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By T. E. Jordan

Two New Oil Tests Begun This Week

Marland and Companies Start Operations South of Town—Boilers Received for Other Tests.

Two definitely "started" oil drilling operations are the developments of the past week, in Big Spring.

The good news is certified that the Marland company, probably in connection with the Marland company, have spudded in for a semi-test on the Settles ranch, about eight miles southwest of the Chalk field and about fourteen miles southwest of Big Spring. The test is in section 160, block 29, T. & P. survey. It is on the Howard and Glasscock Counties and on the new Chalk field road by the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce.

Three truckloads of materials from Big Spring to the Hard-ranch last Saturday for a drilling operation on section 19, block 18, T. & P. railway survey. This location is about 12 miles almost due south of Big Spring. It is a Marland project and the first test in a big blocking campaign held by that company. Unconfirmed reports of beginning of drilling in locations north and south of Coahoma indicate that activities are beginning over a wide scope of territory.

Reading Between Lines

It has been hoped for and intimated through various agencies, the coming year is to witness a drilling campaign which will determine whether or not this town has oil in paying quantities. One of the big companies have lease holdings and their men are busy perfecting titles, securing tracts and otherwise preparing for drilling tests. As a straw showing which way the wind is blowing, it is pointed out the field forces of the companies have not been early pulled off for Christmas holidays but that they mostly, kept on their jobs and very busy making reports, etc.

Three Boilers Unloaded

For more direct assurance of the start of new drillings, three 65 horsepower boilers are now unloaded in the Big Spring supply destination not yet made public with locations awaiting their turn. More boilers and more of everything to conduct a big campaign in this section, are understood to be enroute and the yards are filling up with great quantities of the various sizes and sufficient even now to supply several locations even to great depth.

At the beginning of drilling, receipt of more, great supply of materials and other materials in the company's yards here, all together with the extensive acreage and the flooding of the country with field advance reports, may be taken as proof positive that that company is in for an early springtime of wildcatting in Big Spring. Other companies are yet not making the physical test that the Marland Company is, are nevertheless in the field with leases, men, locations and plans of drilling plans, to north and south.

Howard County may well celebrate Christmas in hopes of a prosperous year to be ushered in soon. The business is a distributor of a and a furnisher of employment for many men and many trucks and

Big Spring is in the center of the operations and in natural things the Marland company and other companies will operate largely from this town. The company to take care of so many new men, many with families, is Big Spring's problem and that problem may be worked out.

NEW BUILDING GOING UP

The vacant lot on First street to the west of the Horn restaurant was cleared for its new building last week by Civil Engineer Green, sent by J. M. Radford of Abilene, owner of the lot and who has announced intention to build on same. The Radford wholesale grocery building, on corner to the east of the new structure, is taking shape at good speed now. The brick work is on the second story of the

OIL LEASES RECORDED

Oil leases recorded with the county clerk during the past week were as follows:

E. M. Newton and wife to G. T. Hall, N. W. 1-4 section 12; S. E. 1-4 section 11; S. W. 1-4 section 1, block 33, township 1N, T. & P. survey. Consideration \$10. Dated Dec. 12, 1926.

H. B. Dunagan to G. T. Hall, S. W. section 8, block 33, township 1S, T. & P. survey. Consideration \$10. Dated Dec. 11, 1926.

G. R. Dunagan to G. T. Hall, N. 1-2 of NE 1-4 section 9, block 33, township 1S, T. & P. survey. Consideration \$10. Dated Dec. 17, '26.

H. L. Dunagan to G. T. Hall, S. 1-2 of N.E. 1-4 section 9, township 1S, T. & P. survey. Consideration \$10. Dated Dec. 17, 1926.

T. Hall, N 1-2 and SE 1-4 section G. R. Marchbanks and wife to G. 37, block 31, township 2N, T. & P. survey. Consideration \$10. Dated Dec. 18, 1926.

P. C. Leatherwood and wife to G. T. Hall, N 208 acres of E 1-2 section 20, block 33, township 1N, T. & P. survey. Consideration \$10. Dated Dec. 14, 1926.

JAMES E. MORRIS JR., IS SERIOUSLY SCALDED IN DENISON

Denison, Texas, Dec. 19.—James Morris Jr., was seriously scalded and otherwise injured, his father, J. E. Morris, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., and a negro porter were severely injured when a boiler in the Y. M. C. A. building here exploded Saturday evening. The large four-story structure of concrete, brick and steel was rocked by the explosion that was heard for several blocks.

Partitions of tile and brick were blown from their places, pipes ripped from the structure, with broken glass and framework scattered and twisted in the boiler room and over a section of the basement. The Morris family formerly resided in this city and their many friends here regret very much to learn of this terrible explosion. Mr. Morris, Sr., was secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in Big Spring for a number of years. It is hoped that they have a speedy recovery from their injuries.

