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**T**O ALL our people—in town and in country—this newspaper wishes a MERRY CHRISTMAS. To the young and old, to the rich and poor, to the sad and lonely, to the joyous and merry may there be for each and all, of whatever race or creed, a sweet and happy CHRISTMAS—a Christmas that will be remembered for its good will and good cheer, its kindly greetings, its simple faith and its abiding love. ❄️ ❄️

# Lion Trails Along the Rio Grande

A Christmas Hunt in South Texas  
By VIVIAN RICHARDSON

STEVE, my brother, is the veteran of many a lion hunt along the lower Rio Grande river. He has lived in South Texas almost all his life, and when he invited me to spend my Christmas vacation with him, promising that he would take me on one of his periodical lion hunts, I was thrilled to the finger-tips.

I arrived at my brother's home Christmas Day, and the day following we started on the hunt. A Mexican, by the name of Ramon, accompanied us. He was a good cook and a handy man about camp.

Preparations were made well in advance for the hunt; all provisions, guns and camp equipment had been packed securely in the flivver, and at 5 o'clock in the morning we were speeding toward the Rio Grande. We took four hounds with us.

By 10 a. m., five hours after starting, we saw, from a high hill, the shimmering waters of the Rio Grande. In a few minutes we were alongside of a small jacal (a rude hut built of mud and sticks by Mexicans) where we had planned to spend the night. A slow drizzle had set in, but the hut was dry inside and soon we had a fire going. On the way we bagged a dozen quail, which Ramon broiled in a manner that was most appetizing to a hungry man.

After supper we sat, smoking, around the fire, our wet clothes steaming from the warmth of the blaze. Steve spoke well of the drizzle, said it would aid the dogs in trailing, but hoped it would cease by nightfall, when we expected to hunt lions in earnest. From out the mesquite and cactus came all the varied night-noises of the jungle. Steve had just got through spinning a yarn about some hunt, when suddenly there crashed through the darkness near our camp the lithe body of an animal—we knew not what kind—although Steve said it looked like a leopard cat.

## My First Leopard Cat.

Ramon unleashed the dogs and, grasping our rifles, we followed into the darkness. Ranger, always leading, struck trail and was off with the other dogs in close pursuit. Mesquite thorns and cedar stickers penetrated our clothing, but we had no thought for such distractions as long as Ranger's deep bay could be heard to lead us on. Once he seemed to lose the trail, for he and the other dogs remained somewhat quiet for several minutes. We separated in order to cover more ground, Steve taking the middle course and Ramon branching off to the left, while I took the right hand trail.

The peculiar bay of the dogs indicated that they had treed an animal. Guided by their voices, we met close to a gnarled old mesquite in a patch of cleared ground. Pushing through a thicket of huisache that bordered a marsh, we came to the dogs capering around a tree whose thick leaves hid one of the biggest leopard cats I have ever seen. Steve gave me the privilege

of shooting the animal, after we had located it with the aid of our trusty pocket flashlight, and you may be sure I felt a great deal of pride and satisfaction in killing this, my first leopard cat. From nose to tip of tail it measured three and a half feet. Its color was not extraordinary, however, and did not differ from the usual mottled black and white color of these animals.

The whole affair had not taken more than three-quarters of an hour. We had gone hardly a hundred yards on the way to camp when old Ranger gave another yelp and tore loose from Ramon. He struck trail over to our right and in half an hour we had tipped off another leopard cat—this time a small one. In a cleared space we skinned both of them and when we reached camp it took us still another half-hour to stretch the skins out to dry.

Rain had ceased falling and a few stars twinkled overhead. The weather now looked a little more auspicious. Wrapped in blankets, we were soon asleep on the dirt floor of the jacal.

## Lion Tracks.

But we were not to sleep for long. At two in the morning we were awakened by the dogs barking. For an hour or so they were restless—then all was quiet again. The next morning, when Steve went to the river for a bucket of water, he found lion tracks in the soft mud.

"That settles it," he told us. "We stay here for another day and night." During the day we busied ourselves with prowling about the camp and shooting teal and canvasback ducks on a small, brush-surrounded pond. Winters are mild in the Rio Grande valley and it is a favorite haunt for migratory fowl. Steve discovered a bee tree, or rather, a bee-hive in a tree. The small, brown Mexican bee builds a soft pouch much like the hornet's in tree hollows for stowing away honey. We succeeded in robbing the energetic little fellows of enough honey for our lunch and supper, but it cost Steve a swollen eye and Ramon several lumps on his hands.

After supper we lit pipes, as usual, and sat about the fire, but this night we were only waiting for the moon to rise. With the earth washed clean by rain and trailing thus made easier for the dogs, Steve was sure that the night would bring us success. At eleven

o'clock we left camp; at twelve we had not struck a single trail; at one we had run down two cold trails, but at three our luck changed. Through the night stillness the bay of the hounds came to us as welcome as mess call to a hungry soldier. The trail lay along the river banks, sometimes through swampy places and again through the densest of undergrowth. Once, across the river in Old Mexico, we saw a giant native palm silhouetted against the sky; a few minutes later we traversed a small grove of native palms on our own, the Texas, side of the Rio Grande river.

"No lion would climb up in that brush," Steve said, disgruntled that all our efforts had been wasted on a smaller animal. But our spirits revived when Ramon, who had preceded us a few yards, called out: "Sacramento! A blue juajaranda, senior! Do you understand? Not a gray one, a blue one, senior!"



"He sat calmly in the tree top and stared down, as if daring us to shoot."

## A Rare Animal.

Now the juajaranda is a small, fox-like animal of the weasel family, usually of a grayish brown color and weighing about fifteen pounds. It is valued only for its fur and because of its rarity, for scarcely more than a dozen have been caught in South Texas. The blue color specie is even rarer, so we immediately conceived the idea of capturing this one alive. How to do it was the pressing question. Ramon wanted to improvise a sack from his shirt, but Steve assured him that the shirt was too small. While we discussed every possible means of taking it alive, Steve kept the animal covered with the flashlight. His magnificent blue-coat glistened like satin, as he crouched upon a limb, scarcely able to bear his weight. With some difficulty we tied the dogs so they could not fall upon the juajaranda and tear him to pieces should he jump from the tree.

The wary little beast must have divined that the dogs were tied, for suddenly he sprang from the limb and away

into the brush before any of us could shoot. Ramon let the dogs go and they nosed immediately into an old hole, evidently the former home of an armadillo family. Between the dogs' and our digging—for Ramon always carried a broad hatchet that we used for many things—we soon had the hole deeper and nearer to its terminus. Upon examining one of the dogs' mouth we found coarse brown hair in his teeth. A few minutes later we pulled out, by their tails, two fat old coons. How the juajaranda escaped we never knew.

## A Hot Trail.

"Too much moonlight for lions," Steve said, as we made our way back to camp. Tired and disappointed, we sat about the fire, drinking coffee to revive our spirits. It was now almost daylight and we had fallen into a doze, but suddenly we were aroused by the furious baying of the hounds. Steve, thinking the dogs had struck another cold trail, called to them to come back, but they kept on and we followed, leaving our guns in camp.

Down the river the dogs went, past the palm grove, and still the trail seemed good to them. At times Steve and I would break into a trot, where the brush was thinner; again we could barely push through a thicket. Once, when Steve's coat caught on a catclaw bush and ripped out one elbow, he paused to say, "All right, my boy, you'll see your lion hunt now, for old Ranger never bays like that except when he's on a hot trail."

Without our Winchester's we could do nothing, but on we pushed just for the love of the chase. Steve had a crazy revolver that was never known to shoot straight, and sometimes would not shoot at all, while I was fortified with only a pint thermos bottle of coffee we had intended to drink on our first trip out that night. I had forgotten to take it from my pocket when we returned to camp. But we were determined, whether we got so much as a glimpse of the animal, to see the thing through.

Suddenly the hounds' deep baying became less enthusiastic and less regular; in a few seconds it ceased altogether. "They have lost the trail," Steve groaned. We slowed our pace and shied around cactus and catclaw. For half an hour we pushed on until there came to our ears the faint bark of the hounds from a direction almost to our backs.

Gradually their voices became louder, as they struck the trail again, for the crafty Mexican lion had back-trailed. We took a diagonal course through the brush, striking out to the northwest, where a moment before we had been headed east.

## Treed at Last.

At last we found the dogs and Mr. Lion—found him in the very gnarled tree we had stopped under the night before. These animals rarely scream, but this one did, and it was a blood-curdling demonstration of his wild vocal powers; it made us wish we had brought along our rifles. Hersh calmly in the treetop and stared down at us as if daring us to shoot.

"That settles it," Steve said. "One of us must go to camp and get a gun. That lion will stay where he is as long as a man and the dogs are around." We tossed up a coin to determine which one of us should go for the gun or which one should take the bigger job—that of guarding the lion for half an hour or so. It fell for me to guard the lion, so Steve handed me over his crazy revolver, helped me build a fire, gave a few hurried instructions and left.

I don't know which one was the most uncomfortable during the next half-hour: the lion in the tree, whose eyes glared balefully and reflected the firelight, or I, who paced the ground underneath. At times I was certain I could feel his claws upon my shoulders; again I imagined that he was as much frightened as I. The dogs kept up a continual hubbub and I was glad they did so; I even helped their noise along by a razz football song. Once the animal shifted about in the tree, as if he intended to spring to the ground, but the dogs renewed their noise and he again assumed his crouching attitude.

Remembering the pocket thermos of coffee, I drank the liquid in an effort to sustain my courage. It should be borne in mind, of course, that at this time I was only a boy fresh from college and had not even a speaking acquaintance with a Mexican lion; therefore, being marooned with one of these beasts appealed less to my sense of adventure than to my sense of fear. But I knew I never heard more welcome voices in my life than Steve's and Ramon's halloo through the brush announcing their arrival on the scene.

"All right, kid," Steve grinned, handing me my gun. "I guess this is your lion."

But the beast sensed new danger. He took one look at the two men who had returned, decided that the odds were against him and that escape by running was his best chance. We all three saw his movements and fired simultaneously, just as he leaped from the limb. He fought gamely for a minute or two and succeeded in wounding two of the dogs, but finally gave up and lay still on the ground. Two bullets had penetrated his back and the third had bored through his shaggy neck. Next day we took his measurement; it was six feet four inches from nose-tip to end of tail.

# Christmastime Down on the Farm

Christmas is a Happy Day to the Majority of Rural Dwellers  
By W. N. BEARD

TIMES MAY change, as the years come and go, but Christmas is still Christmas on the farm. The grown-ups as well as the children come under the mystic spell of Yuletide, and begin preparations early in December for celebrating the birthday of the Saviour. One of the big events is the Christmas tree at the community church. The choicest cedar of the forest is felled and set up before the altar of the church—women decorate the tree and usually select the gifts and place them becomingly on the tree. No child is intentionally forgotten in the distribution of presents. The poor, along with the rich boy or girl, are usually remembered with something to make them happy.

## Good Cheer and Good Will.

"Kind hearts are more than coronets" among the farmer folks, and this kindness is usually reflected, not only in gifts, but in words of good cheer and good will. Their greetings of "Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year" are said with all sincerity and heartiness.

Family reunions are in great favor, and the country boy or girl who may have moved from the farm to the city invariably joins the family circle at the old farm home Christmas Day. "Pa" and "Ma" receive many tender felicitations and share generously in the gifts that are bestowed.

A week before Christmas, farm folks show a keen interest in shopping. The gifts selected are more with a view to usefulness than superficial attractiveness. An air of secrecy often precedes the giving. Mysterious whisper-

ings go on and much speculation prevails as to just what the gift may be.

Men folks, including all hired hands, show a greater interest in culinary matters than in gift-giving. To them, Christmas would be dull, indeed, without an abundance of pies, cakes and cookies. Savory odors emanating from the kitchen a few days before Christmas have a strong appeal to all the family, but especially so to Johnny, "Pa" and the hired man.

The cold, still nights of early December look beautiful out on the farm. Stars twinkle brighter there than in the city, and the autumn tints paint a picture of gold, crimson and scarlet along the creek bottoms. Hoary frost, and sometimes snow, spread a white mantle over field and wood. Nothing in the world is prettier than new fallen snow among forest trees or a clear stream rippling between brown hills.

But all days are busy days on the farm and too much time cannot be given to Christmas preparation. Farm work is usually rushed a week before Christmas so that a day or two of idleness will not endanger ungathered crops or retard fall plowing. Feed for the livestock is garnered and placed where it can be easily and quickly procured. Piles of firewood are provided, shotguns and rifles cleaned and ammunition laid away, for there is always a hunt of some kind staged by the farm boys before Christmas is entirely over.

## Hog Killing Time.

If a freeze comes any time after the first of December, you may expect spareribs, sausage and backbone to grace the table during the holidays.

There is a thrill on the farm at hog killing time, and a patient waiting for the first dry "cold spell" in order that the killed meat will cure and keep safe-

ly. Along in the early days of December the father of the family will probably say something like this:

"Well, boys, air kind 'er frosty and cold this morning. Looks like it might stay cold for a while. Next cold snap we'll kill that big hog."

When a hog is killed and dressed it is first salted down and later smoked or cured. This process requires experience and skill, otherwise the meat will not "keep." No part of the hog worth saving is wasted. Even the head and ears are scraped and made into souse. When properly made, souse is a real delicacy, and ranks well in flavor with sausage that has been well seasoned and smoked with hickory wood.

Around Christmas time squirrel hunting is very popular among the farmer boys. Some hunters prefer the use of dogs, while others "still hunt" the squirrels. If dogs are used, the hunter depends on the dogs to trail and tree the squirrel. If he "still hunts," the hunter simply picks out a likely place where the squirrels feed, conceals himself as much as possible, keeps very quiet and awaits the time when Mr. Squirrel comes out of his den in search of a choice morsel for breakfast or dinner. It requires a great deal of patience on the part of the hunter who adopts the "still hunt" method, for sometimes he will wait in one spot for hours before a squirrel is seen. A Christmas dinner, in which baked squirrel and dumplings figure, make mighty good eating and the squirrel is far-famed as a most reliable dish down on the farm.

Rabbit hunting is another favorite pastime, and if a deep snow falls at Christmas time, hunting the rabbit takes on renewed interest. The farmer boy gets a real thrill out of chasing bunny with his dogs and trying to shoot him before he es-

capcs or hides in the hollow of a tree. The swamp rabbit, when ousted from his lair, will invariably rush for the nearest tree or stump hollow. "Twisting" him out with a long green pole or smoking him out are the usual plans employed for getting a rabbit out of a hollow. Baked or barbecued swamp rabbit is a choice bit and rivals the chicken in flavor.

## Coon or O'Possum Hunt Popular.

Holiday hunts take a wide range among country men and boys. The coon or o'possum hunt by the light of the moon is very popular and affords a great deal of amusement and adventure. Where plentiful, there is real sport in trailing and capturing these animals. A good coon dog is highly prized and will make money for his owner, as coon skins always command a high price if of good quality. O'possums are cowardly and sulky, but a coon will put up a stubborn fight when cornered by the dogs. A coon or o'possum is apt to take the nearest tree, when fleeing from dogs, for they are too fat to run fast or run far.

Farm folks, as a rule, get as much fun out of Christmas as city folks. Their fun does not partake of vicious revelry, carried on into late hours of the night, but is more inclined to a wholesome and sane observance of the Saviour's birth, with due regard to its religious significance. The singing of Christmas carols and gospel songs, as well as Bible reading, constitutes a part of the Christmas celebration on the farm. It is a happy day, to the majority of rural dwellers, and a day given over largely to neighborly visits, gift-giving, animated chats, well wishes, etc.

Christmas games are played by the younger set, and the old games are still preferred. Many a grandma and grandpa smile at games played by children of

today which were very popular in their day and time. Old-time dances are also popular. The "square dance" and "Virginia reel" are danced by the young as well as by the old. A Christmas dance at some farm home is likely to be one of the chief holiday features and is carried out with the utmost respect to decorum and propriety of conduct.

If you live in town or city, and have a farmer friend, you would greatly enjoy a visit to his home during Christmas week. You would come away refreshed and with a feeling that you had been welcome to his hospitality, which is unbounded when he knows you and likes you. He may be poor in worldly goods, yet his friendship is rich in good will and kindness.

## WHY HE LIKES CHRISTMAS.

"I like the spirit of Christmas," says "Eddie" Guest, newspaper man and widely-known author of verse. "I like the foolishness of it and the unwisdom of it. I like the memories it awakens and the tenderness it creates. I like it because I know at Christmas time the wayward son is forgiven, and the pet malices of the year are forgotten. For those happy hours we are given a glimpse of what this world might be if we all lived to our best."

## THE BEAUTY OF CHRISTMAS.

I have often wondered if Jesus had not been born, would Christmas Day and all that it means have been lost to mankind. He gave us Christmas Day. He taught us the meaning of brotherhood and service for others; He gave us faith to look beyond the grave; but could mankind have existed through all the ages without glimpsing at some time the beauty of unselfishness?—By Eddie Guest.

# CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS

By J. H. LOWRY

## Christmas Gift That Came From the Mountain.

...ing the multitudes, he went up into the mountain, and when he was set, his disciples gathered about him; and he opened his mouth and said:

The world has received three great Christmas gifts. One came from the manger, one from the mountain, and one from the tomb.



The world observed the gift from the manger, but not always as it should. It was not always received lovingly, but always joyously. The gift from the manger and the gift from the tomb, but no day has been set apart for the observance of the gift from the mountain. The world has not even concerned itself with the anniversary of the gift which came from the mountain, and no one knows whether it came in the springtime, in summer, in autumn or winter, neither does the world show concern whether the gift came on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, or some other day of the week. Yet the benign message which came from the mountain, whither the Savior had retired to teach his disciples during the days of the kingdom, is one of the greatest Christmas gifts that has come to the world, and upon its acceptance and observance depend whether the gift that came from the manger and the gift that came from the tomb shall bless those to whom they were made.

