





## OIL PRODUCTION IS NEAR LEVEL OF CONSUMPTION

Crude oil production showed a decline of 70,340 barrels for the week closing Saturday, Dec. 15. California and Texas led in the decline. California contributed 30,150 barrels to the decline, while the fields east of the Rockies dropped off 50,190 barrels per day. North Texas declined 37,640, of which 36,400 was from East Central Texas, including the Powell field and 1,240 from the North and Central West Texas district.

Total daily average gross production for the country totaled 1,935,960 per day, of which 1,227,610 was east of the Rockies and 708,150 west.

The loss brings the production for the first time below the 2,000,000 per day mark, and approximately at the level of consumption set for the past year.

The figures for the individual districts follow. The North Texas statistics were compiled by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. Outside fields are reported by the American Petroleum Institute:

Field	Past wk.	Prev. wk.
Electra	20,180	20,000
Burkburnett	22,039	22,000
Iowa Park	2,225	2,030
Archer Co.	19,170	18,140
Clay Co.	400	425
Young Co.	4,270	4,850
Jack Co.	30	30
Palo Pinto Co.	1,095	1,175
Stephens Co.	22,925	23,710
Shackelford Co.	3,630	3,920
Ranger	7,080	7,050
Brown Co.	360	600
Coleman Co.	170	230
Eastland-Comanche	7,460	7,910
Mitchell Co.	855	920
Reagan Co.	150	150

Total N. and W. Cen. Texas... 112,535 113,775  
Decrease... 1,240

East Central Texas.  
Mexico... 43,500 44,000  
Currie-Wortham... 2,900 2,800  
Corsicana-Powell... 90,000 125,000

Total... 135,400 171,800  
Decrease... 36,400

Total N. Texas, 247,935 285,575  
Oklahoma showed a daily average production of 381,900 barrels, decrease of 3,850; Kansas 70,800, decrease of 350; North Louisiana, 54,900, decrease of 150; Gulf coast, 93,550, increase of 650; Eastern 1,000, increase of 1,000, and Wyoming and Montana 147,250 barrels, decrease of 8,700.

### NEAR TRAGEDY REVEALED AS LETTER DISTURBS COMPOSURE

DALLAS, Dec. 21.—The lines that form in front of the general delivery window at any postoffice are no less interesting but less reflective of the dramatic side of life than that section of the lobby where desks are provided to read the letters that are received.

A young woman of exceptional smartness having an air of refinement and culture, held her place in line with a score or more others waiting for her turn at the general delivery window.

She finally got a letter from the clerk and returned to a spot near the window to read it. Opening the missive she quickly registered a look of surprise and consternation. Her fingers became limp and the letter, a sheet of paper with a red border, fluttered to the floor. She reeled slightly and leaned against the wall. A fatherly looking old gentleman offered aid. Someone called an ambulance. The woman made an effort to regain her composure as she became conscious of the gathering crowd. Her eyes fell on the letter which lay face up on the floor. It read:

"Last notice before we sue."  
The young woman threw back her shoulders and gave the crowd a beligerent look.  
"Let 'em," she said as she walked briskly away.

#### EASTLAND PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY

CONNOR & McRAE  
Lawyers  
Eastland, Texas

BURKETT, ORR & McCARTY  
Lawyers  
501-504 National Bank Building  
Eastland, Texas

L. V. DODSON  
Lawyer  
General Practice  
Rooms 204-6  
First State Bank Bldg.

EASTLAND SANITARIUM  
310 S. Lamar St., Eastland, Texas  
Staff:  
DR. L. C. BROWN  
DR. C. H. CARTER  
DR. J. L. JOHNSON  
DR. T. E. PAYNE  
DR. J. W. SIMMONS  
DR. E. R. TOWNSEND

#### EASTLAND PERSONALS

Miss Magda Cucnod left Friday for Galveston and Houston, where she will spend the holidays with relatives.

J. M. Chandler of Abilene is here to spend the holidays with his parents.

Van Hall of Carbon was a business visitor in the city Saturday.

Archie Thurman and A. Boston were among those here Saturday from Carbon.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Halsell, teachers in the Homney school, were here Saturday.

Miss Robie Smith, who teaches in the Mountain school, near Desdemona, is here to spend Christmas with her parents.

Miss Louise Vaughn, teacher of the Tanner school, is home to spend the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Vaughn.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Andrews, teachers of the Bedford school, have gone to Thorp Springs for Christmas.

June Hendricks of the Kokomo school was here Saturday.

R. M. Cantrell and Dan W. Powers, superintendent and principal, respectively, of the Desdemona school, were here Saturday attending of the executive committee of the Interscholastic league.

R. L. Speer of the Carbon school was here Saturday attending a meeting of a meeting of the executive committee of the Interscholastic league.

Mrs. W. A. Tate and daughter, Mrs. Amanda Hendricks, were here Saturday from Carbon.

Leo Murray, principal of the Corner school, was a business visitor in the city Saturday.

Miss Cloy Martin, who teaches in the Mangum school, is home for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Vellie Owen, teacher of the Taylor school in the Colony district, has gone to Marshall to be with her folks during Christmas.

Rev. W. J. Nelson, pastor of the Baptist church, returned Friday from his mother's home near San Antonio, where he had been assisting in the settling up of his father's estate.

Joe Harrison of the Grapevine community was a business visitor in the city today.

Louis J. Starkey, constable of the Cisco precinct, is in the city today. Senator Redgers of McKinney, Texas, is here on legal business.

DALLAS.—Officials of the system have expressed the belief that it may be possible to have the new electric line to Denton in operation by next fall in time for the Texas state fair at Dallas.

Christmas Cards and Gifts at Valiant's, 109 No. Austin, st., Ranger.—Advertisement.

## IN HAPPY ACCORD WITH THE YULETIDE SPIRIT

We Wish for All Our Patrons and Friends That This Be the Jolliest

# Merry Christmas

In All Your Experience and That 1924 Will Be Real Good to You

OIL WELL SUPPLY COMPANY  
RANGER

PHONE IN YOUR WANT AD TODAY

## MAY CHRISTMAS MEAN MUCH TO YOU

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 you 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.

### WRIGHT FURNITURE CO.

207 So. Rusk St. Ranger Phone 154



Copyright 1923 Hart Schaffner & Marx

## A Special Purchase From Hart Schaffner & Marx Brings You Special Values, at

\$45, \$47.50, \$52.50 Suits or Overcoats.....\$37.50  
\$55 and \$57.50 Suits and Overcoats, now...\$47.50  
\$60, \$62.50, \$65 Suits or Overcoats, now....\$57.50

We were lucky; so are you. We just bought a great assortment of three-piece suits in the latest styles, patterns and fabrics, from the Hart Schaffner & Marx surplus. The price we paid was very low.

The price you pay is extremely low, also.

Practically all of these suits are worth from one-half to one-third more. The price you pay is just about what the regular wholesale price would be—in many cases less. It's one of the greatest selling events that Ranger has seen in many years. You will save a lot of money by getting in on it.

All of the newest styles; sizes for everyone; patterns to please every taste. You'd better make your choice early.

### EXTRA SPECIAL

One lot of 27 Suits, most of them have two pair of trousers; regular price \$35.00 to \$42.00; to close out—  
\$29.50

### EXTRA SPECIAL

One lot Hart Schaffner & Marx Suits for men and young men; regular price \$45 to \$53.50; while they last  
\$29.50

### LADIES' COATS

Also a large selection of fine Hart Schaffner & Marx Coats for women; \$55 to \$65 values, now at—  
\$49.50

### Ten Per Cent Off On All Furnishings

#### A FEW SUGGESTIONS

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|------------|-------------|-----------------|
| —Suits     | —Ties       | —Traveling Sets |
| —Overcoats | —Hose       | —Reefers        |
| —Tuxedos   | —Gloves     | —Cuff Links     |
| —Hats      | —Slippers   | —Dress Sets     |
| —Caps      | —Bath Robes | —Handkerchiefs  |
| —Shoes     | —Sweaters   | —Pajamas        |
| —Shirts    | —Suit Cases | —Gowns          |
|            | —Hand Bags  |                 |

## E. H. & A. Davis

Ranger, Texas

The Home of Hart Schaffner & Marx Clothes

RANGER COUNTRY CLUB EXTENDS SPECIAL OFFER FOR NEW MEMBERS

RANGER, Dec. 22.—The last day on which memberships to the Ranger Country club will be accepted at a reduce initiation fee has been extended to Jan. 1 by J. M. Dodson, president of the club.

The regular initiation fee is \$50, but during December the rate will be \$25 instead. This was agreed upon late in November at a meeting of members, when it was seen necessary to get a larger membership so that the club could carry on.

NEW RULES RELATING TO DIPPING OF CATTLE ON WAY TO MARKET

AUSTIN, Dec. 22.—Governor Neff today signed and filed in the office of the secretary of state several changes in the rules of the state livestock sanitary commission pertaining to the shipment of cattle. These new rules differ from the old in that they allow the movement of cattle to market on one dipping, provided they are free of ticks and do not require the dipping of the entire herd before any part of the herd can be moved, but only require dipping the particular cattle intended for movement.

They allow the movement of cattle into the free area on one clean dipping, regardless of classification of the county, and do not require that cattle going into the free area be moved to the public dipping station or stock yards center for final dipping, but allow a movement direct from the country in which the cattle originated.

DALLAS ATHLETIC CLUB HAS NEW SWIMMING POOL

DALLAS, Dec. 22.—The new swimming pool of the Dallas Athletic club when completed and filled with water will weigh 700 tons.

The steel beams used in the pool weigh 86,000 pounds, the steel plates 81,000 pounds and the concrete and tile weigh about 271,000 pounds. The pool will hold 118,125 gallons of water weighing about 500 tons. "Seven hundred tons—a lot of water for a bath," a small boy ejaculated.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION. THE STATE OF TEXAS, To the Sheriff of any Constable of Eastland County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Juan Carvojal by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, and 88th judicial district, to appear at the next regular term of the 88th district court of Eastland county, to be held at the courthouse thereof, in Eastland, on the first Monday in January, A. D. 1924, the same being the 7th day of January, A. D. 1924, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 30th day of November, A. D. 1923, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court as No. 10,560, wherein Jesusita Carvojal is plaintiff, and Juan Carvojal is defendant.

The plaintiff alleges that during the time she lived and co-habited with defendant as his wife, the defendant disregarded the solemnity of his marriage vows and his obligations toward plaintiff.

She avers that about one month after their said marriage the defendant left plaintiff and took with him plaintiff's niece, Rosa Sanches, and plaintiff has cause to believe and does believe and so alleges that the defendant is living in adultery with said Rosa Sanches.

That one child was born of said marriage by the name of Juan Jose.

By reason of the premises, plaintiff prays judgment of this court that she be awarded judgment against the defendant and for the care, custody and control of their said child, and for such other and further relief, special and general, in law and in equity to which she may be justly entitled, et cetera.

Herein fail not, and have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Eastland, Texas, this the 30th day of November, A. D. 1923.

ROY NUNNALLY, Clerk District Court, Eastland County. By WILBOURNE B. COLLIE, Deputy.

Guard Your Health SANYKIT Affords Utmost Protective PREVENTIVE for MEN. All Dealers of Sanykit Dept. A 92 Beekman St., New York Write for Circular

NOW BOOKING ORDERS For baby chicks and hatching eggs. Will also do custom hatching. OAK RIDGE POULTRY FARM Dan Dudley, Jr., Manager Breeders English S. C. White Leghorns

MRS. WEAVER DENIES KNOWING FOX OR COBURN

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 22.—Mrs. Margaret Weaver, indicted in connection with the murder of William S. Coburn, was arrested here today and is being held for Atlanta authorities. She said she would fight extradition to Georgia and would seek immediate release.

Mrs. Weaver said she did not know Fox and had never known Coburn, that she had come to Birmingham from Nashville and had been here only two days. She registered at the hotel here as Mrs. E. M. Williams of Atlanta.

NEW DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN THIRTIETH DISTRICT

AUSTIN, Dec. 22.—Bernard Martin of Wichita Falls has resigned as district attorney for the Thirtieth judicial district and Governor Neff has appointed J. V. Alfred, formerly assistant to Martin, to fill the vacancy.

TWO INNOCENT VICTIMS OF FUEDISTS' BATTLE

TEXARKANA, Dec. 12.—Vivian Paul, 12, and Hazel Smith, 10, are in a hospital here, the innocent victims of a shooting near Rockhill, Okla., last night, and their chances for recovery are slight.

The trouble started at a school entertainment when Charles Bishop and Holly Crenshaw, farmers, renewed a feud of long standing. In the shooting that resulted, the two girls fell, each wounded in the abdomen.

Bishop is said to be a deputy sheriff at Rockhill. Neither of the men was hit by a bullet.

