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CHURCH BUYS PROPERTY IN HEART OF CITY

Central Baptists Acquire Tee-pee Buildings at Pine and Commerce.

RANGER, Dec. 24.—The members and congregation of the Central Baptist church of Ranger have given themselves a Christmas present. The trustees of the church, at a meeting Saturday night, authorized closing negotiations for the purchase of the property of the Texas-Pacific Coal and Oil company at Pine and Commerce streets. The price paid for the property has not been announced, but it is said to have been bought at a very low figure.

The property comprises a quarter block of land almost in the center of the city, just across the street from the Texas & Pacific railroad station. One 3-story brick building, one 1-story brick building and a frame building are included in the purchase. The brick structures have been used for church purposes since the old church building on Hunt street, was destroyed by fire a number of months ago. The frame building has been occupied by a business firm and the church proposes to continue the lease to the same tenant.

A representative of the church was in Fort Worth several days last week and the deal was arranged, the papers being drawn up and brought back to be signed if the trustees approved the purchase. Two-thirds of the price is to be paid in cash. Members of the church believe they have an investment which will steadily increase in value and be very adaptable for all church purposes.

Some improvements are to be made at once, it is stated, and others will be made later. One of the first changes to be made will be the removal of some of the inside walls so the auditorium may be enlarged. The church has between 500 and 600 members and the attendance each Sunday crowds the auditorium to overflowing. It is probable that later changes and improvements will provide quarters for a troop of boy scouts and other activities of the young people and a gymnasium some time is not at all improbable, it is said.

Church name board will be prominently displayed on the several buildings, not only for the guidance of people in Ranger, but also that travelers through the city on the steam rail roads may note the city's religious development.

BLANTON ASKS GIFT OF CAPTURED CANNON TO EASTLAND COUNTY

EASTLAND, Dec. 24.—Congressman Thomas L. Blanton, on Dec. 10, introduced in the house of representatives at Washington, a bill authorizing and directing the secretary of war to donate to the county of Eastland, in the state of Texas, one German cannon or field piece. The bill was referred to the committee on military affairs and ordered to be printed.

The bill follows: "Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled, that the secretary of war be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to donate and deliver to the county of Eastland, in the state of Texas, one cannon or field piece captured by the American expeditionary forces and delivered to the United States by the terms of the armistice or treaty of peace."

ONE JUROR INSISTS ON HAVING HIS OWN OPINION

DALLAS, Dec. 24.—Juries have been hung since the time of Blackstone, but one of the most unusual cases of this nature occurred in Dallas.

The jury was out in a case where the defendant was accused of "crap-shooting," but had pleaded not guilty. After being out three hours they reported to the judge that they were unable to agree on a verdict because one man was holding out for conviction. The judge discharged them all.

SEER FAILS TO SEE POLICE COMING TO ARREST HER

HOUSTON, Dec. 24.—"Madame" Mummy was a "seer." She could see everything, even miles and miles ahead.

But a few days ago her mystic vision failed her and she failed to see officers coming to arrest her on charges of vagrancy. Before the cloud had passed from her eyes she was taken into custody.

Her temporary optical ailment cost her \$290 in fines.

Would Lower Cost of Gasoline By the Passage of a Strict Law

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Legislation to lower the cost of gasoline will be pressed for passage in congress as soon as the holidays are over. Senator La Follette, progressive leader, is drawing up a bill, it was learned today. LaFollette would reorganize the big oil and gas companies so that the present waste would be eliminated and that the government would have supervision over prices.

CLARENCE BAKER ACCIDENTALLY SHOT IN LEG

Amputation Below His Knee Found Necessary; Happens While Hunting.

RANGER, Dec. 24.—Gloom fell over the home of J. A. Baker, driller for the Gulf company, Sunday evening as the family of eight were preparing to spend Christmas joyously, with an exchange of gifts, a family dinner and a big cedar tree in the living room, for Clarence, 16 years old, was in the Clinical hospital of this city with his left leg amputated six inches below the knee as the result of an accidental shooting, Sunday afternoon, three miles north of Ranger.

The Christmas party instead, if the boy's condition permits, will in part be transferred to his private room at the hospital. His physician, Dr. M. L. Holland said he was doing all right this morning.

Sunday afternoon while in company with three other boys, Clarence received a bullet in his leg from the rear. He has not been able to give his mother an entirely connected account of the accident because of the excitement that followed the shooting, his mother said this morning at the hospital.

Clarence had gone to the home of Weaver Ashman on the States oil lease, where his mother runs a boarding house for the Gulf company employes, and there it was suggested that the shotgun at the Ashman home be used to go hunting. The boys had the gun but a short time before Clarence lay bleeding on the ground. All the boys agreed it entirely accidental.

Clarence has three brothers and two sisters. The Bakers live on the Slayton lease, but a short distance from the States lease, where the accident occurred.

As a repository of ancient secrets the Holy Land is challenging Egypt this month for a share of world attention, for excavations at Beth Shean, 50 miles north of Jerusalem, have exposed five layers of earth each of which contains traces of a separate civilization, one upon the other, have been laid bare to the eyes of the archaeologists as a result of the work done in the last two years by the University of Pennsylvania unit. The final findings will no doubt be of more value to the Christian world than all others combined.

POLICEMAN KILLS WEALTHY CHICAGO TRANSFER MAN

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—John Dykeman, 27, wealthy Chicago transfer man, was shot and killed by Patrolman John Coleman, here early today.

Coleman is being held on a charge of murder. Witnesses said Coleman was drunk and that he shot Dykeman as the latter drove past in an auto. Coleman denied he was drunk and said he fired to stop a pistol duel between Dykeman and the occupant of a small car who pursued him.

NEWSBOYS ARE SELLING THEIR OWN PAPERS TODAY

All copies of this newspaper sold on the streets by the newsboys today are the gift of the publisher to them. It has been the custom of the publisher to give the newsies all their street sales the day before Christmas and it is hoped that the public, as in the past, will co-operate to help swell the Christmas fund of the little newspaper salesmen.

MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS, 1923!



CHRISTMAS CALLS

By MARJORIE HOWE DIXON

Oh, thousands of calls come to Santa
In his generous heart there is place
For wee ones, and young ones and old ones
It is writ in his jolly old face.

He listens to each, though he's busy
A-packing the toys he will take
All o'er the world to the children
Over mountain and valley and lake.

The telephone rings, "Oh Santa,
This is my boy that lives by the mill,
I've four little brothers and sisters,
There are five of our stockings to fill;

"Say, Santa, you fill all their stockings,
And mine—well, I really don't care
Just so they get each what they've wanted
If you miss me, I'll still call it square."

"Good-bye, Sir," and Santa is sighing
For brave little Jimmy-boy's sake
I think he will make a great effort
And something to Jimmy will take.

Ting-a-ling,—again the phone's ringing
They call and they call and they call!
If he weren't so darling and patient
He never could answer them all.

PRETTY WOMAN ANARCHIST SET FREE OF MURDER

Germaine Berton Admits Her Guilt While She Calmly Powders Her Nose.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Germaine Berton, the strikingly pretty anarchist, was acquitted today of the murder of Maurice Plateau, editor of Action Francaise, royalist newspaper.

Madame Berton went to the offices of the newspaper to kill Leon Daudet. Daudet was not there and so she shot and killed Plateau. Her trial came at a time when feeling between Paris anarchists and royalists, led by Daudet, ran high.

The publisher's son committed suicide after going over to the anarchists' side.

Madame Berton admitted her guilt, and calmly powdered her nose while lawyers wrangled and fellowers of the royalists and anarchists nearly came to blows in the courtroom.

Obregon Forces Are Following Up Their Victorious Fights

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 24.—Fearing a rebel thrust from the south, President Obregon today sent General Gomez, military commander of the capital, with 1,500 men to Cuernavaca, state of Morelos. General Romulo Figueroa, commanding a rebel force, occupied Puente Ixtla, just south of that city, Saturday, in pressing his advance on the capital.

In the east the federals are busy consolidating their victory at Puebla, which was captured Saturday afternoon, not earlier, as previously reported. Two hundred rebel dead were left behind when De la Huerta forces were driven from Puebla, and upwards of 1,000 prisoners taken. Airplanes and artillery were used in the attack.

Collector Of Coins Is Found Dead With His Pockets Empty

HARLAN, Ky., Dec. 24.—Apparently a victim of robbery and murder, the body of Sherman Clasenger, eccentric resident of Harlan county, was found today on Pine mountain.

Clasenger had a hobby of collecting silver half dollars and had his pockets always filled with these coins. No money was found on his person. It is believed that he was accosted by robbers on the lonely mountain trail and slain for his money.

BULLET STRIKES BABE IN HEAD, BOY ALSO HIT

Exact Injuries of Leroy Flow, Aged Two, Not Determined at Hospital.

RANGER, Dec. 24.—A stray bullet passed through a young boy's finger and finally lodged in the right temple of a baby's head in a peculiar accident today at the home of James Bradford at La Casa.

The baby, Leroy Flow, 2 years old, was sitting on the lap of a young boy, nephew of James Bradford, when the stray bullet struck the boy and then lodged in the baby's head.

At the Clinical hospital, where the baby was taken, it was said that it had not been determined by X-ray yet whether the bullet had entered the child's skull or glanced around. Leroy is a grandson of James Bradford.

