# SANTA ANNA NEWS 


He Profits Most Who Serves Best


SERVICE


## MAY THE JOY BELLS OF THE YULETIDE SEASON RING MERRILY FOR YOU AND YOURS!

Because of the opportunity it affords us to extend to you our expressions of good will, we welcome the happy Yuletide season.
alTo each of you we tender our sincere good wishes for a joyous Christmas and unending happiness and prosperity for the New Year.
al We trust that our relations have been as pleasant to you as they have to us and that it will be our good fortune to serve you in the future.

## Adams Mercantile Co.

Santa Anna, Texas


| CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR | Leader's Message. |
| :---: | :---: |
| Topic: Advent Lessons from | Other discussions. Open Meeting Silent night |
| Bethlehem, Matt. 2:1-12. | played softly-Sentence prayers. |
| Leader-Elizabeth McClellan | Offering. |
| Hymn:-Softly the night is | Hymn: It came upon a Mid- |
| sleeping. | night "clear. Mizaph. |
| Prayer. | Christian Endeavor 6: |
| Christmas readings. | Christian Endeavor 6.0 |
| Scriptare reading, Matt.2:1-12 | Free advice is worth all that |


-for Christmas
 Sedan is proving ex Ingect his nev Fordor

 body is a truly exceptional yorning.
You can buy this car through the Ford Wheokly purchase Plan SANTA ANNA MOTOR CO.



If you are unable to decide on to our local merchants. They'l your Christmas list just. leave it see that nobody gets left.

## Business Change!

I have bought the East End Grocery, and would like to have some of my old friends to come in and see me.

Will give you some good prices on your groceries.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

## J. L. BOGGUS \& CO

What is a Teaspoonful?




## EAT AT THE Bertrand Cafe

Under New Management
Regular Plate Lunch Specially prepared for the Noon hour. Short orders at all hours.
We Appreciate Your Business.
Merritt \& Donham
Proprietors son
the santa anna news



Dear Santa Claus: Please say "Ma, Ma", a cal that w fruits and Kizer.
Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a little fire wagon and
some candy Apples and nuts. somécandy, Apples and nuts.Burton Gregg.
Dear Santa Claus: Please oring me a real pretty doll and a
little stove, and a set of dishes ring and some fruit and candy: Sybil Kizer:
Dear Santa Claus! I would Dear Santa Claus, y would
like very much th have you bring
me a doll with brown curls, a doll buggy, and set of dishes and some beads. Please bring my
brother something nice. Your brother something nice, You
little friend, Mable Lawrence.
Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a pencil, tablet, and
some crayolas. Thanks. Your

Dear Santa Claus:, Please
bring me a pencil, tablet, and bring me a pencil, tablet, and
some crayotas. Thanks. Your
friend Addel Triend, Addeline Tisdale.
Driting Santa Claus: I a Writing you a letter to tell you
what I want Christmas. I want a little fire wagon, firecrackers,
nuts, candy and 5 boxes of popDear Santa Claus: I try to be
good about Christmas times. good about Christmas times.
want you to bring me a gun,
train a foot ball some fruit train, a fôot ball, some fruit, and
fire works, and oblige, Raymond
Kizer.

Dear Santa, Claus: Please
bring me a penci, tablet, and
some crayolas. Thanks, Your some crayolas:
friend, rryin Wilson.
Dear Santa Claus: My Dady use to always tell you what I
wanted you to bring me, but he is in heaven now, and I am writing you a letter to tell you
to please bring me a set of tin dishes and a little stove, that
you can burn coal in. Will thank you very
Ruth Hill
Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a doll and doll cradle kitchen cabinet, doll trunk, a lit-
tle chair, also candy, nuts and tle chair, also candy nuts, and
fruit. I have been a good little
girl and will be very proud of girl and will be very proud of
my presents. Your little friend Leta Gay Williams. Dear Santa Claus. I ha this year, sood little gope you will bring me the things I want. I
have tried to not want too much have tried to not want too much.
I want a big Mama Doll and a Wicker doll buggy to ride my doli in, some pretty dishes and some little handerchiefs to carry don't forget my little sister. Virginia, she wants a/ Mama Doll like mine, and some dishes. She can play with my buggy.
We surely will thank you Santa for these nice things and oh,
we do want Fe hese nice things and ohy
we want some nuts, candy
and fruit. Good Bye

## We Wish You The Merriest Christmas Ever

LTOU have our heartiest wishes for a most enjoyable Christmas and H-twelve months of happiness, health and prosperity in 1924.

## Hunter Drug Store

## It Has Been a Pleasure for Us to Serve You

We take this method of expressing our thanks to the citizens of this community for the business entrusted to us this year, and to assur you it has been a pleasure to serve you.