RANGER POSTOFFICE PARCEL POST SHIPMENTS KEEPING FORCE BUSY

RANGER, Dec. 22.—Postoffice clerks at the Ranger postoffice experienced the busiest day of the season Saturday, when about 500 packages were insured and sent on their way. This represented only about 50 per cent of the packages mailed today, as many are not insured.

More than 2,500 insured packages were expressed from the local postoffice during the entire week, according to Mr. Maroney, who has been at the parcel post window the greater part of the time since the rush began. Maroney has found that the packages are better wrapped and addressed this year than last and as a result delivery should be facilitated this season.

Mailing was started earlier this year than in 1922, in the opinion of the postoffice employees.

About 6,500 letter and postal cards had been mailed today at the postoffice up to 6 o'clock this evening. For the last four days, approximately 24,000 letters and cards had been mailed here. This figure does not include mail from surrounding towns.

The incoming rush of mail and Christmas packages is just beginning to be received here, it was said.

Postoffice authorities are doing everything to expedite the delivery of packages mailed at the office. Every package mailed before 1 o'clock is off on the early afternoon express trains and everything mailed up to 9:30 p. m. is dispatched on the night express trains.

Want Ads Will Pay

We Send Our Warmest Christmas Greetings —to those loyal and true friends who have made it possible for us to do business. May the glow of the lights of Christmas shine brightly in your place of abode and when old Father Time rings back the curtains May the New Year Start You To Higher Success and continue you on this road until you have achieved the degree of success you desire. We thank one and all for business of the past. RANGER AUTO PAINT AND TOP SHOP 201 No. Commerce St. Phone 523 J. A. Dennis, Manager Manufacturers of tops, seat covers, curtains, etc. Baking System of Automobile Painting

THE DAYS OF HAPPY HEARTS Christmas 1923 With sincere appreciation of your past patronage we tender our greetings. WEST TEX ELECTRIC CO. Phone 297 214 Main St. Ranger

PHONE IN YOUR WANT AD TODAY

THE MERRIEST DAY EVER That's Our Wish for You for Christmas THE BRIGHTEST YEAR EVER That's Our Wish for You for the New Year We are proud to live in such a city as ours and to do business with such a people. Please accept our thanks for the good business given us in 1923. We solicit a continuation of your trade with the assurance that we will try to serve you even better than in the past. K. C. JONES MILLING CO. Ranger

EASTLAND TAILORING CO. Eastland In time of Christmas holly And candles mellow light May thy hearth be jolly And every prospect bright

PHONE IN YOUR WANT AD TODAY

WANT ADS

- 1—LOST AND FOUND. 11—APARTMENTS FOR RENT. 7—SPECIAL NOTICES. 13—FOR SALE—Miscellaneous. 14—REAL ESTATE. 16—AUTOMOBILES. 9—HOUSES FOR RENT. 20—OIL, GAS AND MINERALS. 21—LEGAL NOTICES. 22—POULTRY AND PET STOCK.

PHONE IN YOUR WANT AD TODAY

BARNEY GOOGLE AND SPARK PLUG—

Comic strip featuring Barney Google and Spark Plug. Includes dialogue such as 'WELL, HERE IT IS 7:00 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING - I GUESS WE BETTER GET OUT OF THIS HIDING PLACE - IT'S ALL RIGHT TO BE SEEN NOW - THE FOLKS WILL THINK WE JUST GOT INTO TOWN A FEW MILES AHEAD OF THE OTHER HORSES - THEY WON'T SUSPECT THAT A MOTOR TRUCK CARRIED IN THE THREE OF US -' and 'SASSY SUSIE' FIRST UNDER THE WIRE BARBERS WITH A CLOSE SECOND.

By Billy de Beck

## SANTA CLAUS AT MUNICIPAL CHRISTMAS TREE

Boys and Girls Made Happy  
By Lions Club of  
Ranger.

RANGER, Dec. 22.—No child, to whom circumstances said "No Christmas this year," was overlooked through any fault of Ranger's municipal Santa Claus.

Last night at the big pine tree at Main and Marston streets, he was present to distribute several hundred gifts. The name of a boy or girl was called by F. A. Brown of the Lions club in behalf of Santa Claus and when he or she responded, the gift suitable for the particular age of the boy or girl was handed to the recipient by Santa.

The illuminated tree and the advertisement it has received, attracted a large throng between 7:30 and 8 o'clock. They would stay for a short time and leave but their places about the tree was quickly taken up by new arrivals.

Six members of the Carl Barnes post of the American Legion did police duty at the tree. The men were in their army uniforms and they kept the crowd back so that the distribution could go on unhampered.

The distribution of gifts was done systematically and without confusion. The gifts were grouped according to ages, giving the presentation somewhat of a personal touch. Where a toy was given, it was durable and attractive. Chairs, dolls, story books, cars and toys that warm the hearts of youngsters were bought for distribution.

The Salvation Army will be given all those articles that are left after distribution to those, who were remembered by friends. The army this week will be the host to 100 families. Capt. J. W. Batson has announced. Basket dinners will be given to that many families.

Dr. Harry A. Logsdon, president of the Lions club and A. N. Larsen

of the club, were at the tree to assist Santa Claus as represented by J. F. Klump, manager of the Gholson hotel barber shop.

The cost of the toys and fruits, candies and nuts was made up by the receipts of a picture show given at the Liberty theatre Thursday.

Christmas hymns were sung at the tree preceding the distribution by a chorus under the direction of Mrs. Bess Luke.

All of the children, whose names were dropped in the boxes about town, were given a free ticket, good for the showing of Jackie Coogan's picture, "Circus Days," at the Lamb theatre on New Year's day, through the courtesy of W. B. Palmer, theatre manager.

### TIRED BUSINESS MEN REVIVED BY "THRILLERS"

HOUSTON, Dec. 22.—Who buys the vivid western "thrillers" at the newsstands? Who snaps up the snappy magazines containing the most salacious stories?

A reporter with more than ordinary curiosity made a round of the news stands of Houston and found:

The "tired business man" buys the "thrillers." Women and "drug store chicks" go in for the amorous sex stuff.

College students and a little group of foreigners, many of them laboring men—buy the "high brow" magazines on art, music and the "heavier" volumes of world affairs.

But the business man who satisfies his craving to get away from the humdrum grind of business by reading the hair raising tales of the west, doesn't want it generally known.

"Most of the 'thrillers' we sell are wrapped up to disguise them," the newsmen say.

### BASKET BALL GAMES ARE POSTPONED FOR HOLIDAYS

EASTLAND, Dec. 22.—The expected basket ball games in the Eastland city league were not played Friday, too many of the players being occupied with the activities of the holiday season.

The league has decided not to play any more games until Jan. 4, by which time the holiday rush is expected to be over.

### "BOTTLED IN BOND" GOODS GET Mired IN THE MUD

By United Press.

ROCKWALL, Texas, Dec. 22.—Muddy Texas roads caused \$22,000 worth of "bottled in bond" Christmas cheer to fall into the hands of

officers. Officers of the law, searching for robbers last night, captured seven men, two automobiles and a rich cargo of intoxicating liquor when they surprised the men trying to get their machines out of a mud hole. It is believed the shipment was en route from Shreveport to Dallas.

## A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

To those who have patronized us in the past we come with this message of appreciation and good wishes. We try always to show our appreciation to you on every transaction, large or small.

As we make our entry into the new year may we do so with confidence and kindness warmed with the fire of good will which this Christmas has kindled in all our hearts. May we live in the belief that "the best is yet to come."

We still have plenty of Xmas candies, cigars, stationary, perfumes, toilet articles, fire works, etc.

PHILLIPS DRUG STORE  
TEXAS DRUG STORE

Ranger, Texas

### Strong as the Mighty Oak Tree

In the banking business there must be present **STRENGTH**—that will give absolute protection to your money.

This is a strong Bank. Ample resources, careful management, close supervision make it absolutely safe for your money.

COME IN TODAY

FIRST STATE BANK  
EASTLAND



## Notice!

Banks will close Monday at noon

Make your arrangements accordingly

PEOPLES STATE BANK  
RANGER STATE BANK



## Gifts Galore

—for the Man!

—No matter what you choose here for a man, regardless of what you spend, every gift is bound to produce the enthusiastic "Thank you" of genuine pleasure.

—Our year-round service to critical men fits us especially for proper holiday co-operation. Each item has been selected out of the fulness of our experience, made to our strict manufacturing standards, conforming to our rigid requirements of correctness, taste and quality.

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|---|-----------------------|
| Paris Garters in Xmas boxes                   | Men's Fur Caps        |
| Men's Belts with silver buckles in Xmas boxes | Men's Dress Caps      |
| Men's Belts and Ties in Xmas boxes            | Boys' Sweaters        |
| Men's Silk Knit Ties                          | Boys' Blouses         |
| Men's Silk Floral Ties                        | Men's Silk Underwear  |
| Boys' Silk Ties                               | Men's Unions          |
| Men's Bill Folders                            | Men's Fine Dress Hats |
| Men's House Shoes                             | Men's Silk Hose       |
|   | Men's Wool Hose       |
|   | Men's Silk Shirts     |

## KUPPENHEIMER SUITS or OVERCOATS

You Know the Quality of Kuppenheimer Clothes

\$37.50 Suits, now	\$28.95
\$40.00 Suits, now	\$31.25
\$42.50 Suits, now	\$32.45
\$47.50 Suits, now	\$36.25
\$50.00 Suits, now	\$42.50
\$55.00 Suits, now	\$43.50
\$57.50 Suits, now	\$49.95
\$60.00 Suits, now	\$49.95

### CURLEE SUITS

\$35.00 Suits, now	\$25.95
\$40.00 Suits, now	\$25.95

### PACKARD SHOES AT A BIG SAVING

\$9.00 Shoes, now	\$7.75
\$10.00 Shoes, now	\$7.95
\$10.50 Shoes, now	\$8.95
\$11.50 Shoes, now	\$9.45

These are of the best kangaroo and kid, in black and brown, in the best styles.

### HOUSE SHOES

\$1.25, \$1.60, \$2.25, \$2.50

### BOYS' OVERCOATS

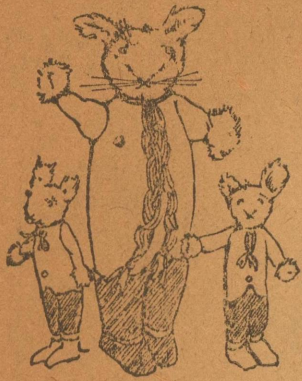
Sizes 5 to 16, in brown, grey and other good colors; to close out at actual cost.

### BOYS' SUITS

With two pair of pants  
20 PER CENT DISCOUNT

J. M. WHITE & CO.

RANGER



# Toy-town

**It's a Wonderful Place**

—This village of Mirth and Happiness—the "Land of Happiness"—the "Land of Dreams—Come True," where every heart is young. You'll know when you get to Toy Town—by the happy laughter, the tremulous oh's and ah's.

**Every Woman Expects to Receive Hosiery**

—All women—from 16 years to the convenient "over thirty"—delight in silk hosiery. And they are so gift-like, in their pretty sheerness, and packed in a dainty gift box.

**Bring Us Your Glove Problems**

—If you do not know "Her" size, buy a Glove and be assured that your gift is most appropriate and pleasure giving.

—If you know "Her" size, come in and let us show you our array—there's gloves for every occasion as well as for every woman and child.

What Woman Can Resist Such Extraordinary Values in Dainty

**Silk Underwear**

The Ideal Christmas Gift, Combining Beauty and Utility.

Gowns Chemises

Vests Bloomers

Step-Ins

—Crepe de Chine, Tru-hu, Silk Jersey, Radium, Satins, in plain or drop-stitch effects or exquisitely trimmed with rosebuds, ribbons, laces, in white, flesh and the pastel tints; full range of sizes.

**Christmas Time All Wintery Time—So Much Happiness in**

**Furs**

—Of all the practical gifts we know, fur most thoroughly expresses beauty and comfort. Besides, there is always the matchless luxury of furry warmth—that outdoes any amount of wool and always seems to dress one in special smartness.

—Daddy will not have to go far a-hunting, this winter. The abundance of fur has made a remarkable difference in price—to us and to you.

—We recommend furs—guaranteed furs—from the wee, dainty chokers, to scarfs and entire coats. Also wide collars and neckpieces.

For those who practice economy, yet favor really fine furs, we've a few lines at particularly interesting price reductions.



The Shopping Center of Ranger



## Gifts That Please Men

For they are practical Gifts—something he can use every day. If you have no time to make up a list, drop in and look over our complete assortments. You will see plenty of suitable gifts.