DEMAND FOR TOYS IS GREATER THAN LAST YEAR

RANGER, Dec. 22.—Toys haven't lost their appeal with fond mamas and papas of Ranger when it comes to gratifying the wishes of their children Christmas day. Inquiry at one toy shop on Main street today revealed this particular place has sold more toys this year than last. The store has carried a large stock. Wagons and tricycles were sold in many instances. Little knickknacks as usual were popular with buyers.

MONEY WASTAGE

In 21 states of the union there is "taxation chaos" and it is almost impossible to untangle the mass. Throughout the United States more than 20 per cent of all wealth escapes its just burden, while federal, state and local taxes take nearly 20 per cent of the total income of the nation. It's a heavy burden, and will be heavier unless some method of preventing an enormous waste be adopted.

"SELECTIVE ANARCHISTS"

Rather a picturesque phrasing was conceived the other day by United States Attorney William Hayward, in his address before the Government club in New York when he declared that Americans who openly flout the dry laws are "selective anarchists."

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAMS SCORE HEAVILY

AUSTIN, Dec. 24.—The year of 1923 witnessed the greatest scoring machines in history in the Texas Interscholastic league, according to figures compiled.

Abilene High school, which won the state championship from Waco last Friday at Dallas, hung up the enviable total of 571 points in 11 games. Ten of these games were shutouts, Cisco, Texas, High making a lone touchdown against the gridmen from the Panhandle. They averaged 52 points to the game.

Waco High rolled up a total of 515 points in 11 games, a total of 46 points to the game. Their goal line was not crossed.

Mr. Mellon announces that the public debt has been reduced to \$22,082,209,000. That's good news—if we can comprehend it. It means that each of the 25,000,000 families in this country only owe an average of \$883.33 to Uncle Samuel. Of course there's an uncertain asset, due from foreign nations of about half of this debt, but with that paid there is enough left, with its accumulating interest, to cause us to wonder if it's not the best policy to pay the bill while the paying is good. Most any other business concern would adopt that policy.

SOVIET BEHIND FIGHT ON KLAN NOW CHARGED

Constitutionalists in Oklahoma Merely Militant Klanmen, Says Counter Allegation.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 24.—Pointed charges that the Oklahoma Constitutionalists, alleged anti-radical organization, was the fighting medium for the advance of the Ku Klux Klan principles today was charged by Aldrich Blake, former counsellor to "Jack" Walton when he was governor of Oklahoma, and R. R. Stevens, manager of the state anti-klan association.

In a statement given out by Fred T. Miller, chairman of the Constitutionalists, Saturday, it is declared that the anti-klan movement throughout the state was a blind to foster soviet rule on the state in line with the Washington expose by Secretary of State Hughes last week.

A great fight on the anti-klan forces may be expected, but it is not to be made by the klan itself but by an alien organization, the Constitutionalists, Stevens, manager of the anti-klan association, said. He added that the records of the anti-klan movement were open to investigation and that the organization would disband if the klan would do likewise.

Blake, an avowed anti-klanman, declared he was ignorant of any plans to connect the state anti-klan movement with the soviet movement. Blake termed Miller's attack as purely a political movement, adding that he was too busy seeking anti-klan legislation to be distracted by the soviet regime charges.

MRS. MARGARET WEAVER IN ATLANTA JAIL, IS AWAITING HER TRIAL

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Margaret Weaver, alleged contributor to the death of W. S. Corman, attorney for the Simmons' faction of the Ku Klux Klan, for which Phil E. Fox, publicity writer for the H. W. Evans' faction in the klan, was sentenced to life imprisonment, is in jail here today. Abandoning her determination to fight extradition, Mrs. Weaver returned from Birmingham at midnight.

Solicitor General Boykin said that the woman, accused of being the "inspiration" of the murder, will be tried in January. Mrs. Weaver, a trained nurse, is prepared to spend Christmas in jail with a few books for company. She has refused to talk about the shooting, but declares she was in Chattanooga at the time the killing occurred.

CHRISTMAS DAY TO BE TIME FOR HOME GATHERINGS

RANGER, Dec. 24.—Ranger folks will spend Christmas in the bosom of their families. Every opportunity to this end has been given by employers of men and women. Every store in the city, with a few exceptions, will be closed throughout the day. The drug stores and theatres, as usual, will be open.

Many persons, who work for oil production and pipe line companies and casinghead gasoline companies, left Saturday and Sunday for their distant homes and making it a triple holiday for themselves.

The postoffice will be closed tight Tuesday. There will be no deliveries and no windows will be open. The clerical force was busy this morning. Many Christmas greeting cards and packages were being sent out today in many instances to friends and relatives in Eastland county.

CHURCH SANCTUARY TO BE AGLOW FOR MIDNIGHT MASS

RANGER, Dec. 24.—As is the custom over the world, where the consent of the Catholic diocesan bishop has been obtained, a mass at midnight will be celebrated at St. Rita church, beginning at 12 o'clock tonight, in commemoration of the nativity of Christ.

The altars and sanctuary of the church will be aglow with electric lights and cedar trees will flank the crib, bearing the Christ child in the manger.

The Kyriele mass will be sung and a male quartet will sing Christmas hymns to enhance the ceremonies at the altar.

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BIBLE THOUGHT.

RESTORE THE ERRING.—
Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.—Galatians 6: 1.

UPHEAVAL IN PROTESTANTISM

All over America a great quarrel about beliefs is tearing Protestantism in two. Among the Baptist, Dr. Stratton attacks President Faunce. Among the Presbyterians, Dr. Macartney attacks Dr. Henry Emerson Fosdick. Among the Episcopalians, Bishop Manning attacks Dr. Grant. Among the Methodists, Bishop Stunz recently denied Dr. Buckner a pulpit.

In all the denominations there is an uprising of old-fashioned orthodox against modernism, and already three organizations—the Interdenominational Fundamentals association, the Baptist Bible Union of North America and the followers of Dr. Curtis Lee Laws—are up in arms. Together they represent the widespread, bellicose, passionately determined agitation known as the Fundamentalist Movement who assert that modernism is not Christianity at all but "another religion, belonging to another group of religions," and "so different from Christianity that if the one is true the other must be false."

Among the modernist leaders, the most daring is Dr. Percy Strickney Grant, Episcopalian. He rejects orthodox Protestantism completely. He has no belief in a miraculous Bible, or in a supernatural Jesus of Nazareth, or in the duty of a preacher to hide his convictions.

As fearless, almost, is Dr. Karl Reiland, rector of St. George's church. When recently the house of bishops pronounced the teaching of the Apostles' creed and the doctrine of the Virgin Birth to be obligatory, Dr. Reiland vigorously protested.

Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick still clings to a belief in the deity of Christ, but abhors fundamentalism. In fact, he abhors virtually the entire system of orthodox Protestantism and calls it "false in fact and pernicious in practical result." Though a Baptist, he is special preacher at the First Presbyterian church, Fifth avenue.

President William H. P. Faunce of Brown university is likewise moderate in his liberalism. To be sure, he has attacked the "fundamentals" in a famous magazine article, and when he arose to address the Baptist convention last summer, Dr. Stratton mounted a chair and loudly protested. Tumult followed, with cries of "Shame!" and "Put him out!" and more to match.

Meanwhile, a brilliant layman, Glenn Frank, editor of The Century, speaks out boldly for modernism. What the world needs, he argues, is "not the religion about Jesus, but the religion of Jesus." Like Dr. Grant, he would strip away all the legends and the dogmas invented by early Jewish-Christians.

The great mass of Christians, however, are not so much concerned about theological questions as they are about what men are, and what they do. The fundamental truth of Christ's teachings, if followed, are sufficient to gain entrance to Heaven—and nothing else will.

Some 18 of the old guard, headed by Senator Lodge, will stand out for the bonus whether the tax be reduced or not. The anti-bonus element numbers 27, or six less than the number needed to sustain a president's veto. Th old guard with its back to the wall is feeding the progressive element with good committee appointments in anticipation of defeating a combination with Democrats in the organization of the senate. In the house the progressives have been more or less ignored on committee appointments and a fierce fight seems inevitable.

DALLAS.—The Lone Star Gas company has let contract for construction of a new office building in this city to be used by that company. The building will cost about \$175,000 and will be completed in May.

Assignment oil and gas lease, C. Rosenfield to W. S. Hall, north 1-2 of northwest 1-4 of section 6, block 2, H. & T. C. Ry. Co. survey, Eastland county, \$1.

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PASSENGER TRAIN OF EIGHT COACHES GOES INTO DITCH, NONE HURT

GROESBECK, Texas, Dec. 24.—An engine and eight coaches landed in the ditch in a remarkable wreck one mile south of here on the H. & T. C. Sunday afternoon and not a single passenger was injured beyond a few superficial bruises. The train was making between 40 and 50 miles an hour.

The wreck is believed to have been due to rails spreading, caused probably by the recent heavy rains.

The engine was the first to leave the tracks, taking the tender with it and dragging eight of the 15 coaches with them. The train slid down the embankment for 20 feet, only being stopped by the mud which it plowed up before it.

YELLOW CAB SERVICE READY TO START IN EASTLAND

EASTLAND, Dec. 24.—R. A. Grundy of Cleburne, who was here last week arranging to put in a Yellow Cab service in Eastland, returned Sunday afternoon with his cars and is now ready for business.

Mr. Grundy has arranged for headquarters at the Harwood garage, on South Seaman street. He is having a telephone, No. 21, installed today.

Eastland drivers for each car have been employed. The Yellow Cab service is a nationally known and nationally advertised service and will operate here under the supervision of Yellow Cab headquarters in Chicago. The operator will be required to keep his service up to a high standard.