LATER: Morris Jr., died in the city hospital at Denison, Monday evening. Funeral services were held at the Naples Memorial Methodist Church at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the bereaved ones by their many friends in this city.

COTTON RECEIPTS

Public Cotton Weigher T. W. Angel reports having weighed approximately 19,000 bales of cotton to date this season, all from wagons and trucks of local farmers. The compress continues to be crowded and the acreage thereabout is stacked with bales not to be accommodated on the covered platform. The 19,000 bales referred to have no connection with cotton shipped in from other points for compressing and the prospects are good for the county to show a total of 25,000 bales or more for the full season. Some cotton is held back from market by the farmers, much is not picked and to the north particularly the fields will not be picked, the low prices, the dirt weighed in by pickers who want to pull bolls and all making the marketing of cotton an actual loss to be made up by the owner who pays the ginner.

TEACHERS INSTITUTE INVITED

The Colorado congregation of teachers was literally bombarded with invitations and urgings to select Big Spring as the place of the next annual meeting, in December, 1927. Telegrams of invitation from Chamber of Commerce and city officials, special urgings on the superintendents of all the independent district towns, some to county superintendents, to individuals known and personal appeals from the Big Spring representatives, members of the institute, were in old-time hustling spirit.

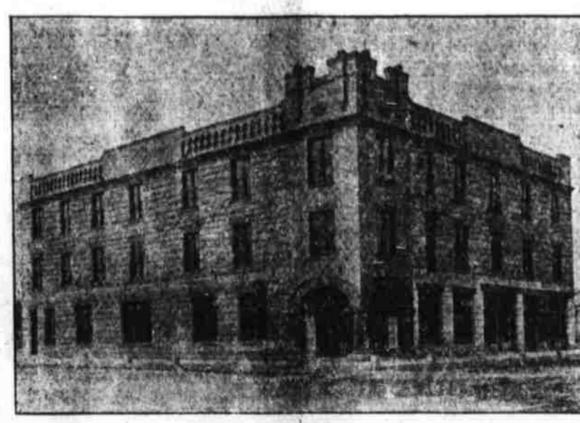
The counties represented in this annual district institute are Scurry, Mitchell, Nolan, Borden and Howard

ARRIVE FROM SIMMONS

Melvin Pitman and Misses Opal Pittman, Frances Melton and Ena Mae Cook arrived Tuesday night from Abilene, where they are students at Simmons University to spend the Christmas holidays in this city with homefolks.

COLE HOTEL DESTROYED BY FIRE LAST FRIDAY NIGHT

Great Stone Building Filled With Guests in Midnight Fire—Jump From Third Story Window. Not Fatal to Mr. Cocke—Night Clerk Suffers Burns and Both Due to Recover.



A calamity which affects all the citizenship along with those who underwent the horrors of being trapped in a hotel fire or who lost heavily of property and belongings, was the burning of the Cole Hotel last Friday night. Not only locally, but as a convenience which is lost to the many travelers and others who patronized this famous hostelry, this fire is deeply regrettable.

The blaze was discovered at midnight, by the night clerk, Douglas Bruce. It started from an explosion of gas which occurred when Bruce went to the boiler room to look after the heating. The first burst of flame caught him in the body and with clothing afire he ran out and gave alarm, there being no other occupants of the hotel office at that time. Assistance came to the tortured young man and there was, in some way, turning in of the alarm to the fire station.

Meantime, the house quickly filled with dense and stifling smoke and the guests, crowded in the rooms and in all available places for sleep were awakened, some through hearing the cries of others and some not knowing their danger until smoke entered their rooms and awoke them. Those on the ground floor got out easily and the second floor occupants, many of them, were enabled to escape down the stairway but that outlet was soon closed by the dense smoke.

With arrival of the fire department there was splendid work done by the men who manned the ladders and went into rescue work. From second and third stories, and down the fire escapes the guests were directed to safety. Men, women and children were gotten from the building by the firemen and volunteers helping, and the highly dangerous experiences of descending on firemen's ladders from third floor was safely accomplished in all except one instance when a man either overcome or frightened missed his footing on the ladder and was plunged to the concrete pavement below. Women safely negotiated the trip on ladders and fire escape and children were carried down in ways that the parents can hardly recall. The dense smoke in the hallways early cut the guests off from the fire escapes at either end of the hallways.