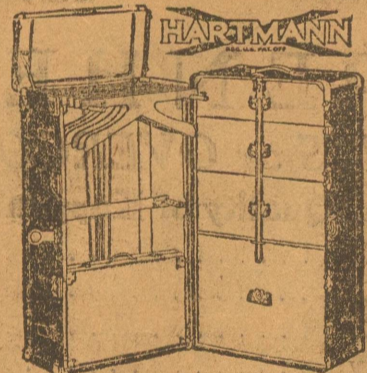
House Coats  
Lounging Robes  
Bath Robes  
Sleeping Garments  
Pajamas  
Underwear  
Wool Sweaters  
Golf Jackets  
Office Jackets  
Silk Shirts  
Dressy Shirts  
House Slippers

Initialed Handkerchiefs  
Linen Handkerchiefs  
Silk Handkerchiefs  
Silk Mufflers  
Wool Mufflers  
Silk Neckwear  
Knit Neckwear  
Silk Hose  
Dress Gloves  
Lisle Hose  
Suspenders  
Warm Caps

Leather Novelties, Traveling Bags, Suit Cases, Etc.

## Let It Be a Nice Hartman Wardrobe Trunk

In your selection of Christmas presents where genuine service and satisfaction is paramount, think of a beautiful, full-finished Wardrobe Trunk.

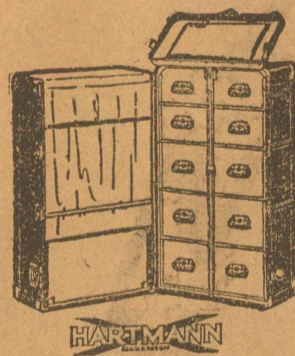


The name Hartmann stands ever for trunk excellence, and our showing is complete, from the finest down to the less expensive styles.

**at 25% Reduction**

Below we quote the list prices, also the reduced prices throughout. Remember every Trunk is guaranteed.

Our regular \$32.50 style, now \$22.35  
Our regular \$45.00 style, now \$33.50  
Our regular \$60.00 style, now \$45.00  
Our regular \$75.00 style, now \$57.50  
Our regular \$100.00 style, now \$75.00  
Call in and see us demonstrate these.

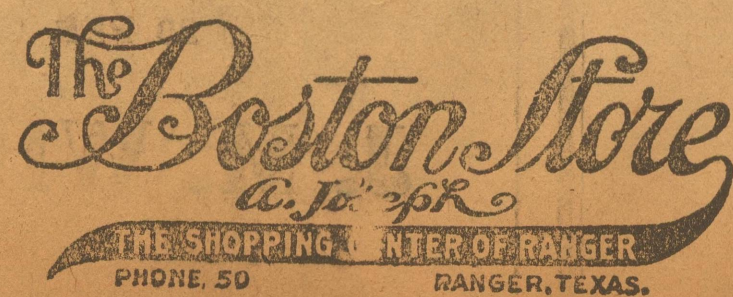


## Gifts of Leather From Santa

—A Traveling Bag or Suit Case makes a worth-while gift—always useful—always handy—enduring.

—Quality should be paramount in selecting such a gift. A bag made of genuine leather handsomely put together presents an appearance of dignity. It evidences good taste in the donor and creates a feeling of pride in the recipient.

—You can select just such a gift here. Our assortment is varied and complete.



PHONE 50 RANGER, TEXAS.

## JUST ONE MORE DAY

If you have been waiting to get a real bargain before you do your Xmas shopping then here it is.

**Monday All Toys Go at 25% Off**

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**New Shipment of Fur Chokers**

Remember that we have just received a new shipment of Chokers. This was a special Xmas purchase of Chokers and we can make you an exceedingly close price on them. This shipment was all Fox Chokers, including red, grey and brown, but if there is some other kind you want, you can select it from our regular stock of Furs.

SOMETHING TO GIVE ANYONE.

If there is anyone you haven't remembered yet, you can find a suitable gift here at their favorite store. Entirely too many suitable gifts to enumerate, so just visit our store Monday and Monday evening.

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### ATTORNEYS FOR FOX FILE MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 22.—Attorneys for Phil E. Fox, convicted yesterday of the murder of William S. Coburn and sentenced to confinement for life in the Georgia state penitentiary, today filed a motion for a new trial.

G. H. Howard, attorney, said he

would have the motion set down on the docket for some time after the holidays, so as to give the court stenographer ample time to prepare the voluminous transcript of evidence.

Fox, apparently unmoved by the jury verdict, today remained quietly in his cell and refused to communicate with any one.

### FRENCH DEPUTIES VOTE CONFIDENCE IN POINCARÉ

By United Press.  
PARIS, Dec. 22.—The chamber of deputies tonight adopted a motion of confidence in the government of Premier Poincaré by a vote of 331 to 211.

**Joy for the housewife who receives one or more of these useful gifts!**

They are a comfort and convenience for everyone in the home. They save time, labor and money—and perform their appointed tasks in a wonderfully short time.

**MAKE THIS AN ELECTRICAL CHRISTMAS**

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Ranger—Eastland



# CHURCHES

## RANGER

**CENTRAL BAPTIST.**  
Commerce, corner of Pine—Rev. A. L. Leake, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Services with sermon, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Special music at both services.

**FIRST BAPTIST.**  
Walnut, near Marston—Rev. W. H. Johnson, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Services in commemoration of the birth of Christ, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST.**  
Rusk, corner of Mesquite—Bible school, 10 a. m. Morning service 11 a. m. No evening service. Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7 p. m.

**EPISCOPAL.**  
Opposite Young School—Sunday school, 10 a. m. Morning prayer with sermon, 11 a. m.

**ROMAN CATHOLIC.**  
Blackwell Road—Rev. R. A. Gerken, pastor. Mass at 8 and 10 a. m.

Midnight mass will be celebrated at the St. Rita church Tuesday to commemorate the nativity of Christ. The Kyrie mass, passed down from time immemorial, will be sung by the male choir of St. Rita's. High mass will be celebrated at 10 o'clock also. Flowers, pine trees, and electric lights will be used to beautify the sanctuary. A crib, containing the Christ child, will be placed in the sanctuary. The lights will illuminate the main altar.

The traditional melody, *Adeste Fideles*, will be sung by a quartet, consisting of J. E. Raborn, W. N. Bordeaux, Paul Teal and F. A. Higginbotham. Cherebuni's "Veni Jesu Amor Mi" will be sung by the quartet during the services.

**METHODIST.**  
Elm, near Marston—Rev. A. W. Hall, pastor. 9:45, Sunday school, W. R. Pettitt, superintendent; 11, preaching by the pastor, subject, "The Present Day Application of a Very Old Story"; 3, Christmas tree for the Beginners and Primary department; 6, Senior league, Edgar Gilbert, president; 7, program: "The Shepherd's Christmas," by the Junior and Intermediate departments of the Sunday school, assisted by the choir; 7, Wednesday evening, a Christmas prayer service. Every member of the church is urged to be present at each service. A most cordial invitation is given to the general public to worship with us.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN.**  
Main, near Marston—Rev. H. B. Johnson, pastor. Special Christmas exercises Sunday. Services, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Special music Sunday.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY.**  
420 Pine street—Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Services Sunday, 11 a. m. and Wednesday at 8 p. m. Reading room open Tuesday from 2 to 5 p. m.

**SALVATION ARMY.**  
Sunday school, 2:30 o'clock; street meeting at 7:30 p. m. Meeting in hall at 8 p. m. Weekly meetings at the same hours. Ladies' Home Service league meets at hall Friday at 2:30 o'clock to sew for the needy.

**BE KIND TO CHRISTMAS**  
**TURKEY BEFORE SLAUGHTER**

By United Press.  
FORT WORTH, Dec. 22.—The crusading zeal burns ever in the human breast.  
The local humane society entreats everyone to:  
"Kill Christmas turkeys as mercifully as possible. Give them the best feed and don't make life miserable for them just before the killing."

**Swain Cummings**  
SOUTHERN SERENADERS  
Seven-piece orchestra of Ft. Worth will play for a

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Starting at midnight  
Until 6 a. m.

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New Manager

## EASTLAND

**CHRISTIAN**  
First Christian church, J. N. Wooten, pastor. Bible school at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m., sermon text: "Where is He that is born King?" Mrs. Fred Davenport will sing "The Song the Shepherds Heard." At 7 p. m. a beautiful program entitled, "The Shepherd's Christmas" will be rendered. The program will consist of hymns, solos, by Mrs. C. F. Smith, Idalon Andrews and Louise Wooten, a number of readings and tableaux. The decorations and lighting effect will carry out the "white gift" idea. The public is cordially invited to all services.

**CHURCH OF GOD**  
Church of God, T. H. McNeil, pastor. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., J. Frank Davis, superintendent. No preaching at 11 a. m. A special Christmas message by the pastor at 7:15 p. m.

**METHODIST**  
Methodist church, H. L. Munger, pastor. Services at 11 a. m. The pastor's subject, "The Homage of the Wise." Music appropriate to the occasion. At 7 o'clock the pastor will speak on "Stars and Men." There will be a musical program as follows: Solo, Mr. Munger; piano and violin duet, by Misses Wanda and Wilda Drago; vocal solo, Mrs. P. S. Wolf; duet, Misses Drago; vocal

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE**  
The Christian Science chapel will have the usual services, the subject of the sermon being, "Is the Universe, including man, evolved by Atomic Force." Music will be in charge of Miss Agnes Harwood.

**PRESBYTERIAN**  
First Presbyterian church, Rev. W. C. Kunze, pastor. Services at 11 o'clock, with sermon by the pastor. Will be featured with a special musical program.

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solo, Mrs. Munger. Mrs. J. W. Bounds, pianist. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Intermediate Epworth league at 5 p. m. Come and worship the Christ this Christmastide.

# TIFFIN

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Church of Christ, Rev. A. F. Thurman, pastor. Bible study and class work at 10 a. m. Sermon, "What Have I Done?" at 11 a. m. Sermon, "The Wisdom of Foolishness" at 6:45 p. m. Bible study every Wednesday night, taught by Allen D. Dabney.

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TIFFIN, Dec. 22.—The Christmas tree at Tiffin on the evening of Dec. 21, at the schoolhouse, was a success in spite of the weather. The large auditorium was filled by the time the rendition of the program began at 7 p. m.

Dialogues, readings, plays and songs followed each other so quickly and were so interesting that many forgot the tree until it was opened up to view on one side of the auditorium while the tiny tots of Tiffin sang "O, Beautiful Christmas Tree." Each child of Tiffin had a bright colored stocking filled with fruit, nuts and candy on the tree, besides many other gifts placed there by people in the community for their friends.

The ladies of the P.-T. A. delivered the presents and any child, though a visitor, found without a gift, was presented with a bright stocking full of "goodies."

A remarkable feature of the entertainment was the excellent order throughout the evening by the children, who composed the larger part of the audience. Better attention to a program was never observed by the writer. Merry Christmas, indeed, was the general feeling as the crowd dispersed about 9 o'clock.

C. Miller is hauling gravel and placing it around Tiffin school. This is a much needed improvement at Tiffin. The recent rains have demonstrated the need of gravel all around the building.

A car full of Tiffin folks had an accident when Mrs. Giller's car

overturned while she was driving on the Eastland highway. Mrs. W. W. Hearne and Mrs. C. S. Bennett were slightly bruised. The car was damaged.

**BODY OF PEYTON BUCY**  
**INTERRED AT RISING STAR**

RISING STAR, Dec. 22.—The body of Peyton Bucy, son of W. A. Bucy, who formerly lived here, was buried here this week. Young Bucy was killed accidentally by a propeller of an airplane while on duty in the army in Illinois. The father and other relatives from Missouri attended the funeral.

**MARRIAGE LICENSES.**  
Sim Maples and Ola Denton, Romey.  
Doc Malone and Sallie Segars, Gordon.  
Ben Williams and Mrs. Tee Williams, Eastland.  
Porter P. Loving and Winnie Kirkland, Breckenridge.  
John K. Kimmer and Alameda Childers, Hamlin.  
E. J. Kinard and Lula Martin, Cisco.  
Albert Townsend and Julia Gardner, Nimrod.  
J. C. Stephens and Bernice Buhl, Eastland.  
James Alva Ward and Laura Belle

Rouse, Desdemona.  
Jessie Parker and Dora Hodnett, Rising Star, Route 1.  
Clarence Walters and Beulah Westerman, Cross Plains.  
W. J. Gallagher and Irene McCoy, Desdemona.  
Joe Davis and Josie East, Ranger.  
AMARILLO.—The motor bus line which has been in operation in Amarillo since shortly after the electric street railway was discontinued has been discontinued by the city because it did not pay. The city manager hopes to find a public transportation service adapted to the needs of the city.

THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO SAY IT  
BUT THERE IS MUSIC IN THE WORDS

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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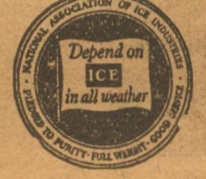
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*Eastland Grocery and Market*  
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# OLDEN

OLDEN, Dec. 22.—Joe Bond, while working at a well let a wrench slip. It hit him on the back of the head, inflicting a wound which required the doctor's service, but he is able to be about.