ACCEPT OUR SINCERE WISH FOR AN ENJOYABLE CHRISTMAS AND A NEW YEAR TO YOUR LIKING
Philipis Drug Store

MAY THE

## Santa Claus

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Good Times
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A Successful

## New Year

WILL BRING YOU HEALTH HAPPINESS AND PLENTY.

May we also voice the hope that you will continue our patronage and good will during the coming year.

## Parker Brothers, Tailors

Gents' Furnishings

AUTOMOBILE VICTIMS
$\square$ tha than they were before? asks a vorced from one woman and

IS SHE YOUR GIRL
The United States government (writer. They at least ? asks a married to two others, all with is authority for the statement be happier than they were to in thirty days. He ought to be The habit of observation is that the number of deaths yore. Some of them expect a able to answer the writers ques- strong, and it brings to our mind was 11,666 in territory embrac- great deal more happiness than tion-Brownwood Bulletin. Just now a certain little girl in ing 85 per cent of the total popu- they had before, and are so an- If every person who drives our community-brings her to lation of the country. This num- xious for it that they can hard- If every person who drives on our mind because her daily acts ber is an increase of 1,498 over ly wait until the divoree decree a raflroad crossing will keep in have attracted that observation the previous year. It represents. There is the case of the divorced mind that his engine may stall, She is very gentle, very sweet,
 for every 100,000 as compared Criminal Appeals, who was di- dents to record. $\left.\right|_{\text {bably }}$ in the training
beem an increase of 3.5 there ha oon. To California belongs the death rate, namelv 26 per 100 000 population. New York, Ne Jersey and Colorado have $r$ spectrvely a $16.7,16.4$ and 16.3
death per 100,000 . The state recording a decrease in the num ber of deaths are Connecticut Massachusettes, Montana, Vi Angeles the death rate was 29.5 Considering the increased use automobiles, the increase. deaths is not particularly signican be done, to reduce the auto-
mobile death rate, it will stil memin appalling. It is gratify,
remg to know that all over the ing to know that all over the
country both the civic authorities and automobile clubs and dealers are giving serious thought to safety on the high ways. While the deats be ver considerably reduced, the automobile, in the very nature or things, will continue to take it
ghastly toll. NEW PRODUCTION RECORD Ten production records have ing the last few months.
Largest pig iron production
Largest cotton consumption. Largest steel igot production.
Largest crude oil production Largest crude oil production. production.
Largest residential construc tion. Lales. Largest construction of loco motives. Largest volume of retail sales me of railroad ca
taken place in the TUnited State since the pre-war days of State 191 The population of the United
States has increased 14,$000 ; 00$ States has increased $14,000,000$
of people, with their enlargen requirements.
The annual national incom has increased from $\$ 3$
The aggregate savings depos its haveincreased from $\$ 6,0$
000,000 to $\$ 14,000,000,000$.

Nonesof us are ever too old to learn, but not all of us ha sense enough to realize it
Manya dull mind is brigh enough to keep a still tongue. ROCKWOOD ITEMS
Our new pastor, Bro Justice delivered his first sermon here Sunday to a good crowd in spite of the cold day,
Mrs. Kate Walker and daugh ter, Tylene took Sunday dinne
with Mr and Mrs Silliver with Mr. and Mrs. Sullivian Walter Faulkner had business
here Monday. Jeff Bratt Jeff Bratton was a busines The box super The box supper given unde Saturday night was quite a suc cess considering the weath Hadley \& Son Garage ha changed hands, I. I. Ellis being , Juanita Jenkins went to Bang In the to spend the
Matt Estes was a business ${ }^{\circ}$ itor to your city Sunday. There will beta communit Christmas tree Monday night' a the Baptist church. Everybody

Mr and Mr. Jo
Mr and Mrs. John B. Ash
more, Mrs. Riddle and Mrs. Belle more, Mrs Riddle and Mrs. Belle
Calldwell were shopping in Brownwood Monday.
Sunday Justice went to Waldrip Sunday and preached his, first
sermon at that place sermon at that place
Opal Hadley, who has been in spend the holidiass with her par ents and relatives.
"SEPTEMBER MORN"

## Ragsdale's Bakery

Give me your order for your Christmas Cake this week. We believe we can bake as good Cake as any one, and with our equipment to bake in large lots, they will not cost you any more. We will bake any kind of Cake you wish. Just place your order this week, and we are prepared to turn out the work that will please you.
FRUIT CAKE-We still have some real Fruit Cake at 75 c per pound. Will not bake any more unless the present stock is sold first of the week. With our latest ma chinery equipment, we can make up as much dough in 20 minutes as could be made with hands in ten days. We pride ourselves by claiming the equal, if not the best, equipped Baker shop in the Southwest.

We have some nice Boxes of Candy, also an assortment of other good Candies.

Bread Is Your Best Food Eat More of It!