The fighting of the fire was a discouraging task. At first and for seemingly long time there was no water pressure. When water did come in abundance and the engine proved itself to be worth many times its cost, the flames had eaten through floors and while the outbursts would be kept down in one place they would flare up in others, the partition walls not permitting the streams to go far beyond the separate window entrances. Slowly the fire ate until the upper floor and roof were involved and then it was a fight to hold down the flames as best possible to protect other property. Stubbornly the fireboys carried their hose from point to point and at no time did they allow the building to become a united flame. Downward the eating fire crawled, floor to floor and with final burning of all three floors, excepting only the one-story annex of kitchen and dining-room. When it ended, in its main burning, all that was left of the great rock building was the naked walls smok-

ing and in fitful flares of rekindled debris here and there.

All Guests Are Safe

Mr. Douglass saved the hotel register and for several days there has been the search has been difficult as that no one was lost in the building. The checking has been difficult as the guests scattered far and wide many of them without leaving information of their safety.

The checking has been brought to where there is but one name unaccounted for, that of B. F. Battle, registered from Dallas. Mr. Battle occupied room 206, directly over the office on the third floor. This room opened on the end of the hall right at a fire escape and that part of the building was long in being taken by the flames. Escape from the location was among the easiest of the entire upper floor and while Mr. Battle's whereabouts is not known it is felt that he surely got out along with the others who, most of them, had far more dangerous locations.

Property Losses

The hotel was beyond its capacity as to guests, many of them tourists, others traveling salesmen and still others in goodly number oil men. Very few of them saved anything at all, most of the fugitives having little more than hastily-snatched up overcoat or cloak. There was no time, and there could be but little thought of belongings with the smoke stifling, no knowledge of how to get out and the windows on the streets giving the only hope of rescue.

The hotel loss, in dollars and cents was heavy and in the lower floor there was burning out of the Elite Hat Shop, owned by Miss Otero Lloyd; the Vogue Beauty Shop, operated by Mrs. Kirby Miller and Miss Helen Stewart; the Vogue Barber Shop of Merrick and Welch, and the office of Dr. Guy E. Longbotham, Chiropractor. These occupancies suffered losses but most of their goods and fixtures were removed before the flames crawled to that portion of the building.

No other blazes were started from sparks. The air was practically still and the rock walls enclosed the heat while the fire burning from top and slowly eating downward was never so hot as to interfere with close fighting by the firemen.

Condition of Injured Ones

Phillip St. George Cocke, who jumped or fell from third story window while firemen were endeavoring to get him started down a ladder, suffered a broken right arm and pelvic bone with indicated internal injuries of pelvic region. He was unconscious when removed to the hospital but examination gave hopes that he would recover. At hour of last inquiry into his condition, Tuesday evening, he was reported to be doing well and with the chances for his recovery good yet taking some time. Mr. Cocke's home is in Dallas and he has been in Big Spring buying cotton. He is well known and much sympathy is felt for him.

Douglas Bruce, the young man night clerk, suffered rather severe burns about the middle portion of his body. He also was reported as doing well and with expected recovery within a reasonable time. He is still in the hospital and with prospects of getting out in a couple of weeks.

Widespread Interest

All over the nation there was deep interest in the Big Spring hotel fire. This was due to the many people who are out on the road making for California over the Bankhead highway and with Big Spring checked on the itinerary of the trips. The families and friends back home who knew of the travelers being in West Texas somewhere were properly anxious for further news as the telegraphic flash of the fire was carried to morning papers all over the land. The many who had passed this way, in either direction, had memories of the Cole Hotel at Big Spring, where they had stopped and many of them doubtless taking the fire risk into consideration while guests in the building. Many telegrams to friends and many inquiries were passed after the publication of the dread tidings of the fire.

Firemen Deserve Credit

As usual, there were those spectators who stood about and criticized the handling of the blaze by the volunteer fire department. True, they could not stop the spread, and it would have taken the best equipped and best trained department in the country to have done much better than they accomplished. They worked hard, intelligently and long and to the extent of their being prepared to fight a fire in a tall building, especially one subdivided into many rooms. They did well and that ladder outfit was the means of saving many lives or serious injuries. The firemen did not hesitate to take the risks of going through the smoke nor of guiding their charges down the dangerous rungs, where a fall would involve the man beneath giving encouragement and help to the frightened ones. Women climbing down that precarious footing all reached ground in safety and the some who let themselves down with sheet ropes also all made successful trips. The fireboys are not due criticisms—they are due highest praise.

Insurance Being Adjusted

The insurance on building and contents has not been finally adjusted but the policies on both were, according to Mr. Douglass' statement, about fifty per cent of what replacement would cost, the policies being for the full amounts written by the insurance companies on the classes of the risks.

The Family Plans

The Douglass family will spend Christmas and holidays in Lamesa where interest is owned in the hotel there. After the holidays there will be return to Big Spring in time for the children to attend school. In the meantime arrangement will be made for housing of the family.