Milford Ward received a wound on the head several days back while at school. One of the school boys hit him on the head with a rock, cutting the scalp to the bone. The doctor took two or three stitches. Later it became infected, requiring the doctor's service again, but it is doing nicely now.

A number of young folks enjoyed a party at the home of W. E. Rice Friday night, given in honor of Miss Kibby Lee Archer's birthday. She received several nice presents. Cake and hot chocolate was served. Those present were: Misses Grace and Travis Bullard, Jewell Russell, Byrdie Mitchell, Edna Naylor, Clemmie and Ila Rayford, Myrtle Daffron, Lola and Bonnie Branstum, Beulah Archer, Mrs. Hartman and Mrs. Lucas; Messrs. Glen and Linden Hartman, Arthur Russell, Homer Lucas, Dick Yielding, Steve Ray, Gernie Rayford, Emmett and Walker Rice.

Mrs. G. W. Douglass has returned home from Mississippi, where she spent several weeks with relatives and friends.

Tommy Pickens has returned home to spend Christmas.

## MEXICAN BOY KILLED PLAYING WITH PISTOL

EASTLAND, Dec. 22.—The funeral of Tesus Gallegos, 10-year-old Mexican boy, who was accidentally killed while playing with a pistol which he had carried with him when he went to the pasture to drive up some milch cows, was held here Friday afternoon. Nearly all of the Mexican population of the city attended the funeral and burial.

The boy's mother sent him after the cow, which was in a pasture near Lake Eastland, about 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon. When he did not return by nightfall, she became uneasy and she and some friends started a search for him. Failing to find him she called on the police department and Officer Lon Graham responded and, assisted by four boys, Henry Rhodes, Wade Overbey, Thomas Harrison and Maurice Ledbetter, searched the country around Lake Eastland. The lifeless body was found about 1:30 Friday morning and beside it lay a small caliber pistol in which was one cartridge and one empty shell. It is believed that the boy, in playing with the gun, had accidentally discharged it. The bullet had entered the left eye, piercing the brain.

Justice of the Peace S. J. Day held an inquest over the remains and found that the deceased came to his death from a gunshot wound accidentally inflicted by himself.

BUY IT AT HOME

## MORE WOMEN IN BRITISH PARLIAMENT.



Mrs. Margaret Bondfield, Lady Nancy Astor, Lady Terrington, Mrs. Thomas Wintringham, Miss Susan Lawrence, Miss Susan Lawrence, Miss Susan Lawrence.

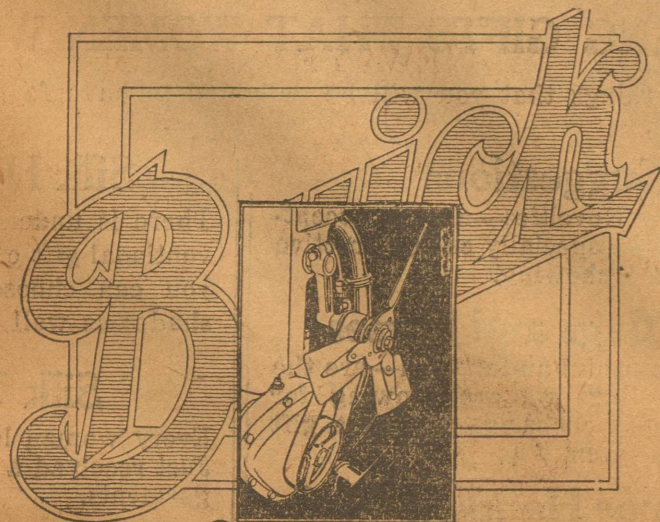
The British House of Commons, at its next session will have more women members than ever before, a total of seven having been elected. The American born Lady Nancy Astor, first woman ever to sit in Parliament, was re-elected as a Conservative. The Duchess of Atholl was also returned as a Conservative. Miss Margaret Bondfield, first woman ever to head British Labor, was elected as a Laborite. Lady Terrington, peeress and first woman ever to manage a man's football team, was elected as a Liberal, and Lady Astor said she intended wearing her prettiest gowns and jewels in the House. Miss Susan Lawrence, long Labor-Socialist member of the London County Council, was elected as a Laborite. Mrs. Thomas Wintringham was re-elected as a Liberal.

## RETAIL MERCHANTS OF PIONEER ORGANIZE ASSOCIATION THERE

PIONEER, Dec. 22.—At a recent

meeting held in Pioneer, C. A. Fenske, field secretary for the association, perfected a local Retail Merchants' association for Pioneer. The object is to safeguard the merchants against the bad credit risk, etc. Also to have an organization to further

the best interest of Pioneer. There were 15 charter members and the following were elected officers of the association: J. A. Dill, president; L. D. Cash, secretary; W. B. Baldwin, G. L. Bettilyou, J. W. Cooper and W. Y. Allen, directors.



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—IN—

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| —Mesh Bags       | —Pen and Pencil Sets |
| —Ivory Sets      | —Emblem Rings        |
| —Brooches        | —Waldamar Chains     |
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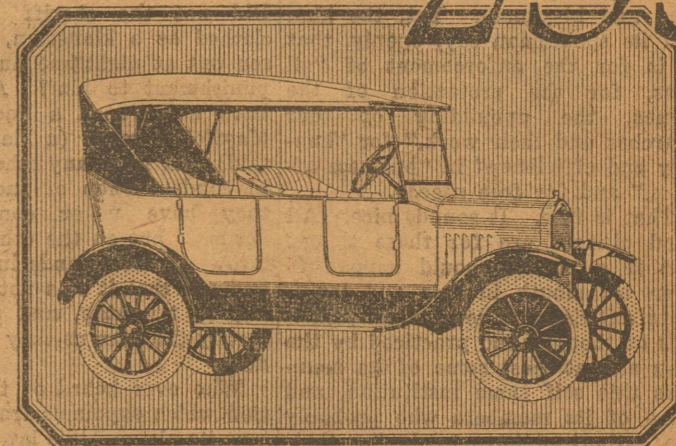
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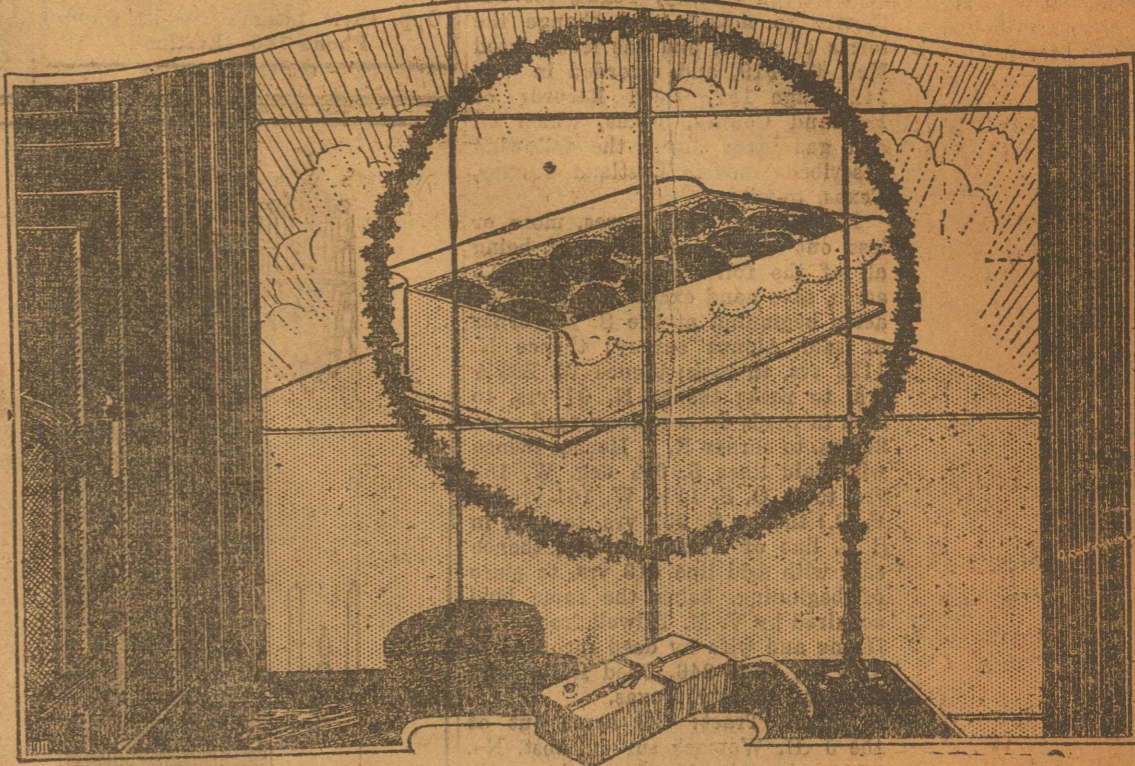
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## OPEN FORUM DISCUSSION

Head of County Constitutional Club Asks If Ku Klux Klan Is Living Up to the Professed Principles of the Order.

To the Eastland Daily Telegram:  
We said in our last article that after a candidate for membership in the Klan has taken the oath, the cyclops tells him that to violate such oath "means disgrace, dishonor and death," and that Dr. Tilly of Muskogee said that the Muskogee Klan had by propaganda and continuous attacks upon him caused him many enemies not known to him before.

A part of the oath of a klansman requires him to protect and defend in every way the interests of the Klan and klansman. Yet, the Klan and its spokesmen say, openly, that it is for the enforcement of "all laws, for the protection of the homes, the upbuilding of our churches and their work," for "honesty and efficiency" in "business affairs," and for free speech.

That is fine. It sounds nice. All good citizens are for those things. But if a person should happen to open his mouth in fair and legitimate criticism of the cardinal principles as thought and practiced by the Klan and at least some of its members this self same institution, and some of its members who probably are authorized to do "as their professional and private business do not occupy much of their time and, as the days go by, they will be less burdened." Just one way, you know, of trying to bring into disrepute and disfavor those citizens who have the temerity to stand up and fight in the open for the principles of government as announced in the Declaration of Independence, and established by the national and state constitutions, and the Bill of Rights.

No matter to the Klan or Klan organ whether the statements they make are true or false. In fact the statements are made without any reasonable grounds or even the slightest suspicion of them being true.

But it does not take an intellectual giant to see that just such course is entirely in keeping with the oath and teachings of a klansman as heretofore pointed out, and, as Dr. Tilly said, all sorts of propaganda will be put forth to bring disgrace and dishonor upon any who dare assert their constitutional right of freedom of speech and freedom of thought, should the assertion of the same happen to run counter to the determination of the Klan to dictate to the

citizen for whom he shall vote, whom he shall patronize, with whom he shall associate and the God and religion he shall worship.

Is it not just as much against the law for a set of men clothed with hoods and robes to take a citizen, however bad he might be, out under cover of darkness and administer punishment to him as it is to commit murder, though the gravity of the offense be not so great? Did not 26 klansmen plead guilty to flogging parties in Harris county, Texas? Did not the sheriff at Amarillo, clothed as a klansman, take a citizen out at nighttime and administer punishment to him? And, yet, we have never seen a line from Billy Mayfield's paper (a Klan organ it is said), nor from any other Klan organ in condemnation of such practices—they have never condemned the "crime," but on the other hand they throw up their hands in holy horror and say that it was not done by order of the Klan, and undertake to justify the Klan as they are sworn to do.

Who ever heard of this organization which expounds from the house-tops its virtue—this law enforcement organization ferreting out the perpetrators of mob violence? In the peaceful city of Eastland some months ago we read in a local paper an article purporting to have been written by the Eastland Klan, having the seal of the order impressed thereon, and addressed to one Ran-

dom. It warned him to leave the city within so many hours, under threats of punishment. When he refused, another letter purporting to be from that organization appeared in the same paper denying the authenticity of the first.

The first letter was a violation of the national and state laws and constituted a felony. Yet, did the Eastland Klan ever bring to light the guilty person? Did they aid the officers in bringing this individual before the courts for a trial by due process of law. Did not the Klan have a wonderful opportunity? Does not the Klan take a solemn oath to sacredly keep secure the seal and property of the Klan? Did the Cisco

Klan or any other Klan or Klan organ in the county aid and assist the officers of Eastland county in seeing that Starkey, klansman, who shot down Pet Brown, had a fair and impartial trial? We are told on reliable authority that on the contrary the Klan, acting through its officers, sent a solicitor over the county collecting money from each klansman to help get him out of his difficult situation, and that each klansman officer of our county contributed a stipulated amount.

