turn has equally served the American motorist, who consumes most of the world's petroleum products. For Panama has brought the Pacific Coast petroleum to the eastern market at costs which, but for the Canal, would be vastly greater. Thus the Canal has given the United States the cheapest petroleum products in the world, and helped build the automobile industry and our modern highway system.

This mutually helpful relationship between the Canal and the petroleum users is the more impressive when one realizes that it was not even remotely anticipated at the time. President Roosevelt started building the Canal. So late, indeed, as 1910, when Admiral Evans wrote his articles about the Canal and decided that it could not be profitable for several decades at least, he based all his calculations on the probable cost of coal for bunkering ships. He did not dream that merchant marines were on the verge of the revolutionary change from coal to oil. So he figured that as there is practically no bunker coal in the countries bordering on the Pacific, that ocean could not compete, by way of Panama, for a greatly increased share of shipping. The oil development overturned the prophesies of Admiral Evans, and of all others who had foreseen that fuel problems would make Panama unprofitable.

TEXAS AND TEXANS

(By Will H. Mayes)

Building Small Factories

Sherman capitalists are putting \$20,000 into a paper box factory. At Abilene a company has been organized with \$20,000 capital to manufacture an attachment for cultivators. All over Texas small manufacturing enterprises are going up. The harnessing of the waters of the Texas rivers is sure to result in vastly increasing manufacturing throughout the State, which is now the great need of Texas. This state has depended too much on agriculture in the past and not enough attention has been given to industries. A state needs to diversify its productions just as much as diversification is needed in farming, and single-cropping is so bad for a whole state as for an individual. Sherman and Abilene are setting good examples with their small factories.

Confidence By the Million

The Colorado-Southern railroad is showing its faith in the future of Northwest Texas by making its plans to spend \$7,000,000 in extending its line to Estelline. Seven million dollars is a large sum even for a railroad company to spend, and it is certain that such a large investment would not be made without a feeling of confidence that the outlay will be justified by the returns. Practically all of the great Plains country of Texas is tillable, and much of it is now under cultivation. The railroads are merely endeavoring to get ready to handle the great crops and the immense traffic which the development of the country assures.

Postpone Celebration

The Rio Grande Valley section had planned for this month a great celebration of the coming of the Southern Pacific railroad into that part of the State, but the celebration promises to be bigger than even the enthusiastic Valley boosters had expected. In fact the railroad found that it would be unable to handle the crowds that wanted to take part in the reception and it has asked for more time in which to get ready for the visitors. So, the Southern Pacific's big welcome party had to be postponed until January 11.

Hotels and More Hotels

Lubbock has just opened its half million dollar hotel. Childress is building two hotels. All over Texas money is being invested in larger and better hotel buildings. This has become necessary to take care of the people seeking accommodations, and hotels almost everywhere are crowded and prosperous. It all means that people are coming to Texas and looking over the State in greater numbers than ever before, and that those having money to invest feel sure that investments in hotels will be safe, because Texas will continue to attract people with money to spend.

Growing Health Resort

Speaking of hotels, I am reminded that when in Mineral Wells recently I saw two hotels under construction that will cost a million dollars each. Mineral Wells has for years had a reputation as a health resort, but its good repute and its patronage has been confined largely to Texas and the neighboring states. With the completion of these two hotels it will take a place among the great National health resorts of America, and because of the temperate winter climate it will attract thousands throughout the entire year. Its curative waters are known all over the country but limited hotel facilities have somewhat restricted the visiting patronage. Visitors to Texas health resorts, finding their health restored, are likely to become permanent residents of the State. Mineral Wells will become a drawing attraction of real value to all Texas.