Cole Hotel History

The Cole Hotel destroyed by fire last Friday night, all but its naked walls, was erected in the year 1909, the work begun in June and completed in March of the succeeding year.

J. M. Morgan of Big Spring, was the contractor and the building was erected for W. R. Cole, one of the earliest settlers of the city, now residing at Aledo. The rock in the structure was taken from the old courthouse of Howard County, then demolished to give place to the elegant building still serving.

Mrs. Pancoast leased the hotel and operated it for a number of years. The building was sold to a Mr. Ermick and his borrowed money from a loan company was not forthcoming when due resulting in the loan company foreclosing on the property.

J. C. Douglass operated the property under lease from the trust company for several years and until, in the early fall of this year he acquired it by purchase. He was in charge of the hotel at time of the fire. Since Mr. Douglass acquired ownership he has been negotiating for the remodeling of the building and the addition of a new and modern annex, or main building, on lots adjoining and owned by him. This proposition has been in way of successful accomplishment and now that fire has removed so nearly completely and destroyed all the improvements and equipment, the problem of a new and modern hotel on the valuable lots is probably simplified.

Mr. Less Whitaker and family of Amarillo, are holiday visitors in Big Spring, with relatives and friends. Mrs. Whitaker is a sister of Mrs. H. L. Rix and Mr. Whitaker is a brother of Mrs. J. D. Stamper

Wednesday Lunch Club Has Meeting

Deprived of Dining Place by Hotel Fire Change is Made to Gully Cafe—Subjects Discussed

The fire which destroyed the Cole Hotel deprived the Wednesday Luncheon Club of its regular and appreciated meeting place and dinner this week but there was adjustment to the situation in the moving to the Gully Cafe where there was good attendance and a good session. A committee consisting of Joe Fisher, Robert Piner, and H. L. Rix was appointed to make arrangements for a permanent meeting place.

The meeting was presided over by Rev. R. L. Owen and the program was extemporaneously directed by S. R. Weaver.

Short talks were made by the several visitors at the table, all of whom expressed pleasure at being present and who gave bouquets to Big Spring and her people. Of particular interest was the response by Mr. Dorne, of the land department of the Marland Oil Company. Mr. Dorne, without going far into particulars told of the extensive preparations his company is making to drill for oil in Howard County. He said that the company has leases on 75,000 acres of promising oil territory in the Big Spring district and that it is planned to drill ten to a dozen test wells in the county. As he expressed it "The Marland company is going to see if there is oil in Howard County." He spoke of the splendid cooperation and friendliness which the people of Big Spring has shown his company and its employees, and while the exact words were not spoken, the trend and substance of his remarks was that Howard County is to enjoy a big drilling campaign, which has already started.

Hotel Men Present

Several of the guests were men representing hotel construction companies, in architectural and building capacities and with probable proposition to be submitted to the Chamber of Commerce meeting scheduled for Wednesday night. Among the other hotel references was the talk made by Mr. Lacey, representing the Chester H. Jones Co. of Houston, builders of a number of the leading hotels of the states. Mr. Lacey announced that his company had the ready money with which to carry forward a contract and that it would not consider a proposition for a building less than five stories in height.

Mr. Douglass who owns the Cole Hotel property destroyed by fire, told of his expectations to rebuild, with a number of financial propositions already made him. He said that his insurance money, not yet adjusted, together with some local help would enable him to borrow fifty per cent of the capital decided upon as the cost of a new building, the lot to figure in the values. He told of the efforts to determine if all the guests had escaped the burning building and his firm conviction that all did escape, only one registration not being accounted for and that being looked into.

Mr. Douglass also spoke feelingly of the kindness of the citizens in proffering help and in offering him and family the shelter of their homes. His purpose, he declared, was to remain in Big Spring and to continue to conduct his business, in such equipment as his finances would admit.

A motion was put and unanimously carried expressing the willingness and desire of the club members to assist Mr. Douglass in any and every way possible.

ALLEGED BOOTLEGGER ARRESTED THIS WEEK

V. A. White, whose home town is said to be Colorado, languished in the county jail the forepart of the week on charge of bootlegging. He was endeavoring to make bond but up to Tuesday forenoon he had been unsuccessful in that line.

The arrest was made by Sheriff House and deputies and it is alleged that White had the goods on him, the charge being transportation of intoxicating liquor.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Beckett and little daughter spent the first of the week in Big Spring, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. S. Beckett. They were enroute to Merkel where they will spend the holidays.