It is a great day, a great event we observe on the 25th of December, the anniversary of the birth of Jesus, the date of whose coming was promised in the foundation of the world. But it is the anniversary of which we should be most sorrowful. How poor the world would be if it knew how sorrowful your fate and mine would be if it were not for the gift that came from the mountain. Life itself would be but a trouble, a bubble dancing down a stream, each day but a return to the same tiresome routine—a cruel routine, killing all ideals and dreams, a growing old hopelessly, a decay and death with nothing to look forward to. It is well that we refresh our souls with a halt upon our labors and our hearts with pageants depicting the long and toilsome journey of the wise men from the east, guided by the Bethlehem star, and bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh; in quest of the new-born King, that they might

bow in lavish homage before and worship the world's Redeemer. It is well that we read again the story of suffering Mary, who in response to the decrees of a cruel king, journeyed from Nazareth to Bethlehem, through drear Judean snows, over rugged hills and against winter's biting winds, at the journey's end to find that there was no room in the inn, but only the shelter of a rude stable to give protection against the mad elements while she went through the valley of the shadow of death that a Savior might be born.

It is well to tell again and again of the wonderful scenes of that eventful eve of nearly two thousand years ago, of how the very magazines of the skies burst upon the hills of old Judea, of the wonders and glories seen by the faithful shepherds who watched their flocks by night as the evening star held its radiant torch over the hallowed scene. And it is well that we sing again, in the homes, in the cathedrals, and around the Christmas trees in the little churches and schoolhouses, in the villages and far out on the hillsides and in the valleys of the rural districts, the glad refrain that was chanted to the simple shepherds, whose ears were opened to things divine, and upon whom fell in sweetest cadence the silver notes of the glad song which still rings around the earth, "Peace on earth, good will among men." It is glorious that we have, in observance of this great event, made the day one of happy reunions and of gift-giving among kindred and friends. As our minds are stirred afresh to remembrance of the great gift that came to the world from Bethlehem's manger by songs and pageants, and by the appearance of good old Santa Claus at the Christmas trees, our baser passions are banished, the frowns upon our faces are turned into smiles and our better selves bloom anew. Purse strings loosen, strifes and envyings are forgotten, desires for gain are swallowed up by desires to serve, and selfishness is crucified. We think of the great gift made to us, at a time when all was dark and no song of hope had been sung to the world, and there is builded within us a desire to give. We think of the joy that came to the world, and we want to make others happy. We hear again the glad refrain chanted by the angelic choir, and we go forth singing songs of gladness. We sorrow because there was no room in the inn for suffering Mary, and we resolve to make room in our homes for the destitute, and room in our hearts for the sorrowing and

the lonely. Great, indeed, the event we observe and celebrate.

And it is well that we observe, appropriately and beautifully, Resurrection Day, in commemoration of the great gift that came to us from the tomb. If the Savior of men, the recurring anniversaries of whose birth we observe with feasting, with gift-giving, and with paeans of praise and thanksgiving, had been born in a manger only to decay in the grave after life's fitful fever of thirty years had passed, truly we would be "of all men most miserable." But it was not so, and the faith that burgeoned at the manger came to fill flower at the tomb. And so when Easter comes, and soft, velvety leaves peep from brown limbs and flowers of richest hues and sweetest fragrance spring from green stems, we behold the glories of a new-made world and sing songs of rejoicing over His triumph over the grave.

But the birth and death of Jesus Christ were but incidents in the great program of God for the world's redemption. To live and teach, He had to be born; to arise from the grave, He had to die and be buried. In observing the anniversaries of these events we do well, and yet it is possible for men to bow at the manger and the tomb and forget the message that He brought. We must not forget that He "was the Word," and that "He was made flesh and dwelt among us," that "in Him was life, and the light was the light of men." It is possible to see the shadow and behold not the substance. It is possible even to defy the objects made sacred by the itinerary of the Son of Man and forget His life and teaching. Godfrey of Bouillon, Peter the Hermit and other crusaders sacrificed the lives of many in order to rescue the Savior's tomb from unbelievers, but they could have accomplished so much more had they peacefully carried to the heathens the story of His sacrifice and the doctrines that He taught. Thousands of children perished in a fanatical crusade to rescue the tomb from heathens that might have lived for the betterment of the world and the glory of God. It availeth nothing to rejoice over the birth of Jesus Christ if we despise and trample under foot His teachings. As well might we declare our love for botany while despising flowers, and finding no joy in their beauty or their fragrance. It means nothing to observe with rejoicing the anniversary of His birth and proclaim belief in the fatherhood of God while

denying the brotherhood of man. He came to build. As well might we declare love for astronomy and hatred for the stars that gem night's radiant brow.

And so as we come to the observance of Christmas, with minds and hearts centered upon the great Christmas gifts that have come to the world, let us consider for a moment the great gift that came from the mountain. It was there that the great Christian program was given; it was there that the purpose of the Word being made flesh and dwelling among men was declared. He died for the sins of the world, He arose from the dead to "bring life and immortality to light," but He lived among men to teach men how to live with each other. It was on the mountain that he taught the new and strange doctrines of meekness and humility, attributes we are prone to look upon as evidences of weakness and cowardice, and held them before his disciples as transcendent virtues. It was there that He taught that those most worthy to be called His children are those who make peace on earth. It was from the mountain that the declaration came that he who hates his fellows or applies to them harsh names is in danger of hell fire. It was there that hypocrisy was condemned, tolerance was urged and the only moral code that has ever stood the test was given. It was there that the only court of justice the world has known was instituted, and the only rule of human conduct whose keeping can wrong no man, pierce no heart, and work ill to none was given—"whatsoever ye would that men do unto you, do ye even so to them." Wherever this rule has been broken, strife, envyings, bickerings, blows and murder have followed. Its breaking has opened the doors of the Janus temple every time grim-visaged war has stalked through the land, scattering a baptism of blood and death on every side. Its breaking has turned nations into internecine strife and made eternal enemies of those who labor with the hand and those who work out problems with the mind. Its breaking has made even Christmas a dull, sad season for countless thousands. Wherever this rule, this golden rule, has been obeyed and observed men have grown full-statured and souls have grown far-seeing, yielding honey in the life-cups of men and lighting the world with sunny smiles. Wherever it has been observed, the bonds of fraternity, which is but love's other name, have been forged, and bitter foes have been turned into boon companions and valued

friends. It is the golden rule, to the observance of which we must look and hope for the coming of the golden age, when all men will brothers be, and fraternal love, rather than cruel, selfish competition shall rule the world.

It is not my purpose to minimize the Christmas gift which came to a sin-cursed world from the manger; far from it. Let the glad song "Joy to the world the Lord has come," make melody in and fill our hearts with gladness as never before. Let the beautiful custom of gift-giving among kindred and friends continue, and all the kindly customs that have so long clustered about the great day endure forever, and let all rejoice, because in the City of David a Savior was born. But let us not forget that he came to earth and dwelt among men to build a brotherhood. The stable in which He was born, the manger in which He was laid, the borrowed tomb in which his nail-pierced body was given burial, the hammer he swung in useful toil, the plane He pushed, the carpenter shop in which He labored, all have crumbled under the touch of time and passed with the things that perish. The dates of birth, crucifixion and resurrection can only mark anniversaries of incidents in His great program, but His teaching abides, and as we honor and receive the message of the Christmas gift that came to the world from the mountain, when the pages of righteousness that exceed the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees were unfolded to the eager eyes of His disciples, so shall we and the world be blessed. Some years ago Mr. Charles M. Sheldon wrote a great poem under the title of "Brotherhood," which so forcibly emphasizes the thought the writer has sought to impress that it is given here:

"If I could hold within my hand  
The hammer Jesus swung,  
Not all the gold in all the land,  
Or jewels countless as the sand,  
All in the balance flung,  
Could weigh the value of the thing  
Round which His fingers once did cling.  
  
If I could have the table He  
Once made in Nazareth,  
Not all the pearls of all the sea,  
Or crowns of kings, or kings to be,  
As long as men have breath,  
Could buy the thing of wood He made—  
The Lord of Lords who learned a trade.  
  
Yes, but that hammer still is seen  
In honest hands that toil;  
And round His table men sit down,  
And all are equal with a crown,  
No pearl or gold can soil.  
The shop at Nazareth is here,  
But brotherhood was builded there."

## ★ The Bethlehem Star in the Pines ★

By AUSTIN CALLAN

HERE were a number of logging camps along the Neches river at the breaking up of the Civil War. Some of these were pretty wild places, but the history of the lumber industry in East Texas, from the day of the whip-saw down to the present, reveals the fact that the rough characters depicted in Northwestern lumber camp fiction never did live in this part of our State.

The first Christmas following the return of soldiers from the Constitutional struggle for States Rights, it was decided to hold a real celebration at a logging camp on the Neches river, in the heart of the long leaf pine area. This camp furnished logs to a sawmill located on tidewater, down close to Beaumont. The trees were cut and floated down the river to the mill, where they were sold by their owners.

There were not over twenty houses, perhaps, located within what might be termed the confines of this camp. But there was quite a settlement up and down the Neches and over on Caney and Russell's creeks, near where the Hampton mill is now located, in Tyler county. The people living in the camp, as well as those in the surrounding country, were for the most part pioneers who came in there from Mississippi, Kentucky and the Carolinas. They were the descendants of the best stock of the old South, and were high-minded, charitable and religious.

### War Ravages.

The war left many widows and many fatherless children in that section, and it was in order to have Santa Claus pay a visit to these that a Christmas celebration was suggested. It was out of that part of the pines that Captain Sam Willson led Company "F" of Hood's Texas regiment, and it was out of that part that Dr. William W. Whitehead led a gallant band of Tyler and Clark county boys upon the Shapsburg battlefield, where many of them fell to rise again.

There was a big log house that one of the early pioneers had built, standing near the lumber camp, and it was decided to hold the Christmas festival and celebration in this house, and to give such presents as could be provided for the children, who otherwise would not be honored by a visit from good Kris Kringle.

There was an immense chimney in the end of the building, and logs were

procured sufficient to keep the fires blazing in these chimneys. The ladies of the settlement, with the assistance of some boys, decorated the building with autumn leaves, holly berries and a few perennials, furnished by Mother Nature, and when they had finished with their deft fingers, it was as beautiful as some of the old castles we read about in story books.

The settlement could boast of but a single organ, and it was borrowed for the occasion and installed in one of the two main rooms, which were thrown together by lifting some huge doors from their wooden hinges.

### The "Star" in the Tower.

While the women folks were getting the house in order for the celebration, some men erected a tower in a grove of virgin pines. There was a little platform at the top of this tower, and they covered it with dirt, and after night-fall they built a fire up there out of rich pine knots. The blaze could be seen for miles around, and some of the superstitious colored folks thought that it was, indeed, the star of Bethlehem beaming there in the woods.

Christmas Eve was bitter cold. It had been raining. All of a sudden a North wind swept down upon the forest, and quickly transformed the rain into sleet and snow.

But when the clouds broke and the sun finally came out, it was a wonderful sight that the eye of man beheld. How that crystal forest did sparkle, as the trees were trimmed with lace and bedecked

in diamonds. Mixed and fused with the green of the forest were leaves of many hues, all encased in jackets of pearl. Many were red and many were somber brown, while here and there some glittered like pure gold. All nature seemed decorated especially for this festive occasion.

A Christmas tree was placed in the middle of the building and toys were hung on it for the children. None of them was expensive, of course, and most

sisted of one fiddler, who had been hired to come over from Moscow, a remote little village several miles in the woods. There was no fox-trotting or two-stepping, although it is not certain about the Charleston, for nearby in a little cabin some negro boys were doing a step which, if not the Charleston, was at least very similar to it.

The old-fashioned square dance was the favorite of that time, while occasionally the Virginia Reel was danced.

A prize, consisting of a beautiful vest made out of rattlesnake skins, was given to the gentleman who could do the best "stunt" dancing during the evening, and it was captured by a young fellow who was passing through the country with a herd of mules which he was driving to Shreveport, Louisiana.

But the real feature of the evening was a 'possum and 'tater dinner, which was served about midnight. This was all prepared out in the open, where big fires were kept going and some

negroes acted as chefs. The Neches river in that day and time abounded with game of various kinds, including a few bear. It would have been an easy matter to have provided turkeys for this feast, because they were plentiful. But the 'possums were preferred. Jim Kirby, of the Caney creek settlement, furnished the dogs for the 'possum hunt. He had some good dogs and it was no trouble to fetch in an abundance of 'possum meat, which was prepared as only the darkies of that day, in the East Texas pines, knew how to prepare it.



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of them, especially the ones for the girls, were home-made. But all hearts were delighted. Some of the girls from the camp and the surrounding country sang songs, and there was one young man, named Seamans, who told stories of campaigning with Lee in Virginia. He brought out the comical side of the soldier in camp and elicited much applause.

### Old-Fashioned Dancing.

After the presents had been distributed, the tree was removed in order to make room for dancing. The music com-

There is a superstition among some of the negroes that a 'possum must have its neck broken in a certain way and be hung up where the frost can fall on it or it will not be good eating, and this writer subscribes to that belief, because we have known white folks to make a failure in preparing this particular "animal" for the table.

### "The Monitor."

There was a big black coffee pot kept constantly on the coals out in the yard. Some of the returned soldier boys named this "The Monitor," and between dances couples would repair to the pot for a refreshing cup of coffee.

The dance lasted until far into the night. Perhaps it would have lasted all night, but other entertainments were announced for the next day, and so, with much reluctance, the young gentlemen and ladies departed for their respective homes.

One of the favorite pastimes with men employed in logging camps in that day was birling matches. To indulge in a contest of this kind you get on a log floating in the water, and with your feet whirled it first one way and then the other. It required an expert to stay on the log for many minutes at a time without being thrown into the water. The weather was too cold for this character of sport at Christmas time, although two gentlemen consented to try their skill. Quite a crowd repaired to the banks of the Neches to see these fellows ride the top of the turning logs, but both men soon got thoroughly soaked in the icy water and withdrew from the contest.

There were contests to see who could cut a tree down the quickest and also matches of skill in throwing axes at a tree from a distance, thereby fastening the blades into the wood. In addition to these strictly lumber camp sports, the boys ran foot races, jumped, boxed and did other things for amusement.

### Better People Never Lived.

Inhabitants of the piney woods in pioneer days were mostly poor. What property they had previous to the Civil War was mainly represented in slaves, and at this time the slaves had been freed, the livestock had mostly been dissipated in supporting the Southern army and practically every man was struggling to get another foothold in the world. But better people never lived. (Continued on Page 6, Column 2)

# A REVIEW OF THE PASSING YEAR

By W. N. BE

**HIS** review of the passing year will be restricted to Texas, as a whole, and only such events recalled as seem of great importance to the State—socially, industrially and economically.

Looking backward, without undue optimism, it is apparent that Texas has made substantial progress during 1925. While crops have been spotted and business somewhat irregular, yet there is to our credit many worth-while achievements. Even the worst drought in a quarter of a century may prove a blessing if it develops conservation of flood waters and brings home the lesson of less extravagant spending during periods of prosperity.

The best example of the underlying economic strength of Texas is the fact that the majority of her citizens cannot be shaken by adverse conditions. And Texas justifies this confidence. No better soils, no finer livestock, no richer minerals can be found anywhere than in Texas. Therefore, regardless of what may befall, whether crops are good or bad, Texans still believe in Texas—believe they have the best State in the United States. And it is well, for such faith and belief overcomes all obstacles and establishes a firm foundation for future business success.

## Surprising Financial Stability.

A surprising indication of the financial stability of Texas is revealed in a bulletin issued Dec. 1 by the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank. Savings deposits in the principal cities of this reserve bank's district are now \$10,434,346 greater than they were a year ago, with the number of depositors larger by 22,722 than at the end of October last year. The Houston Federal Reserve Bank also shows an increase in bank debits and in savings deposits.

The foregoing figures show that the people of Texas have saved money during 1925. When saving deposits increase it is a sure indication of thrift and reserve financial strength.

The year of 1925 in Texas has been conspicuous for many big constructive enterprises. One of the biggest is that of the Texas Light & Power Co. This

company is now building a steam-electric plant near Trinidad, Henderson County, in the center of a 6,000-acre block of lignite coal. The lignite will be the fuel used for generating electricity that will be delivered through transmission wires to cities, towns and communities throughout Texas. It is the first time in our State that a plant of this kind has been built at the source of fuel supply, and is a project with broad vision, which for years has interested business men, scientists and engineers. The ultimate capacity of the plant will be 160,000 kilowatts, representing the equivalent of 214,477 horsepower.

## Building Program Looms Large.

The building program of Texas during 1925 looms large, probably larger than any year since the World War. Not only many cities but many towns and communities have been busy erecting business buildings, homes, churches, schools and colleges. Building permits for Dallas for the first ten months of the year totaled \$24,244,623; Houston, \$31,812,648; San Antonio, \$8,748,625; Fort Worth, \$8,268,563. In view of the wide-spread drought and its depressing effect, this extensive building program is significant and further shows how fundamentally sound is the economic structure of Texas.

Flood control work is under way in several Texas counties. The conservation of the great wealth of water in Texas is most urgent and a pressing need against droughts and devastating floods.

## To Advertise Texas Resources.

It is encouraging to note that some Texans have awakened to the unlimited natural resources of our State. A charter was recently granted to the Society for the Scientific Development of the Natural Resources of Texas, with headquarters at Dallas. This society has for its object the investigation and compilation of all the natural and industrial resources of Texas with a view to advertising these resources to the world at large and especially to Texas people. Strange as this statement may seem,

yet it is literally true, that Texans, as a whole, know very little about the developed and undeveloped resources of their State. When these resources are better known, all Texans undoubtedly will be better sold on their State and more enthusiastic about its future industrial development.

According to estimates made by the U. S. Census Bureau as of July 1, 1925, Texas now has a population of 5,097,754, an increase of nearly 80,000 during the fiscal year ending June 30, which is a gain of 395,000 in the last five years. Without looking into statistics, it is probably safe to assume that half of this population gain has been by immigration from other States. The hospitality of Texas is far-famed and partly accounts for her healthy growth in population.