East Texas Prosperous

The only parts of Texas where there is any financial distress because of the low price of cotton are those sections where cotton has been the single crop of the year. In fact, the single cropper, whether growing cotton, or fruit, or melons, has been hit hard. East Texas has done more diversifying than heretofore, and consequently, is not worrying overmuch about cotton prices. Reports from Rusk county are that the unusually good feed crop alone will overcome the cotton deficit; and that farmers have been turning their attention to poultry raising, dairying, fruit growing and gardening—in fact, they are living largely from the products of their farms, and are happy. This condition is found almost all over East Texas.

How's This for Production?

Dennis Sullivan, a San Saba county truck grower, has marketed 75 bushels of yams from one-eighth of an acre. This would be 600 bushels to the acre, and the prevailing price of \$1.50 a bushel would total \$900.00 an acre. Dennis did well, but if every Texas farmer should plant potatoes next year, prompted to do so by his success, their names would all be

"Dennis" from a financial standpoint.

Cotton Acreage Reduction

As yet only about 90 Texas counties have taken any steps toward getting signed agreements among farmers to reduce cotton acreage next year. Hill county, one of the leading cotton counties of Texas, has had a schoolhouse campaign and has agreed to reduce acreage 30 per cent. The campaign was led by the local bankers. Bankers all over the State are as vitally concerned as the farmers, and they might do well to follow the example set by the Hill county bankers.

Texas Art Development

The opening of the \$300,000 art museum in Houston is merely an incident in the development of art in Texas. Other Texas centers are as interested in art as Houston, and hundreds of Texans are giving most of their time to art studies of various kinds. The hardships of pioneer life, out of which Texas is now growing, were not conducive to artistic development of the highest type, but that era of pioneering has passed, and Texans are devoting more time and study to the brighter side of life and to the cultural arts.

Cameron County Roads

Cameron county commissioners have ordered an election, on a \$600,000 road bond issue. This is the largest single bond issue ever voted on in the State, Harris county having exceeded it. Cameron county already has some of the best concrete roads in Texas, and these roads have created a desire for more. Brownsville,

the county site, is making its plans to remain the leading commercial city of the lower Rio Grande Valley, in spite of the building activities of its

hustling young neighbors. The towns in that part of Texas are all growing and looking forward.

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We have three hundred pounds of Christmas candy in Christmas packages. Come in and look at them.
We have a number of things for Christmas Gifts.
Fountain Pen Sets for men and women, stationery with lined fancy envelopes, bill folds, and Ladies' all leather hand bags.

Walker's Pharmacy

Phone 41 Santa Anna We Deliver

SHOP NOW

This is the year's most cheerful season. The shop windows of Santa Anna are tastefully decorated in harmony with the spirit of the time. Youngsters are writing letters to Santa, and Christmas buying is on in earnest.

With less than 3 weeks between now and Christmas, it is time for all of us to get busy. The merchants of Santa Anna have secured excellent Christmas stocks—gifts to suit everyone gathered from the four corners of the earth. But these stocks will not last indefinitely. Last minute shoppers are bound to be disappointed. Local merchants have informed the editor that the buying is unusually heavy this year, and those who put off the shopping until December 24 will experience a hard time to get suitable gifts for the friends and relatives they have on their lists.

So do your Christmas shopping early. Do not make it evident to your friends that the gifts you sent were last minute thoughts. Most Christmas gifts are appreciated not according to their intrinsic value but according to the thoughtfulness they represent.

Weakness of Great

Present day writers who are devoting their talent to calling attention to weaknesses and bad habits of such characters as Washington, Jefferson, Franklin and others are not only uncovering the flaws in their own characters but are failing to make their articles interesting. Men of great virtues usually have faults that are just as glaring. They are often in-temperate but the world usually forgives and forgets their weaknesses while they are respected and honored for their achievements. Writers who can find no other subjects to write about than short-comings of such characters will not detract from their greatness, in the least, but will create the impression that they themselves are little for giving thought to such matters.

A Chance to Save Lives. Fires occur in the United States on an average of one every three minutes. More than half of the 15,000 annual human toll of fire is taken in the home. Why take chances with fire? Be careful.

Birds of a feather have a habit of knocking together.