## ...Ragsdale's Bakery...

Santa Anna, Texas


## - On Christmas Day

On this day snowy locks forget their years; weighted shoulders cast off their cares. Eyes sparkle as the lights on thousands of Christmas trees, and voices send forth their joy in carols. For the spirit of good old St. Nicholas their joy in carols. For the spritdrea good ong all of us children once again we is abroad, making all of us ch
join the universal merriment.

What a relaxation for a busy world! What a revela tion of the springs of new life that lieedeep hidden in the nature of mankind! What a rediscovery-through kindness and generosity of the secret of eternal youth kindness and generosity of the secret of eternal youth!
Such is the message and blessing of Christmas to the ages.

May the fires of good cheer and warmth burn brighty in many hearts, as on many hearths, during this Chistmas festival; and may it be a feast in truth of "peace on earth, good will toward men."
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R. P. CRUM \& SON

The House of Service

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## It Means More

to Us than the Dawn of a New Year

It means the beginning of another year of service to the people of this section. It gives us pleasant memories as we turn back the hands of time and recount our past experiences. You have helped this business to grow and as we grow we have tried to increase our usefulness in our sphere.

We tbank all of our logal patrons and assure you that each day of 1924 will find us planning and building for you, to make this store the store you want it to be.

Accept our best wishes for a New Year of good times, good health and contentment.

## D. R. Hill \& Brother

## Dr. J. Harris Hales

Optometrist, (Eyesight Specialist) Office and Labora tory, 302 First National Bank, Brownwood, Branch of fice, Polk Bros. Bldg, Santa Anna, Texas.

I will be in Santa Anna Office EVERY SECOND FOURTH TUESDAY of each month
Children's eyes given very special attention.

## The Merriest Day Ever

that's our Wish for You for Christmas!

## The Brightest Year Ever

is our Wish for You for the New Year!
TWe are proud to live in such a city as ours and to do business with such a people
$\triangle$ IPlease accept our thanks for the good business given us in 1823.
đWe solicit a continuation of your trade with the assurance that we will try to serve you even better than in the past.

ROUNTREE \& SON
GROCERIES

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE
The schedule for basket ba The Week's Program
 failed to get a schedule the Coun
ty Director of Athletics be notified.
Schedule for district number one which includes Talpa, Voss,
Valera, Coleman and Colenian Valera, Coleman and Colenian
Junction sehools is as follows Dec. 21st Talpa vs. Valera at Valera. Voss vs, Coleman at
Coleman. Coleman Junction open date.
Dan. 4th Talpa vs. Voss at Tal Coleman Junction open date.
Jan. 18th Talpa vs. Coleman Junction at Coleman Junction:
Coleman vs, Valera at Coleman.
Foss open date.
Schedule for district number
two which includes Novice Sit
ver Valley, Goldsboro and Glen
Cove schools is as follows
Dec. 21 st Novice vs. Glen
Cove at Novice. Silver Valley
vs. Goldsboro at Silver Valley Jan. 4th Novice vs Galley. at Novice. Silver Valley Glen Cove at Glen Cove. Jan. 11th Novice vs. Silver
Valley at Silver Valley. Glen Cove vs. Goldsboro at Goldsboro The champion of this district will play the champion of dis trict number three Schedule for district Number
three which includes Burkett and Roe schools is as: follows: Jan. 4th Burkett vs. Roe at Roe. Schedule for district number four which includes Santa Anna, Watts Creek, Plainview and
Buffalo schools is as follows: Jan. 4th Santa Anna vs, Buffalo at Santa Anna, Watts
Creek vs Plainview at Watts Creek
Creek. Jan, 11th, Santa Anna, vs.
Plainview at Plainview. Watts Creek vs. Buffalo at Buffalo. Jan. 18th Santa Anna ys. Plainview vs. Buffalo at Sant. Anna. Schedule for district number Trickham;' Gouldbusk, Hardin and Shield schools is as follows:
Dec. 21st Rockwood vs. Trickham at Rockwood. Gould busk open date. Jan. 4th Rockwood vs, Gould Hardin at Hardin. Open date for Trickham. Jan. 11th Rockwood vs, Shield at shield, Trickhan vs. Gould-
busk at Trickham. Hardin open
date date. Jan. 18th Rockwood vs. Hardin ham at Shields District champions of districts
four and five will play Jan. 25 th four and five will play Jan. 25th
to decide who will play the champion of districts one, two
and three on Feb 2nd and three on Feb. 2nd. The
championship of districts two
and three will be determined and. 18th. The champion of tw
Jand three will play the and three wil play the champion
of district number one Jan Any of the above dates may
be changed to Saturday if it meets the approvial of if schools. fee of $\$ 1.00$ for basket as their Inter-Scholastic League demands If you have not attended to this The winning team of the scheduled games must forward to the
County Director the scores cf the two teams playing. T. H. McDonald, Santa Anna TAYLOR COUNTY JÄLL