The schools and colleges of Texas have made commendatory progress this year. Vocational training is carried on in 250 public schools—45 of these colored—although the greater part of the State fund for vocational training was vetoed in April by the Governor. It is estimated that 15,000 students graduated from the high schools of Texas this year. Among the State educational institutions, which have shown marked progress is the Texas Technological College at Lubbock. Students at this college now number over 900.

## Growth of Manufacturing.

Texas continues to grow apace in manufacturing, and is annually producing \$1,000,000,000 worth of manufactured products, according to G. M. Knebel who is an official of the State Manufacturers' Association.

The expansion of the textile industry in Texas during the two-year period just closing has placed this industry foremost in capital investment among the eighteen industrial groups of the State.

An event that thrilled all Texans with patriotic pride was the recent announcement that air mail service between Chicago, Fort Worth and Dallas would be in operation by April 1, 1926. Under the contract executed by the National Air Transport Co. with the Postmaster General, ten planes will be put

into service and daily deliveries of mail assured between Chicago and Texas points.

Exploitation and development of the potash deposits of West Texas is being supported by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. An appropriation by the Federal Government to aid this development is expected during the present session of Congress.

An issue which concerns every man and woman, especially the children, of Texas, is reforestation of our cut over lands. The Legislature made a small appropriation for this purpose but hardly enough to do much State-wide work. Purchases of land for reforestation have been made in the following counties: 1,700 acres in Newton County near Kirbyville, 1,600 acres in Montgomery County near Conroe, and also the A. & M. College has turned over to the Department of Forestry some 2,200 acres in Cherokee County. All these are cut-over lands containing a new growth of pine. Cutting down forests without replacement means famine prices for lumber in the very near future.

## Crude and Refined Oil.

The production of crude oil has become a fixed and permanent industry in Texas. Old wells continue to produce oil and new wells often assume gusher proportions. This has been an eventful and successful year for wildcatting. New oil fields have been discovered far from proven territory. Experienced operators believe that much greater oil fields are yet to be discovered in Texas. Last year Texas produced 111,373,000 barrels of crude oil. This year 139,350,822.93 barrels of oil have been reported from the Comptroller's Department.

Refining the crude oil is another fast growing industry. Texas, with 123 refineries of 531,780 barrels capacity, has more plants of this kind than any other State. California is second with 67 refineries and Oklahoma third with 96 refineries. Casinghead plants in Texas number 106, which produced in 1924 186,500,000 gallons of gasoline from natural gas.

Among the constructive things which marked the year of 1925, was the establishment of many game preserves

throughout the State. The conservation of wild life is both economic and thropic. It is to be hoped that the Game, Fish and Oyster Commission will continue the good work of land owners to set aside acre game preserves.

## Greater Interest in Farming.

Greater interest was manifested in farming and livestock than ever before in the history of the State. Not alone farmers but men seem to realize that more intensive study of soils, seeds, planting and cultivating are necessary and important. "More Cotton on Fewer Acres," to be supplemented with "More and Better Cotton on Fewer Acres." The market of Texas and the South are now glutted with low grade cotton. But farmers must be convinced when they longer and better staple cotton that will find a ready market and reach higher prices.

Poultry raising continues a big line in Texas. Poultry shows, held in many towns this year, were credit exhibits and well attended. Hatcheries big and small, have been established in great numbers all over the State. Poultry business now seems to be on a threshold of extraordinary expansion and development.

Texas breeders of pure-bred cashmere sheep and hogs have been shipping these animals to points in several States, including Cuba and Old Mexico. Texas pure-bred cattle have shown notable winnings recently at livestock shows in other States.

The fruit and truck industry, despite the drought, made a remarkable show this year. The East Texas tomato netted the growers over two million dollars, while the peach and berry crops this part of the State were good brought the growers fancy prices.

The citrus industry is now established in South Texas. A total of 3,446,716 citrus fruit trees were planted in the Rio Grande Valley for the year of 1925. Last year 512 carloads of fruit were shipped out of the State. This year it is estimated that at least 1,000 carloads will be shipped to markets and to markets in the East.

# The Spirit of Christmas-Giving

By LILA BELL SMITH

**IT WAS** yet a month until Christmas, but the sensitive soul of Ruth Dodge felt a tingling sense of happiness and joy, and she knew that it was the holiday spirit that had invaded the calm quiet of her existence.

Ruth was a simple farm girl, but she had an ambition quite above that of the average girl, and having finished school in the little country schoolhouse, she had come to town to complete her high school education. She helped with the work in Mrs. Pratt's household in payment for her board, but this work took very little of her time and she had no difficulty in leading her class at school. She had hitched her wagon to a star and she intended to keep her seat as long as possible.

Early one cold morning she was going along the streets of the little city to school. Bits of snow flew here and there in the air and men stood in small groups on the street corners with their coat collars turned up and their hands in their pockets, debating as to the probability of a big snow.

"This is just a forecast of what we'll have later," she heard an old man remark as she passed, and she smiled and wondered how he knew.

The stores were just opening, for it was yet early, and as she passed she saw clerks wipe the mist from the show windows and adjust the "open" signs on the doors.

## "Window Shopping."

Suddenly she drew up before a jewelry shop with an exclamation of surprised delight. There, nesting in its velvet lined case, she saw through the mist of the windows the thing she had wanted all her life—the one piece of jewelry she had always cared for—a beautiful string of creamy pearls! Only those persons who have known a similar desire for some bauble that has captivated their hearts can know how pleased she was, and how much she wanted it.

"Oh, if I only had those for Christmas! How pleased I would be!" she exclaimed as she gazed into the window.

"Going to school?" someone called from the street. "If you are, you had better stop window shopping and come on, or you'll be late."

She turned reluctantly from the window to the gay troupe of girls that had hailed her. They were daughters of eminent business men of the town, and on the way to school they talked of the presents they were going to receive.

"Mother went shopping yesterday afternoon, and when I asked her what she bought she refused to tell me," said Alice Johnson, the banker's daughter.

"I don't know what mother will get for me, but I am almost sure it will be one of those furs at Harley's. Have you

seen them, Ruth? They're dears!" exclaimed Lucille Patterson, who also had been favored by fortune.

## The Gift of Love.

"Yes, I have seen them, and I think they are very beautiful," replied Ruth in her quiet way, and her mind turned swiftly to the sweet little mother who was doing extra work at home in order that she might finish her education. There would be no costly gifts bestowed at her home on Christmas morning, for money was scarce, but well she knew that some dainty gift, full of the love of its giver, would gladden each heart at her home on Christmas day.

All day long she thought of those beautiful beads in the window, and on her way home from school, she decided that she would go in and ask the price. Not that she intended buying them, but that she might get another chance to look at them. As she entered, an old man approached her and she told him her errand. He turned with a pleasant smile, and taking the beads from the window, he placed them on the show case before her. Lifting them carefully from their velvet case, she asked their price.

"Only fifteen dollars!" the clerk replied in his soft, easy voice. "They are beauties for the price, are they not? Shall I wrap them for you?"

"No, thank you," she told him. "I only wished to know the price."

"What am I thinking of?" she asked herself as she walked up the street. "Of course I can't pay that much for a string of beads!" Further up the street she paused before a window in which gleamed a beautiful set of dishes.

"Wouldn't mother love to have those," she thought, "and she needs them, too! Why, they are fifteen dollars, also," she exclaimed, with some surprise as she noticed their price.

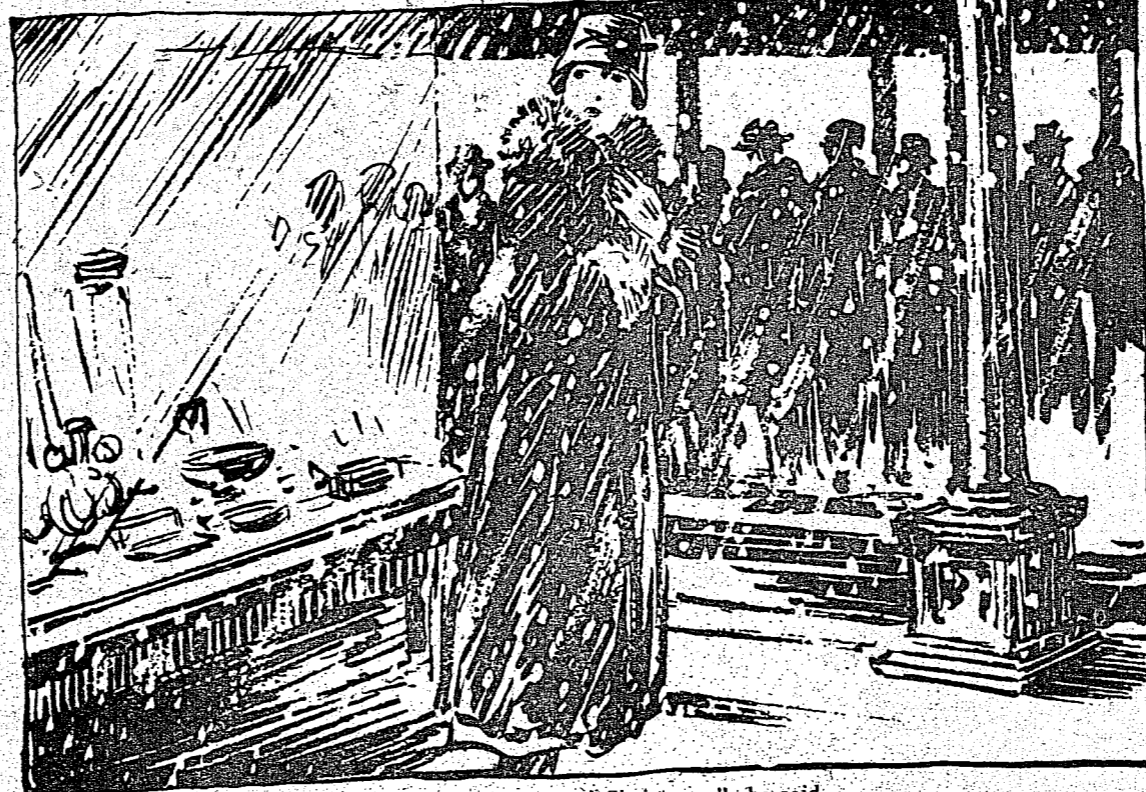
That night while she studied her school books, she often saw those beads instead of the printed page, and when she came into the kitchen early the next morning her eyes danced as she thought of the plan she had made.

"Mrs. Pratt," she began, "have you any extra work which I could do to earn some money?"

"Why child, I don't know what it would be! You hardly leave me anything to do myself!" exclaimed Mrs. Pratt.

"Then could you spare me in the afternoons, should I get work to do in town?" she asked.

"Of course I could," returned the kindly lady. "There is nothing to do in the afternoon. Where were you thinking of working?"



"I'll make this a real Christmas," she said.

"I hardly know, but I thought I might sell school supplies and toys at the drug store," said Ruth.

"Perhaps you could," said Mrs. Pratt, as she busied herself with preparing breakfast.

## Earning Christmas Money.

After Ruth had gone to school, Mrs. Pratt went to the telephone and called the drug store. In a few minutes she had found that they needed a clerk and she therefore recommended Ruth, but she insisted that Ruth be not told of her good fortune.

"We will take her on your recommendation," the drug store manager told Mrs. Pratt. And so when Ruth applied for the position that afternoon she was pleasantly surprised to find it so easy to obtain.

Each afternoon she worked, selling school supplies and toys to the happy children who came for them, and she enjoyed it to the utmost. Small, freckled faced boys loved to buy things from her because she took so much interest in their purchases and paid so much attention to them.

Each evening, as she walked home in the early twilight, she looked to see whether the beads were still nesting in their case in the window. One evening, Alice Johnson called to her from the jewelry store as she passed, and her heart sank when she saw why Alice had called her, for she was holding the pearls Ruth had set her heart upon. But to her great relief, Alice left without buying the pearls.

The weather had been so disagreeably cold and wet Ruth had not visited the home folks for some time, and when school turned out for the holidays, she wrote her father that she was working and would not be ready to come home until Christmas Eve.

At the weekend, three days before Christmas, when she received her pay, it had been doubled and she realized that she could then buy the long-coveted pearls. Going to the house quickly, she took her savings and returned to town.

It was late, but the stores were still busy with their Christmas trade. The lights of the street gleamed softly in the twilight, and the snow was whirling through the air. Suddenly she saw among the crowds of rich and poor that swarmed the street, a little boy and girl, walking hand in hand. Their feet were bare and their clothes were worn and thin. While she looked more intently, she saw the little boy take from his pocket a tiny toy; his eyes gleamed with Christmas joy as he gave it to the little girl. She was overcome with delight and, throwing her arms about his neck, hugged him close and kissed him tenderly. In a moment they had passed on down the street.

Ruth stopped, preoccupied by her

own thoughts. A troop of children pushed her aside as they rushed on, but she hardly saw them.

"That is the true Christmas spirit," she reflected—"the spirit of giving, of making others happy. I wonder how many persons realize this?"

## A Real Christmas.

Then, with a smile of joy she turned and walked slowly up the street. "I'll make this a real Christmas," she said, half aloud. She barely noticed the pearls still on display in the window as she passed the jewelry store.

"Pack those dishes for me, please," she said as she rushed in among the holiday crowd of shoppers. "Yes, I'll take them with me," she replied in answer to the clerk's question.

There was lightness in her step and an ineffable expression of joy on her face as she carried the heavy box to her room, placed it in the closet and locked the door.

Late that afternoon, while passing the jewelry store, she noticed that the pearls were gone from the window.

"I wanted them, all right," she said softly to herself, "but now I have something better."

On Christmas Eve her father came for her, and they drove home in the crisp air of the early December evening. It was a beautiful night, for the moon was rising over the snow and the stars twinkled brightly in the sky.

When Ruth and her father arrived home, Ruth's mother and her little sisters and brothers rushed forward to hug and kiss her.

"Oh! sis," little Jack cried, too enthused to hold his tongue longer, "come and see what mamma got you!"

"Yes, do," all the children cried in chorus as they pushed her into the house.

Her mother, smiling and happy, handed her a black leather case. It contained the pearls she had coveted.

"Oh, mother!" she cried as she threw her arms about her neck. "How can ever thank you enough?"

Then she hastily tore the lid from the box containing the dishes and pushed them gently toward her mother.

"Why Ruth!" exclaimed her mother, "those are the very dishes I have wished for! How sweet and good of you!"

But Ruth was busy distributing other gifts among the children and her father for she had learned that the true Christmas spirit is the spirit of giving and of making others happy.

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# Decorating for Christmas

By MRS. MARGARET STUTE

Happy are the hearts that have wandered far and that are now turning toward the "old home." Happy is mother, and dad—and all the rest. Happiest are the homes where the little tots are watching every minute for "Santa." What more will give cheer and welcome than a gaily decorated house? In the following article I am going to give you a few interesting hints on how to decorate the home with small expense.

Let us start at the front of the house and go from room to room, as I describe the decorations.

First of all, the front door must bid us welcome. There must be a bell, holly wreath or the smiling face of Santa. If possible, it is nice to buy one and, by giving it good care, your decoration can be used for several years; and since the family do not see it for a whole year, it is always new. If you want to make a very dainty bell, it is done in the following manner: Double a strip of crepe paper 10 inches by 8 inches lengthwise through the center. Paste short double ends together. Make a tongue by fastening a small ball of crepe paper to one end of a fine wire as long as the bell is deep. Wind a narrow strip of crepe paper around the wire.

With the fold for the bottom, gather the top of the bell, enclosing the wire tongue and fasten with a wire. Stretch top and bottom to a bell shape. Tie at the top with fancy Christmas ribbon.

If you live in a country where there are plenty of evergreens, you are fortunate in having at hand the best material for decorations of hall and living room. Branches cut from the trees and placed over the doors, hanging lamps, etc., are very effective if decorated with "paper moss." Paper moss is very easy to make and if removed carefully it can be used for years. It is made like this: Cut a fold of crepe tissue paper or any soft paper into long, very narrow strips. They are easy to cut if folded several times and the several thicknesses cut in narrow strips at once. You can use white to resemble snow and colored to lend gaiety. "Moss" can be used on the tree as well.

After the hallway, comes the connecting door with the living room, and here we have the best place for decorations. (This idea may be used between the living room and dining room door as well.) Cut a strip of red crepe paper and one of green each about four inches wide and two feet longer than the door is wide. Twist each one several times and then twist together, making it look like a rope. Drape from one upper corner to the other, letting it sag a little in the middle. Tack lightly at the ends and cover with paper bows. Cut strips of green paper, one for the middle about eight to ten inches long, and then two the same length but a little longer than the middle one, and then two more a little longer, etc., until you have enough strips to go across the doorway, hanging from the twisted crepe rope above. Pin these strips in place so the pin will not show. On the other end pin a poinsettia made by cutting red, flat crepe paper in the sizes as follows:

Use red crepe paper and cut, 2 petals  $3\frac{3}{8}$  inches long and  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches wide; 4 petals  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches long and  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inches wide; 7 petals  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches long and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide. Paste a thin, stiff piece of wire through the center of each petal, leaving a projecting end of wire at the end. Make centers of small rolled yellow paper with a short piece of wire attached to the lower end of ball. Use 3 or 5 centers, attach all the wire ends to one end of a stiff, rather heavy wire to use as a stem. Arrange the petals around the center (wire on the outside), fastening the projecting wire of the petal around and under the centers. Cut leaves out of green paper, stiffened with wire same as petals, and wrap the projecting end of wire under the green paper with which you wrap the stem.

The mention of mistletoe reminds me that it must play a part in the decorations. "The more the merrier," the boys' guests will say.

Decorations of the table are too numerous to describe in detail, but I am going to briefly offer a few suggestions: A table runner of crepe paper can be used with good effect, and also many times will save a spot from fine linens. Cut ten or twelve inches longer than the table. Trim at the end with fringed paper that is made by cutting a fold of paper into length required for fringe. Paste carefully on the runner end.

Decorate with Santa faces, holly, etc., cut from magazines and newspapers.