Keep Eliminative System Active

Good Health Requires Good Elimination

ONE can't feel well when there is a retention of poisonous waste in the blood. This is called a toxic condition, and is apt to make one tired, dull and languid. Other symptoms are sometimes toxic backaches and headaches. That the kidneys are not functioning properly is often shown by scanty or burning passage of secretions. Many people have learned the value of Doan's Pills, a stimulant diuretic, when the kidneys seem functionally inactive. Everywhere one finds enthusiastic Doan's users. Ask your neighbor!

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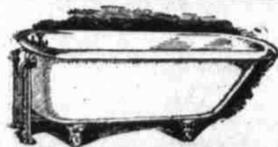
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Oil News of Other West Texas Fields

Sweetwater's New Producer

Swabbing at 2,527 feet without gas pressure, Mason No. 1, latest producer in the Noodle Creek field is making between 350 and 450 barrels a day.

This well, the west offset, encountered the best oil formations yet found, but did not pick up enough gas to afford large initial production. —Sweetwater Reporter.

Potash Site Selected

Washington. — A fifth site on which the government will drill for potash has been selected by the bureau of mines near Artesia, N. M.

On four other locations in Texas the government has already arranged to begin drilling, and the bore in New Mexico will be carried down 2,000 feet. Potash is chiefly used in fertilizer manufacture.

Texon Company Explains

The results of settlements in litigations and cases now pending in courts against the Texon Oil and Land Co. and the Group One Oil Corporation, and the announcement of dividends of over 2 million dollars are explained in a letter to stockholders of the two companies by Frank T. Pickrell, vice president and general manager, dated Dec. 4 and mailed from Big Lake.

Standard Oil's Melon

New York. — A total of \$1,695,236,797 in cash dividends has been distributed by the various companies of the Standard Oil group in the 15 years which have passed since the dissolution of the old Standard Oil Company in 1911. The compilation, made by Carl H. Pforzheimer and company, specialists in standard securities, shows that 1926 will establish a new high record with disbursements of more than \$200,000,000. Additional stocks dividends and subscription rights for the 15 year period nearly equal the cash dividend payments.

California Co. Drilling

The California Company is ready to begin drilling Friday on its test northwest of Sweetwater in Fisher County, the location of which is about the center of section 14, H. T. & B. survey lying west of Sylvester. It is on the G. C. Magenheimer lease. A new all-steel rig has been set up, equipped with a Clark engine.

The California Company has secured large holdings in Fisher County, and it is reported, paid \$80,000 for the lease upon which this well is to be drilled. Headquarters for the California company probably will be established in Sweetwater. —Sweetwater Reporter.

State's Oil Income

Austin, Texas. — University of Texas oil royalties from lands in West Texas swelled to \$4,986,291.73 Thursday, Land Commissioner J. T. Robinson announced.

For oil produced in November the Big Lake Oil Company paid \$133,199 the Texon Oil Company \$60,029 and first payments of royalties were made by the Humble Oil and Refining Co., \$295, and the Tidal Oil Company, \$548. The Magnolia Petroleum Co. is expected to remit November royalties Friday.

The Humble and Tidal companies are working new leases, the Tidal's leases lapping into four counties.

S. E. J. Cox Kindly Remembered

The Howard County district remembers S. E. J. Cox as the promoter who started things here, in the wildcat oil game and to whose operations is due to the discovery of the Chalk oil field in this county. He has many friends in Big Spring territory who wish for him a rebuilding of fortune, by clean methods, in his new start. The following, from a Fort Worth paper, explains his present activities:

"The oil game that sent S. E. J. Cox, fier-promoter, to Leavenworth holds no lasting fears for him.

"Cox, in Fort Worth Friday, announced that he will spend in a well January 1 on the J. T. Corbett ranch in Stephens County, 12 miles from Caddo.

"Cox was convicted three years ago of using the mails to defraud and was sent to Leavenworth. He was recently paroled.

"At present I plan no promotion in connection with my drilling operations. However, if later on it appears to be the right thing to do I will not hesitate in the matter," Cox said.

"Outside of my own private interests, my chief concern is in seeing Dr. Frederick E. Cook released from the penitentiary.

"If the people of the United States knew the service Dr. Frederick E. Cook is rendering as a

prisoner in Leavenworth penitentiary they would lose no time in seeing him released."

"Dr. Cook, who with Cox was convicted in federal court here of using the mails to defraud in connection with oil stock promotions, is holding two positions behind the gray walls at Leavenworth; he is penitentiary physician and also edits the prison paper.

"Cox was editor of the paper, 'The New Era,' while at Leavenworth, as well as secretary of the parole board.

"Cox plans to make Fort Worth his headquarters. He still claims Houston as his residence, moving here because of the easy access to his operations."

Nolan County Operations

With a fourth well in at Noodle Creek and with five drilling or preparing to drill north of Sweetwater, oil activities in this area were on the increase this week. In addition to the five wells from five to twenty-five miles north, there are over a dozen more tentative locations in Fisher County. Two other tests are expected to start rigging up shortly after the first of the year.