Oh, consistency thou art a jewel. Would you call that law enforcement? His innocence was pre-judged. No it is not law enforcement that predominates in the mind

of the klansman who lives true to the oath that he has taken. It is religious prejudice, race hatred, and an inordinate desire for power. Just how zealous the klansman is we pre-

sume will depend upon whether he has taken the "Order of Citizenship," "Knights of Kamela," "Knights of the Great Forest," or "Knights of the Mighty Mystery"—

the four degrees of the order (Signed): EARL CO Chairman, Executive C County Constitutional Eastland Dec. 22, 1923.

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**GUARDIAN'S NOTICE.**  
In the Estate of Ida Tate, a Minor, in the County Court of Eastland County, Texas. No. 1344 in Probate.

Notice is hereby given that I, V. B. Tate, as guardian of the estate of Ida Tate, a minor, have filed an application before the County Judge of Eastland County, Texas, for authority to modify and change the terms of an oil and gas lease dated May 1, 1919, and recorded in Vol. 142, Page 157, Deed Records of Eastland County, Texas, which oil and gas lease covers the following described lands in Eastland County, Texas, to-wit:

First Tract: 40.5 acres, more or less, out of the Alonza survey, being all of the following described 80.5 acres, save and except the south 40 acres beginning at the S. E. corner of said Alonza survey; thence N. 1128 vrs. to rock; thence W. 285 1/2 vrs. to rock; thence N. 97 vrs. to rock in road; thence along road west 26 vrs. to corner R. S. Horne; thence with said lines S. 9 1/2 deg. W. 153 vrs. to P. O. S. 11 1/2 W. 161 vrs. to P. O.; thence S. 952 vrs. to rock in S. B. line of Alonza survey; thence east with said line 413 vrs. to place of beginning, being the same land acquired by V. M. Tidwell from J. R. Horne and wife by deed recorded in Vol. 53, Page 246, Deed Records of Eastland County, Texas.

Second Tract: 80 acres out of the J. H. Womack survey, abst. No. 550, being the N. 1/2 of the S. E. 1/4 of the following described tract of land: Beginning 1700 vrs. W. and 3320 vrs. S. of the N. E. cor. of this survey a stake; thence W. 1900 vrs. to a stake; thence S. 1900 vrs. to a stake for cor.; thence E. 1900 vrs. to a stake for corner; thence N. 1900 vrs. to place of beginning, being the same land acquired by me from J. J. Lindsay and wife by deed recorded in Vol. T, page 352 to 354, Deed Records of Eastland County, Texas.

Third Tract: 194 acres, more or less, being all of the north one-half of the W. H. Sargeants survey, save and except 148 acres off of the extreme south side of said north one-half of said Sargeants survey.

And notice is hereby further given that the Honorable County Judge of said Court has made his order requiring that a hearing be had on such application on the 2nd day of January, 1924, in the County Court room in the Courthouse in Eastland, Texas, at 10 o'clock, A. M., on such date, at which time anyone interested in the estate of said minor may appear and contest such application if they so desire.

V. B. TATE, Guardian.



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An especially pleasing Christmas dinner is being arranged for those wishing to do away with the fatigue of planning and supervising the preparation of their dinner.

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PLEASING GIFTS THAT WOMEN WILL WELCOME

Fresh, new things that you will be delighted to have for giving or for your personal use.

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Ornamental, useful and modish—are the Purses and Bags we are showing for your Christmas choosing—as fine a gift as was ever given.

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Unlimited assortments from which to choose. Snowy white, or in the gay colors so smart now. Of cobwebby fineness or very practical.

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To be joyful and happy is the spirit of Christmas—and it takes one of these Phonographs to do it. You'll get that real feeling of joy and contentment. We've stocked up on all the modern Records—Opera—Classical and Jazz—whatever and your guests desire. We have on display a variety of beautiful Phonographs—pick out one that lends harmony to your furniture—and your purse.

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Prices hacked and  
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**MR MERCHANT:**  
You can buy the  
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this stock or fixtures  
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118 South Austin Street—Ranger, Texas

To close out this stock in seven days means reckless cutting  
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Buy useful Xmas Presents. This high grade hardware stock is  
loaded with just what you want. Do not miss this chance to save

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Lack of space will not permit listing  
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This will be a seven-day wonder sale.  
Price will sell anything. This stock will  
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### JUST A FEW ITEMS TO SHOW YOU WHAT WE ARE DOING TO PRICES

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This is a genuine  
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THIS SALE BY ORDER OF THE COURT

Be on Hand  
Monday at  
8 a. m.  
Get First Pick

## BASKETBALL SCHEDULE FOR COUNTY FRAMED

High School Boys to Play in Their Districts for Semi-Final and Final Honors.

RANGER, Dec. 22.—J. W. Overall, principal of the Ranger High school, attended a conference today in Eastland at which representatives of the high schools of the county arranged a tentative schedule of basketball games for boys.

It was decided to divide the county into four districts corresponding to the commissioners' precincts, and let the schools in the several districts play against each other to determine which should enter the semi-finals, which must be played before Feb. 1, and the finals, which must be determined by Feb. 8 or 9. The district championship must be determined by Feb. 16.

Eastland, Ranger, Olden and Chaney were placed in one of the northern districts and the following tentative schedule of games arranged for them:

Jan. 4 or 5, Ranger and Eastland at Eastland, Chaney and Olden. Only the place for the Ranger-Eastland game fixed.

Jan. 11 or 12, Ranger and Olden, Eastland and Chaney.

Jan. 18 or 19, Ranger and Chaney, Eastland and Olden.

Unless all three games are won by one of these teams, the two highest teams will play for the precinct championship.

Similar schedules will be arranged in each of the other districts, following which the victors in the two northern districts and the victors in the two southern districts will play

in the semi-finals and the winners in the finals.

The other northern district includes: Cisco, Scranton, Dothan and Pleasant Hill.

The two southern districts include: Rising Star, Pioneer and Nimrod in one and Gorman, Carbon and Desdemona in the other.

"Any other school belonging to either of the districts wishing to compete is eligible to do so and should notify the other members at once," said Mr. Overall.

Any of the teams may arrange and play games with any others they may wish to meet and these will not be counted as official games, it was stated.

It was also decided to have similar contests between the girls' basketball ball teams in the county. The girls are not hemmed in by the rules of the Interscholastic league, so the championship among them need not be determined until March 1.

### COLLECTION OF FLEAS BEQUEATHED TO MUSEUM

LONDON, Dec. 22.—A British millionaire and member of a great international family of bankers, has willed the nation 60,000 fleas.

When Nathaniel Charles Rothschild died, he was engaged, with his collaborator, in making a complete catalog of his collection of fleas, in which every species would be described and illustrated.

In his will, Rothschild left the whole collection, which contains 40,000 specimens in alcohol, 20,000 duplicates and 3,500 microscopic slides, to the British Natural History museum.

It is regarded by the museum as one of the most important gifts that has ever been made to it.

It was from a study of this collection that scientists learned how bubonic plague is spread by rat-fleas. As other diseases are believed to spread in the same way, a reference to the collection may lead to their conquest.

### SHERIFF ARRESTS OKLAHOMA MAN TRAVELING HIGHWAY

By United Press.

EASTLAND, Dec. 21.—A man, said to be from Tulsa, Okla., who gave the name of George Hoskins, was arrested yesterday afternoon on the highway between Eastland and Cisco by Sheriff J. D. Barton and Deputy Sheriff Ed Spar and lodged in the county jail. A complaint charging him with possessing and transporting whisky has been filed against him, according to County Attorney Barnes.

Some of the officials expressed the opinion that the name Hoskins was a fictitious one given for the purpose of covering up his identity.

### JURY GIVES SUSPENDED SENTENCE FOR BOOTLEGGING

EASTLAND, Dec. 22.—Emmitt Mitchell, 22, of Nimrod, pleaded guilty in the Ninety-first district court this morning to a charge of selling whisky and was given a three-year suspended sentence in the state penitentiary by the jury.

## Abilene Has Sweet Revenge in Beating Waco by Place Kick

DALLAS, Dec. 22.—Abilene got sweet revenge here Friday. Just a year ago Waco beat her for the state high football championship by the margin of a place kick, 10 to 7. Friday a field goal by Capt. Pete Hanna won for Abilene, 3 to 0. It was a place kick made from the 25-yard line and came in the last quarter.

Hanna booted the ball squarely between the uprights, despite the coat of slick mud on the elongated oval. Hanna had fumbled often during the game but this piece of good work more than redeemed him.

A crowd of 7,000 persons saw the game. The game was bitterly contested, although there was no spectacular playing. Abilene made six first downs and 144 yards from scrimmage. Waco made four first

downs and 61 yards on "scrimmage." Both teams fumbled frequently and at critical stages.

### ALL RURAL SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS

EASTLAND, Dec. 22.—All of the rural schools of the county adjourned Friday for Christmas and will not resume work for one week, according to County Superintendent Ulala Howard. The county superintendent's office will be closed until next Saturday.

### Want Ads Will Pay

### POLICE GET STATEMENT RELATIVE TO BURGLARY OF J. M. WHITE'S STORE

RANGER, Dec. 22.—A statement has been secured from Mr. and Mrs. Spark Taylor, held in jail in connection with the investigation of the robbery of the J. M. White and company department store on Nov. 10, when \$1,500 worth of clothing was stolen, but the contents can not be made public at this time, Assistant Chief L. E. Davenport said today.

"We are going further into this," he explained, "and until we have finished our job, we can't give out anything."

He said that a woman's dress and one or two other articles had been located in another town.

The Taylors were brought to Ranger Saturday morning by a deputized officer.

**Edison Records**  
**W. E. DAVIS**  
Jewelry and Music—Ranger

### CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS

Jonathan Apples, doz. . . . 25c to 50c  
Delicious Apples, doz. . . . 50c to 90c  
Fancy Red Ball Oranges, per dozen . . . . . 35c to 75c  
Winesap Apples, doz. . . . 50c to 75c  
NUTS: Fancy No. 1 Walnuts, Brazil, Almonds and Filberts, large Texas Pecans and Mixed Nuts.



CANDIES: Chocolates and Mixed Candies of all kinds; Raisins and Dates.  
VEGETABLES: Lettuce, Celery, Tomatoes, Cauliflower, Cucumbers, Parsley, Spinach and Radishes; Green Onions.  
MEATS: Fancy Baby Beef, Veal, Pork, Lamb and Mutton, small Cured Hams and Bacon, all in Xmas wrappings. Special prices on all Cured Meats for the holiday trade.  
POULTRY: Plenty of large, fat Turkeys, Hens and Geese, live or dressed. We have a large supply to select from.

PLACE YOUR ORDER EARLY AND AVOID THE RUSH

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### SPECIAL PRICE ON USED CARS THIS WEEK

FORDS  
DODGES  
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All in good condition and priced to sell. Come in and let us show you our time payment plan.

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### MERRY XMAS

Nineteen Twenty-Three

—and—

HAPPY NEW YEAR  
To All

Nineteen Twenty-Four

We take this measure of thanking you for your business during the past year, be it large or small

WE APPRECIATE  
OUR FRIENDS

And will always try to treat you in such a way that you will know our appreciation is sincere.

May 1924 Bring You True  
Happiness and Lasting  
Prosperity

J. H. MEAD

Ranger  
115 Main St. Phone 187

## May Christmas Happiness Like That in the Hearts of Little Children Be Yours

—Because Christmas is one of the happiest days of the year to children it brings happiness to all of us.

—We hope that Christmas will fill your heart with happiness. May the joy of a happy family fireside, the warmth of re-united friendships and all the good things of the season be with you. And in sending our greetings we feel the message quite incomplete without expression of our sincere appreciation of all patronage of the past year. We want you to know we appreciate you and will be found in 1924 putting forth our best efforts to serve and please you.

### WESTGATE TIRE AND BATTERY CO.

W. B. Westgate John Barnes  
Rusk and Pine Streets—Ranger



ONE  
MORE  
DAY

And Then Christmas

TOYS, DOLLS, GAMES

Will gladden the hearts of the little ones. See our display of these Christmas time goods. They are as good as you could find in any city. They are priced very low.

Plenty of Help to Wait on You Promptly

### CONNELL'S VARIETY STORE

203 Main St.—Ranger

### JUST A FEW CHRISTMAS GIFT GOODS LEFT

Everything must be sold by Monday night. Prices will be made to move them Monday. Come in and see our line before you buy.

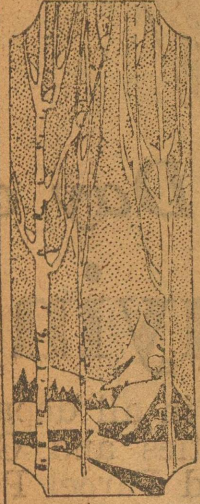
All wheel toys at reduced prices.