MERRY WIVES CLUB

A party of charming appointment was that of Thursday evening, when Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Mathews entertained the members of the Merry Wives club and their husbands.

Yellow and white chrysanthemums in artistic assemblage gave floral charm to the rooms where tables were arranged for the evening diversion of progressive "42." After many interesting games were played the guests were invited into the dining room where a two course buffet supper was served.

Mesdames W. F. Barnes and W. I. Mitchell presided at the tea table which was laid with a handsome lace cover, a vase of large gold and white chrysanthemums mingled with lace fern graced the center, with tall yellow tapers in silver holders gleaming on either side. All details of the perfect hospitality showed the two-tone theme in dainty and clever ways.

The guest list included Dr. and Mrs. T. R. Sealy, Mr. and Mrs. B. Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Burris, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Easley, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Childers, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Faulkner, Mr. and Mrs. I. Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Collier, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Mitchell, Mrs. P. P. Bond, Mrs. Leman Brown.—Reporter.

THE GREAT CIVILIZER

There is now a record of 20,000 inventions and devices up to date, in the electrical industry. The electric wire reaches to every point of civilization and carries its ray to the most remote mountain fastnesses by the pocket flashlight. The housekeeper has a home electrically lighted, possibly heated or fanned by electric current. She may wash, iron, clean, cook and sew off the electric wire. Electric refrigeration and house cleaning have become a matter of pressing a labor-saving button.

Memphis society women are inaugurating a campaign whereby they pledge themselves to wear cotton under things and cotton stockings instead of lingerie, silk chiffon and such like. This movement will last about as long as the men's fad to wear overalls, to boycott the clothiers on account of the high prices of clothing during the war.

WHO ADVERTISES CHRISTMAS?

When Calvin Coolidge repeated from Presidential sanction the great truth about advertising as a stimulant to all lines of activity, he could have gone even further and said that advertising is a creator of spirit and a moulder of thought. This thought is occasioned by a Christmas advertisement of a certain merchant. The ad (run the middle of November) carried a cut of Santa Claus with open arms, inviting readers to think of Christmas.

Christmas advertising takes form early and intensifies as the great holiday draws near. We wonder whether Christmas would be as merry or even as sacred without advertising? For ads help people to think. The commercial in direct appeal, they are fathers to the thought of other things. And the Christmas advertisement brings thoughts of love and sacrifice, of children and the family, of the home, of brotherhood of equality and of peace. Whatever calls to the attention of people the true and generous purposes of the Yuletide contributes in no small way toward advertising Christmas as such, and independent of the direct motives behind the appeal.

If it is too much to say that Christmas would be a flat and dull affair without advertising, we certainly can not go amiss in suggesting that people are made happier, more alert and energetic—more in the frame of mind to attend unselfishly and reverently the great joys of the holiday season—by advertising, from the business world. Christmas as a historical fact and as a sacred institution is one thing. What people think about and do about this institution is quite another. Proper observance does not come automatically, but thru initiative. It is to the latter that advertising makes its successful appeal.

CARD OF THANKS

We want to express our appreciation to the many friends of Mr. Phillips and Len, who were so loyal to them during their illness, and grieved with us in our sorrow. The many beautiful floral offerings was a mark of love or them. We thank you.

Mrs. S. H. Phillips and Daughter
The old-fashioned grocer who gave father a sack of candy when he paid the bill Saturday night is gone, but he is held in loving memory.

PIGGLY WIGGLY
HELPS THOSE WHO HELP THEMSELVES

SPECIAL
FOR SATURDAY ONLY

PICNIC SHOULDERS
cured like ham and just as good—size 10-lb
Per Pound 19c

We have a shipment of that good
sliced breakfast bacon, per pound **41c**

Candy, a real bargain, 2-lb box for **23c**

If you are in need of ingredients for a
Fruit Cake for Christmas, just call on Piggly Wiggly, we have it

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SANTA ANNA, TEXAS

GIFT



LAND

Every individual gift has that superiority of quality which makes it so desirable. Gifts for a right merry practical Christmas. Gifts that are useful and practical—something to be used every day, again and again, are the ones that are usually welcome and used with grateful thought for the donor. Dozens of such gifts are gathered together in this store at a wide range of prices. This page represents just a fraction of the limitless array of gifts ready for your selection. Myriads of wonderful gifts for everybody.