The Santa on the front page of this newspaper will serve for an ideal decoration. Another suggestion for use of this front page picture is to cut out carefully, lay on a piece of stiff paper or cardboard, draw the outline of the figure, cut this out just inside the line so it will be a little smaller; paste the Santa on the cardboard and it will be more attractive. Narrow strips of crepe paper strung over the table is pretty. Realistic snow balls can be made by wadding a piece of white into a ball and then binding with many strips of narrow paper pasted at the ends. Colored candles are pretty. Natural flowers are the prettiest of all, especially if autumn leaves and evergreens are used as well.

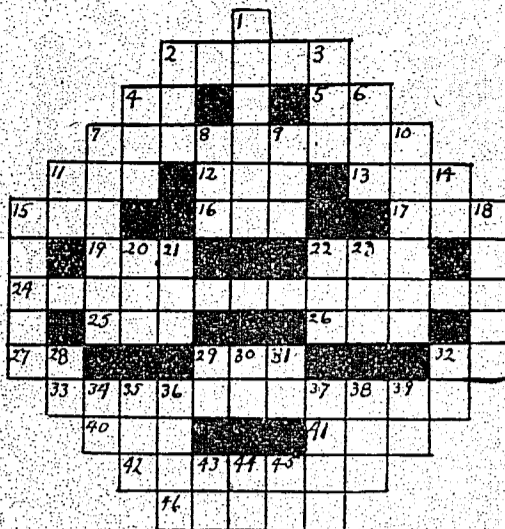
Now, last of all, I am going to suggest something that will add a very home-like touch; if you do not have a real fireplace, why not make one? It is simple. Select two boxes of the same height, stand on end two and a half or three feet apart. Lay a board across the top of the two boxes and then lay two boxes on their side, making the ends even with the outer edges of the lower boxes. Fill the space between with a box or cardboard of the two lower boxes place a board of same height. It is best to have them backed against a wall or across a corner. Now, cover with paper that will look like bricks, or plain red paper and mark off the "brick" with white chalk. It is best to paste on the boxes. For the mantel, cover a board with white paper and put it on top. If used in a corner, Santa could be hidden with the toys behind it and let him appear at the appropriate time. If you are to have a Christmas tree with tinsel, moss, apples, oranges and nuts, nearby you can hang your stockings in the improvised fireplace.

All of the things described here can be purchased at your local stores for a little less than four dollars.

I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas.

# RADIO NEWS

By DAVID J. MORRIS



- ACROSS.
- Storage Battery.
  - Joyous.
  - On Account (abbr.).
  - Alternating Current.
  - The 25th of December.
  - Short for Thomas.
  - Amy D shaped object.
  - Decade.
  - Thigh of a hog.
  - Connecting conjunction.
  - At this time.
  - Large snake.
  - A cushion.
  - Four words said on January 1st.
  - Golf balls are put on.
  - Territory (abbr.).
  - Preposition.
  - To strike gently.
  - Belonging to me.
  - What this is you are working.
  - Factor is sometimes called.
  - The finish.
  - Opposite of dross.
  - Lariat.
- DOWN.
- Past participle of arise.
  - To scratch.
  - Sweet potato.
  - Rheostat unit of resistance.
  - Tree mouse trap.
  - The fight.
  - Girl's name.
  - To spread new mown hay for drying.
  - One who sends.
  - Tantalum (abbr.).
  - Negative answer.
  - The blood purifier.
  - What we do when we think we have left the radio on.
  - Point of origin.
  - A monkey.
  - Pennyweight (abbr.).
  - Yes, as said by congress in voting.
  - Alternation.
  - Large river in Italy.
  - Associated Press (abbr.).
  - Trade Union (abbr.).
  - Myself.
  - Advertisement (abbr.).
  - Jackdaw.
  - Heathens worship.
  - Nothing.
  - Zinc (abbr.) plus s.
  - Lady Day (abbr.).
  - Radium (abbr.).
  - Kansas (abbr.).
  - Eastern Stars (abbr.).

## CROSS-WORD PUZZLE PRIZE CONTEST

Mr. David J. Morris, who edits the "Radio News" department for this and 100 other newspapers in Texas and Oklahoma, is offering eighteen prizes, consisting of radios and radio parts, to persons who successfully work out the eighteen best answers to the above CROSS-WORD PUZZLE. The contest is open to all readers of the 100 newspapers, including our own newspaper, and the total value of the prizes amounts to \$400. One of the prizes is a six-tube set, minus tubes and batteries, valued at \$160.00.

This puzzle is more interesting than the usual cross-word puzzle because of the fact that it deals with both Christmas and radio words and has a message which only can be read when the puzzle is almost complete. If you get the message then the puzzle should be worked out easily and correctly. Here is a fine opportunity to get a radio set or parts without cost.

Answers must be mailed to the editor of the "Radio News" department on or before December 31st. Address all answers to David J. Morris, Box 838, Austin, Texas.

## RULES GOVERNING THE CONTEST.

- This contest is open to every reader of this newspaper as well as the readers of 100 other newspapers in Texas and Oklahoma.
- Neatness counts as well as correctness.
- Be sure to give answers to numbers correct as regarding ACROSS and DOWN, otherwise your answer will be wrong.
- All answers must be sent to the radio editor by January 1, 1929; no answers bearing postoffice date later than this date will be considered.
- Only one answer is allowed from one person. Different persons in the same family may submit answers.
- In case there is a tie in the contest, the radio editor will send to the persons who have tied a subject on which they must write. After the contestant has written to his or her best ability on the subject assigned, then the manuscript must be forwarded to the radio editor, who reads the manuscript carefully and awards the prize to the best writer.
- All prizes are sent to winners direct from donors, and information as to prize winners will be sent them at once after the results are known.
- All winners' names will be published in the January radio department of this newspaper.

Below are the list of prizes and (Continued on Page 7.)

## RADIO AGENTS WANTED

5 Tube Demonstrator FREE!  
Earn \$25 to \$100 a week, part or full time. Everyone a prospect. Complete line standard sets and accessories \$25 to \$200. Write today for illustrated catalog and exclusive selling plan for live dealers and community agents. WESTINGHOUSE RADIO Dept. 1841 Cooca Cola Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.

## Hear Music 1500 Mi. Away

Complete Outfit—SAVE 50%  
Westinghouse Radios receive concert from coast to coast with enough volume to fill your home with music. So simple that children operate it as well as grown-ups. Westinghouse are the most efficient and powerful sets made. You save money buying direct from manufacturer.  
**Hear World's Best Artists—Free**  
Stations in all parts of the country broadcast entertainment, music, speaking and news, all the time.  
**Market Reports—Farm Value**  
are broadcast several times daily. Money value of farm market reports will make you say for your radio set.  
Do not buy anything in radio until you get our latest booklet, sent on request. It tells all the various types of radio. All types in beautiful color illustrations at no extra charge.  
3 Tube \$49.60  
5 Tube \$29.40  
Also low prices on Monitors  
**Agents Wanted—Buy At Cost**  
Big profits in radio, everyone wants a set. You can make \$25 to \$100 weekly in spare time. Each customer makes a sale. No competition, we have lowest prices. Write for complete information, agent's price list. You buy all accessories at ladder discount. Send today for catalog and sample set.  
**WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC CO.**  
Dept. 1702 1781 Belmont Ave., Chicago, Ill.

# Texas' Festive Greenery

All nature is radiant in Texas at the Christmas season. In the eastern part of the State, holly trees and native pines are in their glory, while throughout the entire State, wherever there are forest trees, the tops are clad with the mistletoe. The sight of this festive greenery amid surroundings of fallen leaves and barren trees, proclaims to the world that Christmas time is here.

To some persons, the mistletoe and the holly, the pine and the cedar trees, mean only extra money for Christmas, for there are men and boys who care, fully prune the holly and risk their lives by climbing the big trees to get the choicest mistletoe. Buyers have contracted months ahead for great quantities of evergreens and holly to be shipped to the larger towns and cities of this and other States, where it is tied in bundles and sold to Christmas shoppers.

The little pearl-white berry of the mistletoe, nestling in its bower of green, the waxy texture of the bristling-toothed holly leaves and ivy, lend a festive air and give cheer to all the world where Christmas is known and observed. The holly is our Holy Tree, and no other tree is so fitted to commemorate the birth of the Saviour.

## CAREFUL WRAPPING.

Careful wrapping and tying of Christmas mail is a big essential. If you get your packages into the mail early they will go through in better shape, for it is the weight of hundreds of pounds of mail upon your gifts that crushes and ruins. Thus, it can be seen, you should "Mail Early," if for no other reason than a selfish one. And use strong twine in tying packages. Fancy ribbon looks pretty, but breaks under strain.

CYLINDER GRINDING  
CRANK SHAFT GRINDING  
**JNO. MULLER**  
AUTO WORKS  
LET US DUCO YOUR CAR  
FORT WORTH, TEXAS  
3d and Throckmorton Sts.

# 5 TUBE Radio Now \$59.85 Only

LOUD SPEAKER—BATTERIES—TUBES—AERIAL—COMPLETE

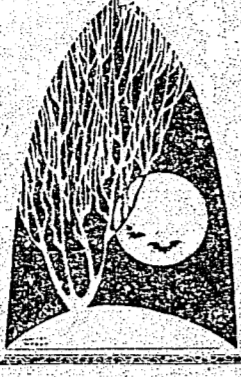
## COAST TO COAST RANGE

Here's an offer that sets a new record in radio—an offer that gives the "voice of the world" to everybody! The radio value of a lifetime! A 5-tube Radio Receiving Set of high receptive qualities and fine workmanship throughout—complete with loud speaker, full set of batteries including Storage Battery, extra quality tubes, full aerial equipment—all set you would expect to pay \$150 to \$200 for. Modern to the minute. Volume production and volume sales enable us to sell it at this tremendously low price.  
**Full Directions** With each set comes full directions for installing and operating—all in one book. The day you get the set you can tune in on New York, San Francisco and intermediate stations. Remember—it's all complete—no equipment to buy.  
**Money-Back Guarantee** We sell this beautiful set with full equipment on a strict basis of satisfaction. You money back without question if it does not meet all our claims and give full satisfaction. You take no chances—risk nothing! We know it will please you just as it is pleasing thousands.  
**SEND NO MONEY** Know just what you are getting before you spend a penny. We ship C. O. D. subject to your approval. Ask your dealer for this great Radio Value—a value unequalled! If he cannot supply you—order direct. We will see that your order is shipped promptly. Act Today!  
**DEALERS—Write for Monthly Catalog.**  
**TREGO RADIO MANUFACTURING CO.**  
Manufacturers and Wholesale Distributors  
1474 CHESTNUT STREET KANSAS CITY, MO.

# Something Different

By MRS. SANTA CLAUS

THE other night Mr. Santa and I were talking over our plans for Christmas and he said to me, "Can't you think of something different this year to give our friends that will cost a little less and be more personal?" This set me to thinking, and after considering many plans, I finally thought of a lovely one, and I want to tell you about it. I didn't have much time to get things ready, I had to plan everything very quickly so as to make every minute count. Here are some of the things I am going to give:



I have several friends who do not keep house, or who, at least, do very light housekeeping, so I decided that they would enjoy something from my kitchen. I shopped around a little and I found some of the most adorable baskets and tin boxes that could be very easily painted and decorated. These I planned to make serve two purposes, first to carry my gifts, and secondly to serve as a handy basket about the household. There are many wicker baskets that can be purchased for a little sum. To paint these, buy a small can of enamel the color you desire and give one or two coats, just as you wish. Be careful to get the paint on smooth and all over. Add a little turpentine to the paint and it will go on more even. Decorate in colors, if you can, or tie a pretty ribbon on the top of a harmonizing color. Line the inside with tissue paper that is puffed up to look like padding and then cover this with oiled paper or, better still, wrap the "gifts from the kitchen" in colored oil paper. Some might like to use colored tissue paper and white oiled paper. There are pretty tin boxes, used as advertisements, that can be made over into very useful and lovely gifts. If there is any paper pasted on them, remove it with warm water and soap. Dry very carefully. Give them a coat of flat paint that is used as base for enamel. Smooth on well. Let set for twenty-four hours and then sand very lightly all the rough spots and wipe off with a clean cloth. To finish, give one or two coats of enamel the desired color. Cut a pretty picture much smaller than the top of the box and paste this on the top.

Do not paste the picture on until the enamel is thoroughly dry. As soon as you have the picture on, shellac over the picture and whole box, being very careful not to move the picture. It is very pretty to gild the inside with gold paint and then wrap the gifts in oiled paper. There are many more designs that will be suggested as you work, and you will be surprised what lovely things you can make around home.

Now I want to tell you a few of the things I prepared with which to "fill them up."

Since almost everyone has a sweet tooth, I headed my list with delicious candies that were easy to make and yet were a little out of the ordinary. The first candy I made was called "BUTTERFLY WINGS" and it fairly melted in your mouth. Here is the recipe: Mix well two cups of granulated sugar and one cup of fresh buttermilk. Boil over a slow fire until the mixture forms a soft ball in cold water. Do not stir. Place the pan in cool water, then add three-fourths of a cup of finely chopped nuts and two tablespoons of butter; beat until creamy. Turn out on a buttered plate, mark off in squares and let cool.

The next candy I made I called "MY OWN." It is made as follows: Mix well two cups of brown sugar and one cup of thin cream; cook over a slow fire. Do not stir while cooking; cook slowly until it forms a soft ball in cold water. Remove from the fire and let cool. Then add one-fourth teaspoon of ground ginger, two tablespoons of butter, one teaspoon of vanilla and one-half cup of chopped nuts. Beat the candy until smooth, spread on a buttered plate, cut into desired shape and let cool.

There is one more Christmas candy that I want to tell you about, and I wager you will say it is the best you have ever tasted. Besides, you can have a lot of fun preparing it, with the family assisting or looking on. To make this UNUSUAL CANDY, proceed as follows: Boil two cups of sugar and one-third cup pure corn syrup, two-thirds cup of water, one cup of molasses and two tablespoons of butter; boil rapidly until when dropped in cold water, it forms a brittle piece. During the last few minutes of the cooking, stir constantly. When done, pour on a buttered platter and pour over the top of this four ounces of melted chocolate. As the candy begins to cool, fold the outer edges toward the center. Continue this until the candy is cool enough to pull. When the candy is thoroughly pulled, break in short lengths and cool, or wrap in oiled paper.

I have in mind a friend who dearly loves dates, so I am going to fix her some in a very unusual way. This is how they are prepared: Remove the seeds and fill with halves of nuts, or pieces of candied orange, citron, ginger,

lemon or pineapple, and press the date into shape. Have ready a supply of chocolate that has been melted in the top of a very small double boiler, or in a heavy glass set in hot water. Drop one date at a time into the chocolate, push below the surface and then lift out with a fork and lay on oiled paper. If you have ready some very finely chopped coconut, sprinkle it lightly over them before the chocolate hardens. It is delicious.

I want to tell you how to make a good cake that will keep well before I tell you how to make some other very pretty things. It is called MOCK FRUIT CAKE. Cream well two cups of sugar and one and one-fourth cups of butter. Add to this alternately eight well beaten egg yolks and three cups of sifted flour to which have been added one-half teaspoon of cinnamon and 8 level teaspoons of baking powder; also add one teaspoon of vanilla flavoring. Mix another cup of flour with six ounces each: Finely chopped candied orange and lemon rind, also one-half pound of citron and three-fourths pound of chopped pecans. Combine with the first mixture and then fold in the stiffly beaten egg whites and bake in a very slow oven for three or four hours in a pan that has been thoroughly greased and floured. This will make one very large cake, or two small ones.

There are many more unusual things that can be made to fill your pretty box or basket, such as candy dolls made out of "all-day suckers" dressed in tissue paper dresses and the faces made with dots for the eyes, nose and mouth with vegetable coloring or chocolate. There are delicious nut breads and many kinds of cake. You will have a double satisfaction in these gifts, mainly because of the personal touch that means so much; also you are giving something lovely that costs very little.

Pack your boxes with care, wrapping each article by itself and place on the top a piece of oiled paper the shape of the box, and also an artificial flower, or a Christmas card. Tie with holly ribbon and your gift will be complete.

In olden days the gift of dainty foods was the greatest tribute that could be paid a friend. And so it is today—a tribute of love and lasting affection to any one of our friends. There is nothing that carries a warmer message of good cheer.

If going through the shops, there are many unusual things that are partly finished and are sold with instructions as just how to complete them. There are pretty pieces of pottery ready to paint that do not take much skill to make into something lovely. But after I had surveyed all of my pretty baskets of candy and cake, which could also serve as sewing baskets, and be used in a thousand other ways, I was satisfied that Mr. Santa would approve my selections. He did approve, and if you could have heard his extravagant praises you would know that I was pleased and happy.

**OLD MEMORIES AWAKEN.** I should like to be photographed on Christmas Day. Then I could look pleasant without being asked to. It is all so easy then. There is something about Christmas Day which removes all barriers and distinctions and creeds, and softens all sorrows and hurts and disappointments. If we have grudges, we forget them temporarily. Even to the people we do not like we will not be disagreeable at Christmas. The day awakens old memories and sweetens them. Even when it is a sad day, it is lovelier than other days. The old hurts are reopened, it is true, but with a tenderness and sweetness that are lacking throughout the year.—Edgar Guest.

## The Bethlehem Star in the Pines

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and in after years they sent some great citizens out to take part in the financial and political affairs of our State. The descendants of some of those men who participated in that Christmas gathering on the Neches river, at the old log house, sixty years ago, have held positions with the higher courts of Texas, have served in Congress and sat in the governor's chair at Austin.

Our State has advanced wonderfully. We have conveniences and luxuries not dreamed of in the earlier years. We have riches beyond the hopes of any of the older generation, who slept upon beds made out of the timber that grew at their doors and who tilled their fields with plows of their own fashioning. But the Christmas spirit was in the piney woods, and it was in the old log house down on the Neches river that night of long ago.

Real love in our hearts and a sympathetic understanding of those whom we wish to remember will turn the season into one of real joy and the Christmas of childhood will come back to us.