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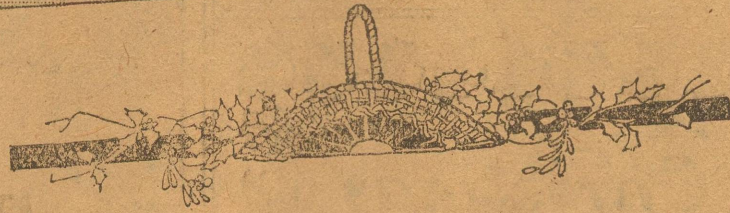
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# Christmas Greetings



Again we cordially thank you for your loyal patronage and at the same time wish you the best of Christmases

TOM W. CRUTCHER



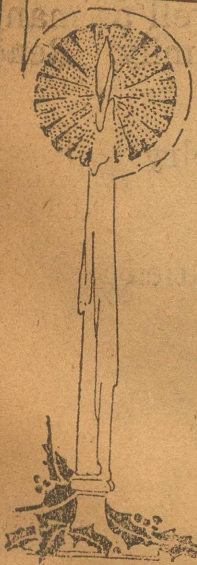
IN ITS SMALL WAY, THIS WILL CONVEY OUR THANKS FOR YOUR ENTHUSIASTIC PATRONAGE DURING THIS YULETIDE. MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

TOOMBS & RICHARDSON DRUG STORE



To our customers and customers to be  
*A Merry, Merry, Christmas*

EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK



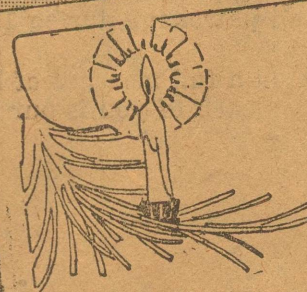
May this be the happiest Christmas you have ever known

CONNER & M'RAE



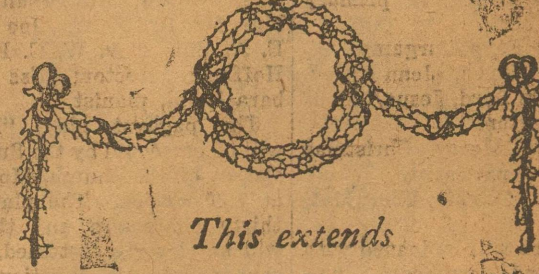
In the sincere hope that Santa will be generous to you, we wish you the Merriest of Christmases

CHARLOTTE HOTEL DINING ROOM



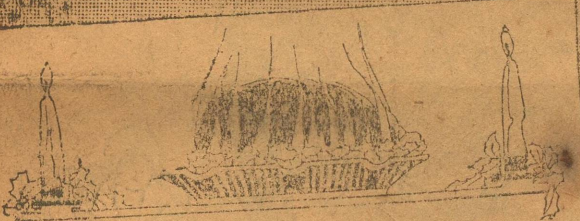
MY GREATEST WISH TODAY IS THAT YOUR STOCKING MAY BE FULL AND OVERFLOWING

SCOTT W. KAY



This extends to you and yours, the merriest of Christmases

DR. J. H. CATON



MAY THIS CHRISTMAS BE THE MOST ENJOYABLE OF ALL

SUDDEN SERVICE TAILORS



One thousand nineteen hundred and twenty-four good wishes go to you with this

FIRST STATE BANK



FOR NINETEEN HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE MAY YOUR CHRISTMAS MERRY BE

EASTLAND STEAM LAUNDRY



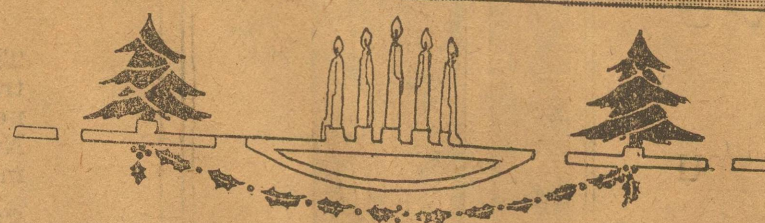
This card may be tiny but it conveys millions of good thoughts to YOU

HAAG'S GROCERERIA



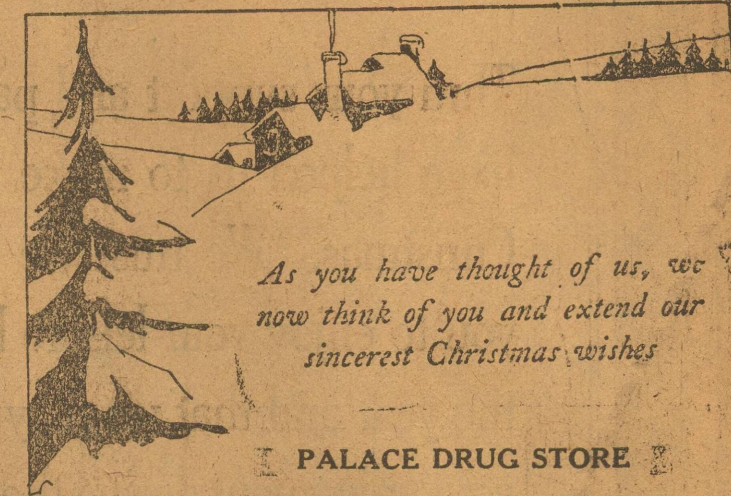
THIS WISHES YOU A GOOD OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

BURKETT, ORR & M'CARTY



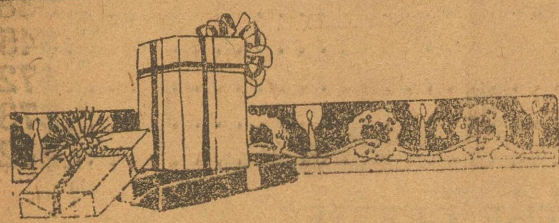
TO OUR HOST OF FRIENDS, WE WISH THE HAPPIEST OF CHRISTMASSES

STANLY CAFE



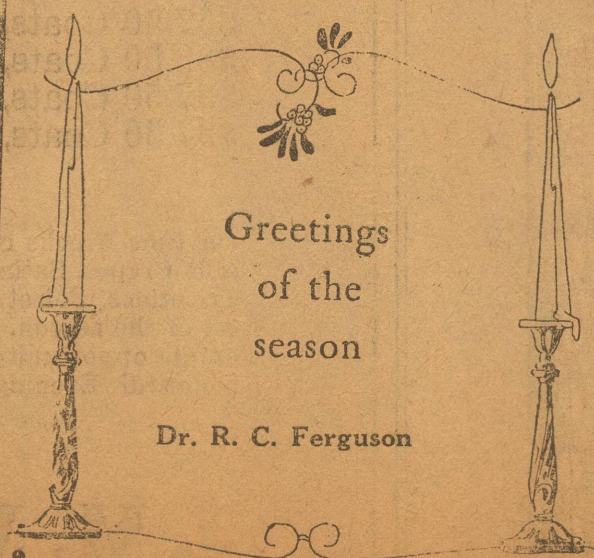
As you have thought of us, we now think of you and extend our sincerest Christmas wishes

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WE TAKE GREAT PLEASURE IN EXTENDING TO YOU OUR HEARTIEST YULETIDE WISHES

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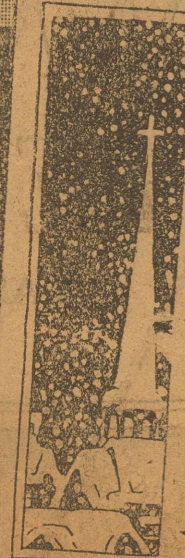
Greetings of the season

Dr. R. C. Ferguson



May every mail bring to you many Christmas remembrances

CITY NEWS STAND



Merry Merry Christmas

MARY LOUISE BEAUTY PARLOR

**CHRISTMAS MUSIC IN EASTLAND CHURCHES**

**METHODIST CHURCH**

The Methodist church will present a program of music under direction of Rev. H. L. Munger, pastor, at 7 p. m. tonight, in the tabernacle, following the sermon. Mrs. Bounds, at the piano will play accompaniments. The program:

Prelude; Mrs. J. W. Bounds.  
Solo; H. L. Munger, "Swing ajar ye gates of light."  
Piano and violin duet; Misses Wanda and Wilda Drago.  
Voice solo, selected; Mrs. Phillip S. Wolfe.  
Violin and piano duet; the Misses Drago.  
Christmas Lullaby; voice number, Mrs. H. L. Munger.

**BAPTIST CHURCH**

The Baptist church Christmas music Sunday Morning will be congregational hymn singing with solos by Mrs. Solon Featherstone. Selections will be appropriate to the Christmas spirit. The pianist, Mrs. S. C. Richardson, will direct. The choir includes, Mmes. W. Z. Bates, W. D. R. Owen, McWilliams, W. J. Nelson, B. F. Allen, Grady Owen, Solon Featherstone; Misses Eulah Frost, Gretchen Overton, Iva Moore; Messrs. Hearne, E. T. Cox, W. J. Barnes, S. C. Richardson, C. Garrett, and John M. Knox.

The regular Christmas services will be held Christmas eve, Monday, at 7 o'clock.

Program: Song, "Holy Night," congregation.

Song, "Praise Him," by primary department.

Reading, Miss Faye Burgamy.  
Song, "O Hush, Hush," Jean Kitley.  
Reading, "Little Lord, Jesus," Monnie Jane Whittington.

Song, "Merry, Merry Christmas Bells," primary department.  
Reading, Miss Mayme Tom Matthews.

A beautiful tree will be loaded with candies, nuts and ornaments. The gifts will be distributed following the program.

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

The Christian church program will be presented Sunday morning by the choir, composed of Mmes. A. T. Bendy, Fred Davenport, Charles F. Smith,

T. E. Wood, Thompson, Miss Louise Wooten, Messrs. W. H. Sewell, Chas. J. Smith, Thompson, and Dr. Caton. Mr. Sewell is director and Mrs. J. N. Wooten is pianist. The special service will be given Sunday night, when the beautiful "White Christmas" will have its first presentation in Eastland. Special music will be given and very beautiful tableaux. The program is under direction of Mrs. Wooten.

**CHURCH OF GOD**

The Church of God will present an elaborate program of music at the night service and have a handsome tree.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

The Presbyterian church will have a well balanced program of music Sunday morning under direction of Mrs. Frank C. Hoffman, as follows: Prelude, Miss Anna Barbara Nunn. Precessional, "Adeste Fidelis" choir. Readings and responses; hymn, "Joy to the World." Invocation.

Gloria.  
Psalter, by minister and choir.  
Hymn, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing."

Scripture reading.  
Anthem, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," choir.  
Prayer with response by choir.

Hymn, "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear."  
Offertory, "Silent Night," Miss Anna Barbara Nunn.

Sermon.  
Anthem, "What Mean Those Holy Voices," Mrs. Scott W. Key, Mrs. Frank G. Hoffman, Mr. Briggs, and Mr. E. A. Bills.

The choir includes Mrs. Barnard, Mrs. Key, Mrs. Hoffman, Mrs. Perkins, Mr. Brilvs, Mr. Joe F. Orr, Mr. E. A. Bills, Rev. W. C. Kunze; Mrs. Hoffman, director; Miss Anna Barbara Nunn, pianist.

The pageant play, "Bethlehem," will be presented by the Sunday school classes of the church, Monday night, at 7:30 o'clock. The play will have thirty characters and the tableaux will be cleverly costumed. The pageant is under the direction of Mrs. W. C. Kunze. The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

**MARRIAGE LICENSE**

W. S. Denman and Edith Cornelius, Ranger; J. W. McKinney and Francis Dulin, Cisco; C. F. Stubblefield and Miss Velma Webb, Carbon.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LECTURE DRAWS LARGE AUDIENCE**

EASTLAND, Dec. 22.—William Porter of New York city, a member of the board of lectureship of the Mother church of Boston, delivered an interesting lecture on Christian science Thursday evening at the high school auditorium.

The speaker was introduced by W. T. Garrett of Eastland. A large crowd of Christian Scientists from all over the county and others were in attendance.

The Christian Science church of Eastland brings one or two of these lecturers here each year.

**F. G. YONKER SLOWLY RECOVERING FROM INJURY**

F. G. Yonkers, head of the Chestnut & Smith corporation interests in the Ranger territory, who is in the clinical hospital suffering from a slight fracture of his right hip, was reported today to be improving steadily.

Mr. Yonker slipped and fell on a cement pavement several days ago. He thought at first he had merely bruised his hip, but later it developed that a small bone had been fractured.

**BUY IT AT HOME**

**Merry Christmas**

To Our Friends and Patrons

We come at the dawn of the New Year with a few words of appreciation for your splendid good will and patronage during 1923.

May 1924 hold a full measure of happiness and prosperity for each of you is our wish.

**Ranger Dry Cleaning Plant**  
S. P. BOON, Manager



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Ready with large and complete stocks in all departments. Ready with Christmas Novelties and Gift Goods. Ready with extra delivery and Parcel Post service. Ready with a long list of radically reduced prices. In other words, this store is fully equipped to serve you as a real Christmas store should serve you. This ad contains a long list of cut prices on this season's best merchandise. Matchless values as well as many suggested gifts for every member of the family. Read them—then come and see.