- Restful house shoes, a gift that Dad would really appreciate \$1.25
- Ribbon trimmed house shoes for mother 69c
- Gloves for Mother, Wife or Sister \$1.19
- Fine kid gloves, silk lined, for young men \$2.95
- Men's Initial handkerchiefs, 3 in box 50c
- Men's Linen Handkerchiefs, 3 in box 95c
- Men's Broadcloth shirts, the Arrow Make 1.95
- Men and Boys' handkerchiefs, colored borders and plain 5c to 50c
- Men's Silk hose, in Holly Boxes 75c
- Four-In-Hand ties in Holly Boxes 95c and 1.50
- Fleece lined leather gloves for men 2.19
- All Wool Cricket Sweaters 3.65
- Men's silk robes, with hangers in gift box 11.95
- Men's Radio Jacquets, a fine gift 7.50
- Florsheim Shoes for Dad, Brother and Son 8.85
- Boys' low cut shoes, new styles 3.19
- Men's Broadcloth Pajamas 2.65
- All Leather Bags, 11 pockets, \$18.00 val. 11.95
- Rayon bed spreads, in gold, lavender, blue and rose 4.95
- Blankets, part wool and Eiderdown, sateen bound to match 4.45
- Comforts in floral patterns with a good fluffy cotton for filling 5.19

- What would be more appropriate gift for Mother or Wife than a nice dress pattern packed in a Holly Box?
- Crepe back satin, popular shades 2.89
- Flat crepe, the wanted colors, yd. 2.69
- Kashas, choice selection, a value 2.79
- Flannels in wide range of colors and plaid effects, 54 in wide, the yd. 2.79
- Extra quality in 54-inch Charmeuse, the yard 3.65
- Wide range of voiles, the wanted colors, nice for lingerie, the yard 58c
- Lingerie-Chiffon, a real value, yd. 58c
- Rayon Draperies in solid colors and two tone effect, the yard 69c and 98c

- Allen A silk hose, all colors, for Sister 1.79
- All wool knit shawls, very nice for Mother 5.19
- Clocks, a gift for Mother 1.50
- Book-Ends for Dad or Brother 1.79
- Silk Knit mufflers, in fancy stripes 1.78
- Men's and Boys' bow ties, good assortment 50c
- Novelty Guest Sets 1.29
- All Linen Towels 48c
- A good assortment of fancy towels, gifts for all 37c to 58c
- Wash cloth Sets 59c
- Bath Mats, assorted colors 1.95
- Caps and Garter sets 1.95
- Beautiful assortment of imported vases 1.50
- Japanese Luncheon set 3.00
- Japanese Komonas, hand embroidered, hand painted 3.29
- All linen luncheon sets, hand embroidered 4.50
- Turkish Bath sets, bath mat towels, 2 wash cloths 2.95
- Hand bags, in two tone leather, hand tooled, brocaded silk, beaded and others 95c to 4.95
- Box Stationery 39c
- Men's two pant suits, hand tailored 25.00
- Men's all wool sweaters, \$9 values 6.45
- Men's silk pajamas 4.95

Texas Mercantile Co

WHERE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING BECOMES
A JOYOUS PASSTIME

THE WINCHESTER STORE

Useful Gifts for Christmas

- Our shelves are filled with the most practical gifts for young and old.
- Do not delay in your shopping for the early shoppers are very busy making their selections.
- Make our store your headquarters for Christmas needs.