IS ALMOST EMPTY Sheriff John Bond reports that he now has only two in-
mates of the jail, the smallest mates of the jail, the smallest
number in five years, and both number in five years, and both
of these are trusties, hence it is of these are trusties, hence it is
not necessary to turn the lock
in the jail now. Some 2 years aso wilen the jail was filled it was being agitated to build new jail and to separate it
having a division for the men prisoners-now it seems that we will have little use evth
for the old fail which will acfor the old tail which will, ac-
comodate approximately sixty pinsoners, The crime wave sixt
which has been prevalent during the past two or three years. is gradually passing over, and it is officers have been able to stamp out the violations to the Hiquor law that West Texas w
have little use for jails-Tayl have little use
County Times,
"LOVE NT THE AARK" An exciting comedy-drama wit And Fighting Blood Round 5. This picture is for one day only Tuesday and Wednesday $25 \& 26$
"TRFLLIMG WOMEN" This is a Rex Ingram Production
Also Comedy THURSDAY, 27 WALLACE REID "Guss Breaker Also Comedy $\square$
FRIDAY, $28-$
12 th Episode of
"HAUNTED VALLEY"
athe News, Western and
Comedy.
SATURDAY, 29RICHARD TALMAGE "PUTTINC IT OVER" Also Comedy.

NO 947
Citation on Application for Pro
Bate of Will The STATE OF TEXA Coleman County; Greeting:
You are hereby commer You are hereby commanded t week for ten days, before the return day hereof, in some news
phich of general . circulation regularly published for a period nan County, Texas, the follow THE notice: To all persons interested in deceased, W.E. Wallace, ha Coleman County, County Court o for the probaty, of applicatio said Tabitha Wallace, deceased,
filed with said application, and
and for Letters Testamentary, said application further stating that
it is provided in said will that no quired of said $W$. $E$. Wallace Executor and that no further ac
tion be had in the County Cour in the settlement of said estat will and to return an Inventory and Appraisement of said estat plication will be heard at the mencing on the First Monday in January, A. D. 1924, the same 1924, at the Court House thery time all Coman, Texas, at which aide Estate may ans appear in ontest said applica appear and they desire to do so.
Herein Fail Not
before said Court on the said first day of the next term there-
of this Writ, with your retirn of this Writ, with your return
thereon, showing how you have executed the same.
Witness L. Emet Walker,Clerk of the County Court of Coleman
County. Given under my hand and t Coleman, Texas, this the day of December, A. D., 1923 .
L. Emet WWen L. Emet Waiker, Clerk County Court, Coleman County, Texas,
By V. Rawlins Gilliand, deputy BE THOUGHTFUL
Christmas again! The glad ime. You will go to church, eat a fine dinner, and enjoy the
delights of home But don't et it stop at that. Give your if he is cold feed, and a blanet your dog, your cat don't for this earthey are all placed upon we are. And t purpose, just as consideration, just as we are. Too


Those Last Few Gifts
Let them be practical gifts. Gifts that last and are the most appreciated.
We still have a splendid assortment of Pyrex, Casseroles, Decorated Candles, Carving Sets, Silverware, Pocket Knives, Scissors, Air Guns and many others.

## Wi. W. R. Kelly \& Co. <br> 

## Special Holiday Fares

Between points in Texas and Louisiana
Tickets on sale December 20-21-22-23-24 limited to reach original starting point by midnight January 7, 1924

For particulars and reservations as Your Santa Fe Ticket Agent w. dubois, agent, santa anna, texas

## SHAPIRO'S

 Fall bargain saleI have many items of Seasonable Merchandise that I am selling at less than wholesale cost.

Bargains in Men's Tailored Made Suits. $\$ 35.00$ values at $\$ 19.50$ Extra Coats $\$ 5.75$

Ladies Felt Slippers at Ladies Cotton Hose, 2 pair for 3 póunds Bats

MEN'S HATS
$\$ 3.00$ grade
$\$ 2.45$
$\$ 3.50$ grade
$\$ 2.65$
MEN'S SHOES, WORK OR DRESS
SHOES AT REAL BARGAINS

Men's good grade Blue Jumper
$\$ 1.14$ Men's Kaki Pant, from
$\$ 1.24$ up
All kinds of Christmas Toys for the Kiddies, cheap.

MANY OTHER BARGAINS

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GOur special low prices on Hardware and Furniture will be discontinued December 24th.
$\square$ If there is anything you need in either of these lines get it now; this is the last call.