## FARMS AND RANCHES

**TEXAS**  
**GLEN ROSE, SOMERVELL COUNTY.** Famous health resort, with its wonderful mineral wells, is only 20 minutes' ride from an extra well improved 615-acre stock farm. 1000 head of choice Texas Longhorn cattle, 500 head of dairy cattle (which pay extremely well), also dairymen, truck fruit and poultry raising, with unfailing market. Good residence and outbuildings, two artificial wells and windmills, sheep-proof fence, irrigation possibilities. Nonresident owners will take 2 1/2% cash, which hardly pays for improvement; \$2,500 to \$3,000 cash balance easy, 5 and 7 per cent. No trade. All descriptions from H. H. BRYANT & CO., Realtors, Fort Worth, Texas. Please mention this paper.

**PLAINS LAND.** The best grade in this section at \$100.00 to \$150.00. M. D. Baker, County Surveyor, Hartley, Texas.

**GOOD CROPS IN JACKSON COUNTY.** Choice lands, reasonable, easy terms. Write Otto Redeker, Vanderbilt, Texas.

**577 ACRES** improved, excellent land, all tillable, 230 acres in cultivation. Fine crops, seven miles northwest of Beech Grove, \$35.00 per acre, 4 cash, liberal terms; low interest, no trade. E. L. Frost, Sweetwater, Texas.

**FOR SALE.** Great bargains in farm homes. We have thousands of acres of private lands improved and unimproved, from 120 to 2000 acres, at \$12.50 to \$50.00 per acre, easy terms in the great diversified farming belt of the South Plains. We have also a large tract of all the grain sorghums grow to perfection. See or write to us now while the greatest opportunity of your life is open at your door. W. H. JARRELL & SON, Farwell, Parmer County, Texas.

**CHOICE SECTION** Oklahoma county, 50 acres divided into 2000 lots, 12 years. C. S. Padgett, Brownfield, Texas.

**FOR SALE** by owner—82 acres Hopkins County, Texas, all tillable, 19 acres timber, buildings carry \$750.00, new corn seed, milch cow, spring, priced to sell \$75.00 per acre. Terms. Drawer A, Oswego, Kansas.

**FOR SALE** by owner—82 acres Hill County, Texas, 50 acres tillable, balance upland, 50 acres tillable, buildings, 3 miles southwest of Hillsboro, priced at \$102.00 per acre. Terms. Drawer A, Oswego, Kansas.

**BUY A FARM** in a sure moisture locality. Many farmers in Liberty County made a hole in their pocket. Write D. H. HOWELL, \$125.00 to \$50.00 per acre on terms. N. W. MURPHY, Eiberts, Texas. Lands and Oil Parks, Texas.

**JONES COUNTY** farm for sale. 107 1/2 acres, 3 mi. N. E. of Hawley; 30 acres in cultivation. Sandy land, \$30 per acre; 8500 cash, balance easy. W. Homer Shanko, Clarksburg, Texas.

**FOR SALE.** All or part 4 blocks of land, 269, 273, 300, 340 acres; all plowing; well fenced and watered; good cotton and corn land. The best bargain in this part of Shackelford County; on main line, 6 miles east of Albany, Texas, 1/2 mi. from A. A. Kendrick, Albany, Texas.

**SOUTH TEXAS BLACK PRAIRIE LAND.** Very fertile and productive, especially adapted for cotton and staple crops; soil rich, sandy, deep, and building sub divided and being colonized; reasonable price, easy terms. Plentiful rainfall for growing crops. Write W. H. HARRIS, 215 Gunter Bldg., San Antonio, Texas.

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**FOR Producing Fig Farms.** Thoroughly drained and irrigated, at \$75.00 an acre, 10% cash, and balance on easy terms. Write C. T. HEISIG, sole owner, Beaumont, Texas.

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**CLYDE APPLE LAND IN BEAUTIFUL SUNSET ACRES.** 100-acre tract, \$750; \$250 cash, balance easy. Famous Fruit and Vegetable Belt, crop every year. Delicious apples made each year. Write W. H. HOMER SHANKO, Clyde, Texas.

## FARMS AND RANCHES

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**"SOUTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA."** ARE YOU thinking of changing your location? If you are, Southwestern Oklahoma offers splendid opportunities. The value of the farm products in thirteen counties in Southwestern Oklahoma in 1924 were more than any other thirteen contiguous counties in the United States. In 1924 some farmers raised crops, the value of which exceeded the price of the land on which they were grown. Our land is cheap, and can be bought on easy terms. If you are thinking of moving, write W. Eastman, Secretary, SOUTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, Lawton, Oklahoma.

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**243 ACRES** of new improved sandy, and chocolate loam soil, the sale per acre kind, suitable for general farming. On gravel highway, near good schools and markets; at a bargain. If interested write R. B. BOGGS, Baskin, La.

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**FARM WHERE YOU DON'T WAIT FOR RAIN.** Wonderful opportunities offered on a 100-acre farm in a wide awake highly developed community with good churches, good schools, good roads, delightful climate, good climate. Population 9000. Conditions ideal for profitable production of cotton, alfalfa, fruit and vegetables. Good returns as high as \$150 per acre from cotton this year. Rental farms all taken, but opportunity to buy at from \$15 per acre, well in advance. Write for description and prices. Chamber of Commerce, Box 692, Roswell, New Mexico.

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**150 ACRES** about 40 miles west from Clovis, N. M.; 158 acres in western part of Jack County, one or both to exchange for larger tract of land. Owner, Box 658, Seymour, Texas.

**A BARGAIN** \$2,000 cash will handle 120 acres in San Juan County, New Mexico. Write No. 245 Farmington, New Mexico.

**IRRIGATED Cotton Farms.** Wells Powell Realty Co., Mesilla Park, N. M., or 412 Two Republics Bldg., El Paso, Texas.

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**40 ACRES, \$500.** Improved, good soil, 3 miles from town, near highway. Baker Land Co., Mountain Home, Ark.

**SALE.** Sixty-acre farm in the Ozarks of Arkansas, near shipping point. A. F. STEWART, Mountain Home, Arkansas.

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**FARMS FOR SALE.** Good soil and climate, healthful, well watered, and building. Abundant water, low prices, light taxes, developing country. S. K. DUNCAN, Waldron, Arkansas.

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**THE FARM LAND BULLETIN**, carrying information on the sale of Georgia farms for sale, wanted or rent can be had by writing the STATE BUREAU OF MARKETS, State Building, Atlanta, Ga.

**KANSAS**  
**FOR SALE.** Farm, 233 acres, Nemaha County, bargain. In Herald, Sabetha, Kansas.

**MISSOURI**  
**400 ACRES**, well improved, close to school, market, etc. \$10,000, terms. W. L. Berkery, Ava, Mo.

**STOP! Listen!** 40-acre improved farm, \$800; easy terms; 4-room house; other improvements. Write for price and terms. Two good A grade dairy farms for sale; on State Highway. H. A. ANTONI, Pleasant Hill, Mo.

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**SACRIFICED TWO MISSISSIPPI FARMS.** Famous prairie belt. Land level gently sloping. Fertile soil. Good crops. Wm. McLeod, Brooksville, Mississippi.

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**FOR SALE.** By owner. Stock shoes and tools. Furnishings, McAllen, Texas. Also forty acres irrigated land, three miles from McAllen. Seventy bearing citrus trees. Must sell one or the other, prefer selling the business. Box 847, McAllen, Texas.

**FOR SALE.** Nice 5-chair barber shop, doing good business; best located in town. Reason for selling: other business. G. L. Forester, Seymour, Texas.

**FOR SALE.** Gents' wear and tailor shop in prosperous Western town, in brick building, no junk; \$4,000 will handle. Don't miss. Write for cash at a bargain. Good crop. J. G. WALDROP, Quitaque, Texas.

**FOR SALE.** Laundry plant and business, because of other investments. Address San Marcos Laundry Co., San Marcos, Texas.

**FOR SALE.** General merchandise store; good location; good sales; also house and lot. J. W. Martin, Steedman, Okla.

**WE HAVE TO SELL.** All kinds of business places in your town. Also wanting to be in any city or town you want to go to. Write for cash at a bargain. UNITED BUSINESS BROKERS, 803 Praetorian Building, Dallas, Texas.

**FOR SALE.** Furnished sixteen room, private rooming house, 7 1/2 blocks of Main street, Shawnee; \$1,000 will handle; balance \$60 month; income now \$130 month. 222 North Market, Shawnee, Okla.

**FOR SALE.** The best up-to-date rooming house with lots and furnishings complete. Is full every night; located in the thriving city of Elk City. Good opportunity for a hotel man. Selling man, J. N. COOK, Elk City, Okla.

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**COTTON SEED.** McKamey Special, Client Superior and Lone Star. Big cotton. Write McKamey, Dallas, Texas. Long staple, particulars furnished. FRUIT, Fruit Cotton Seed—Breeder. Ask your neighbor what cotton is doing this year. It takes a seed to weed them out. All seed grown by us has been certified by the State Inspector; \$2.75 per bushel. TRUITT, Fruit Cotton Seed Co., Dallas, Texas.

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Exquisitely mounted Diamond Rings \$15.00 to \$500. The fine Bulovia Bracelet Watches will please you, \$25.00 on up to the diamond and platinum \$110. Beautiful Diamond Bar Pins from \$10 to \$250. A thousand other beautiful articles of lifetime wear 50c and up. Call, write or wire, we will be at your service.  
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**LAST CALL  
For Christmas Shopping**

Our stock of Holiday Goods is still complete in most lines and we are getting new goods by express every day to keep our stock up for the buyers who have been delayed in buying until the last few days.

**FOR THE HOUSE WIFE WE HAVE—**  
Congeoleum Rugs, Aluminum Ware, Salad Bowls, Vases, Candle Sticks.

**FOR THE MAN OF THE HOUSE—**  
Rocket Knives, Safety Razors, Shaving Sets, Combs, Brushes, etc.

**FOR THE CHILDREN: WELL—**  
We have too many toys to mention.

Remember we have the best line of Christmas Candies that we have ever had. Also Sparklers, toy pistols and everything for the Christmas Stockings.

We wish to call special attention to our line of Dolls, both as to **QUALITY** and **PRICE**. We challenge competition on this line.

Plenty of clerks to wait on you.  
Come and see us.

**Blue Racket Store**

**New Laws for Adoption  
by the State Legislature**

There are 135,000 Texas laws. No one knows all of them, wants to know all of them or has need to carry such a load.

But when the Thirty-ninth Legislature meets in January it is going to pass more laws, some of them of great importance. More than 40 bills of general interest are planned, some of them calling for radical changes, but 40 is a small figure in comparison to the usual number of laws enacted.

Although during the Democratic primary campaigns last summer various candidates on the stump jabbed at the habit of choking the hopper with bills; although they frantically cried for less laws, hope that the Thirty-ninth Legislature will assemble, pass the appropriation bills and go home has been shattered.

All of the proposed laws on which apparently there not only is a general agreement but for which Legislators say they will present bills:

1. Providing for a big reduction in the automobile tax.
2. Modifying the primary election law.
3. Making the school entrance age 6 instead of 7.
4. Increasing the tax on gasoline.
5. Making each county an independent school district.
6. Increasing the per capita tax for public schools.
7. Consolidating or abolishing several state boards and commissions.
8. Prohibiting drug stores from issuing liquor prescriptions.
9. Printing of textbooks in Texas.
10. Repeal of the "open port law."
11. Requiring registration of secret society membership and forbidden wearing of masks.

But these 11 proposals do not tell the whole story. Bills likely will be introduced, according to legislator's plans, to strengthen the "hot check" statute, to repeal the law denying James E. Ferguson the right to run for state office, to sell the Legion Hospital at Kerrville, providing a tax on cigarets for the benefit of schools, to increase the number of supreme and criminal appeals court judges, to enlarge asylums for the insane, to allow only rural citizens to vote for county superintendent of public instruction, to repeal the suspended sentence law, to make the bank guarantee law optional with all banks, to oppose tax free bonds, to impeach officers who fail to enforce the law, to change method of appointment of college regents, three by the Governor, three by the faculty and three by the alumni; to assist irrigation projects, to provide more junior colleges.

Many of the proposed laws are of a Fergusonian nature, laws which he indorsed while touring the State in the gubernatorial campaign in behalf of his wife. He may be compelled to modify his views, especially on consolidation or abolishment of state departments for pressure is being brought to bear already to retain several, especially the Livestock Sanitary Commission, which the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association wants to see continued.

Honesty is not the best policy—it is the only policy that gets results.

**Simple Mixture for  
Gas on Stomach**

Simple buckthorn bark, magnesium sulph. c. p., glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adlerika, helps any case gas on the stomach, unless due to deep-seated causes. The pleasant and QUICK action will surprise you. Because Adlerika is such an excellent intestinal evacuant it is wonderful for constipation—it often works in one hour and never gripes.—Corner Drug Co.

Do your shopping now.

**ORDINANCE NO. 71**

An ordinance amending 4 and 5 and repealing section 6 of article 5, Ordinance No. 59 of the ordinances of the City of Santa Anna, and changing the manner of parking automobiles, motor vehicles, or other vehicles including animals on the streets of Santa Anna, Texas.

Be it ordained by the Board of City Commissioners of the city of Santa Anna:

That Section 4 of Article 5 of Ordinance No. 59 of the city of Santa Anna be amended as follows, to-wit:

By striking out "provided that if said vehicle is standing still or parked it may turn to the left and proceed to the intersection of another street and turn or continue as desired" so that said section 4 when amended shall read as follows:

Section 4. No vehicle shall turn around in any street between the intersection of two other streets but shall go on to the intersection before turning or attempting to turn and observe the rules in turning as herein before set out.

That section 5 of Article 5 of Ordinance No. 59 of the City of Santa Anna be amended as follows to-wit:

By striking out all of section 5 and adding in lieu thereof the following, so that said section 5 when amended shall read as follows:

Section 5. Hereafter it shall be unlawful to park or leave standing any automobile, motor vehicle or other vehicle and including animals on any street or avenue within the corporate limits of the city of Santa Anna unless such automobile, motor vehicle or other vehicle or animal is parked or left standing with the right hand side of such vehicle toward the curb so that it forms a 45 degree angle with the curb but not otherwise.

That section 6 of Article 5 of Ordinance No. 59 of the City of Santa Anna, be and same is hereby repealed.

That fact there is no provision in the ordinances of the City of Santa Anna sufficiently governing the parking of automobiles motor vehicles, or other vehicles and including animals on the streets and avenues of the City of Santa Anna creates an emergency and demands that all rules requiring ordinances to be read and referred to a committee be suspended and that this ordinance be accorded upon its passage and same is accordingly done.

Enacted this 13th day of December A. D. 1924, and approved same day.  
W. E. BAXTER, Mayor,  
City of Santa Anna, Texas.



You will find a nice assortment of  
Fresh Christmas Candies, Cigars and Cigaretts in Christmas packages, Eastman Kodaks and supplies. Look at our Smoking Stands before you buy.

Our drinks are always of the highest quality.

We give you service at  
**Turner's Confectionary**

*Christmas Greetings*

**HE PAYS TO BE HONEST** turned by the employe, he was immediately discharged by the company.  
Recently the American Telephone and Telegraph Company was advised by the United States District Attorney that an employe had received \$3,000 for showing favoritism in the Special Wire Service Department.  
The matter was investigated, the charge found to be correct, and although the money was re-

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This is Santa Claus' headquarters and grown folks as well as children will enjoy a visit to this store where hundreds of things for gift giving have been assembled for convenient viewing.

Mechanical toys and games for the boys and dolls from every country and doll furniture for the girls. Scores of other things to warm the hearts of little folks that can't be enumerated here.

Prices are so varied that every pocketbook can be fitted.

**Baxter's Variety Store**

**SANTA ANNA NEWS**

Entered at the Post Office at Santa Anna, Texas, as Second Class Mail.

One year in Coleman county ..... \$1.00  
Six months in Coleman county.....60c  
One year outside of county ..... \$1.50  
Advertising rates 25c and 30c per inch.

Local notices ten cents per line for each insertion.

Obituaries, Cards of Thanks and Resolutions of Respect are charged at one-half the regular rate.

**J. J. Gregg, Editor and Pub.**

Friday, December, 19, 1924

If you live in this town, and your interests are here, it is your duty, insofar as possible, to patronize the institutions of the town. Of course if you are a drone, only stopping here without any interest in the past, present or future of the town—a parasite—sapping all the life you can from others without giving any in return, there may be some excuse for you trading away from home, but if you believe in giving a little as well as taking a lot there is no excusable apology that can be offered for not patronizing home institutions.

As a result of discipline established through fire drills, 345 children were marched out of a burning school building to safety at Gulport, Miss., a few days ago. Order was maintained during the exit, although some of the children had to learn through windows to get fresh air on the way out. Teachers and others whose forethought made this happy result possible are entitled to the highest praise. Every school should have frequent fire drills.

There will be a pageant given at the Methodist church Sunday night, Dec. 21, for the benefit of the Methodist Orphan's Home in Waco. The public is invited to attend.

Scandal is sweet to the ear that is not involved.

**WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS**

It was not until 400 years after the birth of Christ that the anniversary was first observed. Festivities gradually became associated with the day, and the giving of gifts became its dominant spirit and feature, forming the axis of history around which all Christendom centers.

Christmas is a day of prophecy and hope. "Peace on earth, goodwill toward men," was not proclaimed with racial or provincial narrowness—it was a message committed to all the peoples of this world.

There are many things that contribute toward the exalting of our vision at the Christmas season. It is the season of kind thoughts, kind words, kind acts. It is the season when childhood is enthroned, and we learn the lessons Christ taught. It is the season of giving, and our

thoughts through the gifts bestowed are turned toward the "unspeakable gift" of God to men. It is the season of beauty—in our stores and shops, and we try to make our homes more beautiful.

Bewildering and ominous social and racial problems and perils press the world today, and the only solution and final adjustment seems to be along the lines laid down by the Prince of Peace. While we enjoy a partial attainment we live in expectation of this glad realization.

Ad power to your Motor by letting us drain your Crank Case and refill it with high grade oil. Gardner Filling Stations. (Advertisement)

Mrs. Archer of Buffalo community is spending the week with Mrs. John Nelson who is quite sick.