CENTRAL BAPTIST CANTATA THIS EVENING.

Members of the Central Baptist church will give a humorous cantata this evening at the church, 7:30 o'clock, assisted by the choir. Many familiar figures and old friends will be seen in the presentation. There will be a snow house and chimney with a real Santa Claus, and a good time for all who attend.

PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATION.

The Christmas celebration of the Presbyterian Sunday school will be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock when a program will be given by the children under the direction of Mrs. J. B. Fitch.

There will be a Christmas tree, and everyone belonging to the Sunday school, or wishing to belong, is cordially invited.

The beautiful white service, which had been announced for Sunday night was postponed and will be given in connection with the Christmas tree and program. Gifts of food, toys or clothing are to be brought, wrapped in white, and will be received by ushers at the door. All attending are asked to bring one or more potatoes or apples to be dropped in barrels placed for that purpose. All Presbyterians are expected and all others are invited.

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Rel. V-L, Mrs. B. F. Wilson to B. D. Carter, 57 acres out of F. A. Barnhill survey, 62 acres out of Dugan McLean survey, Eastland county.
Oil and gas lease, R. H. Qualls et al., to John W. Jackson et al., 320 acres in Eastland county; consideration, \$10.
Assignment, Rumbaugh Dr. Co., to

H. E. Gerrett, 15 acres of land in Eastland county, being part of section 43, block 4, H. & T. C. Ry. company survey; consideration \$10.
Casing head gasoline contract, H. W. Smith to Arkansas Natural Gas company, 160 acres, being E1-4 of section 2, block 3, H. & T. C. Ry. company survey, state school lands, Eastland county.
Assignment oil and gas lease, C. Rosenfield to E. E. McCoy, S1-2 of NW1-4 of the SW1-4 of section 6, block 2, H. & T. C. Ry. company survey, Eastland county, containing 160 acres; consideration, \$1.

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EASTLAND SOCIETY
Mrs. W. K. Jackson
Phone 288

MONDAY EVENTS
"Bethlehem" pageant and program 7:30 p. m., Presbyterian church, under auspices of Bethany Bible class, assisted by Sunday school classes. Public invited.
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 EVENTS
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. Elks Christmas dance in club rooms 9 p. m. Admittance by invitation only.

"THE CHRIST-MASS BELLS"
With lagging steps and hanging head, sweet Mary sought her lowly bed. Fear came shivering through the night—no mother near—oh, pitiful fright! Angels whispered.
"Mary, dear, fear thee not! Thy God is here."
And Joseph, kind and patient man, watched the young wife's face so wan.
Hark! The cattle low no more! A breathless stillness comes to pour its soothing power through Mary's breast.
The Virgin's heart now calms to rest.
With straw a bed had Joseph made, and in that bare, rough manger laid, his cloak to soften that poor bed, and then stood guard at Mary's head.
And helped her. And angels came on sweeping wings of glittering flame—! All was veiled from mortal eyes. And hark! The Holy Infant cries! Now Virgin Mary and her child are dimly seen through radiance mild. And Joseph, awe struck, prostrate fell.
Ring out! Ring out! Oh, Christmas Bell!
Come! Ye wise men! Journey fleet and worship at the Christ-child's feet! Follow you scintillating, trembling star, shining o'er that stable fair!
And Mary croons her child to rest, cuddled close to virgin breast.
A halo o'er the wee babe's head, shines above that lowly bed!
Quiet Joseph sees through shadows now, radiance hover o'er the brow of Mary, mother virgin, child; Holy radiance, clear and mild.
Ring out, oh bells of Heaven! Ring! For Christ is born! Hear angels sing!
AMEN.
ELVIE H. JACKSON.

SOCIAL WHIRL QUIETER JUST BEFORE CHRISTMAS
There was a decided lull in the social activities in Eastland the last of the week and the quiet bids fair to continue, as social attention is concentrated on the small family dinners for Sunday, Monday and Christmas day. From twenty-five to thirty young people have returned from colleges for their holiday visits. No formal announcements are made of social affairs for them, but from day

to day impromptu parties will be the feature of this phase of Eastland society.
Every church society in Eastland suspended activity this week, and clubs and P. T. A.'s have recessed until January, with the exception of the Thursday Bridge club which convenes in the forenoon this week to yield the afternoon to the card function that afternoon given by Mrs. John B. McLaughlin at the Elks club.
The lads and lassies will attend the Xmas dance of the Elks tomorrow night. Tonight they are frolicking at the Martin residence.

CIVIC LEAGUE PRESENTS TOKEN TO ITS PRESIDENT
The Civic league of Eastland presented a very lovely Christmas gift to Mrs. W. K. Jackson last Saturday with the following note: A bright Yuletide from the Civic league to our beloved president. Just a tiny remembrance to say we appreciate the work you have done for us.
Mrs. Jackson's second term as president of the league expires in January. The organization has faithfully supported Mrs. Jackson during her administration and this evidence of their appreciation was sincerely pleasing.
The gift was a handsome set of book-ends, gold lacquered and embossed.

PUBLIC LIBRARY TO BE CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY
Miss Sallie Morris, librarian of the Public library, announces that the library will not be open tomorrow, Christmas day.
Friday and Saturday, the other regular days this week for the library, will be observed as usual.

NOTES AND PERSONALS
Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Murray left for Fort Worth today to remain over Christmas.
Remember you are invited to the "Bethlehem" pageant at the Presbyterian church tonight.
C. U. Connelley received a box of Christmas green and a species of bitter-sweet this week from California. They were sent by Mrs. Ednes Herbert, who spent several months last summer and fall in Eastland. As usual Mr. Connelley was glad to divide, and several of his friends were remembered with handsome bunches of the glossy green foliage massed with scarlet berries.
Senator and Mrs. Joe Burkett left for Gorman today to remain over Christmas visiting Mrs. Burkett's mother, Mrs. P. F. Pullig.
Dr. and Mrs. E. Roy Townsend leave for Llano today to be Christmas guests of Dr. and Mrs. Townsend, Sr. A big family dinner will be held tomorrow.
The A. T. Mullers left today for a family reunion at Plano.

A Good Thing - DON'T MISS IT.
Send your name and address plainly written together with 5 cents (and this slip) to Chamberlain Medicine Co., Des Moines, Iowa, and receive in return a trial package containing Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for coughs, colds, croup, bronchial, whooping coughs, and tickling throat; Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets for stomach troubles, indigestion, gassy pains that crowd the heart, biliousness and constipation; Chamberlain's Salve, needed in every family for burns, scalds, wounds, piles, and skin affections; these valued family medicines for only 5 cents. Don't miss it.

HOW SOME RANGER MEN HAVE ENJOYED AND LIKE TO ENJOY RECURRING CHRISTMAS DAYS

RANGER, Dec. 24.—How Ranger folks, newcomers and old-timers, spent one of their Christmases that left an indelible impression on them in years past was learned by a newspaper man in short interviews on the street and store. Some told of the most enjoyable day they could recall, a hunt, family gathering, unusual experience, a joyous event such as leaving the hospital the day before Christmas and most everything a retrospective mind could bring up.
Here are their stories in their own words:

Arthur Jury, manager of Gholson hotel.—The most enjoyable Christmas to me was the first one after I was married. I was then living in Little Rock. It made me happy to be surrounded by my family. We had a family dinner. I have had other enjoyable Christmases, as when I was a kid, but when one has a family, it is a new era for a man.
Make Others Happy.
Here is my slogan: "There is only one way to be happy and that is to make some one else happy."
H. Fair, jewelry store proprietor:—Five years ago in Dallas, I played cards from 12:30 o'clock Christmas morning until night. I did nothing else but have dinner and lunch and chat with those that were in the party.
Guy Cummings, day clerk Gholson hotel:—Five years ago I just came out of a hospital and it made me happy. I was in the service and I had diphtheria germs, but they didn't take. I had to have my throat swabbed three times and if the third culture showed negative, I was to leave. On the day before Christmas, the third one was taken and it was negative. I was discharged.

H. U. Pond, owner of the Ranger Distilled Water company.—These gatherings where the whole family can gather around the festal board give me lots of pleasure Christmas day. The last one was six years ago in St. Louis. I haven't been to any since coming to Ranger. We hoped to gather in Parsons, Kan., this year but we called it off on account of my mother's illness.

S. B. Baker, Ranger postoffice.—I spent the first 46 Christmases of my life with my mother and I was 47 years old before I had a Christmas without her, something that few men can say, I believe. She died when I was 46. I have always got the most delight and the full meaning out of Christmas by spending this day in the midst of our family.
J. F. Dreinhofer, postmaster:—I have never given so much thought to looking out for myself on Christmas, but I always like to see others happy on that day. You can make others happy in different ways and it is not always by giving a gift. You can't be happy yourself if you don't make others happy.

A. Joseph, owner of Boston store.—I spent last Christmas at my native home in Syria, the first time in 17 years. The Syrians, among the Christians, spend Christmas pretty much like the Americans do. They attend church in the morning and the family gets together for Christmas dinner. After church, a Syrian will call on his friends, especially his neighbors and give his Christmas greeting. He will generally express the wish for "many more happy Christmas days." The person on whom he calls will ask when he will

be at home so that he can return the call. That is how I spent my Christmas last year.
Raymond Teal, merchant:—I was in Tsien, China, in 1912 and it was 20 degrees below zero on Christmas. My company was playing for American soldiers and it was so cold we had to wear overcoats on the stage. We amused ourselves playing pool on long English pool tables part of the day.
W. P. Davenport, merchant:—

OUR WISH FOR YOU

May the peace of Christmas time fill your hearts in the New Year

RANGER STATE BANK
Ranger

1924 GREETINGS

We wish to thank our many friends from the fullness of our hearts for their patronage during the year just closing and wish each and every one a

New Year Filled With Many Rich Blessings

CRESCENT KANDY SHOP
107 S. Rusk St. Ranger
J. H. McCONVILL

MAY JOY BE WITH YOU

While we are celebrating this great Christmas the spirit prompts us to express to all our sincere thanks and appreciation for the good will and patronage extended to us throughout the year.