Santa Anna
Texas alt


## WIW REX IMGRAM PRODUCTION

"TRIFLING WOMEN," HERE DEC, 25-26

## christmas

or many centuries the 25 th Weat of December has been obserto commemorate the day of the birth of Jesus Christ: At first the day was observed only b Christian people in touch w. thiter grew into favor with Protestant Churches and has come to be recogizized as a universal christmas festival. Today it is in pagan lands as well as Christipm lands. It comes nearer to being a universal holiday thain flyyother day obseryed by man-
find There is a spirit and an etmosphere about the day that Is contagious. While vast mulItitides of people may observe The day without any serious te fhere are still great multitudere to whom it has significatce because it marks the day
of birth of Jesus in Nazareth the Gift. of God to a lost world. 4. Wemay not think much of Whitilies back of the gifts which pate arong us us, hut every one of them is related to the "Un-
 hastot so oloved the worla as to Sive His only begotten Son,there
Foutid be no Christmas and no Chridtrmas bifts. Every token of Iory that passes from one peront to another is but a reflection of that great love that expressed tiseli tin the gift of God. The angess which came over Bethle.
hamis field and the shepherds Who gathered in the khumble shanger in Bethlehem have had
Theirir songs re-choed and the heit sungs re-choed and the Cod's gift was an interpretaRon of the universal heart of Thankind and throughout the ethtaries. that heart has re-tit yutetide.
It will be well for us as indiviauals, if we recognize the source from which our Christmase cheer has sprung, while we
theirit the loved ones from whom twe have received Christmas gifts, iet us not forget to thank the Heavenly Father from whom hes come the Gift that has be 3as wisise man of old who spoke of god as one "in whom we ive and move and have our being." theret is cause for daily grat who showers upon us daily Shessings and who ministers unzous in countless ways for our comport and our joy, But its is
When we contemplate what $G$, Whes Done for our salvate whation, what The has wrought for our redempfion, what he has given for our fnrichment in spiritual well-b tos a deep and true thankffulnes then people think of their Christmas obligations of auties

Discriminating motion picture Discriminating motion picture
patrons will have an opportunity
to witness one of the sens to witness. one of the season's
most notable screen suuceesses. nost notable screen successes
the latest production by Rex Ingram, the brilliant director who made the "Four Horsemer of the Apocalypse", "Turn to
the Right," The Conquering Power," and "The Prisoner of Zenda." The new Ingram opus, is entitled "Trifling Women,
and the name of the director is and the name of the director
associated with it in several ca pacities in addition to that o producer. This photoplay based on an original story by Mr
Ingram, and it was he who Ingram, and it was he who pro
vided the sereen ${ }^{\text {adaation. }}$ comed to scereen ald theatione on
Dec. 25 and 26 . Rex ${ }^{26}$.
Rex Ingram's claim to film mmortality is justified again in "Trifling Women. It is the latest chievement of the skillful direcsynonymous withe the best in filmdom, and a guarantee of exand, in some merit. It equals passes his earlier efforts, and the best of a high place among plays.
The brilliant director of "The our Horsemen of the Apoa" and other big Metro pictures or of his latest success. This nore comes his triumph all the ontinuity comete, for the story and production itself a par with the ma, and worthwhile photodrahose who is recommended to motion picture fare.
The story is concerned with he facination of Zareda, a crusnation attractse siren-like fasciHow she attains weal ith and net. er through a marriage with a wealthy Marquis; how she ar-
ranges his death yanges his death to marry he neets a terrible end with her hem together husband finds and dramatic story
they find them hard of fulfillment, but, when they think Ghem as a return of gratitude
God for his "Unspeakable Gift hey become a pleasure. be well for us in the midst of
our Christmas festivities to take
ime to reflect upon the sure Gift, for reflect upon the supreme in of what it means that here God, but that inspriration to obe-
dience in which we shall fiol dience in which we shall. fi for everlasting His Thankeakable gift
"Let no one beguile you with dreams of idleness, Life with-
out toil, if possible, would be an intolerable existence: the sublime luxury

DEPARTMENT OF COMFinancial Statistics Of the Stan nancial Statistics Of the Stat
Government Of Texas, 1922.

## Expenditures.

Washington, D. C., December 1923.-The Department Commerce announces that the state of Texas for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1922,
amounted to $\$ 45,842,985$, which mounted to $\$ 45,842,985$, which In 1917 the per capita cost $\$ 9.48$ $\$ 5.00$, and in $1914, \$ 3: 89$, the to-
tals for these years being $\$ 22$,tals for these years being $\$ 22$,-
204,625 and $\$ 16,364,780$, respectively. The per capita costs
for 1922 consisted of expenses of
general departments, $\$ 9.13 ;$ pay-
ments for intert 0 , for outlays, $\$ 0.30$. The to Revenues. The total revenue receipts for per capita. For the fiscal year the per capita excess of governmental costs over revenue r Ints was, therefore, $\$ 0.82$.