**FATTY FOSTER**

SEZ:

Now let me tell the proper place  
To get your bread and butter,  
And if you follow my advice  
You'll not complain or mutter.

You won't complain nor mutter if you get our best line of groceries. We advocate quality, service and delivery, and can furnish you fine Bell of Vernon flour, Schotten's Coffee, bacon, tea, syrups, potatoes, cereals, and everything in the grocery line, fresh, pure and good.

Thanking you in anticipation.

**W. R. KELLEY & COMPANY**



**For your Christmas Week  
Bake a Plum Pudding**

1-4 cups Raisins, 1-2 cup molasses, 1-2 cup milk, 1-7-8 cups CARNATION Flour, 3 tablespoons fat, 1-2 teaspoon soda, 1-4 teaspoon salt, 1-4 teaspoon cloves, 1-4 teaspoon allspice, 1-4 teaspoon nutmeg; melt fat, add molasses, milk; then the dry ingredients, which have been shifted together and the floured raisins; beat well and steam in greased covered tin 2 hours.

You will find us always ready and willing to help you plan your Christmas dinner. And we have a complete stock for you to select your Christmas dinner from.

Quality and Service

at

**Hunter Brothers**

Phones 48 and 49

**Christmas Suggestions**

In making up your list for Gifts this Christmas, don't overlook this store, for we have anticipated your wants long in advance and our shelves are loaded with just the things you want. For instance some of the following items—

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|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Tennis Racket                    | Ivory Sets     |
| Ball Gloves                      | Men's Purses   |
| Flash Lights                     | Women's Purses |
| Good Pipes                       | Cuff Buttons   |
| Fire Works                       | Good Clocks    |
| Child's Dining Tables and Chairs | Stationery     |
| Pocket Knives                    | Military Sets  |
| Conklin and John Holland         | Perfumerizers  |
| Fountain Pens                    | Toilet Sets    |
| Cigars in Boxes                  | Manicure Sets  |
| Christmas Candles                | Console Sets   |
| Kodaks and Albums                | Pearl Necklace |
| Cut Glass                        | Dolls          |

If you fail to visit this store and see this big array of Christmas goods before you complete your lists, you will be disappointed. Come to see us early.

**Hunter Drug Store**  
SANTA ANNA, TEXAS

**WANTED**—White girl for general house work. Apply K. J. T. Brown at Ice Plant.

**GIN NOTICE**

We will run our gin on Tuesday, December 23 and Saturday, 27. We will buy your remnants any day. Those wishing to settle gin accounts for gin No. 2, will find the books at office of Gin No. 1.—Farmers Gin Co., O. W. Parris, Mgr. 51-2tc

**TWO** furnished rooms for rent.—H. R. Layne. 1tc

**STOCKHOLDERS NOTICE**

The stockholders of the First National Bank of Santa Anna, Texas, are hereby notified that the regular annual meeting will be held at the offices of the bank at 2 p. m., on the Second Tuesday of January, being January 13, 1925, for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of any other business that may come before it.  
Burgess Weaver, Vice-pres.

**"Say It With Flowers"**  
Have the sunshine stored in. Flowers radiate joy for you this Christmas. The Quality Flower Shop has the flowers in the shop. Phone 71 and in Crum's Store, phone 66.

**LOST**—Saturday, December 13, pair of shaded shell-rim glasses. Reward.—Mrs. Leman Brown.

**Notice to Milk Customers**  
We wish to impress upon our customers the importance of you putting the empty bottles out where the deliveryman can collect them while on his rounds. This is very important and will greatly help us. Two bottles at each house ties up 200 bottles, and represents quite an investment.—Sparks Dairy. 51-2tc

**Produce wanted**—I want your Turkeys, Chickens, Eggs and Hides; highest market price paid.—Ben Melton. 48-2

**FOR TRADE**—1102 acres improved farm near Lamesa, Texas; will take \$10,000.00 in good trade, balance part-crop-payment; price \$28.50 per acre.—May & Garrett. 40-tfc

**LOCAL ADVERTISING**

**JUST** received a new lot of Glidden Paint, none better. Have a large shipment of wall paper coming. Can save you money on your paint and paper bill.—F. M. Jaynes. 49-tf

**HEAD** Maize \$27.50 per ton at my barn.—T. W. Davidson. 49

**FOR SALE**—Lot No. 2, Block No. 2, Pearson's Addition to Santa Anna, size 154x135 feet, price \$600.00.—I. C. Browder, Florence, Texas. 51-3tp

**RADIO** Receiving Set Free. No extra charge for tickets. Call for coupons when making purchases.—Phillips Drug Store.

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**NOTICE**

We will discontinue giving out S & H Green Stamps January 1, 1925.—Texas Mercantile Co. 3

**WILL** give \$100 for good Second-hand Ford Touring Car.—Dr. Hays. 50-3tc

**REGISTERED** Jersey Male for Sale.—H. J. Parker. 49-tf

**DODGE** Touring For Sale cheap, \$250.00.—Archie Hunter. 49-2

**W. CRUGER & SON**

Painters and Contractors Give us a chance at your work. Satisfaction guaranteed. Santa Anna, Texas

**TRY** Gardner's Pure Filtered Gasoline and see the difference. It cost no more. 13-tf.

**FOR SALE** or trade—Two 177-acre tracts of land, 14 miles west of Lamesa, \$2.50 acre down, balance 20 annual payments on or before.—Upton Henderson. 43

**WOOD** FOR SALE—Plenty dead Post-oak, \$1.50 per two horse load.—E. C. Green, route 2 48-t

**FOR TRADE**—One pair farm mules for Ford Car, would pay some difference, want 1923 model or later.—L. E. Bell 50-2tp

**SEED OATS**

First year from original Ferguson 71 Red Rust oats, made 75 bushels per acre, price 75c. See W. E. Waller, Joe Flores.

**Produce wanted**—I want your Turkeys, Chickens, Eggs and Hides; highest market price paid.—Ben Melton. 48-2

**LEATHER GOODS SALE**

We are still making special prices on Leather Goods of all kinds. Will give you a real bargain on Harness and Saddles.—C. E. Welch. 48-3f

**HAMBURGER PALACE**

For short orders, ice cream, candies, apples and fire works.—KASCH-Gotton Seed, first year run, \$1.50 per bushel, at my farm 1 mile east of Trichham.—B. W. McIver. 48-4tp

**I WILL** sell any size tract to suit the purchaser on 20 year time, any of land I have in Coleman county. Small cash payment with privilege of Federal Farm Loan.—Upton Henderson. 44-tf

**800** acres on South Plains, four miles west from the S. W. corner of Gaines County, Texas, at half price lands are selling for in Gaines County. This land is in Lea County, N. M. There is no better 800 acres on the south plains; can use some trade. See Fred W. Turner, Santa Anna, Texas. 44-tf

**FOR SALE**

114 acre farm 3 miles east of Santa Anna; 75 acres in cultivation, well watered place, fairly good improvements. Bargain at \$57.50 per acre.—A. R. Brown. (45-tfe)

**FOR SALE**—211 acres of land, one-fourth miles north of W. two houses, two tanks, 40 acres in cultivation, 40 acres more tilable land, plenty wood, price \$35.00 per acre.—L. Fiveash. 48-2

**FARM LOANS**

On 10 or 20 years time with payment privileges. Low interest, prompt service. **CUTBIRTH & SEAY** At The Abstract & Title Co., Brownwood, Texas



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Radiators repaired, re-cored and generally worked over.

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The superiority of our service, the quality of the food we serve and good home cooking make a meal here a pleasure that is not often afforded in a cafe.

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Santa Anna, Texas

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Where you will feel at home. If only to spend the day in Dallas, make our large lobby and our spacious parlors your resting place. 170 Rooms, 60 baths. \$1.50 per day and up. In the center of the business district.  
**CHAS. HODGES,**  
 Proprietor.



**FASHION DICTATES THE SHINGLE**

The shingle is here to stay a long, long time, and new variations are constantly appearing. There is a tendency to reveal the ears, in a shorter and closer cut, which is decidedly chic.

**PALACE BARBER SHOP**  
 T. D. Moore, Prop.

**The Pansy Embroidery Club**

The last meeting of the club was held at the home of Queenie Gregg. After a while of embroidery and conversation, dainty refreshments of lemonade, marshmallows and little cakes were served. Then the members drew names to see who to give a Christmas present to. After a little conversation they all bade the hostess a good-bye.—Reporter.

Artists are supposed to be born, but sometimes we doubt it.

**The Week's Program**

**BEST THEATRE**

Monday & Tuesday, 22 & 23  
**"REVELATION"**

Cast: Viola Dana, Lew Cody, Monte Blue, Marjorie Daw, Edward Connelly and Frank Currier.

A little gamine of Paris, and the miracle of love. The wild joys of living and their cost.

A cast of real stars in a truly great photoplay. The wild little devil of Paris, and the blind boy of love.

PATHE News in connection.

**WEDNESDAY Only 24**  
**"OPEN ALL NIGHT"**

With Viola Dana, Jetta Goudal, Adolphe Menjou and Raymond Griffith.

If you want to laugh and grow younger see "OPEN ALL NIGHT." What's wrong with the movies? Nothing. "OPEN ALL NIGHT" proves it.

AESOP FABLES in connection.

**THURSDAY, Only 25**  
**"EMPTY HANDS"**

With Jack Holt, supported by Norma Shearer.

Chock full of everything that is different in the line of entertainment. Jack Holt and Norma Shearer in a victor Fleming Paramount adventure tale that has Robinson Crusoe trimmed seven different ways.

LARY SEAMON Comedy in connection.

**FRIDAY 26**  
**"ICEBOUND"**

With Richard Dix and Lois Wilson.

Says the Weather Man: "I only guess about rain, hail and snow." But you're bound to like "ICEBOUND." That's one thing I know.

First Episode of "TEN SEARS MAKE A MAN."  
 Don't miss Friday's program.

**SATURDAY 27**

HART in a Five Reel Western and a good Comedy in connection.

**More Bloodhounds Are Ordered For Use by Local Officers**

Two new guests are expected to arrive at Lubbock's newest hotel within a few days, as Sheriff H. L. Johnston has ordered two thoroughbred and highly trained blood-hounds to be added to the sheriff's force.

The bloodhounds will be given quarters in the new building just erected near the jail and which is the only hotel of its kind in the city, and which is now occupied by two young bloodhounds who will take instructions in trailing from the older hounds that will arrive soon.

The hounds were ordered from kennels at Estancia, New Mexico.—Lubbock Avalanche.

**MISS NANNIE ROUNTREE**

Miss Nannie Rountree was born in Young County, Texas, November 23, 1879, departed this life December 10, 1924.

She lived a sweet life and was loving and kind to everyone. She was a sweet girl in the home and will be sadly missed. She had been in bad health for some time. Her father preceded her to the grave nine months ago, a sister-in-law near six months ago. She with the others are enjoying a life of joy and peace with the Lord.

She was laid to rest by the side of her father, Thursday afternoon, after funeral services at the Cemetery conducted by Elder Stone of Brownwood.

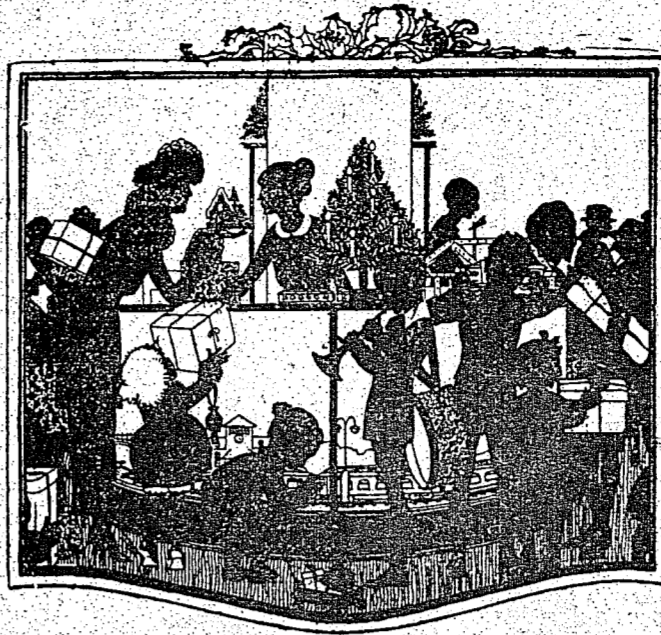
**Notice of Shareholders Meeting**

Notice is hereby given to the shareholders of the First State Bank, Santa Anna, Texas, that the regular annual meeting of the shareholders, of said bank will be held at Santa Anna, Texas at the Banking Rooms in said First State Bank, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. on the second Tuesday in January 1925, the same being the 13th day of said month, for the purpose of electing a board of Directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may legally come before such meeting.

All shareholders are cordially invited to be present and take part in this meeting.

Respectfully,  
 P. P. Bond, Cashier

One thing dad is almost certain to get for Christmas is an overdraft.



**FOR ELEVENTH HOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING**

How these important last days before Christmas are flying by. Most of your Christmas gifts may be wrapped and ready but there are undoubtedly many "last minute" selections to be made.

You will find in this store a wide variety of Christmas merchandise, and the same cheerful helpfulness with which we have tried to serve you throughout the Christmas season.

Remember, only 5 shopping days before Christmas.

**Gifts That Take Little Time To Buy—**

- Hycrest Stationery and Correspondence Cards
- Blue Rose Perfume, Face Powder, Compacts and other Toilet Requisites
- Hycrest Purses
- Guest Towels
- Incense Jars
- Gloves

**Gifts Always Welcome and Useful Too—**

- La France Hose
- Basita Handmade Underwear
- Lakeside Shirts
- Work Baskets
- Ivoritex Toilet Ware
- Scarfs
- Bath Robes

**GIFTS FOR THE HOME**

Drapiers, Lily Bed Spreads, Wearwell Blankets, Breakfast Linens, Book-ends, Dutch Silver Card Trays, Christmas Candles, Library and Dresser Scarfs.

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 "House of Service"

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**"The Christmas Store"**

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- Curlee Suits
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- Florsheim Shoes
- Bath Robes
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- Sweaters
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- Broad Cloth Shirts
- Flannel Shirts
- Gloves
- Hats—Caps
- Silk Hosiery
- Golf Sox
- Belts
- Belt Buckles
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Everything for the Christmas dinner: Celery, Lettuce, Cranberries, Fine Fruits and Nuts, and all kinds Jams and Jellies.

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- Silk Underwear
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- Vanity Sets
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- Scarfs
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- Stamped Scarfs Aprons and Buffet Set
- Trunks
- And other items too numerous to mention.

**Pepsinated Calomel Is Better than the Old-Time Sickening Kind**

It is gentle, imported English Calomel, combined with Pepsin and other helpful ingredients. It is mild but certain, causing no harshness or unpleasantness and will absolutely relieve indigestion, biliousness, bad colds, constipation and sick headaches. And best of all it does it at once—quickly and pleasantly. Take one small tablet at bed-time and you will get up hungry and feeling fine. Recommended by

S. H. PHILLIPS

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We  
**HAUL ANYTHING**  
 Service is Our Motto  
**DAY PHONE 38**  
**NIGHT 217**

**ITCH!**

Money back without question if HUNT'S GUARANTEED ITCH DISEASE REMEDY (Hunt's Salve and Balm) fails in the treatment of Itch, Eczema, Ringworm, Tetter or other Itch, and skin diseases. Try this treatment at our risk.

**S. H. PHILLIPS, DRUGGIST**  
 Santa Anna, Texas

**THE PASSING DAY**

(By Will H. Mayes)

One of the most commendable accomplishments of the Neff administration has been the acquisition of a number of State parks throughout the State. This has been brought about as the

direct result of Governor Neff's interest in having Texas dotted with beautiful parks. The movement will amount to but little, though, unless there is some permanent provision made for the upkeep of these parks. If they are neglected and allowed to become mere waste lands they

should at once revert to their former owners. A park is attractive and useful only when it is properly cared for. Under neglect it becomes an eyesore.

Texas is too much given to starting things and then letting them suffer through neglect. It has spent millions for roads and has failed to keep them up. It has made water surveys and forgotten all about them. It has erected many educational and institutional buildings that have not been kept in proper state of repair. It has spent thousands of dollars for legislative investigations, educational and other surveys and has pigeon-holed the reports without ever using them to advantage. Let us hope that the park movement may not be forgotten.

At the meeting of the hotel keepers in Austin last week a resolution was introduced in opposition to the public camping grounds that have become so popular throughout the country. I do not know whether the resolution was adopted, but let us hope that it was not, for it probably originated in a spirit of selfishness and without regard to public interest. If it did not, the public still thinks that the opposition of hotel proprietors to public camp grounds comes from a feeling that such camping places may keep the hotels from getting a few dollars, and not from any concern about the welfare of the people. The automobile and the camping ground enable many thousands to have profitable and enjoyable vacations who cannot afford railway trips and high-price hotels. The hotel keepers cannot stop progress through resolutions. They had just as well condemn the railroads for running more than one train a day as to deplore the use of the automobile and the camp ground.

Getting back to the subject of parks, why can't the counties and towns of Texas follow the State's example and establish parks everywhere they are needed? There is hardly a city in Texas with enough well-kept parks, and very few county sites towns and other small places

have any parks whatever. Places that have maintained parks and playgrounds agree that the money spent for them is a splendid investment in good citizenship, provided, again, that provision is made for keeping them attractive. Austin has one small park that is visited by thousands and admired by every one. It has another that could be made a place of wonderful beauty, but that looks more like an abandoned cow pasture than a public park. How does your town compare with Austin in this respect?

Every once in awhile Congressman Blanton says something that needs to be said, even if he does often say too much. He made a statement in Congress recently in line with the thought of the great majority of Texas citizens when he said that our public highways should not be used to furnish publicity at public expense to any living individual. Just because a man happens to be governor or justice of the peace or to hold some other position temporarily his name should not be emblazoned on every bridge and culvert on every highway in the State as though he were a state benefactor and had given the highways, the bridges and the culverts to the public. It is exceedingly bad taste to do so. Flowers for the living, but memorials only for the dead.