PEOPLES STATE BANK
Ranger, Texas

Thanks and Good Wishes from **Majestic Cafe**

One of the hardest things to do is to try and thank folks as we want to thank you and feel that you feel that it really and truly comes from the bottom of our hearts. The Majestic does thank you. We have enjoyed your very splendid patronage during the past year and we hope that we will be worthy to receive a continuation of it. We have tried to give you the best possible of everything we had to offer—food, service and hospitality—and we are going to do our level best to improve during the coming year so that we shall continue to deserve your patronage. Please accept from us our sincere good wishes for a Happy Christmas and a New Year filled to overflowing with bountiful prosperity.



And Now for a Real Christmas Dinner

We hope you are able to enjoy your Christmas dinner at home, because that is the very best place for anyone on this day of days.

But should something happen, should someone steal the turkey, the cook fail to show up or the gas suddenly refuse to flow to the range, or any other catastrophe occur—don't let it worry you, for next to home, the Majestic's Christmas Dinner can be depended on to satisfy the most exacting.

Majestic Cafe
EASTLAND

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



We Extend to Our Many Friends and Customers

A Merry Christmas

We feel that your patronage is the stamp of approval which you have placed upon a firm whose ideals are **QUALITY, SERVICE and Fairness of Price.**

We thank you for your part in making this store one of the finest men's stores in Central West Texas.

E. H. & A. DAVIS
The Home of Hart Schaffner & Marx Clothes
Ranger

OUR BEST WISHES

We welcome the season that gives us the pleasure of extending our best wishes to our many customers and friends.

May the Yuletide Season Make Happy the Closing of 1923

And may 1924 bring you unlimited portions of the things you most desire to the end that real happiness and prosperity may be yours.

WM. N. McDONALD
Plumbing and Heating
Ranger, Texas

PHONE IN YOUR WANT AD TODAY

Society

AND THE ACTIVITIES OF WOMEN IN RANGER

Mrs. Chas. G. Norton, Editor
Telephone 224

TUESDAY EVENTS

First Baptist church Christmas tree 7:30 o'clock at church.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Bess Luke left this morning for Weatherford, Texas, to spend the holidays with her mother and sisters. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jones and little daughter arrived Saturday to visit Mrs. Jones parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Jameson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McFarland and children left this morning for Fort Worth to join a family reunion at the home of Mrs. McFarland's brother, Mr. Dowdy. Mr. and Mrs. Gray Powell left this morning for Dallas for a few days visit.

Aubrey Jameson returned Saturday from El Paso where he had been on business for the Elks.

Miss Hallie Jameson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Jameson, arrived Saturday night from New York to spend the holidays with her parents and the family.

Mrs. E. H. Chaplin left this morning for Electra to spend the week with her mother, Mrs. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Taylor and two little girls left Friday for Jourdan to spend Christmas with Mrs. Taylor's parents.

Dick Phillips, returned from Oklahoma university Sunday and will spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Phillips.

Mrs. O. S. Driskill and little son left Sunday for Coleman to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stayton.

CORNELIUS-DENMAN MARRIAGE SOLEMNIZED.

The marriage of Miss Edith Cornelius to W. S. Denman took place Saturday in the presence of a few relatives and intimate friends, Rev. W. H. Johnson of the First Baptist church officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Denman left immediately after the ceremony for a short bridal trip and will go to housekeeping in Ranger on their return.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN RANGER CHURCHES.

Special services for Christmas were in order at all the Ranger churches on Sunday, a few of them having programs for the children as well. At the Methodist church in the afternoon there was a lovely tree for the primary department, and

Santa Claus distributed to each one gaily colored bags filled with fruit, nuts and candy. The department presented a knitted sweater to one of their members; Reba Calloway, Songs, "T-R-U-E," and "Christmas Bells" were sung and readings given by Catherine Coles and Cordie May McFarland. After the program games were played and creamed gelatine with cookies were served to the little folks.

The evening program at the Methodist church for the Sunday was called "The Shepherd's Christmas," and a beautiful pageant was given by the Sunday school under the direction of Mrs. A. W. Hall. The choir sang several Christmas songs and anthems and Mrs. Luke's beautiful voice was heard in the favorite Christmas song, "O, Holy Night," by Adam, and in several carols. An offering was made for the Methodist orphanage.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

A Christmas program of music and recitations will be given in the auditorium of the First Baptist church Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. by the Sunday school class of the church.

There will be a Christmas tree, bearing gifts for all members of the Sunday school classes.

"PINCH" IN TIME MAY SAVE MONEY IN WINTER

A. G. Zeller, president of the Michigan State Automobile school in Detroit, said:

"The first thing I do around my car these cold mornings is to raise the bonnet and pinch the lower water hose connecting the engine water jacket and radiator.

If the hose yields easily to the pressure, I know the liquid in the radiator has not frozen. I use plenty of alcohol, but it's better to be sure than sorry and many good storage batteries have been ruined by the owner trying to start an engine with the cooling liquid frozen.

"My next move is to engage the starting crank (with switch open or off) and give the engine a few turns by hand to break loose the film of oil congealed between pistons and cylinder walls.

"A storage battery has trouble enough of its own without the added burden of 'breaking loose' a cold engine every morning. It pays to keep the battery well charged, too, as a battery freezes quite easily if the specific gravity is not what it should be."

STOUT PERSONS
Incline to full feeling after eating, gassy pains, constipation
Relieved and digestion improved by
CHAMBERLAIN'S TABLETS
Cleansing and comforting - only 25c

EASTLAND PERSONALS

Captain Johnson of the Gulf Production company has returned from Fort Riley, Kan., where he has been for some weeks in the reserve officers' training camp.

Will Orr, of Cisco and Mesdames Will and Henry Orr and the latter's children of Cross Plains, were Sunday guests of Mrs. Louisa Jones, 203 South Connellee street.

LAMB THEATRE
RANGER
LAST TIME TODAY



BETTER than "JAZZMANIA" or "PEACOCK ALLEY"
Robert Z. Leonard
Presents
Mae Murray
in
The French Doll
Her
Supreme Triumph
Adapted by A. E. Thomas from the spectacular New York and Paris stage success by Paul Armont and Marcel Gerbidou.
Miss Murray wears \$100,000 worth of gowns and does the most sensational dancing of her career.
—a—
A TIFFANY PRODUCTION
Robert Z. Leonard,
Director General
M. H. Hoffman,
General Mgr. Metro

—also—
"MONKS A-LA-MODE"
FOX NEWS

TOMORROW
Poli Negri

—in—
"THE SPANISH DANCER"

Just a
MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
BRIGHT, HAPPY NEW YEAR

The
Julianna Shop

Ranger

Here's Hoping That You and Yours May Have a

MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

Is the Wish of

THE TOGGERY
Ranger

MAY THE
SANTA CLAUS
OF
GOOD TIMES

Fill Your Heart's Desire
and Do So In Such
a Way That

A Successful
NEW YEAR

Will Bring You Health,
Happiness and
Plenty

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

BALLEW'S

Groceries and Market

Phone 313

RANGER

A MERRY, MERRY
CHRISTMAS

The Joyous
Season Is
Welcome

What joy Christmas brings to the world. It fills our hearts with higher, nobler thoughts and inspires the best that is in us. May it be real to you, bringing happiness that will endure for time to come—that is our wish for you.

We cannot pass the season without an expression of our deepest lasting appreciation for the patronage given during 1923. May it be our privilege to serve you through a happy, prosperous New Year.

**SANDERS-COLEGROVE
HARDWARE CO.**

Ranger, Texas

MAY THE NEW YEAR
WITH ITS
BRIGHT PROSPECTS,
BE ABUNDANT WITH
PROSPERITY AND
THAT GOOD HEALTH
AND HAPPINESS BE
YOURS TO ENJOY
IS THE SINCERE WISH
OF THIS STORE
AND ITS EMPLOYEES

**BLANCHARD & CORNELIUS
GROCERIES**

Corner Marston and Pine
Ranger

Greetings---

Ford
THE UNIVERSAL CAR

THE ARRIVAL OF THIS SEASON BRINGS
RENEWED APPRECIATION OF OLD ASSO-
CIATIONS AND THE VALUE OF NEW FRIENDS

The spirit of the season prompts us to extend greetings and good wishes to our faithful old friends and the cherished new friends and those whose good will and friendship we strive earnestly to deserve. The opportunity is taken to express to you this feeling of friendship and to acknowledge the pleasure derived from our business relations during the year about to close.

May Christmas be merry for you and yours and may the joy of the season light your pathway to peace, happiness, prosperity and contentment through the days of the New Year

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RANGER, TEXAS FORDSON DEALERS PHONE 217

FOOTBALL MADE GREAT ADVANCE IN 1923 AS A PROFITABLE SPORT

By HENRY L. RARRELL
(United Press Sports Editor)

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Even in full and complete sympathy with the policy of collegiate athletic heads that the commercial side of the game should not be stressed, it is impossible to set aside the observation that the outstanding feature of the 1923 football season was the advance the game made as a profitable sport.