In Texas property and specia xes represented 50.6 per cent the total revenue for 1922, | 6 per cent for 1917 , and 64.5 |
| :--- | the amount of prope increase special taxes collected was and 14.1 per cent from 1914 to 1917 , and

53.7 per cent from 1917 to 1920 The per capita property and
special taxes were $\$ 4.38$ in 1922

## The Season of Good Cheer and Happiness

finds us mindful of our good friends and patrons so we pause to wish you

## A Real Odd Merrie Christmas

And as we do so we like to recall the pleasant dealings of the past year and as the curtains are being drawn on 1923 we find much to feel thankful for. We value the friendship and confidence of the people and will be found always striving hard not to dissapoint you in any way.

So we come in this season of happiness and rejoicing to take the opportunity to sincerely thank you for your patronage and good will and to extend to you our sincere wish that yours will be a Merry Christmas and the New Year one of Happiness, Prosperity and Success.


The Home of Hart Schaffner \& Marx Clothes

## When We Tell You

That this HUMAN BANK lives up to a fixed policy;
$\square$ That every patron is a personal friend;
© That everyone who enters the door is treat ed as OUR GUEST;

- That politeness and courtesy enters into every transaction

TThat promptness and competency ere al ways present-

Why, We Know
You Expect to Be Shown.
We'll Be pleased to Do That. Come in Today.

## The First State Bank

Santa Anná, Texas $\Longrightarrow$

Financiers and industrial lead- BE A HUMAN LIGHT ers are repeatedly assuring us
that 1924 is to be a prosperous You have noticed many time year. What's the matter with how insects flutter around a 1923, that we must be bolstered ful, the insects weak. One at up with such alluring prophe tracts, and the other responds
sies? True we, occasionally to the attraction. It is so with ies? . True we, occasionally to the attrac
hear some isolated remark about mankind.
hard times, but where are they? Certainly, not in the United power to forge ahead, to sweep States. Wages are high, employ- away, obstacles, and to attai ment is good, evergbody has positions of honor and trust
money, and we all appear to be Others flutter around them money, We have no foreign com- humbly accepting the crumb plications, everythirig is serene that are tossed their way. Talk about something that's ins! Be a human light, and let oth Talk about something that's in ers emulate the insects. Yo

##   <br> Throughout the ages the Ideol gift is

Diamonds, Watches, Jewelry, Silverware. Always the way to bring joy to the heart of woman or man has been through jewels. At our store is to be found an unmatched array of these ideal gifts.

## FOT HER-

Indestructible Deltah Pearls . . $\$ 5.00$ up Whiting and Davis Silver Mesh Bags ....................... $\$ 5.00$ up
Beautiful White Gold Wrist Watch
$\$ 15.00$ up
Silverware 1847 Rogers, 26 piece set
$\$ 27.50$

## For HIM-

Wahl Eversharp Pen and Pencil
$\$ 7.00$ up
Smoking Sets .... . .......... $\$ 3.00$ up)
Many Gifts too numerous to mention. Always a pleasure to show goods.
MRS. COMER BLUE
GIFTSTHATLAST" PHONE 305

## Caught in the Round-Up

W.D. Taylor called Saturday nother year to the Star Tele gram, Daily and Sunday. S. P. Cordell, a young ma who partly grey to manhoo hives in Los Angeles, Calif., spending the Christmas holiday ere with friends.
Albert R. Moore, cashier of the First State Bank at Bangs, wa a business caller in the Mounta
City Monday. y Monday.
Miss M. C. Rainee from out enewed her subscription and other year. Miss Rainey ha
her been a valued reader of the
News for many vears and nev News for many years, and never overiooks her annual.
to her local newspaper.
Mrs. J. P. Woodruff and litte Mrs. J. P. Woodruff and litte Shristmas with her parents, Mr and Mrs. W. E. Wallace.
Eegean Hensley returned thin week from the Panhandle coun-
try, where he has been workin try, where he has been working
in the oil fields for several weeks and will spend the Chris
mas holidays here with h mother, Mrs. John Hensley., Major Neill H. Banister of the School of Intelligence Depart
ment of National Guards, is vis iting relatives here.
Jas. K. Wells had an acciden last Sunday in which he got policy with the United Lifé As sociation of Brownwood and the
company has already called and company has already called an
settled with him, paying him $\$ 100: 00$.