Gifts that Please Children



Gifts that Please Men



Gifts that Please Women

W. R. Kelley & Co.
Established 1889
THE WINCHESTER STORE

Caught in the Round-Up

Albert Shaw and wife of Christy, are visiting friends in this city.

Mrs. Verchie Jordan is in the Sealy hospital for treatment.

Miss Mollie Denton and Mrs. Comer Blue visited in Coleman Sunday.

P. G. Cram of El Paso is visiting relatives in this city.

O. C. Ayers of Navarro county is visiting her brother, J. W. Hosh.

J. W. Byrd attended to business in Blanket first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Watson and sons are visiting in Sterling City.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Shockley spent Sunday in Hamilton.

F. W. Turner made a business trip to Cisco this week.

O. W. Farris and family are moving this week to Bradshaw.

Turner's Confectionery is moving into the building vacated by Polk Bros.

J. J. Rosser of Cleburne had an operation at the Sealy Hospital one day last week.

E. W. McKinney and family and John McKinney of Coleman visited in this city last week-end.

Miss Beatrice Stanley of Itasco is visiting her cousin, Miss Thula Stanley of this city.

Married

Saturday afternoon at the Christian parsonage, A. L. Oder officiating, Mr. Dick Farris of the Live Oak community and Miss Beulah Robbins of Shickel were united in marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Lows and sons of Chickasha, Okla. are visiting relatives near this city.

Oscar Furlley of Marble Falls visited Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lewis last week-end.

Mrs. W. A. Garms and little son spent last week-end with her brother at Dublin.

Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Brown are the proud parents of a baby girl born Sunday.

Mrs. Gus Featherston of Trickham is under treatment at the Sealy hospital.

Mr. Neeley Evans has been spending a few days in the Rio Grande Valley.

E. J. Merritt left Friday for Mineral Wells in response to a message of the death of his sister, who died in that city Friday.

Duane Holland is home from Georgia where he was attending college. He was called home because of the illness of his father.

I Williamson and Dr. Lovelady returned Thursday morning from Mason where they have been on a few days hunting trip.

Jimmie Moore of Fisk, Leonard Watson of Rockwood, and Miss Ora Mae Ashmore of Abilene had emergency operations at the Sealy hospital Friday.

J. W. Johnson and Zack Bible returned Tuesday night from a hunting trip in Mason county—each one bringing in a fine Buck. Mr. Johnson brought in a 7 point, and Mr. Bible a 6 point.

ADAM AND EVE HAVE TWIN BEDS IN "FIG LEAVES"

Did Adam and Eve have twin beds and was there a cat in their household? Yes, in both cases, according to Howard Hawks, author and director of "Fig Leaves," a colorful romance of today with Garden of Eden sequences interwoven. Olive Borden and George O'Brien play leading romantic roles in this photodrama which will be shown at the Queen Theatre Monday and Tuesday. "They had to have twin beds, so they could quarrel at long range," says Mr. Hawks, "and I think the serpent must have been picking on the cat, or there would have been no fur flying in the garden. In spite of domestic rows, however, I am inclined to think Adam and Eve had a pretty fair time. In any event, Adam didn't have to wear a stiff collar." This picture has a fine cast.

Christian Church Services

The usual services will be had at the church Sunday.

The Bible school meets promptly at 10 o'clock. Be on time.

Communion service at 11 o'clock, followed by the offering. Sermon.

The Christian Endeavor meets at 6:30.

The evening service will consist of songs sung when we were children, with harmonizing scriptures. We expect to make this a very interesting and helpful service for all who attend. You are invited. Come.

A. L. Oder.

HOUSTON EXPECTS 400 AT GRIDIRON DINNER

Houston, Dec. 4.—More than 400 reservations are expected for the gridiron dinner to be given here by the Houston Salesmanship Club on Dec. 18 when Dan Moody, governor-elect of Texas, state, federal and city officials visit Houston.