Many figures suitable for general application in all sections of the country can be obtained from the Western conference, not because that section ranks others in football enthusiasm, but for the reason that it is better organized.

Figures for the season show that more than \$2,000,000 were paid by alumni, students and the general public to see the big games of the Western conference. Certainly as much, no doubt more, was paid to see the big games of the east.

More than 200,000 applications were made for the Army-Navy game and as many would have been made for the Big Three classics if it had not been made clear four or five days ago that it was a waste of time and energy for the public to try to get tickets for those games.

Considering that the average price for football tickets, when they can be bought, ranges between three and four dollars, and contrasting this nominal sum with the prices charged for tickets to the big boxing matches, it is not unreasonable to reach the conclusion that football is America's leading and most profitable sport.

As long as there can be found no way to prove arguments on the sub-

ject, it will always be questionable as to the rating of football, baseball and boxing as popular public sports.

Many followers of professional sports believe, however, that with a stadium large enough to accommodate a crowd of any size, there would be more spectators at any one of a half dozen big football games than could be attracted by a heavyweight championship fight or a world's series game.

The 1923 football season proved that no colleges of the bigger football group have a stadium large enough to accommodate the crowds that would like to see the big games.

The experience of the athletic associations at the University of Pennsylvania can be taken as an example of conditions at any number of other institutions.

Last year Pennsylvania opened a new stadium with a capacity for 60,000 and it was outgrown in one year. At the close of this past season it was suggested that plans be considered immediately to increase the seating capacity another 20,000 or 25,000. It must be considered, also, that Penn did not have what could be regarded as a whale of a team.

YOUNG GIRL KILLED

BENJAMIN, Texas, Dec. 24.—One person was killed and two others injured when an auto overturned here last night. A Miss McCarty, 18, of Revere, was killed when the machine crashed into a ditch. Clyde Moore and another occupant of the car were seriously injured.

Van Hillman, who was driving the car, was unhurt, the reports said.

LAVILLE-MAHER MOTOR COMPANY RATES HIGH AMONG FORD BRANCHES

RANGER, Dec. 24.—Leveille-Maher Motor company of Ranger stood eighth in the Class A list of the Dallas branch in the "million car and truck campaign," of the Ford

Motor company for October and November. Leveille-Maher was the only authorized Ford sales and agency in Eastland county to come within the first 20 agencies listed in the Class A standing.

The Fort Worth and Dallas branches stood ninth and tenth in the rating, whose monthly targets are from 65 to 108 cars and trucks per month. The Ranger agency's quota for the two months was 130. The November sales totalled 146, giving

the house a percentage of sales of 111 per cent.

Leveille-Maher's "display week," last week, when all of the Ford products were displayed and demonstrated, was considered a success by Robert Carton, sales manager for the company. Carton said that many farmers inquired about Ford's fertilizer product, ammonium sulphate, and that a tractor demonstration was called for, although the weather interfered with its complete success.

1—LOST AND FOUND.

LOST—7-8 carat diamond from setting, on Main street or in or near DeGroff building; reward for return to Mrs. O. L. Phillips, Phillips Drug Store, or phone 429, Ranger.

3—HELP WANTED—FEMALE
WANT middle aged woman at once, Hazzard Hotel, Ranger.

7—SPECIAL NOTICES.

ONE BAY pony at 123 Commerce. Owner can have same by paying all charges. W. A. Pickens, Ranger.

BICYCLE AND FIXIT SHOP—Buy a bicycle for Christmas; fix everything but your pocketbook; keys fitted and duplicated. 210 Elm st., Ranger.

CUT FLOWERS—Roses, carnations, narcissus, for Christmas, birthdays and funerals. Leave orders early. Wm. Coalson, Texas Drug Store, Ranger.

NEW PROCESS—Autos cleaned by steam. We remove the grease from your engine. Only steam cleaning plant in Ranger. W. A. Pickens, 123 N. Commerce.

COTTON remnants bought every day, Dec. 22 and 29 ginning days at Ranger. Moss Gin Co.

9—HOUSES FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Two-room and three-room houses on paved street, near high school. 220 S. Austin street, Ranger.

FOR RENT—House close in, well located; unfurnished. Furnished house in Young addition, nice location. C. E. May Insurance Agency, phone 418, Guaranty Bank bldg., Ranger.

FOR RENT—Three room furnished house, \$10.00 per month, also two-room furnished apartment with water and gas \$15.00. Apply 623 N. Marston st., Ranger.

FOR RENT—Four room completely furnished house. Phone 249, Ranger.

FOR RENT—1 modern 3-room bungalow in Young addition. Burton-Lingo Lbr. Co., phone 61, Ranger.

11—APARTMENTS FOR RENT.

2, 3 AND 4-ROOM apartments for rent. C. E. Maddocks & Co., Ranger. CARTER Apartments, 325 Elm. Phone 565-J, Ranger.

APARTMENTS and rooms for rent. Langston Apartment, successor to McElroy apartments. Phone 419, Ranger.

TEAL Apartments—423 West Main Modern conveniences, Ranger.

TREMONT Apartments—311 Walnut st. Phone 458, Ranger.

13—FOR SALE—Miscellaneous.

FOR SALE—A good span of mules. J. H. Bradfield, Stewart addition, Ranger.

14—REAL ESTATE.

FOR LEASE—100-acre ranch, 1 1/2 miles south of Ranger. Has good four-room house. John Ames, Ranger.

LAND—AN IDEAL FAMILY GIFT. A future wealth and home provider. FOR SALE—Indian, mineral, timber patent land in fee simple in eastern Oklahoma.

No. 1. A 10-acre townsite tract adjoining town of Broken Bow, McCurtain county, Okla., tract flat and tillable, covered with pine timber, all mineral rights and timber included in sale. Price \$50 per acre.

No. 2. Forty acres six miles south of Broken Bow, tillable land and covered with pine timber of great value, with all rights at \$30 per acre.

No. 3. A 40-acre townsite tract near Howe, Okla., LeFlore county, timber and grazing land (segregated coal land) But oil, gas and other minerals go with sale to purchaser at \$25 per acre.

No. 4. Eighty-acre tract in north-east corner of Latimer county, unalotted Indian land wherein all the minerals, including coal, go with sale to purchaser (tract underlaid with coal in paying quantities) price \$20 per acre.

Will consider selling in parcels of 10-acre tracts if desired. Will also consider some trade as part payment. Will sell in separate tracts or all. For more information and terms, inquire or write to Dansker Gas & Electric Store, 314 Main St., Ranger, Texas.

16—AUTOMOBILES

FOR SALE—Three trucks and 3 White trucks. All recently overhauled and in first class condition. Bargains. Phone 57, Ranger, Texas, Standard Tank and Steel Works.

FOR SALE—One Buick roadster, fine condition, good paint, new battery, new top, new rubber, two spares, front and rear bumpers, two bargain, cash or terms. Address Box 275, Cisco, for particulars.

WHY PUT new parts in old cars? "We tear 'em up and sell the pieces." Ranger Auto Wrecking Co., 422-24 North Rusk st., Ranger.

18—WANTED—Miscellaneous

FURNITURE WANTED—Highest cash price. New and Second Hand Store, 121 No. Austin. Phone 276.

WANTED—Second-hand furniture. Wright Furniture Co., 207 S. Rusk st. Phone 154, Ranger.

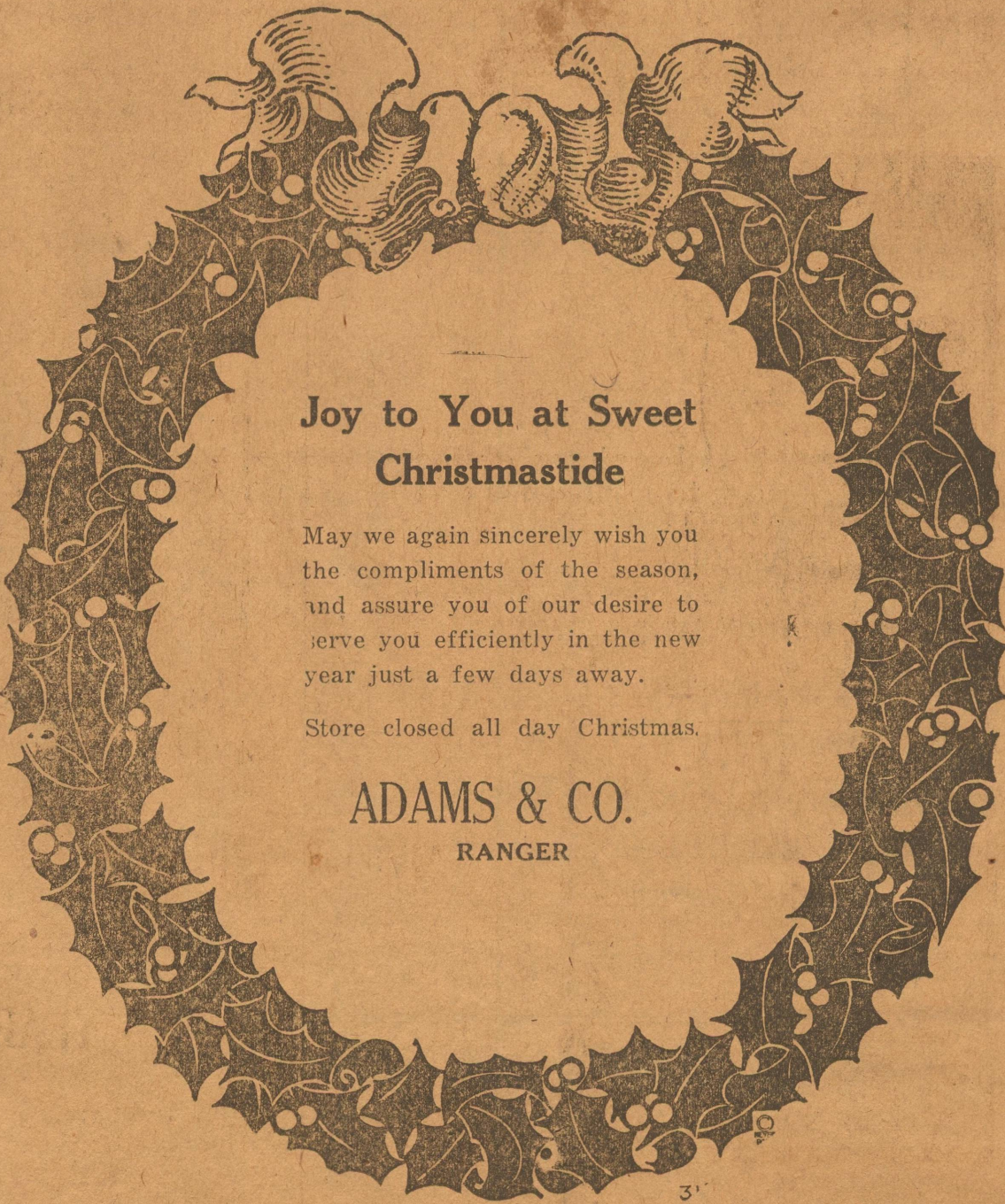
SECOND-HAND furniture bought and sold at the right prices. Main Street Second-Hand Store, Marston Bldg., Ranger.