THANKS AGAIN
Santa Anna, Texas, Dec, 9, 1923 Editor Gregg, Santa Anna, Tex yesterday one of your subscribers handed me a copy of the News. The Santa Anna News
a spicy newspaper and to spicy newspaper and to me. hold,' Your article on the, Sol.
dier's Bonus is timely and to the dier's Bonus is timely and to the
point: I dislike the word Bonus. This word carries with it no force and really means givin
something for no purpose. Ad justed compensation is be
and carries the significant and carries the significant fac
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my support who are against the measure. I had three boys who done service for their country in the "World War." Two are liv ing; one died last April 15, 1923 in the U. S. Navy. This fac makes me more enthusastic fo the soldier in the fight for adjusted compensation in thei the stand you have taken for th boys that made bare their breas to enemy bullets, I am enclosing herewith my check for $\$ 1.00$ to scription to the Santa Anna News for one year.
1 am respectfully yours,
Rte 1, box John R. Havens, With pleasure we place you name on our list for a year, and many thanks for the compli ments. When you come to th
Mountain city make it a point to call at the office and renew a personal acquaintance.-Editor. TEACH CHILDREN TO SAVE It is natural for a child to be a spender. It should be taught to
be a saver. Character and incli nation are formed in youth. If not destroyed or cor
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J. J. Keling is taking in the
ights at Memphis and othe ights at Memphis and other Mu pors, Mrs. H. L. Voss and children came in from Miles last Saturda
o join Mr. Voss who has here for several weeks.
W. D. Taylor returned 1 eek from a three weeks huntonly knows where else, reports good trip, lot of game, plenty a un, but refused to say where all er he ever expects to do it again W. W. Hunter visited several
days with his son in Abilene days with
Pastor J. Hall Bowman of the Methodist church,called one day his week, subscribed for the News and ordered a supply of stationery.
Miss Virgie Jackson of Childess, Texas, is in town for th holidays with her cousin, Miss Viola Phillips.

We pause today and Look Back!

And as we recount the experiences of the days and ears we have been in business we find but little o regret and mueh to be thankful for. We are deeply grateful that so many have shown their confidence in us.

As we look to the future we are thinking of how we can serve you better and we hope we will be given the opportunity

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## May Christmas Mean Much to You

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And may Health, Happiness and Prosperity become more and more enriched with the passing of time, and may you and those whose happiness depends upon enjoy the best of health and a full measure of prosperity and true happiness.

We are grateful to all for patronage of 1923 and pledge you that during 1924 we will put forth our very best effort to serve you even better than in the past.

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## SANTA ANNA NEWS

## A Christmas Hunt and Dinner

Deer，Turkey，Quail，Cooked and Served Christmas Day in the Hills of Southwest Texas

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wanted to kill a buck just as bad as time I wres hungry and in case we fell down on getting venison， 1 intended to
slip around and make a shock－formation charge on a covey of Bob Whites．
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wood．No more ideal spot could have
camp biscuits
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 bird catches the worm．＂Not over three
hundred yards from camp I saw deer
racks，and was assured that at least we were in a big game country．Nig ger Head hill was not far away and I
directed my steps，in that direction．
The snow had ceased falling Climbing up one slope of the peak I could see fo miles－in every direction，and I noted was covered with cedar trees，and while
was standing there watching the oc casional sun－glints as they shot from
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Primitive Christmas Dinner．
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eame girl would become rivals and exert every energy to＂string the most beads＂
order to secure her smiles．Many
a bright hope vanished when some
fortunate aspirant lost his goal． In ancient times one side would be the poles of later days．The kings would attend such events and they were
held all the way from the Black Forest mond，where a MacAlpin rode against MacGregor．
Winner Leads the Grand March
The tournament held Christmas day

tive committee of the Cattle Raisers＇
ociation，Frank Wilhelm，Jesse Bur
Max Russell thers whose names are very faniliar in the cattle kingdom of Texas．Mears ever Bird，as pretty a saddle horse as ever graced the open prairies，and
he black and gold which adorned thè
ance Ed carried was also worn by of the prettiest belles of the city．That nade up of the frontier＇s frairest and eest，while Phillippi＇s orchestra play
the Washington Post march． or lack of better accommodations，
the public dances of that period the public dances of that period
were always held in the courthouse
and on special occasions a big sup－ per would be served．This partic－
ular night，Mrs．Ed Sieker arrang ed that part of the program and
the main delicacy of the feast con－ sisted of roast turkeys killed by
Mr．Sieker on Saline creek，in the It cost just one dollar a couple this celebration，including the ban－ would be nothing more than one
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course of one evening．In fact，no If you rode in the tournament the
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Turkey Shoots Were Popular． of one hundred dollars to the winner，
and in iddition to this，it was announc ed inat the one contestant who captur－－
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Primitive Christmas Dinner When Christmas day a ritived we had
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## the public dances of that period


 sisted of roast turkey killed by
Mr. Sieker on Saline creke, in the
south edge of Menard county it cost just one dollar a couple
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Iy pace this wreath upon the
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glete without this feature, and to have plete without this feature, and to have
the distinction of leading the grand march was an honor practically as great
as that of being chosen caller for the
and quadrille. Among the contestants were Ed
Mears, who is now a member of the ex-