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| Gift Handkerchiefs | Novelty Jewelry  |
| Linens             | Toilet Water     |
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| Christmas Slippers | Ribbon Novelties |
| Kimonos            | Furs             |
| Slippers           | Coats            |
| Silk Underwear     | Dresses          |
| Hand Bags          | Hats             |



**LADIES' SUITS**

The entire section of Suits is included—Smart Coat Suits in all their attractiveness of fine fabrics and beautiful trimmings; smartest models, newest styles, making this the greatest selling of Suits this winter. Now is the opportune time to secure a Suit of the better kind at a remarkable concession in price. Choice from our entire stock of Suits.

\$30.00 Suits	\$20.00
\$32.50 Suits	\$21.65
\$37.50 Suits	\$25.00
\$42.50 Suits	\$28.35
\$60.00 Suits	\$40.00
\$65.00 Suits	\$43.35
\$67.50 Suits	\$45.00
\$82.50 Suits	\$55.00
\$149.50 Suits	\$99.65

**LADIES' COATS**

\$27.50 Coats, now	\$21.75
\$47.50 Coats, now	\$37.50
\$49.50 Coats, now	\$38.50
\$57.50 Coats, now	\$45.95
\$82.50 Coats, now	\$72.50
\$87.50 Coats, now	\$73.50
\$97.50 Coats, now	\$82.75

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Daytime Frocks of Silks and Woolens. The Silks include the fashionable Crepes, Satins, Georgettes and other. The woolens are of Serges, Tricotines, Poiret Twills and Jerseys. The styles are quite the smartest of the season. And so many models are offered that you will have ample opportunity to make a suitable choice. Included also are some beautiful Evening Dresses. Choice from the large collection at—

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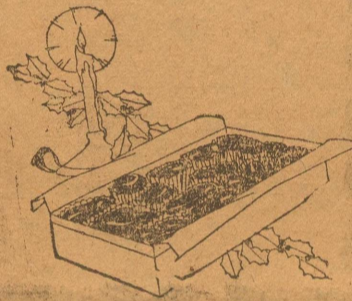
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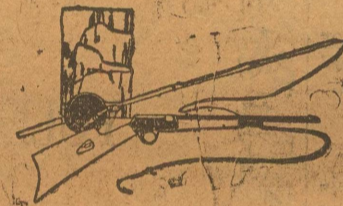
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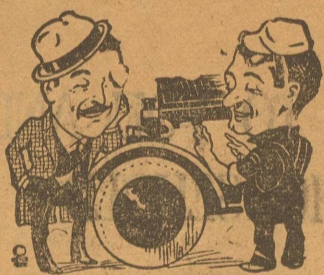


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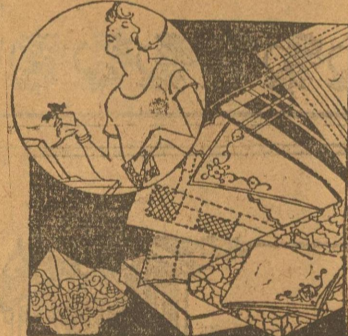


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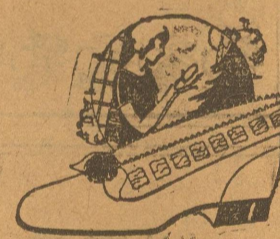
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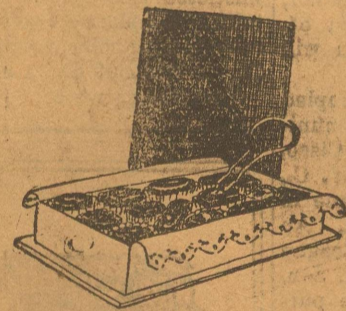


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## DINNER IN CISCO HONORING M. PAUL MARTIN.

George Phillips and Dr. Woods were hosts, at the residence of Dr. Woods in Cisco, to 12 men for dinner at 7 o'clock Friday evening, when M. Paul Martin of Eastland was the guest of honor, and was accompanied by Dr. C. H. Carter of Eastland.

The dinner table was handsomely laid, and roses were used as centerpiece. The five courses included oyster cocktail, quail, turkey with side dishes, salad, and Christmas pudding with coffee. It was a pleasant event. Much regret was expressed over Mr. Martin's coming departure.

## EASTLAND FOLKS ATTEND FOOTBALL GAME IN DALLAS.

A number of young people from Eastland attended the football game in Fort Worth, Friday afternoon, when Abilene won over Waco, in the state championship for high schools.

Among those attending were: Elizabeth Garrett, Geraldine Dabney, Bobbie Garrett, Neal Day, Jack Sayles, Mr. and Mrs. Philip S. Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. Jep F. Little and daughter, Virginia Neal, and Judge N. N. Rosenquest.

## REBEKAH LODGE POSTPONES ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers in the Rebekah lodge, to have been held Friday night, was postponed, the inclemency of the weather prevented a representative gathering. The election will take place in conjunction with the installation at the first meeting in January.

The lodge meeting Friday night was opened by the noble grand, Mrs. Mae M. Thomas, assisted by Mrs. Keith, vice noble grand.

## HIGH SCHOOL PLAY VERY SUCCESSFUL.

The high school play presented Friday night in the auditorium of the high school under direction of Miss Eppie Jean Groves was enjoyed by a fairly good sized audience.

A large attendance was prevented on account of the weather. The parts were well taken by the students, and the plays were successfully directed by Miss Groves.

About \$28 was cleared for the library fund.

## CIVIC LEAGUE HOLDS LAST MEETING OF YEAR.

Business affairs of the Civic league for 1923 were shaped at the last meeting of the year, held last Wednesday afternoon with the president, Mrs. W. K. Jackson, presiding, so that projects now in hand might be satisfactorily concluded or adjusted at the first meeting in 1924, Jan. 10, when terms of present officers expire and new officers will be chosen.

Much of the session was occupied with routine matters. A communication from Mrs. Reagan of Cisco, president Sixth district T. F. W. C., asked support of the Civic league in organizing a county federation. An invitation was sent to Mrs. Reagan to attend the league's meeting, Jan. 10, and more fully explain the purpose of the county federation and suggest how the league might assist.

The president called special attention to the election of officers at the next meeting, urged a full attendance of members and careful consideration in the meantime of nominations to be made for the new officials. A custodian was added to the official board and Mrs. Nunnally appointed custodian. Mrs. Allen D. Dabney was named chairman of a committee to negotiate the construction of a fence about the tourist camp.

## WEST WARD SCHOOL OBSERVES CHRISTMAS.

Friday afternoon the West ward school enjoyed a community tree, given a beautiful setting in the festooned hall, spiced with cedar and beribboned with wreaths and bells. The windows were darkened and lighted tapers shed their beams on hearty Santa Claus, who made his visit dressed in red with Russian blouse and long white beard. An interesting program of music and readings was presented by students from the rooms of Misses Mitchell, Dodgen and Hamm.

Santa Claus' speech was very interesting. He made an adroit escape when he resigned the giving out of gifts to the teachers, in order to visit upper class rooms.

The upper grades were visited by Santa Claus. Each class room had a small tree very handsomely decorated, as were the class rooms with their cheerful draperies and Christmas wreaths.

In charge were: Mrs. W. D. R. Owens, Miss Miller, Miss Freeman, and Mrs. Rufus H. Bush.

The faculty and school gave a beautiful Christmas gift, two cassettes in silver stands, and an Ever-sharp sterling silver pencil, to the principal of the school, Mr. J. Andrews.

Miss Dana Foy was presented a sterling silver tray by the faculty and her class room.

## WOMEN OPEN BANK FOR WOMEN.



Miss Lillian M. Westropp, president of the new Women's Savings and Loan Company.

Miss Lillian M. Westropp, of Cleveland, O., has been elected President of the new Women's Savings and Loan Company, of that city, the first bank in the world managed entirely by women, for women. The Board of Directors includes women who are prominent in banking and legal circles.

## CALENDAR

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 24**  
Miss Ruby Rae Toombs, hostess, Mrs. M. Paul Martin, house hostess, 8 p. m. Informal dance honoring Miss Margaret Hoad, and the younger set.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25**  
Mr. and Mrs. Rivers R. Mizell; Christmas party 8 p. m., in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Wikidal and Mr. and Mrs. M. Paul Martin.

B.P.O.E. Christmas dance in club rooms 9 p. m.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26**  
Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Jackson; at home 8:15 p. m., honoring Mr. and Mrs. M. Paul Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Wikidal; cards and musical.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27**  
Thursday Afternoon Bridge club meets 10 a. m., with Mrs. Rivers R. Mizell.

Mrs. John B. McLaughlin entertains with cards at Elks club 2:30 p. m.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28**  
Mrs. E. E. Freyschlag hostess, bridge-luncheon 1 p. m., honoring Mrs. E. W. Freyschlag.

### EASTLAND PERSONALS

Judge Joe F. Orr left Saturday for Louisville, Tenn., where he will spend the holidays with his father.

Judge J. L. Langford of Cisco was a business visitor in the city Friday afternoon.

C. S. Looney was over from Cisco Friday afternoon.

G. W. Dunway, Cisco attorney, was here Friday afternoon on legal business.

Judge John D. McRae left Saturday for Waxahachie, where he will join Mrs. McRae and spend the holidays with relatives.

Mrs. E. G. Bender left Saturday for Anson, Texas, to spend the holidays with her parents and other relatives.

### FRIDAY EVENING PARTY DELIGHTFULLY ENTERTAINED

Miss Merle Ticer and Miss Jessie Lee Ligon were charming hostesses to the Friday Evening club last week, which met earlier out of courtesy to Miss Jeanette Roach, and Miss Rila B. Ray, the honorees, who departed for their homes in company with their hostess, Mrs. John D. McRae, last Thursday.

The attractive apartment of Miss Ticer in Conner Place gave a sparkling welcome, from the beautifully decorated Christmas tree from which were pendant the souvenir gifts for each guest, to the piano hassed in potted plants, holly and mistletoe, and the festoons over window draperies, from which hung lovely wreaths. The ceiling was canopied with scarlet strands and lights were shaded in mistletoe and holly. The poinsettia tallies, and plate souvenirs, dainty red baskets with bells swinging from handle, carried out the Xmas spirit.

Four tables were employed in auc-

tion, two in dominoes and one in Mah Jongg. Charming piano and voice numbers were given by Mrs. Barnard. The tables were kept supplied with a variety of delicious candies.

The honor guests were presented dainty handmade and embroidered mull aprons. Club high score favor, three hand-made kerchiefs, was awarded Miss Mabel Mitchell. A hand made powder compact, the guest high score favor, fell to Miss Ray.

A delightful surprise was the presentation of the gay parcels with a Merry Xmas greeting card attached. Miss Ticer played Santa Claus very gracefully. Hand wrought lingerie clasps in varying designs were revealed to recipients.

Refreshments of date and fig pud-

ding with whipped cream topping, cheese sticks, nuts and coffee were served by the hostesses, assisted by Mrs. Ticer. Personnel of party: Misses Dana Foy, Frances Hefley, Beulah Frost, Mabel Mitchell, Ina Perryman, Nina Whitfield, V. T. Seaberry, Griffin, Audrey Collins, Marjorie Van Hoose, Iva Moore, Gretchen Overton, Mmes. B. F. Reinking, Earl Bender, A. G. Barnard, C. D. Freeman, C. B. Pruitt, M. Paul Martin, W. K. Jackson, Allen D. Dabney, Vernon T. Perryman, Ticer and guests, Misses Ray and Roach and Mrs. L. E. Edwards, and hostesses. Additional guests for refreshment period, Messrs. Joseph F. Orr, Gilvie Hubbard, W. M. Collier.

Club adjourned to January 1924.

## YULETIDE GREETINGS

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

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

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In the true spirit of the season we send our greetings to friends and patrons and wish you a New Year that will be better than you have ever before experienced. We thank each of you for business of the past and hope we are privileged to serve you during 1924.

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### GIRLS GLEE CLUB ENJOYS CHRISTMAS TREE

Eastland young folk were busily engaged with their Xmas tree parties last week, and the schools this year had more and handsomer trees than ever before. The tree adorned by the Girls' Glee club was no exception to this rule. The club's annual Xmas party was held in the studio of Mrs. Joseph B. Leonard, director of the Girls Glee club. The tree was an object of art, wonderfully brilliant with snow, sparkling silver, candles, coral strands of cranberry, snowy ropes of popcorn, and gay tarleton sacks filled with candies and nuts; the latter, the souvenir gifts of Mrs. Leonard to the girls.