21—LEGAL NOTICES

POUND SALE—On December 26th, 3 p. m., at 615 West Main, there will be sold one old bay horse mule, 14 hands high; one bay horse, 15 1/2 hands high; one old gray mare, 15 1/2 hands high. O. V. Davenport, Chief of Police.

22—POULTRY AND PET STOCK.

FOR SALE—Pedigreed Airedale puppies. Paradise Kennels, 904 Blackwell Road, phone 65, Ranger. FOR SALE—Young hens and fryers at 50c and 60c each. Corner Carbon and Garrett sts. D. W. Maloon, Ranger.



AT THIS SEASON OF THE YEAR

Our thoughts turn to those whose loyalty in patronage and otherwise supporting this store by their kind words of commendation has helped us to grow and make progress in a business way, so we come to thank you and to ask for a continuation of our pleasant relations.

We wish you—
A Joyous Yuletide Season
and a Happy, Contented,
Prosperous New Year

BOBO & BOBO

Phone 569 110 Main St.
Ranger

OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION

ACCEPT OUR BEST CHRISTMAS
WISHES

We like to come in the gladsome holiday season to express the pleasure we have derived from our business dealings with our large number of patrons.

It is a pleasure to do business among such a people as we have here and we assure you that we appreciate your business.

We wish you the happiest and best Christmas you ever experienced. And may 1924 bring you 366 days of bright, happy, prosperous days.

STORE CLOSED ALL DAY CHRISTMAS

THE JAMESONS

To Our Multitude of Patrons—You who have recognized the excellence of our goods and service—We are wishing you all

A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A GOOD
NEW YEAR

Store Closed All Day Christmas

DAVIS BROS.

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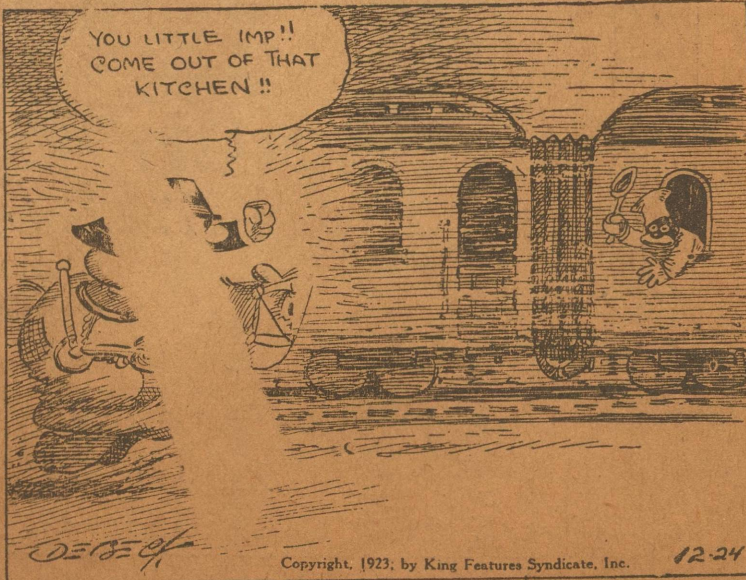
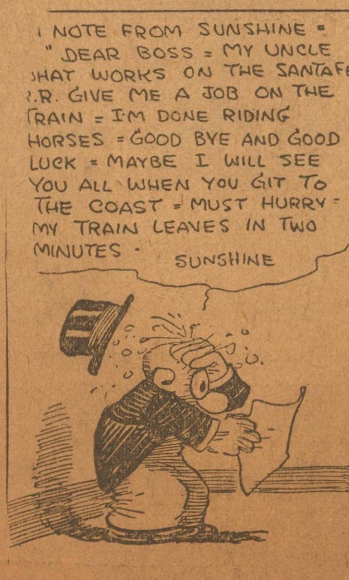
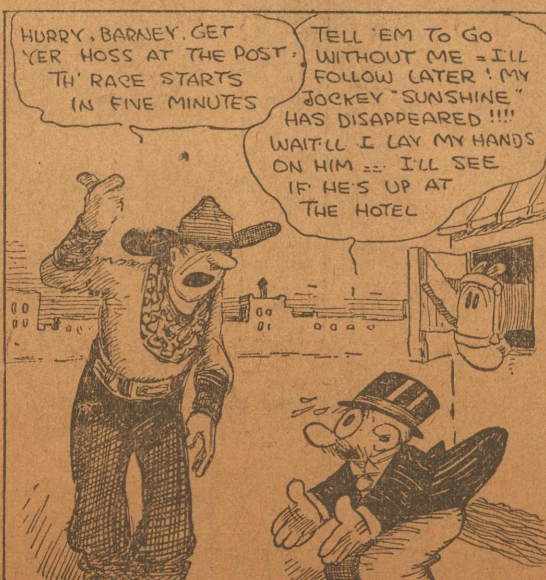
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THE BIBLE AN EASY AND DELIGHTFUL BOOK TO READ BUT TOO MUCH FENCED OFF

The number of good people in the world who are not reading the Bible is naturally large. It is probably increasing, because, however much we may deplore their rashness, new people are being born into the world all the time.

We are here, however, and must make the best of it. It is not my intention to complain, but only to state the case for the Bible, and in doing this I am by no means unmindful of the people who have been driven away from reading this book by some of its advocates—by the profound scholars who have written so many deadly introductions to it, by some of the earnest but misguided Sunday school teachers who have succeeded so successfully in robbing it of all interest and charm, and by that impregnable band of Biblical efficiency experts who insist that you must not read it unless by breaking through the barbed-wire entanglements they have erected in front of it.

Our good friends who devise methods of studying the Bible seem to do so in the conviction that mathematical minds are the only kind in the world.

The approach to the Bible has been made so difficult that so long as one doesn't have to go along, one simply doesn't. The people who don't are always in the majority. And to add to their numbers appears to be the sole object of the people who do. The people who do have invented so many ways of studying the Bible that altogether too few care to read it any more.

In a running race to see who can mispronounce the greatest number of Biblical names in a given time, I'll take my chances with anybody. That was what kept me from reading the Bible at all in the beginning. I was afraid that I might get talking about it inadvertently to some one, and he would know more about it than I did. Then I got reckless, and began to read it for pleasure, just as if I didn't care how little I could learn from it. I discovered that the Bible has several good points, which should appeal to practical and ignorant people like myself.

It is the most economical book in the world, for it renders all other books superfluous.

You can get it in almost any size you want. It comes so small it will fit into a waistcoat pocket. If you want something to carry around for exercise, it comes up to 10 or 15 pounds.

So far as I have been able to discover, there isn't a single word in it that you can not understand as soon as you look at it.

You don't have to read it through. You can pick it up anywhere.

Any part of it gets better every time you read it.

My principal discovery about the Bible indeed, as far as I am concerned, is that the only way to read it is without any system.

When I found I could read the Bible according to my own lights, I found I had an occupation that created more new values for me than anything I had ever tried. Perhaps the principal difficulty one meets in reading it at first is the fact it is so closely written. A modern writer (just as I am doing now, shame on me) is always at some pains to explain his idea. This is, of course, due to competition the one who succeeds in making it easiest or most obvious for the reader, being the one who has the greatest number of readers. But the Bible is not competing with any other book. It is the bed-rock foundation of all our literature and therefore if you want to know any thing, the Bible is where you must go to find it. It contains all the latest news. No newspaper man, no sage or scientist, no philosopher or statesman has ever been able to get up early enough in the morning to get ahead of the Bible. Being so compactly written, without a superfluous word, no word in it can be overlooked, and that is why it must be read without any ambition, that is, any thought that one may acquire a reputation as an authority for having read it; and that is why it can never

be read by any method or system. It is too big for systems, it comprehends man himself and all his thoughts. It is in reality a great gallery of superb human portraits.—Thomas L. Masson in the Christian Herald.