Members of the Supreme Court of Texas, the Railroad Commission of Texas, Claude Pollard, Attorney-General elect, members of the Court of Civil Appeals, Federal Judge J. C. Hutcheson, Dallas, Matthews, Adjutant General, and the mayors of Galveston, Dallas, Fort Worth and San Antonio are also expected to be present.

Bank Hotel Under New Management

Mrs. Della Pace, who has been making her home the past year in this county with her daughter, Mrs. E. Melton, is now in charge of the Bank Hotel, and judging from the way she is arranging, planning and doing things, we predict for her a splendid business. We are glad to have Mrs. Pace become a citizen of Santa Anna and she will appreciate the cooperation of her friends.

People of America Use Modern Conveniences Most

Telephone statistics show that during the first twenty years of existence, the rate of growth of the telephone in the United States and Europe was approximately the same, there being about twice as many telephones in the United States at the end of that period as there were in Europe.

During the past thirty years, however, the growth in the United States has been little short of astonishing as compared with Europe, and today there are practically 15 telephones per 100 inhabitants as compared with less than 2 in all of Europe.

Another way of visualizing this difference in development is to say that the United States with a population of 115,000,000 has 61 percent of all the telephones in the world, as compared with Europe with a total of 446,000,000 but only 28 percent of the telephones.

We are continually reminded how terribly Europe hates America, but we notice there seems to be no falling off in the list of immigration applications for the voyage over to this side of the pond. Europe may hate us personally, but oh how her people do love our available coin, which they seem to believe grows on bushes and can be secured by the simple act of picking it off. In this instance, too, that old saying, "Loan a man money and you lose his friendship," runs true to form.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Box and small son left Sunday for San Angelo where they will make their home in the future. Mr. Box has employment in the post office.

About sixty out of each one hundred people residing in Texas live in the country.

There are about 200,000 more men than women living in Texas.

Sixty-nine per cent of the foreign born population of Texas are natives of Mexico. Germany ranks second with about eight per cent of the foreigners in Texas.

Norma Shearer and Nagel Together Once More

In their first joint appearance since "The Snob," Norma Shearer and Con-

rad Nagel appear in "The Wandering Sex," the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture directed by Robert Z. Leonard, which comes to the Queen Theatre Friday. This play is the exact oppo-

site of "The Snob," being a fast-moving, hilarious comedy, adapted from the Broadway stage success of the same name.



Gifts

That Endure!

Only two more weeks to do your Christmas shopping. We take pleasure in helping you solve the

Gift Problem

FOR MEN WE SUGGEST:

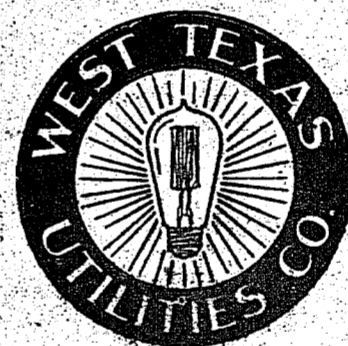
- Watch
- Chain
- Emblem Ring
- Charms
- Belt Buckle
- Fountain Pen
- Emblem Pins
- Bill Folds
- Cigarette Cases
- Ash Trays

FOR WOMEN:

- Wrist Watch
- Diamond Ring
- Diamond Barpin
- Onyx Ring
- Mesh Bag
- Leather Bag
- Vanity
- Pearls
- Watch Bands

Many other Gifts too numerous to mention. Come in and let us show you through our stock which is now complete.

Mrs. Comer Blue



"Electrical Gifts"

a few suggestions:

- IRONS
- CURLING IRONS
- WAFFLE IRONS
- TABLE STOVES
- SEWING MACHINES
- SEWING MACHINE MOTORS
- VACUUM CLEANERS
- PERCOLATORS
- WASHING MACHINES
- IRONING MACHINES
- TOASTERS
- LIGHTING FIXTURES
- VIBRATORS
- VIOLET RAY OUTFITS
- WARMING PADS

We Carry A Complete Stock of Electrical Merchandise.

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