Drilling was resumed Thursday on the Hucony Gas Co. Langford No. 1, five miles north, the derrick of which can be seen from Sweetwater. This well is the nearest of any locations to Sweetwater, although there is a tentative location about the same distance southwest.

The rig was up for the Hodge test, on what is known as the Marland block, Thursday. This location is 20 miles northwest of town. The Hucony Gas Co. is also drilling this well.

Four miles north of the W. A. Howe rig a derrick is going up for the Lanus No. 2, being drilled by Zock and McCamey. The Lanus No. 1, northwest of here, was drilling at 700 feet Thursday.

The Marland Oil Co.'s No. 1, J. C. Mason, in the Trent field 18 miles east of here struck oil this week.

The Atlantic Howell No. 1 was 2400 feet deep Wednesday, and the log of the well indicated it would strike pay at about the sand depth as other Trent producers, it was reported.

A third Marland Co. well in the field, being sunk with a rotary drill, was 1000 feet deep Wednesday.

The California Oil & Gas Co. with headquarters at Colorado, is erecting a steel rig on the Magenheimer land five miles southeast of Roby for a 3500-foot test. —Nolan County News (Sweetwater).

SILENT NIGHT—HOLY NIGHT

Silent night! Holy night,
All is calm, all is bright—
Round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from Heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia,"
Christ, the Saviour, is born!
Christ, the Saviour, is born!

Silent night! Holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiance beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

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- Wool and Silk Socks
- Lisle Socks
- Shoes
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- Boots
- Bootees
- Leather Puttees
- Supporters
- Suspenders

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- Mufflers
- Handkerchiefs
- Bill Folders
- Pajamas
- Night Shirts
- Cigarette Cases
- House Slippers
- Cuff Buttons
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- Military Brushes
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CORDER RANCH SOLD

B. T. Corder of Fort Stockton and Marfa, a business visitor to San Angelo late in the week, recently sold twenty-four sections of the Corder ranch in Pecos County at \$6 an acre, or for \$22,160. Ben H. Brown of Ozona bought twelve sections and Walter Augustine of Ozona, Crockett County sheriff, purchased a like amount. The property is well improved.

Mr. Corder for several months has been representing the Dallas Joint Stock Land Bank in Pecos and Terrell Counties. He reports range and live stock conditions in those counties to be good. General rains early

last week covered that section. —San Angelo Standard.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fahrenkamp and daughter, Billie Mae, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Barron of Midland, left Tuesday via automobile for Roswell, N. M., where they will spend the holidays with Mrs. Rutledge, mother of Mrs. Fahrenkamp and Mrs. Barron.

Miss Margaret Happel arrived last Saturday morning from Denton, where she attends C. I. A. to spend the holidays in this city with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Happel and other relatives and friends.

Roy Cornelison of San Angelo moved to this city and will make his home here. He will be connected with the Cornelison Bros. tailoring establishment, serving as manager of same in this city.

D. E. Hanold of Abilene arrived Friday morning to take up his duties as passenger agent in Big Spring. Mr. Hanold succeeds G. W. Marshall who was promoted to the El Paso office.

If interested in a business career write for Catalog C. and Hollister Rates. Draughon's College, Abilene, Texas. —advertising 14-31pd.

Nervous hot flashes

SOME time ago when in a very nervous, run-down condition," says Mrs. Martha P. Marlow, of Broken Bow, Okla. "I tried numerous remedies to try at least to keep going, but I could not. I was weak and tired—just no good at all. My back ached and I had hot flashes until I was so very nervous I smothered. I couldn't sleep and I was never hungry, and I kept getting weaker. I couldn't stand on my feet. This was an unusual condition for me as I had been pretty strong all along. I knew that I would have to do something, and that pretty soon.

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A MESSAGE of GOOD WILL

By ALBERT ASH ALLEN

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Bring back the joy of happy times—
Some spirit, which had gone away,
Now hovers in these merry chimes;
With peace on earth, good will to men—
Thus is the message heard again.

Hark! Now the bells, on frosty air,
Ring hope and comfort, love and peace—
The Spirit of the Christ is there
To bid the worldly tumult cease;
With peace on earth, good will to men—
Thus is the carol heard again.

Hark! Now the bells o'er vale and hill
Reach to the islands of the sea
In one sweet voice of "Peace, be still,
and let thy burden rest on Me;"
Thus peace on earth, good will to men
Is, in the echo, heard again!

Christmas Courage

By Florence Harris Wells



TOM WALTON was lonesome. It was Christmas Eve and he had no near relatives on earth. Seeing a light in the office of his friend, Doctor Barnes, he sauntered in.