That is a nice tribute that Dallas and other friends are proposing to the late Col. W. G. Sterrett in the suggestion that the Fish Hatchery in Dallas, established when he was fish and oyster commissioner of Texas, be named for him and that a memorial be erected to his memory at the entrance to the hatchery. Col. Sterrett was a great newspaper man and did a great work for Texas, and his useful life should be suitably memorialized.

**These Texas Cities Have Advantages Over Europe**

From a small city of 7,823 people in 1890 with 606 telephones San Antonio has grown to a population of 200,000 and the telephone system to 32,000 stations.

The four largest cities in Texas, Dallas, San Antonio, Houston and Fort Worth have a total of 150,000 telephones or more telephones than Italy, Austria or Belgium.

Nearly 1,500,000 calls are placed over the telephone systems of these cities, each day.

An ounce of common sense is worth a pound of psychology.

**Hodges & Taylor**

New and Secondhand clothing of all kinds, also appliances in bulk and boxes.

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Santa Anna, Texas

**Christmas Buying**

Will be simplified if you come here without a single idea of what you want. Whoever you plan to remember, the Christmas merchandise that we have for your inspection will prove especially acceptable.

The desire to give something different, that comes to everyone, will be answered in this store, because of the many new novelties that make attractive and useful gift.

Dainty, colorful things for women that have the added advantage of being extremely useful as well as ornamental. Scores of articles for men that will give them great enjoyment.

And there is a liberal assortment from which to choose.

Corner Drug Co.,  
Santa Anna, Texas



**226,000 ACRES of the Famous C Ranch**  
Now Open to Colonization

Located between Midland, Texas, and Lamesa, Texas, on the South Plains in the Proven Cotton Belt above the Boll Weevil Line.

These Lands have been sub-divided into tracts of 160 acres up, price \$25 per acre, \$5 down, 1 to 10 years on deferred payments at 7 per cent.

**GOOD WATER  
QUALITY LANDS  
LOW PRICES  
EASY TERMS**

For further information see  
**H. W. TURNER**  
Santa Anna, Texas

**Enjoy the Christmas Holidays--Get a Ford**

**Easiest to Buy      Simplest to Drive**

**Cost Less to Run**

Happiness is measured by our association with others and our means to enjoy what we have.

**The Whole Family Will Enjoy  
----This----**

With every subscription to the Dearborn Independent we will give a Toy Tractor and Plow and furnish a man to drive it.

**A Merry Christmas to You All  
Santa Anna Motor Co.**



**Christmas Greetings**

ALL KINDS OF  
**CHRISTMAS HERE!!**

Apples, Oranges, Bananas, Nuts, Candies, Fire Works, Toy Pistols and Caps, in fact, everything you want for Christmas is here.

Shoes, Silk Hose, Neckties, Silk Handkerchiefs, etc.

The largest stock of Groceries and Feed in Santa Anna. All Groceries at cost the remainder of this year.

Yours For a Merry Christmas

**MARSHALL & SONS**

**Power of the Radio-Voice**

It has been estimated by Dr. Alfred N. Goldsmith that a radio broadcasting station is roughly a one-horse-power voice. One horse-power consists in hoisting half a ton from the ground to the height of thirty-three feet in one minute. The electric unit used in speaking of a broadcasting station is the "watt". It takes slightly less than 750 watts to make a horsepower. The average American broadcasting station radiates from 500 to 1,000 watts. It is calculated the human ear is about as sensitive as the eye, so far as amount of power required to definite sensation is concerned. Radio the weakest voice, a whisper, can be built up to a one-horse-power voice. This means that the voice of a speaker broadcasting from the average station is increased over fifty times. In other words, everybody on earth, were they together and shout at once, the voice power produced would fall far short of the strength of a voice broadcasting by the station. The world's call would be only about one-thirtieth as strong as that of the radiophone station. The power of the human voice, in loud speech or song is only one-hundred-millionth of a watt. Yet this feeble power is sufficient to actuate a sensitive microphone and be heard almost around the world.

**Talk to Your Legislators**

Many legislators will need no more than the recent election suggestion that the country wants no hair-raising, throat-cutting legislation. The tremendous rebuke of radicalism has changed many a legislative ambition over night. Nowhere would it be out of place for business organizations, Boards of Trade, granges and in-

dividuals to call their legislators into friendly counsel. Most legislators sincerely want to serve their people; it is usually where the people refuse to take an interest in public affairs that they go off on their own personal tangents, wool-gathering in the maze of unstabilized speculation as to what is "right."

A little commonsense now, like the proverbial stitch in time that saves nine, might eliminate the nine superfluous laws to every one that is really needed.

**The Indispensible Newspaper**

All forms of advertising have been used unsuccessfully by utility companies, but the one that has proved indispensable is the newspaper. First of all it has circulation. A single newspaper will often cover from 60 to 80 per cent of the homes in its territory. Advertising space in that paper will give much greater return per dollar invested than any other form of advertising on which postage is spent.

Secondly, people are accustomed to reading the newspaper. It is not difficult to get their attention, as in the case of the circular letter, the booklet and other forms of direct by mail advertising.

Third, and best of all, it is timely. The advertiser is able to appeal to his audience by frequent advertisements.

By all means use the different forms of advertising program, the principal item of which should be the weekly but use them to round out your advertising newspapers. But the newspaper is the one that is indispensable.

When things get dull in the Senate the members can entertain themselves by watching Vice President Dawes do his famous juggling trick with his up-side-down pipe.

**Do-Nothing Critics of Little Value to Town**

In every town there is a small group of folk who sit tight in the safe but convenient offering when a community project is under way and tell each other, or at least themselves, that "it can't be done," or that it is being done the wrong way. They never offer to help; they have no suggestions for bringing success to the project; they invariably refuse to contribute if funds are needed. But after the campaign is won, after the work is done, after the goal is attained, they rise up in noisy dissertation. They criticize the leaders. They explain how this should have been done and how that should have been handled. They know what was the matter. They assure you in frank confidence that if they had been in charge the undertaking would have gone over with a bang the very first day. But they are the folks who always—without exception—are very conspicuous by their absence on the first day and on every other day until the fight is over. Their talk worries nobody because everybody knows that anybody can shoot par golf at the "19th" hole. It's the man who does his best all the way from the first to the 18th who serves his community. Those who wait until the "19th" hole to begin playing don't count, because the game is over then and the scores are all in.

During the year 1923 the states of Illinois, Pennsylvania, Michigan, New York, Indiana and Ohio, completed 27,803,107 square yards of concrete roads. During 1924 the same states completed 33,659,950 square yards. The constantly increasing volume of heavy fast-moving traffic demands a permanent type of road free from excessive maintenance tax, and concrete seems to answer the purpose.



**Live Poultry Barred  
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New York**

Due to an embargo in the State of New York against live poultry from all parts of the United States, we will not be in the market for any more chickens for 30 days. Hold your chickens for at least 30 days, or until further notice.

**Potter Produce Co.  
JOHN POTTER**

**Come to Our Store**

and we think you will find what you need to complete your Christmas list—good, serviceable and useful gifts that will give you pleasure to give.

In a Dry Goods Store you can usually find a suitable gift for every member of the family and at this time you will find very special prices. Come to see us.

**Santa Anna Merc.  
Company**

**A Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year to All**

Many times these words are meaningless, cold blooded and conventional, merely as "sounding brass and tinkling cymbals," but from us they come from the very bottom of

**HEARTS FILLED WITH  
GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION**

For the good will and loyalty of friends and patrons.

We **SINCERELY** wish for each and all

**THE MERRIEST CHRISTMAS**

You ever enjoyed, and that Peace, Contentment and Prosperity may attend you during the

**NEW YEAR 1925**

The history of the coming year is unwritten. What is in store for each of us we do not know—nor do we care to know—but we do wish for you and yours that all unrealized desires and ambitions of the Old Year may find full accomplishment in the New—  
—And with joyful emotions again we say:

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY  
NEW YEAR TO ALL**



**THE  
First State Bank**

# Useful Christmas Gifts

AT THE WINCHESTER STORE



Gifts that Please Men



Gifts that Please Women



Gifts that Please Children



Useful Gifts for Women

## Christmas Gifts For Everybody

Your problem of what to give will disappear the moment you enter the Winchester Store.

You can easily find appropriate gifts for every member of the family in our large stock of high quality Christmas Goods.



# W.R. KELLEY & CO.

ESTABLISHED 1889



Mrs. Kathryn Bowden visited in Brownwood Sunday.

Miss Mae Stockard of Baylor is home for the holidays. SEE us for tires Tires, \$5.95 up. Gardner Filling Stations. (Advertisement)

Mesdames Will Childers, L. O. Garrett and J. O. Martin went to Brownwood Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Burris spent Sunday with relatives in Nowice.

J. J. Keeling and W. D. Taylor returned Wednesday from a hunting trip.

Mrs. Sam Cannon and Mrs. J. D. Henderson of Liveoak spent the week-end in Cross Plains. If you need tires see Gardner Filling Stations; they have a large stock, price \$5.95 up. (Advertisement)

Miss Glenda Ford, student of Baylor, at Waco, is home for the holidays.

Mrs. J. B. Howington spent the week-end with relatives in San Angelo.

Mrs. E. E. Gilbert and little son of Putman are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Bond.

Judge P. Woodruff and family of Dallas are here to spend the holidays with relatives. SEE us for tires Tires, \$5.95 up. Gardner Filling Stations. (Advertisement)

# GET GOOD GASOLINE

Duane Holland has accepted a position with the Waco Drug Co.

Ad power to your Motor by letting us drain your Crank Case and refill it with high grade oil. Gardner Filling Stations. (Advertisement)

Z. A. Parker marketed cattle on the Fort Worth market first of the week, and reports the stock yards crowded with a poor grade of cattle.

Miss Nettie Newman visited friends in the Cottage home at Howard Payne College, Brownwood last week-end.

J. P. Newman, wife and daughter, Miss Nettie, attended the funeral of Mrs. Roy Tarter at Ballinger last week. Mrs. Tarter was before her marriage a Miss Jackson.

If you need tires see Gardner Filling Stations; they have a large stock, price \$5.95 up. (Advertisement)

Temple Holland, Second Lieutenant, First Inf., Fort Sam Houston, is here to spend the holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Holland.

J. N. Story, County Attorney of Lee County, visited his brother, R. N. Story and family here last week.

There were 40,327 bales of cotton ginned in Coleman county from the 1924 crop prior to December 8, compared to 25,934 from the 1923 crop to same date last year. The state reports 4,427,034 this year compared to 3,919,210 to same date last year.

### PUT IN WRONG CAR

One night last week some one purchased a bill of groceries and by mistake put them in the wrong car. Owner can have same by calling on J. C. Welch and paying 40c for this ad.

### PLAY AT PLAINVIEW SATURDAY NIGHT, DEC 20

A Rural Comedy Drama in Four Acts, Entitled "Farm Folks"

The public is cordially invited to attend. Proceeds will go for the benefit of the school grounds. Come and we will put you in a good mood for Christmas holidays. Doors open early. Play begins at 7:30. Admission 20c and 30c.

Byron England, principal

### PRE-CHRISTMAS NUPTIALS

Among the marriages reported to the News this week are as follows:

Mr. E. Clyde Haynes and Miss Verdie Stearns of Trickham, accompanied by a few friends, were married Sunday December 7, at the Baptist pastorium, pastor S. F. Martin officiating. The contracting parties are splendid young people, and have a host of friends who will join the News in wishing for them a prosperous and pleasant future.

Mr. J. M. Stewardson and Miss Willie B. Scarbrough of the Shield community, accompanied by several friends, made their presence known at the Baptist pastorium Sunday, produced the necessary credentials and requested they be made as one. Pastor Martin united them in marriage and sent them on their way rejoicing. The newly wedded couple are splendid young people, and have a host of good friends who will join in extending to them best wishes for a prosperous and happy future.

Mr. Carter Duggins and Miss Thaddie Caton, stole a march on their friends by getting themselves married on December 6 in Abilene. Miss Thaddie went

to Abilene for a short visit and Mr. Duggins followed and they returned as one. The happy young couple are among our best young people and have many friends who will join in extending to them best wishes, a pleasant and prosperous sail over the matrimonial sea.

Cards have been sent out this week announcing the marriage of Mr. Norton A. Sparks and Miss Blanche Lindley of Trickham, the marriage to take place Friday, December 19. This is also a splendid young couple who have many good friends to join in extending to them congratulations and best wishes for a prosperous happy future.

### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

This is to give you notice that the Traffic Laws of Santa Anna are going to be rigidly enforced from here on without fear or favor.

Close your Cut-Outs while in town, do not turn your vehicle in block between street crossings and do not cut corners, always drive to right. The speed limit is 15 miles per hour in the business district and 18 miles in the residence part of town. J. M. Martin, City Marshall.

### FIRE LOSS

The living effects of the family of Ed Weatherby was destroyed by fire shortly afternoon last Saturday. Mr. Weatherby and family were at present living in a tent out on the Sanger farm Southeast of town. A subscription was circulated to help and several donated to their needy circumstances.

FOR SALE—First year Bennett cotton seed, \$1.50 per bushel until January 1. See us at once.—Santa Anna Motor Co. 51-2

### SELF CULTURE CLUB

The Self Culture Club met Friday afternoon with Mrs. Clifford Verner. There were ten present. The lesson was Acts III, IV and V of Othello. Mrs. Davidson was leader and gave a splendid paper on Othello. Mrs. Frank Turner led an interesting round table talk on Othello and Mrs. Lee Woodward read an excellent paper on Iago. Mrs. Weaver justified the falsehood of Desdemona. This was one of the most interesting meetings the Club has had this season.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks to our friends for the kindness shown us in the sickness and death of our dear daughter and sister, and for the beautiful flowers that were sent in. Mrs. R. Rountree and children.

### FREE PRINTING ON CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Santa Anna News has in stock a large stock of Christmas and personal greeting cards of the better kind. These cards were bought in large quantities and bought right. Since it is our purpose to not deal in this line after this season, we are going to make a special effort to dispose of this stock, and this is our plan. Buy your Christmas cards from us and we will print your name and any sentiment you want on the cards free. We are specially prepared to do nice printing. See us before you place an order.—Santa Anna News.

When we learn to know ourselves as others know us, we may not be so proud of the things we have done.

Mrs. H. B. Curry of Blanket is visiting in the Mrs. A. W. Blue home.

### SOUTH PLAINS LAND

Easy crop payment \$5 per acre cash assume school debt due 1950, balance like rent 1-3 and 1-4 of crop. Write today—The Blalock Co., Littlefield, Texas.

### Hall's Catarrh Medicine

Those who are in a "run down" condition will notice that Catarrh bothers them much more than when they are in good health. This fact proves that Catarrh is a local disease, it is greatly influenced by constitutional conditions. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE consists of an Ointment which Relieves by local application, and Internal Medicine, a Tonic, which is in improving the General Health. Sold by druggists for over 40 years. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio.

### Price of Eggs Advanced 40%

WHY? Because hens and other birds are run down from hot weather, molting, parasites. Get your share of this advance price by giving your poultry a weekly remedy that is simply put in their drinking water and which will assist them with molting, act as a tonic and blood purifier, and cure sore-head and other troubles. Each bottle contains enough to make 200 GALLON of poultry's drinking water—will last all season. HUNT'S SAUCE AND SEEP, falls in 1 1/2" LIQUID AND BOTTLE. Contains one of the greatest poultry disease preventatives that is known. Accurately reliable. Sold and guaranteed by all druggists. Send for descriptive matter.

### "2 in 1" POULTRY SUPPLY CO.

Kansas City, U. S. A. Note—If your druggist cannot supply you, it will be sent postpaid upon receipt of price.

### ECZEMA

Money back without question if HUNTS GUARANTEED SKIN DISEASE REMEDY (Hunt's Sauce and Seep), fails in the treatment of Itch, Eczema, Ringworm, Tetter or other itching skin diseases. Try this treatment at our risk.

S. H. PHILLIPS, DRUGGIST Santa Anna, Texas

## Texas Ranger Gives Facts in Case

"As a young man of the plains of west Texas, I lived a healthy, rugged life. Nearly four years served with the first formation of the Texas Rangers gave me a splendid constitution but as years came on, the long hours spent in the saddle started telling on my stomach and kidneys. During the past five years I have suffered agonies. I was bothered very badly at night with my kidneys, could not sleep and nothing I ate would agree with my stomach. I became a nervous wreck and lost weight continually. I spent hundreds of dollars seeking relief and nothing did me any good until my druggist recommended Nature's Iron Tonic. I noticed a decided change for the better after taking the first bottle. I

continued taking it and today I would not take one thousand dollars for the wonderful good it has done for me. My stomach trouble is gone, my nerves never bother me now, I have regained 24 pounds of my lost weight, eat anything with no discomfort or sleep fine. Although I am 66 years of age, absolutely surprising how Nature's Iron Tonic has helped me. The above statement is made in publication by Mr. A. W. Pendergrass residing at Hubbard Highlands, Fort Worth, Texas. Mr. Pendergrass is well known as an ex-Texas Ranger and frontiersman of the early days. Nature's Iron Tonic is sold and recommended in Santa Anna, by Hunter Pharmacy. Large bottle \$1.00.

### Terraces Ditches Grades

**YOU NEED THIS**  
Simple one-man, one-team ditcher, grader and terracer, because it pays. Proven to be a marvel of strength, durability and flexibility to meet all kinds of grading, ditching, terracing and road work. Light enough for one-team and strong enough for a small tractor.

**One Man - One Team**

**H. J. PARKER**  
Santa Anna Salesman for Coleman County

## LET US HELP WITH YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Perfumes, toilet sets, fancy box stationery, cameras, pens and pencils, cigars, pipes, manicure sets—these are just a few of the many articles to be found here that folks like to receive as Christmas gifts.

If you will visit this store and look over the displays you are sure to see something for nearly every lucky person on your list.