A pleasing half hour was devoted to a program presented by Miss Mayme Tom Matthews in reading and a Christmas song by the Glee club. Beautiful gifts were exchanged by the girls. Mrs. Leonard was presented a silver flower basket by the club. Mr. Peterson, superintendent, received from the club a handsome gold pencil. Mr. Gray, principal, was remembered with a tie and box of handkerchiefs, and Mr. Thomas, who takes care of the high school building, was remembered with a pretty gift.

Every member of the club was present, except the president, Miss Geraldine Dabney, who was in Fort Worth, and Miss Thelma Williams, who was ill. Attending were, Misses Leele Lee Ladd, Faye Rowe, Goldie Fay Jamison, Coralie Poe, Faye Burgamy, Counsel Stewart, Ruby Barnett, Anita Martin, Elizabeth Garrett, Dora Burkley, Inez Dunham, Ida Lou Andrews, Ada Martin, Maurine Mead, Mayme Tom Matthews, Cora Otto, Dorothy Johnson, Bonnie Barton, Hazel Jones, Joe Brawner, Ruby Harbin, Opal Brawner, Virgie Richardson, Opal Hunt, Evelyn Gorman, Marie Johnson.

### MRS. KEY HOSTESS AT CHARMING CHILDREN'S PARTY

Mrs. Scott W. Key entertained the little friends of her son, Billie, at the family residence, Friday night, with a Xmas party. The tree was the central figure, for on that tree hung not only its beautiful adornments, but souvenir packages of firecrackers for the boys and boxes of sparklers for the girls, each gift tied in gay colored paper and gold cord. Bells of varying sizes were strung

around the rooms, and Xmas greens were prettily employed with holly and mistletoe.

Games, music and dancing were the diversions and a large assortment of fireworks was enjoyed from the veranda. Mrs. Key served cherry ice cream and cake to the happy young people, Pauline Harris, Vella Joe Stoker, Agnes Cross, Elizabeth Mitchell, Madge Brelsford, Elizabeth Day Wayne Stoker, Carl K. White, Jack Frost, Homer Norton, Alton Vaughn, Edward Grisham, and Billie Key.

### SOUTH WARD SCHOOL CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS.

Teachers and students of the South ward school enjoyed a novel day Friday afternoon, when Christmas programs were presented. The holidays were introduced with the charming programs given by the three classes in the primary department. The handsome tree was arranged by the grades taught by Misses Bowling and Miller for their two departments, with appropriate program of songs and readings. The tree in Miss Frances Hefley's room was enjoyed by the children after the combined program. The little people exchanged gifts and each child was remembered by the teachers with a personal gift of a box of candy.

On the upper floor, each of the seven rooms had a tree with Christmas program presented by the individual class. The halls and school rooms were gay with festoons of Christmas greens and bells, and the trees were wreathed with glittering strands and glowing with lighted tapers. The teachers in charge were Misses Allen, Griffin, Seaberry, Roquemore, Mrs. Bain, Mrs. Hardeeman, and Mr. Eldridge.

### FOY-SWITZER WEDDING DATE ANNOUNCED

On Thursday, January 27, a quiet home wedding will take place in Baird, Texas, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Foy, uniting in marriage Miss Dana Foy to Mr. E. H. Switzer.

Both the young people are well known in Eastland. Miss Foy has been a popular teacher in the West ward school, now entering her third year. Mr. Switzer has been with the Purcell wholesale grocery company the last three or four years. The young people will go to housekeeping upon their return from their bridal tour and expect to locate in Court apartment No. 3.

Mrs. Carl Springer, the bride's sister, will spend Christmas day in Jim Aspermont, Texas, with her husband, visiting Mr. Springer's parents, and will return via Baird in time to attend the wedding.

Miss Foy was presented a very handsome sterling silver bread tray

### FRANK HITCHCOCK LEADS JOHNSON CAMPAIGN



Frank H. Hitchcock

Frank Harris Hitchcock, postmaster general in President Taft's cabinet and a Republican leader for years, has been selected by United States Senator Hiram Johnson to act as manager of the latter's campaign for the presidency in 1924. Hitchcock managed Taft's campaign for the nomination in 1908, later managing the Republican campaign. He was chairman of the party's national committee in 1908-1909 and managed Charles Evans Hughes' campaign for the nomination in 1916. He

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by the faculty and West ward school. The future Mrs. Switzer expects to continue her duties as teacher. She is very popular among her associates, and a member of the Friday Evening club of this city.

### NOTES AND PERSONALS

Frank Day, W. A. Martin and ex-Senator H. P. Brelsford, returned Thursday from a hunting trip in Jim Hogg county. The party have a bear, two deer and several wild turkeys and a number of ducks to their credit.

The Elks club, through entertainment committeemen G. L. Gillespie, W. E. Stallter and R. J. Lobaugh,

have issued invitations to the Christmas dance, December 25, at 9 p. m., admission to which will be by invitation only. Jack Gardner's orchestra will furnish the music.

Mrs. H. B. Tanner met with a painful accident a day or so ago, when her thumb was caught in the door of the coupe the spring lock snapping through the bone, and breaking it, and tearing the nail out. Her hand is bandaged but is doing nicely.

Miss Appra Winston leaves for Comanche today to accompany Mrs. W. M. Durham and children on their trip to Eastland. They will be followed by Mr. Durham on Christmas day. The family will spend Christmas week with Miss Winston and Mrs. Durham's mother, Mrs. P. L. Parker.

Mrs. C. C. Funderburk will soon issue invitations for bridge, Monday afternoon, December 31, honoring Mrs. M. Paul Martin.

Miss Vivian Freeman left Friday night for Ireland, Texas; Miss Miller for Abilene, Miss Dana Foy for Baird and Mr. Warren for Carrivio, Texas. All are teachers in the West ward school, who will spend their Xmas vacation in their homes. Miss Dodgen leaves today for her parent's home.

Mr. E. H. Ellinghausen of the Prairie left on the Sunshine, Friday, en route to his home in Floresville, Texas, where he will spend the holidays with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Schreck left for Independence, Kansas, Saturday morning for a week's visit with Mrs. Schreck's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Patterson.

The Misses Drago returned home Saturday for the holiday visit with their parents. These young ladies are talented violinist and pianist and will be heard on the Xmas program to be presented tonight at the Methodist tabernacle.

Today is Golden Rule Sunday. What are you going to do to give a bit of cheer to the motherless and fatherless over these.

Christmas seals are now appearing on the pretty greetings going through the post. The committee selling the seals in Eastland is meeting with better success as the holiday spirit grows. If you haven't bought your seal for your Xmas mail, phone 195, and Mrs. Seals, general chairman for the Martha Dorcas class, chairman of seal sales, will send the seals to you.

### MRS. MORRISON HAS TWO LUNCHEON GUESTS.

Mrs. D. P. Morrison was luncheon hostess, Friday, to Miss Anna Barbara Nunn and Miss Frances Hefley, when a delicious four-course menu was served with turkey as "piece de resistance." The little daughter of Mrs. Morrison presented her guests with Christmas gifts of hand-painted shoe trees.

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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.

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**OPERETTA GIVEN AT ST. RITA'S PAROCHIAL SCHOOL IS SUCCESS**

RANGER, Dec. 22.—A packed auditorium attended the operetta, "The Holy Night," presented by pupils of St. Rita's parochial school Friday night. The youthful members of the cast and the participants in the chorus and duet numbers acquitted themselves ably.

Although the entire entertainment lasted but 45 minutes, the brevity of the offering was more than made up by the delightfulness of the settings, the acting and the musical numbers.

Virginia Douglas as Trixy, a comic negro wif, put her whole soul into the characterization and kept her audience in a round of laughter by her mimicry. Doris Casey as Mamie, the eldest school girl, played her roll ably.

Helen Brahaney, as Sister Irene, directress of the school, and dressed as a sister of St. Rita, was very well suited to her characterization. Her sweetness and graceful carriage and calm manner made her an able directress.

Mary McGinnis, as Mother Marty, brought her audience to tears when she appeared on the little stage. Frances McGinnis as

**Labor Leader to Head British Government.**



*Ramsay MacDonald*

For the first time in history Great Britain is to be ruled by a Laborite. Ramsay MacDonald, labor leader in the House of Commons, will be asked to become Premier and form a Labor Ministry when Stanley Baldwin resigns as a result of his defeat in the Parliamentary elections.

Peggy, her adopted daughter, did her part admirably.

Six other pupils of St. Rita's appeared as pupils of the make believe school. Clare Dyar, Mary Lucille

Martin, Margaret Yonker, Elizabeth Cleveland, Madeline Keating and Wordie Marie Wood did well their part.

The girls in the chorus showed evidence of training. The singing of individual and group numbers was perhaps the most attractive of the evening's program. Miss Nell Whalen offered a piano solo by Chopin, and with Miss Katherine Shea a piano duet, "Capricante." These two ladies also presented C. Wels, "Corricolo."

The work of Miss Whalen and Miss Shea harmonized beautifully with the scenes and was appropriately timed, musical lovers in attendance said.

The scenery was realistic. The first scene represented a woodland setting in winter time. Artificial snow was banked up to present the picture of a snow drift. The second scene was the home of Mother

Marty, a plain and poorly furnished cottage.

The operetta was a huge financial success and the sisters of St. Rita's today expressed their gratefulness to the school's patrons. "We never expected to meet so many ladies and gentlemen, who proved themselves so sacrificing," said one of the teaching sisters and who coached the young thespians. This is her first year in Ranger and she expressed genuine surprise at the spirit of cooperation in evidence here.

**MRS. ALVIN LUKER DIES**  
ROMNEY, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Alvin Luker, 31, died at the family residence two miles south of Romney, Wednesday night, and was buried in the Romney Lutheran cemetery Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Meningitis, superinduced by influenza, caused death after an illness of three or four weeks. She is survived by her husband and four small children.

**MAN'S INVENTION, CREATES NEW DANGERS TO AVOID**

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Dr. Ernest Hamlin Abbott, editor in chief of The Outlook, says:

"Man, one of the feeblest of animals, has built for himself muscles of iron, supplied with enormous energy and can now run to and fro tirelessly and at a speed which no animal can approach. We have, therefore, created for ourselves a whole new environment. The children of coming generations must learn to adapt themselves to that environment, controlling what they can control and avoiding the dangers of what they cannot. They must learn how to use the city streets and the country roads without endangering their own lives or the lives of others."

**COURT HOUSE WILL BE QUIET PLACE DURING THE HOLIDAY PERIOD**

EASTLAND, Dec. 22.—There will not be much business transacted through the Eastland county courts during the coming week. The Ninety-first district court adjourned today for the holidays and will not resume business until Jan. 2. The Eighty-eighth district court will be open for the transaction of such business as is necessary in winding up the term, which closes Jan. 1. The county court-at-law adjourns Monday until Dec. 31.

Officers and attaches of the three courts, or a part of them at least, will spend some of the time next week visiting relatives and friends out of town. Judge Davenport of

the Ninety-first district court will visit relatives at Weatherford. Claude P. Smith, official reporter for the Ninety-first district court, will spend Christmas day with relatives in Abilene.

All of the offices in the courthouse will be closed Christmas day as near as practical. Sheriff Barton stated that he expected to spend Christmas "all over" the county. District Clerk Roy Nunnally and wife will visit relatives at Rising Star, Christmas day. County Attorney Barnes will possibly visit his parents in Arkansas, but his office will not be closed unless it is on Christmas day. Other officers and deputies of the county, so far as could be learned, will spend the holidays in the city or at their homes in other places in the county. County Clerk Ernest Jones will be here during the holidays and will be available if his services are needed.

**Want Ads Will Pay**

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL**

May Christmas Joys Attend You

This Yuletide

And This Year

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And as we recount the experiences of the days and years we have been in business we find but little to regret and much 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.

JOY TO YOU FOR CHRISTMAS PEACE, HEALTH AND PLENTY FOR THE NEW YEAR

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H. G. Jones, Mgr., Ranger



**Thru The Long Ages**

**C**HRISTMAS Day has recalled to the minds of our present day people, the unselfishness with which our Savior was given to the world—The Son of God—given to a sinful world—what greater gift were possible—no greater gift has ever been given mankind. It was a great lesson to the people of that day, it is now the greatest lesson that has ever been taught—a lesson meant for all, for every one of us whether we live in the embellished homes of the rich or the poorest hut of the pauper. The gift was for all, and for all time to come.

**T**ODAY, we reverence the occasion of Christmas Day, the anniversary of the birth of Christ—the Greatest Gift—by giving unselfishly. This is the true spirit of Christmas, an occasion of joy at the receiving of gifts, even as our forebears rejoiced when they learned that the Son of God had been given them.

**I**T IS with this spirit that this store wishes to convey to its many customers, both large and small, something of this Christmas good-will—we wish to give you our thanks for the generous support you have given us during the past year, and to tell you that it is our intention to give you even better service and qualities of merchandise, during the coming year and to all

*We Wish You*  
**A MERRY CHRISTMAS**

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