EASIEST AND SAFEST METHOD OF DRIVING CARS

"In spite of the large number of expert drivers handling automobiles and trucks, it is surprising how few of them hold the steering wheel in a correct manner," says Arthur G. Zeller, president of the Michigan State Automobile school, Detroit. "A popular but quite improper way," Zeller states, "seems to be to grasp it near the front side, resting both forearms across the wheel and leaning the body slightly forward. While this gives fair control of the car, all the engine vibration and steering gear road shock passes from the wheel rim into the muscles and bones of the forearm. A feeling of fatigue is quickly caused by the continued vibration and frequently sets the driver to napping at the wheel. "I have no doubt that many high-

way accidents come from this method of driving.

"The next time you go for a drive try it this way. Settle yourself comfortably in the driver's seat, grasp that portion of the steering wheel closest to your body in such a fashion that your elbows hang closely to your sides; each upper arm and forearm bent to approximate at letter

"L" The right hand palm should be up, the left hand palm down.

"With the steering wheel held in this fashion the car will steer easier and you will experience less fatigue."

Quit claim deed, T. P. Bearden et ux., to Home Telephone & Electric company, lot 4, block 16, town of Pioneer; consideration, \$400.

SALTS FINE FOR ACHING KIDNEYS

When Back Hurts Flush Your Kidneys as You Clean Your Bowels.

Most folks forget that the kidneys, like the bowels, sometimes get sluggish and clogged and need a flushing occasionally, else we have back-ache and dull misery in the kidney region, severe headaches, rheumatic twinges, torpid liver, acid stomach, sleeplessness and all sorts of bladder disorders.

You simply keep your kidneys active and clean and the moment you feel an ache or pain in the kidney region begin drinking lots of water. Also get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any good drug store here, take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and is intended to flush clogged kidneys and help stimulate them to activity. It also helps neutralize the acids in the urine so they no longer irritate, thus helping to relieve bladder disorders.

Jad Salts is inexpensive; makes a delightful effervescent lithia water drink which everybody should take now and then to help keep their kidneys clean.

A well-known druggist says he sells lots of Jad Salts to folks who believe in trying to correct kidney trouble while it is only trouble. By all means have your physician examine your kidneys at least twice a year.—Advertisement.

MAY CHRISTMAS CHEER BE YOURS

All the joys and happiness of the Christmas season to my friends and patrons. For your very liberal patronage during 1923, I wish to express my appreciation with the assurance of ever increasing service during 1924.

STAFFORD DRUG STORE
R. R. STAFFORD, Prop.
Ranger

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Thanks to one and all for your generous 1923 patronage. We want to serve you in 1924.

E. H. & E. P. MILLS
125 N. Rusk St. Ranger

WE WANT SANTA CLAUS TO BE GOOD TO YOU

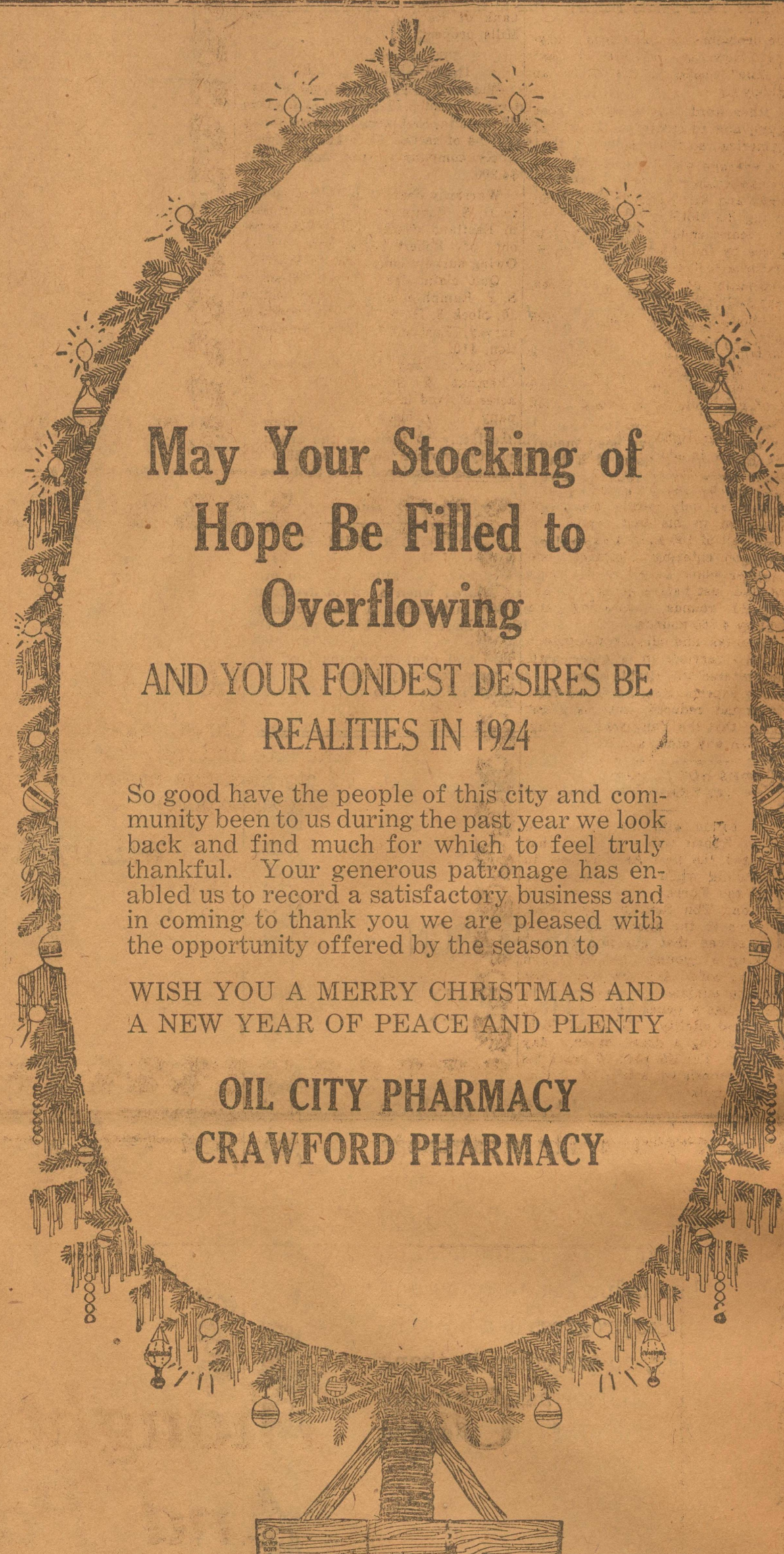
THE ELECTRIC SHOP
115 S. Commerce St.
Phone 25 Ranger

May Your Stocking of Hope Be Filled to Overflowing AND YOUR FONDEST DESIRES BE REALITIES IN 1924

So good have the people of this city and community been to us during the past year we look back and find much for which to feel truly thankful. Your generous patronage has enabled us to record a satisfactory business and in coming to thank you we are pleased with the opportunity offered by the season to

WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A NEW YEAR OF PEACE AND PLENTY

OIL CITY PHARMACY
CRAWFORD PHARMACY



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU

We all welcome the season when the feeling of love abounds and unselfishness finds expression in gifts that are given and kind words that are spoken. It is fine to think of giving instead of receiving. How fine it would be if we could have the spirit of this glorious season with us always. May it come to you this Christmas and remain with you all the days of 1924 is our earnest wish.

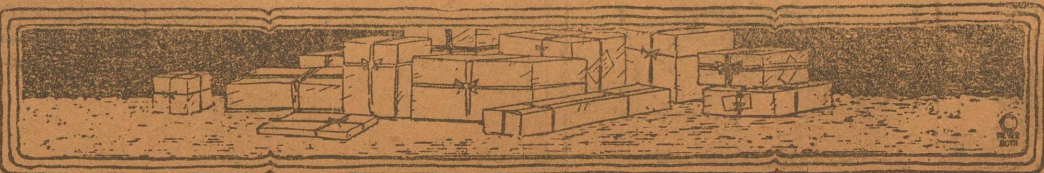
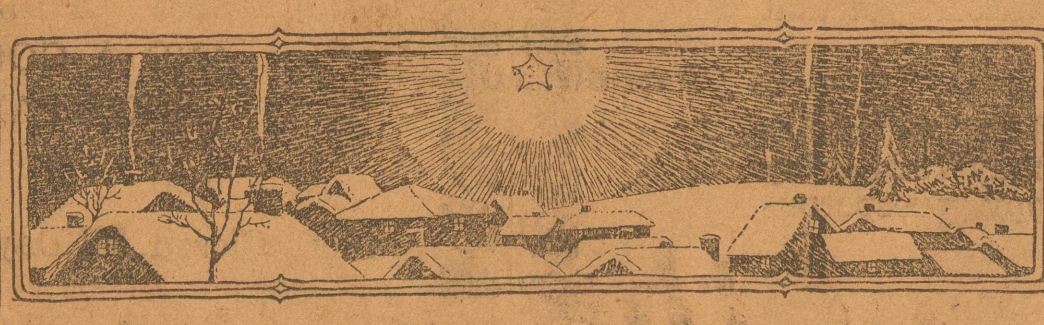
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Ranger, Texas

A Merry Christmas

We take the Holiday Season as a fitting time to extend greetings and good wishes to our many friends and customers with a deep sense of gratitude for their loyal patronage during the past year.