He had scarcely entered when the Doctor began to exclaim over him: "What had he been drinking?"

"Nothing," Tom declared, taking it as a joke. "Well, what had he been eating?"

"Nothing unusual," Tom tried bantering a little, but the doctor persisted. "You certainly have smelled something out of the ordinary?"

Then Tom remembered that that morning he had received a letter from a friend of his in India with a pressed flower in it. In fact, he had the letter in his pocket and showed it to the doctor, saying:

"Yes, that flower has a peculiar odor. I thought of it this morning. But how in the Dickens could you tell?"

But the doctor was all business. He called the flower by a long, botanical name; while in suppressed excitement he told Tom of its strange death-bearing odor that within twenty-four hours from the time it was inhaled meant death. A sharp pain in the heart would be the only warning. The doctor slumped in his chair, head bowed in his hands, unable to meet Tom's horror-stricken eyes.

Tom staggered out into the night as though condemned to the guillotine. His mind refused to act. His limbs seemed paralyzed. It was as though already the shadow of death was gathering about him. Only one thought registered. He must get to his room and bed before the end came. His feet dragged as if chains were upon them. He felt like a man in a nightmare unable to get where he wished to go—but it wasn't a nightmare, he groaned. With the thought his innate courage began to assert itself. He was no coward. If death lay in wait for him just around the corner, as it were, he would at least die game—not like a sniveling coward. He faced about and entered a cabaret. Alone in the gay throng he collected his wits and made his plans.

He had money, but no relatives. He would close his life with a good deed. He would give his money because it was Christmas time and the season for giving. But it must be no mere gift. Some one must receive with this gift something more than its material value. Gifts and Christmas brought Margaret to mind. She was the only person in the world of his own kith and kin that he knew of, and she was only a second or third cousin so far removed that if Margaret, too, had not been an orphan, they would not have recognized the slight blood tie.

They had spent their Christmas together until this year. But the old aunt, who was Margaret's aunt, not his, had passed away early in the year and at their last meeting Margaret had told him her aunt's last expressed wish was that she should marry her aunt's stepson, who had been her unencouraged lover since childhood. He was middle-aged and well-to-do and Margaret had promised to give him her answer on Christmas Eve.

She really didn't love him, she confided to Tom, but the man she thought she loved didn't pay much attention to her; so she would settle her heart and life that Christmas Eve.

That was tonight. He yet had time perhaps to do this big Christmas-giving before his life ended. Margaret lived and worked in a tiny village not far from the city. She had

no money except what she earned. Tom felt sure it was the eternal pinching and scraping that was influencing her to make her life easier in the only way that offered. He would give her all he had. It was enough to keep her from worrying about her immediate wants for some time and save her from sacrificing her soul and body to a loveless marriage. Perhaps in the meantime the other chap might wake up and realize what a peach of a girl Margaret is.

"What an idiot he must be," Tom uttered to himself, "not to grab up a girl like Margaret when he has the chance."

Riotous thoughts ran through his mind as the slow moving train advanced toward the village. For the time being his errand and not what its outcome might be outweighed the gloom of the impending doom that hung over his own life. His thoughts were on another's trouble rather than his own. He wondered if perchance she might already be married. People did such things on Christmas Eve, and it was late fall when he last talked with Margaret. With the thought came a tightening about the muscles of his heart. It was the first warning, Tom knew.

The train fairly crawled. It was an hour late. Tom remembered it was always an hour or so late on Christmas Eve. It had been so every year, he recalled. He was surprised that he hadn't thought of that before. In the maze of his harassed brain he hoped the deadly odor would not take effect too soon. He had too much to do first.

At last the train drew in at the station. There was no taxi. There never were taxis at Smithville; but other years Margaret had met him. He stepped out, almost expecting to see her laughing a welcoming Merry Christmas at him. He almost felt disappointed, and again that queer little sensation about his heart, recalling to him the importance of losing no time.

Without reason, from force of habit, Tom went directly to the old house of Margaret's aunt. The house was in total darkness but Tom gave the old fashioned bell a vigorous pull and its ring seemed to solemnly re-echo on the chill wintry air—not at all like a Christmas chime came the unsolicited thought to Tom. The house was dark, it might be empty, but Tom was going to be sure. Again and again he pulled down the bell. Ages it seemed to Tom before a light appeared and big, burly, Peter Kilne, arrayed in night apparel, threw wide open the door.

"Is some one sick or dying this night that you raise such a hullabaloo at a man's door?"

He lowered the lamp and peered at Tom: "So it's you? I'll be god-darned. You're white as a sheet. What's ailing you? Come in! Come in!"

He fairly pushed Tom in, banging the door behind them.