Turkey Shoots Were Popular. "Turkey Shoots" was another one of in the Christmas celebrations of the early days. You did not shoot at tur-
keys, however, but at a target, either with, a rifle or, a, pistol, the socrer of the
most ibulleys, most buleyes Winning the turkeys.
Contests of this kind drew arge ber of good shots, especially any num
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and these turkey shoots, which taine
 tion, back there when the cowboys were
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 ed its green bowers from a sparkiin? piece of cutglass to a pair of home-khit
yarn socks. And I do not mention thit last article with any disdain some
times those yarn socks carried , with
tion them a mother s. love which
est gift that can be given.
But really the Christmas tree of that day and time, , when in fruitfulu regalia
was a funny looking concert. As a rule was, funny looking concern. As a rule,
a ommite would decorate the the
and the decorrations would be an home made. Cranberries and pop-corn were
strung on strong cords and a lo
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patt of the ornamentation. And thiere part of the ornamentation. And there
waid another commite e of se that
child in the community should fail to child in the community should fait to
be remember by god old Santa
Claus, for even then the old man seemed to have a longer and a stronger arm
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something useful. The
girls would make their "beau1-lovers" neckties out
of black ribben, which gave the tree
the appearance of one great gibbe the appearance of one great gibbet
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hung, whil the boys woul pitch such
hresents as might prove usefulu tin niter presents as might prove usefuli in after
years- wall-pockets, plutture frames. years a wall-pockets, picture
photo album and the like, an
there woud be a washbobr fo
and
and a pipe for dear old dad.
Of course it would be constacred
tacky" today Even in the taloter tacky" today. Even in the remoerest
regions we have learned "the biz townt returf, and if the parnent of today town
to take their children to the same wind of a tree they would doubless be told
where to get offi," We have moved


## CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS

By J. H. LOWRY

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tria 2 and China: We are helping japan










## Fishin' Tales of Me and Jim

Catching Bream and Bass a Week Before Christmas at Lake Park, Near Tyler.
by Jack maxwell.
1 hope you folks who reads these 4a ashint tides whut Me and my side Tet in aritinn gits a whole dogrone Tham: It's sho funny to Mo terin to tetemown ris sho funny to me fer to



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nother can sho talk, an if a feller
terstans their langwidge he can have Thita smart bit uv fun a listnin' to whut 1. Fall of the Year Best. Wi. Durin' the years whut Me and Jim Whet fished together we has kum to the
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Taylor bring out our ole pipes an fill em fer the evenin smoke. As, Wi
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into the fitful tongue each uv us ful tongues ur flame why, familer trails uv other days day, thet
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## CHRISTMAS ALONE

A fellow that is far away from his an effort to be gay, but doesnit have
much luck, says a writer. For thoug much luck, says a writer. For though he occupies no chair, cross the miles his
heart is there, with mother, dad and sis
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## A Review of the Year of 1923

By W．N．BEARD


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 THE ABSENT ONE

## By FRANK L．STANTON

m thinking of you in the Christmas， The sky Like the do bue， nd still do the lilies remain
m thinking of you at Christmas e halls with the holly are red； and where do you stay
On this beautiful day

Do the lilies bloom for you，dearest nder skies that are darkened or blue； in a far－away lan
Does some tender kind hand
Lift a flower of Christmas to you？
Oh，the bells o＇er the wide world are ringing，
nd the skies bend in beauty of blue，
But a thought from the past
Liveth with me at last
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ing interests of
e Christmas I＇m thinking of you！
is important，in that the prosperity an woilt and her people cannot become per－ manently prosperous and haps．
out abundant field crop yield．
While looking backward，with unas suming pride，upon the general progress
of our state during 1923 no one thing
affords greater satisfaction than the progress spiritually and educationally
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WHY DO WE DECORATE OUR CHRISTMAS TAEE？ Ancient sun worshippers used to dec
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## CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENTS

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are held and the first an thought of the hostess
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ber of friends to assist carrying out the grests and the entertainments.
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room where a fruit punch
may be served to all decorate this having the table covered nden friezes around edges fascinating of icicles. These icicles are made by cutting
the paper in points and dust Four wooden laths are car
red from the corners and crossed in the
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guests will come and go in stesif stream, and it is saf evening arrives a gay group hand, ready to engage in al amusements Before th iibrary fire corn will be pop-
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danced and then a dancer
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 the contestants, six of whom
she chooses from the femin-
ine guests and the other six from the masculine. The
best daner among the girls
is decorated with a flame. colored scarf, and the man
who most distinguishes him-
self is given a corn ornamented with a spray of
holly and a red ribbon,
After this, Christmas carols are sung and the happy homeward to dream over cake presented to them at
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