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**Legally Registered Pharmacist**

**Phillips Drug Store**  
Member Texas Qualified Druggists' League

"This sign is an emblem of service. It signifies that the druggist displaying it is a legitimate druggist. It guarantees to you that in this store is a man duly qualified by law to fill doctors' prescriptions."

Read the League's messages in Farm and Ranch and Holland's Magazine.

## TEXAS HOTELS

When in DALLAS Stop at  
**HOTEL JEFFERSON**  
Fronting park, just across  
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Modern—Absolutely fire  
proof.  
European Plan.  
Sensible prices. 450 rooms  
well ventilated with South  
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HOUSTON, TEXAS  
RATES \$1.50 UPWARD  
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FREE PARKING FOR  
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L. B. STONE, Mgr.  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

ITS IN DALLAS  
**Hotel Milam**  
Main Street, Opposite City Hall.  
FIRE-PROOF—  
MODERATE RATES.

**FORT WORTH**  
**WESTBROOK HOTEL**  
FIRE PROOF ROOMS  
14 ROOMS AT \$1.50

THE CHRISTIAN'S MIS-  
SION—Preach, saying, The  
Kingdom of heaven is at  
hand. Heal the sick, cleanse  
the lepers, raise the dead,  
cast out devils: freely ye  
have received, freely give.—  
Matthew 10: 7, 8.

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**ALL KINDS**  
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All the improvements—24 characters,  
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American Writing Machine Co.  
Dept. R, 1599 Commerce St., Dallas, Tex.

## THE CANDLE IN THE WINDOW.

The tradition of the candle in the window seems to be very acceptable to Americans. Just why it was not introduced earlier is not known. The fact is that a few persons from the old countries, where the custom has long been observed, must have been burning candles in their American homes on Christmas Eve for some time, but the custom did not become general here, if, indeed, it is general now, until the last few years.

Tradition says that "a lighted candle set in the window on Christmas Eve will guide the Babe of Bethlehem to your home, that He may bring you happiness." John H. Stedman, a gentleman of Rochester, N. Y., gave the movement an urge a few years ago in a little pamphlet which was rather widely distributed, urging all to light the "Christ Candle" on Christmas Eve. In this he said:

"The Irish will tell you that the Christ candle was lighted in their homes in the Emerald Isle as it has been for years and years in Norway and Sweden. Boston has had it for a decade. In Rochester, 1916, was our first celebration—the first year a few houses shone—the second over a thousand—the third nearly everyone; and it has spread to town, village and country over a forty-mile radius. Many far-away homes, Wisconsin, Maine, California, Florida, kindled their candles from ours and when you have lighted yours you will appreciate why."

And it is true that the lighting of this candle in the window has lighted a taper in many a soul in this United States, which hurries about in a mad rush of preparation for the holiday season. The lighted candle in the window and the Christmas carol on the outside, beneath the window, or in the church of God across the way—these are things that make America stop to remember that almost two thousand years ago there was born "in the City of David a Savior which is Christ the Lord," and that to the shepherds abiding in their fields at night near the little town of Bethlehem there appeared a host of herald angels, singing, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men!"

**WENT ABOUT DOING GOOD.**—And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of diseases among the people.—Matthew 4: 23.

Probably there is no one living who does not know many who are worse off than they. There are thousands who would be glad of a heartfelt call of "Merry Christmas." A few flowers will keep the cheer of the day.

Why not try to be as simple as children in our joys? Why not learn the lesson of simple giving and practice it to our little ones?

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FRONT FENDER BRACES  
REAR BRACE AND BUMPER  
Fronts \$4.80 List. Rear \$6.40 List.  
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It is Christmas again! Cashed away in closet and drawer are packages in gay wrappings, awaiting their hour of opening. We have remembered our loved ones. We have prepared packages or checks for those who have smoothed our way throughout the year with their services. We have remembered those less fortunate than ourselves. And so, feeling satisfied that what we have done covers all possible avenues of giving, we settle back, waiting for the moment when the Christmas bells will ring out their message of good will to all the world.

To ALL the world? I wonder! What a tiny circle, really, our giving has made when we consider that phrase, "To ALL the world." A purely personal one, that's all. Our thoughts have gone only to our family, our friends, those with whom we work, and for purposes of charity.

To ALL the world! What a lot of folk we have omitted from our Christmas list. But, you say we couldn't buy perfume for every woman in the world, or ties and handkerchiefs for every man, or toys for every child. Of course not. And who would want to? For after all, such gifts as these, pleasing as they may be at the time, soon go the way of all material things and vanish into nothingness. And it is well, for otherwise we might place too high a valuation upon them?

To ALL the world! What is the gift then which we may make to all the world? The Wise Men in that long ago came bearing precious gifts and laid them at the Master's feet, the value of these gifts lying not in their material worth, but in what they symbolized. And so we, too, may bring the gold, the frankincense and the myrrh of the spirit and lay it beneath the world's great Christmas tree, where every heart may find a gift awaiting him.

To ALL the world! "Gifts of the spirit"—you say that is indefinite. What is a gift of the spirit and how may one give it to all the world? Well, do you know a man who is undertaking a new task, one that is most difficult, one that perhaps never has been done before just the way he is attempting to do it? Will you say, "He's foolish to waste his time. It can't be done?" Or will you give him the gift of faith and say, "It must be possible or he couldn't have conceived the idea." Will you add to this the gift of expectancy and KNOW that he will accomplish it?

To ALL the world! Has someone said or done something that has hurt your feelings—and it's usually pride that's hurt? Are you going to be injured and hold a grudge, and pay him back when you get the first chance, or will you give him the gift of understanding and say, "I know he did not mean to hurt me. He was sick or troubled or he would not have done it." Someone has said, "The

person who cannot forgive any mortal thing, is a greenhorn at living." Give him the gift of understanding for if you understand, you will forgive. And forgiving in its real sense means to give back to him the place he held in your heart before the thing happened.

To ALL the world! And here in the crowded cities of Texas there is a gift of the spirit that is needed. We can all give this one gift, however, if we but try, and if we would continue to give it throughout the year how it would help our congested traffic. This one gift is the gift of courtesy. If we were all giving the gift of courtesy, men wouldn't smoke in jitneys, women wouldn't jostle one another in the stores and try to be served ahead of those who were there before them. We wouldn't all be so afraid of doing a small service for those with whom we come in daily contact. If we were giving this gift of the spirit, the things we wouldn't do and the things we would do would make many a book, I believe.

To ALL the world? And then, there's the greatest thing in the world. That high virtue which the One whose birth we celebrate at this season said was the "fulfilling of the law." We can give love to all the world. If you are not sure what such love means, here is its measuring rod to use: Are you just as glad when the other man succeeds as if he were you? Are you willing to be last that someone else may be first? These are only two of love's finger prints and she has many. You can learn the others.

To ALL the world! The angels gave the gift of peace and good will almost two thousand years ago. We can do the same things in 1924. There is no one so poor that he cannot give a gift of the spirit to all. What are YOU giving to the world this Christmas? The gold of love, the frankincense of faith or the myrrh of courtesy? Whatever it may be, send it forth wrapped in joy, sealed with appreciation for life's gifts to you, and bound with the flaming cord of good cheer. "And as ye give, so may ye freely receive."

## HOW FOREIGN RACES CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS IN TEXAS

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in to a large extent, when permitted by the police. The noted Spanish dances, performed by pretty señoritas dressed becomingly in all the gay attire characteristic of the Spanish and the Mexican peoples, lends a colorful scene to the Christmas liveliness of these two races.

'Twas Christmas Eve and hearts were gay  
And folks were thinking of the day  
That dawn would bring, and faces bright  
Shone everywhere with joyous light.

## Christmas Tree Decoration

Have you planned everything for your Christmas tree decorations?

There are two sorts of Christmas trees. One is trimmed with all sorts of things—usually with an accretion of knickknacks that is added to year by year, tinsel ornaments, china angels, crystal balls, glass slippers and wooden toys—all sorts of things that are made for the purpose.

The other kind of Christmas tree carries out a definite scheme in its decoration. It may be, this year, a white tree, or a red tree, or a silver tree. For such a tree you buy or make the trimming anew, with your color scheme in mind.

Each kind is attractive, and children are sure to be delighted whatever your choice.

Suppose, now, that you plan a white tree. You can buy snowballs and white fluffy Christmas fairies and many white ornaments. You can dip the tip of each branch in thin gum arabic and then sprinkle it with artificial snow. You can use those old standby strings of flaky popcorn. You can make white paper cornucopias sparkling with paper snow, and you can make net stockings, sewed with white wool, and filled with popcorn and white mints.

A red tree—and paper poinsettias may be made and fastened to the tips of the branches. Red cornucopias may be bought and filled. You can find all sorts of Christmas ornaments in red, and you can use a string of electric lights all with red bulbs.

For a silver tree all the silver tinsel and lead shavings that the tree will gracefully hold may be used, as well as the dozens of charming silver ornaments that you can buy. You can dress tiny celluloid dolls in silver net and hang

them about the tree. You can get silver paper for cornucopias, or buy silvery cornucopias already made.

As for trimmings in general, there are many attractive and inexpensive things to make. For one, there are little parrots made with peanuts and tissue paper. You paint the peanut red, with black at the pointed tip for a beak. Then from red and green and yellow and blue crepe paper you cut long tail feathers and shorter ones to cover the body. These you paste, as realistically as possible, into place. And you dangle the parrot from a string tied to the tree's branches, or else you place him on a little swing made of a match-stick. You use a pipe cleaner for his legs, fastened deftly to his body by twisting, and again twisted like two feet around the match-stick.

Then cornucopias of all sorts are not difficult to make. Cut the cornucopia out of all sorts of red and green and silver paper—you can buy it, with holly and pine cones and snow scenes and Santa Claus on it. Twist them into shape, paste them securely, and trim their top edge, if you wish, with some of that furry silver tinsel that is so easy to buy. You can, of course, buy these cornucopias all made, and so save yourself the trouble.

There are many things in the favor shops or at the favor counters that sell for five and ten cents apiece that are really charming for Christmas tree decorations. These, tied on with a bit of colored cord or ribbon, add much to the gaiety of the tree—tiny animals, little carved wooden toys, diminutive dolls dressed in a bit of ribbon and many other little odds and ends that you can find.

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## ALL AGES MEET IN TOYLAND.

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"Mother!" a little girl cried, unable to check her astonishment, "Isn't it wonderful?"

"It's a real fairyland," the mother replied.

The scene was a fantastic one—a glittering palace of light and shadows—a veritable Lilliput. People stopped at the very entrance of the elevator unable to decide in which direction to go or what section to inspect first. Mysterious sounds lured them from all points. From one came the soft tinkling of music-box toys and miniature pianos. From another the rattle and rumbling of diminutive electric trains and scenic railways beckoned to the men and boys, while women and little girls were instinctively drawn in the direction of the doll department, where tiny electrically controlled dolls enacted plays.

As I walked from booth to booth treading my way through the crowd of people representing all ages, I realized these pulsing, joyous people proved the fallacy of the saying, "Christmas is only meant for children." All around me there were as many men and women as children. Men and boys elbowed each other for a little space around the tracks of the electric trains and other mechanical toys, while women were crowding little girls in the doll booth, around the

doll-houses, play dishes and other toys appealing to the feminine.

Children predominated only around the gorgeously decorated throne of Santa Claus and the beautifully trimmed and brilliantly illuminated Christmas tree. This was perhaps because the grownups felt a little self-conscious in the presence of the kindly old gentleman whose good humor and apparent interest in little folk makes him so popular with them.

While I was watching the play on the miniature stage I overheard a conversation between two elderly women, which made me realize what a tonic the wonders of Toyland at Christmas are to the grown-ups.

"You know," said one of them, "I've visited the toy displays every Christmas for fifteen years, and it's marvelous the improvements they have made in the toys and the way they display them. It excites me and I scarcely know what to buy first. Lately everything seems to be alive with electricity. It makes dolls dance, animals walk, trains run, and operates scenic railways, merry-go-rounds, dredges, cranes and goodness knows only what else. It's too astonishing!"

"Yes, and just think of the improvements they have made in displaying toys. The toys look like great jewels studded with hundreds of little colored electric bulbs—everything glitters and is glorified by the electric light."

"It just looks like a wonderful painting!" the other sighed.

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# The Ready-Made Christmas

"Some of the shops look fascinating in their Christmas dress, don't they?"

"Oh, yes," answered grandmother, rather wearily, "but Christmas has become such a ready-made Christmas."

"My! I only wish it were. I would like to have all my arrangements handed to me on a tray and then dismiss it until Christmas morning."

"If that isn't a remark characteristic of this generation!" continued grandmother. "That reminds me of a very rich woman I once knew. She had exhausted the whole realm of luxuries herself. She didn't know what it was to want anything money could buy and so she was rather turned in upon herself, devising ways and means to save herself trouble and otherwise indulge everything else that made for flesh and selfishness. She said: 'Indeed, I am not going to worry myself with the trouble of picking out individual presents at Christmas time. I wouldn't go down among the crowds for anything in the world. I shall just send checks to a few people and let it go at that.'

"And so the time she might have spent in giving thought to her family and friends and of having the delight of selecting what she thought might please, of indulging herself in a little Christmas spirit, she spent at the bridge table or sitting in her houndir or living room or wandering about the house smoking, nervously and miserably, trying to decide what she should do next. She was almost wild with nervousness and never guessed the cause."

"Why don't you have an old-fashioned Christmas? Why do you want a ready-made Christmas?"

"But grandmother, there isn't time to do all the things for Christmas you used to do. Why, I run myself ragged trying to get around now."

"Yes, I know. But when you stop and think what you are running yourself ragged about, what does it amount to? Suppose you do have your committee meetings to decide whether the city council has passed upon the bug-extinguishing ordinance? And where do you go from there? Why, you go to a picture show or to see whether the cape you have had made is exactly like the one your friend has or whether it has two more rows of stitching. Or you take days trying to decide whether you shall have a hook rug or an oriental. You are all wedded to gadding or to things, just things."

"But you don't want us to sit in the corner all the time and never go anywhere?"

"No, I think you might strike a happy medium sometime and not keep up this wild pace. I'd like to introduce some of you to 'home life,' I mean the atmosphere, not just a house."

"Well, what do you mean about having a ready-made Christmas?"

"Oh, I mean that all you have to do is to call over the telephone for your tree and your Christmas decorations and the ornaments come in a box, and the plum pudding is from the caterers, and the fruit cake, too. And then you step downtown and get some candy and the electric lights are turned on and there you are—right in the middle of Christmas. I don't like it. Now, why don't you try doing it the old-fashioned way just once?"

Grandmother, this grandmother, is far from being the kind to sit in the corner and say nothing. She is white-haired and slow of gait and bent and tottery, to be sure, but she is just as positive and determined as she is tottery and she knows how to send a suggestion home with a shake of her head and hand, even if the shake is a little bit trembly.

So, grandmother having rebelled (everybody being fond of grandmother) the die was cast.

For one week as many hands as could be summoned under grandmother's generalship were gathered together.

First, the fruit cake was made and the little "sample" that was left over to test its good.

Then the pink and white and green and blue tarleton stockings were all overcast with red yarn and they are to be hung on the trees with the gingerbread cookies in the form of little men and women who have their fronts trimmed in white icing with pink and blue sugar on them and raisins or currants for buttons on their clothes. And the other cookies are simply marvelous with anise seed and honey and other delectable things incorporated in their making.

Well, and there isn't going to be a single thing bought for that tree. The family is even going to take the chance of a fire and have wax candles instead of electric light bulbs. Yes, grandmother thinks that if she made trees every Christmas for 20 years and used candles and escaped a conflagration, why there is no use having one at this late day. But the cotton intended to represent snow will be asbestos and there will be fire extinguishers near, carefully secreted from grandma.

The tree ornaments are to consist of pieces of this white asbestos cotton with diamond dust sprinkled on them and strings of the whitest popcorn and strings of reddest cranberries. Isinglass is to be cut in the shape of icicles.

And, of course, the candy canes will help, too. Silver paper will be cut into rings and candy hearts, home-made, will be wrapped in the paper. Apples and oranges suspended from strings will add color and the candy angel in the top of the tree will be about the only concession to ready-madness in that room.

# Housewifely Christmas Gifts

Even if one's resources are elastic enough to stretch over the gifts for the nearest and dearest, there are hosts of more casual friends and acquaintances, people who have done some little kind act or shown themselves especially thoughtful, whom one would like to remember in some particular way at Christmas time.

For the woman who is swift and skillful with the needle there are innumerable ways in which this may be managed, without entailing much expense. But for the busier housewife, or for the less talented in the art of sewing, originality and much thought must apply the lack, in order that her Christmas packages may be opened with that delighted surprise which attends the novel, and lends a personal element to the giving and receiving of such little tokens.

One especially lovely way of pleasing is with bulbs. These, of course, are found in all the shops at this time of year, put up in decorated boxes with a bowl for the planting. But the gift shows much more thought and care on the part of the giver if it is already growing in its little bowl or pot, its green stalks some inches high. The narcissus and Chinese lily, if started in November, will be ready to bloom at Christmas. Hyacinths should be planted in October or November in pots, and kept carefully watered in a dark place

until they are well above the ground, and the bud is out of the bulb. These are for February blooming, and the recipient will have the pleasure of watching the bud lift from the leaves and show its first tinge of color. Slips of geranium or roots of fern from favorite house plants make pretty table pots, and can be transferred to porch boxes in the spring.

For the friend who lives in a kitchenette or whose family is so small that she does little cooking in a big way, there are certain culinary treats that are most welcome. It is very easy to make little steamed puddings, especially plummy, in baking powder tins and put one or two away each time. These can be wrapped, when cool, in waxed paper until time to add the gas tissue and ribbon. A little note should be tucked in to suggest that the little pudding is ready to be an emergency dessert, sliced, steamed and served with sauce.

Small cookies and cakes, made after one's favorite recipe, make an attractive gift, especially if they are cut in fancy shapes and decorated with nuts and cherries and packed in attractive boxes. Children will be delighted with the funny prune and raisin men, stuck together with toothpicks, with marshmallow heads.

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