Wishing One and All a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year

Nemir Brothers
The Fair Store
Eastland



**ARMY EXPERTS STUDY
HOW TO LIGHTEN PACK
CARRIED BY SOLDIER**

By A. L. BRADFORD

(United Press Staff Correspondent)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Results of three years intensive study by army experts are about to be given to congress.

The problem they have been studying is: How can we make the "last long mile" easier for the American doughboy?

In other words, the army has been studying how to reduce the weight of the American soldier's pack.

The average weight carried by the American soldier is 72.77 pounds in summer and 81.63 pounds in winter, including his clothing.

The recommendations to be made to congress by the chief of infantry include these reductions:

Elimination of extra pair of shoes, weight 3.391 pounds.

Elimination of one blanket, 3.525 pounds.

Carrying on trucks of one pack carrier, 456 pounds.

Five tent pins, one tent pole and half of one tent, total weight, 4.082 pounds.

This would lighten the pack by 8.063 pounds, in addition to the shoes.

Further lightening would be accomplished by requiring the doughboy to carry only twenty rounds of ammunition in his belt instead of the full belt of 100 rounds as at present. Upon entering a combat zone the soldier would be given 60 rounds more, and just before going into action, 120 rounds, increasing the weight by 4.750 pounds.

Gas masks and similar equipment would be carried on wagons until troops entered the combat zone.

Army experts found that foreign nations had reduced their soldiers' packs so that the Yank was carrying more than any other soldier.

**AGE DOES NOT DEPRESS
120-YEAR-OLD ARABIAN**

What to do with the "grand old man" of Zubeir was a problem that confronted the new Arab regime in Mesopotamia when it displaced the rule of the Turks. The "grand old man," one Tbu Seraith, by name, who owns to the age of 120 years, finally solved that question himself by taking a young Mesopotamian damsel to wife. He now has a post under the minister of Awgaf, but is more or less a pensioner in spite of his physical vitality. He thinks nothing of walking a dozen miles a day to Basrah. For the past 20 years his diet has consisted solely of bread, dates and milk.

COURT HOUSE RECORDS

SUITS FILED DISTRICT COURTS

J. E. Whitesides vs. Mrs. J. E. Miller, to try rights of property.

C. F. Hamor vs. Texas Pacific Coal & Oil company.

John E. Chesley vs. J. B. Laird, foreclosure.

In Re: Liquidation F. & M. State bank of Ranger.

In Re: Liquidation F. & M. State bank of Ranger, application to sell Mills property.

INSTRUMENTS FILED

Warranty deed, J. E. Spear et ux., to D. S. and S. P. Rumph, 160 acres of land in Eastland county, being NW1-4 of section 43, block 2, H. & T. C. Ry. company survey; consideration \$4,200.

Warranty deed, L. A. White et ux., to D. S. Rumph et al., tract of land in Eastland county, being 320 acres out of Robert Layne and John C. Owing survey; consideration \$8,000.

Quit claim deed, Ben F. Read to S. P. Rumph et al., NE1-4 of section 10, block 3, H. & T. C. Ry. company survey, Eastland county; consideration, \$10.

Right of way, Mrs. A. Basham to Chestnut & Smith Corporation, 80 acres of land in H. & T. C. Ry. company survey, block 4, section 5, N1-2 of SW1-4, Eastland.

Warranty deed, G. A. Buchanan et

ux., to J. A. Richardson, 81 acres of land in Eastland county, being N1-2 of SW1-4 of section 113, block 3, H. & T. C. Ry. company; consideration, \$3,200.

Abstract of judgment, Peden Iron & Steel company vs. Richard T. Baker \$79.85.

Sheriff deed, World Gasoline com-

We Wish You

A MERRY
CHRISTMAS

With additional prosperity for
the New Year

CONNELL'S VARIETY
STORE

203 Main Street Ranger

GOOD WILL TO ALL

May the Christmas of 1923 be the merriest of your life and may the year 1924 be the freest of worries, the healthiest, happiest and best you ever experienced.

W. E. DAVIS

JEWELRY AND MUSIC

Gholson Hotel Bldg. Ranger

**Dear Old Christmas
Time**

After all—whether times are prosperous in either a greater or lesser degree—it's "the same good old Christmas"—hearts soften and the glad spirit enters into all our lives. We sincerely hope that YOUR home and YOUR CHRISTMAS DAY will be a happy one.

**Oil Cities Electric
Company**

Ranger—Eastland

**Our Thoughts Go to Our Friends
And Patrons at Christmas Time**

And We Find Pleasure and Satisfaction In the Framing of This Message Wishing You and Those You Love

The Compliments of the Season

May the Santa Claus of Good Cheer Smile on you and your household more generously this year than ever before and as we pass from the Yuletide season into the dawn of a new year may you see before you the open road of happiness, peace of mind and heart, contentment and prosperity. Because you have meant so much to us we send this sincere message to friends and patrons everywhere.

J. M. White & Company

Half Price Sale

On All Toys, Dolls, Etc. From 6 p. m. Until Midnight

Every toy and doll in the store must be sold before we close the doors tonight. After 6 o'clock you can take your choice at HALF PRICE. Give the children toys and dolls. Nothing will make them quite so happy.

Mamma Dolls, after 6 p. m., only 68c
 Felt House Slippers, only 75c

For the Belated Shopper

A handy memorandum of gift suggestions. Don't fail to call at our store tonight. Plenty of room, plenty of salespeople. Many, many suitable gift things now being sold cheap. A warm fire and lots of good cheer.

Come

- Men's Bath Robes.
- Men's combination Tie, Suspender, Belt and supporter boxes.
- Men's Sport Jackets.

- Elegant Traveling Bags.
- A pair of good warm blankets.
- Stetson Hats and Nettleton Shoes.

For Her

- A nice Fur Scarf or Coat—25 per cent off.
- Silk Hosiery
- Beautiful Silk Under-muslins, 25 per cent off.
- Dainty Hankers, Necklaces, Bracelets.
- Perfumes and Toilet Sets.
- Table Linens and Table Sets.
- Pretty Towels or Bath Mats.

The Boston Store
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 THE SHOPPING CENTER OF RANGER
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WE TENDER
 TO OUR GOOD FRIENDS AND PATRONS

GREETINGS

AND WISH YOU THE COMPLIMENTS
 OF THE SEASON

May the Yuletide season be one of real joy and comfort to you and may the New Year open your pathway to a pleasant and profitable experience each day.

We come with thankful hearts to tender our greetings and thanks to our friends and patrons wherever you may be. We hope we may serve you during 1924.

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HOLIDAY TRAVEL IS HEAVY AT CHRISTMAS

RANGER, Dec. 24.—Holiday travel over the passenger lines through Ranger is heavy. Saturday was the busiest day of any at the ticket office of the Texas & Pacific railroad.

The heavy traffic is making train schedules almost impossible. Between 12 o'clock Sunday noon and 12 o'clock today, three of the eight trains of the Texas & Pacific were late. No. 2, or the Sunshine Special, eastbound, due in here at 11:41 a. m. was marked up on the bulletin board at 12:01 p. m., shortly before noon. No. 5, due here at 1:33 a. m., came in at 3:15 a. m., and No. 6, scheduled to arrive here at 3:40 a. m., was bulletined to come in at 4:30 a. m.

Most of the travelers from here bought tickets to points in Texas, such as Houston, San Antonio, Galveston, Dallas, Fort Worth, Texarkana and Wichita Falls, according to J. C. Meyers, ticket agent at the Texas & Pacific.

A fare of one and one-half for a round trip to any point in Texas and Louisiana has encouraged travel in these states, Meyers said, although there have been inquiries as to rates to other states, Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma in particular. No holiday rates are in effect to these states over any of the railroads.

There is enough Pullman space for Ranger travelers, S. A. White, representative of the Texas & Pacific, said today, although there is shortage at other points, particularly at Dallas, it is reported here.

The westbound Sunshine Specials are made late by the delayed arrival of the Missouri Pacific train at Texarkana, which throws the big train behind time at Fort Worth.

The freight business at the Texas & Pacific railroad, which has been off this month as compared with last year, picked up wonderfully last week, equaling the week preceding Christmas of last year, White said.

BUSINESS IN EASTLAND TO MARK TIME FOR CHRISTMAS

EASTLAND, Dec. 24.—Practically all business in Eastland will be at a standstill tomorrow while the citizenship of the city joins in the Christmas celebrations. The cafes and possibly some of the drug stores will be open for at least a portion of the day. All places of business will remain open late tonight to accommodate late shoppers. Proprietors of barbershops announced that they would keep their places open until 8 o'clock tonight and would not open Christmas day.

Eastland merchants enjoyed a good holiday trade during the last few weeks and especially for the last week and looking forward to the opening of 1924, which, all are agreed, looks very promising from this distance. Sincere thanks for the liberal patronage extended them during the year that is drawing to a close and a hearty wish for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year, is voiced by each and every business and professional man in the city.

Want Ads Will Pay



YOUR support, your co-operation, your patronage, your indulgence during the days of pressure attending the pre-holiday rush, have enabled us to make this a Merry Christmas for many as well as for ourselves.

And with a deep sense of recognition that to you is due the credit and the courtesy we are pleased to take this means of rendering our thanks and conveying to you the compliments of the season—the spirit of the day—

TRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

JOSEPH DRY GOODS CO.
 Ranger's Foremost Department Store