All the time Tom had been asking for Margaret, but Peter apparently heard nothing until they were in the cozy living room where embers still glowed in the old-fashioned fireplace.

"Is it Margaret you're seeking? Glad enough I am that you've come to at last. Married to me, did you say? Certainly not. I married the Widow Stone at Thanksgiving. I'm not the sort of man that wants to marry a girl who loves some one else. Margaret lives over at Neighbor Lewis'. Some one's up." Peter unceremoniously ushered Tom out into the night.

Tom never knew quite how he got across the street to the Lewises', but it was Margaret herself who opened the door. Neither did he know how it came about that Margaret was in his arms.

It was later when they got their breath and senses that Tom remembered his real mission, and the futility of the love he had been so slow in realizing broke upon him. The stab at his heart woke him completely from his dream and he poured out to Margaret the tragedy that hung over them.

He hadn't thought what Margaret would do, but he was entirely unprepared for the burst of gay laughter at the end of his recital to which she had listened apparently so sympathetically.

"Listen, Tom," and she reached for the evening paper. "I read this just before you came in and was interested because he was your friend. Doctor Barnes was this afternoon declared by prominent specialists to be insane. For some time he has been obsessed by the idea that his friends as well as his patients for various and sundry reasons had but twenty-four hours to live, etc." No use reading it all, Tom. That's enough. I didn't laugh when I read it, but now I feel like shouting because it brought me you."

"And it brought me you," Tom returned, inwardly rejoicing that he hadn't allowed Fate to make a coward of him. The thought of what it would have meant if he had followed his impulse and gone to bed swept over him for a minute; then he clasped Margaret to him.

"Isn't it a Merry Christmas, though? He exalted from sheer joy of living. "A most merry one!" Margaret laughed up at him triumphantly.

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We have many other articles that would gladden the heart, so if you don't see what you want on this list come in and let us show you something else for Ladies, Misses or Children.

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CENTER POINT SCHOOL TO GIVE PLAY IN BIG SPRING

The presentation of "An Old-Fashioned Mother" at the Center Point school by local talent last Friday night was a success in ways of good attendance, good acting and gate receipts with the small fee charged for tickets.

With the play going over so good it was determined to present same at both Big Spring and Coahoma. The Big Spring dating is Wednesday, Dec. 22, at 7:30 p. m., at the courthouse. The Coahoma presentation is to be Thursday night, Dec. 23, at the "Wye."

The admission fee will be thirty cents for adults and fifteen cents for children. The money taken in is to be used in securing supplies needed by the school.

Principal Halbert, in charge of the entertainment, has done effective advertising and he and Mrs. Halbert have given close training to the cast which is pronounced to be unusually adept in presentation of the laughable, yet readily recognized situations of the average home of the days which the older people will remember.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to heartily thank each and every one who assisted our daughter, Loula, in making the Christmas Cantata the success that it was. Especially do we want to thank the members of the chorus for attending practice regularly, for it was through your cooperation that made this cantata possible. We appreciate your efforts, and want to thank you all.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cardwell.

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Mrs. Roger White and son, Roger Jr., of Amarillo, arrived Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays in this city with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Parks, other relatives and friends.

Miss Clara Jones arrived Saturday from Dallas, where she is attending St. Mary's College to spend the Christmas holidays in this city with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Jones

NOTICE—SHERIFF'S SALE

STATE OF TEXAS
County of Howard

Whereas, by virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Nolan County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 5th day of October A. D. 1926, in favor of M. D. Willis, Plaintiff, and against F. B. Jones, W. W. Rix, M. C. Fairchild, S. M. Merrick and L. R. Minor, defendants, in cause No. 2237, on the docket of said Court, I did on the 4th day of December A. D. 1926, at 10 o'clock A. M. levy upon the following described tract and parcel of land situated in the County of Howard, State of Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

All of the northwest quarter, (N.E. 1-4) and the south one-half (S. 1-2) of the northwest quarter (N.W. 1-4) of section thirty-six (36) in block thirty-two (32) township 1 North, Cort. 2102, Texas & Pacific Ry. Co. survey, Howard County, Texas.

And on the 4th day of January A. D. 1927, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on said day at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale at public auction for cash, all of the right title, and interest of the said F. B. Jones, W. W. Rix, M. C. Fairchild, S. M. Merrick, and L. R. Minor, defendants, in and to said property.

Dated at Big Spring, this 4th day of December A. D. 1926.
FRANK HOUSE,
Sheriff of Howard County, Texas.

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MRS. T. E. GARVIN DEAD

Many hearts were saddened on last Friday afternoon when news of the death of Mrs. Cleo Beatrice Garvin spread over our city. Mrs. Garvin passed away at the home of her father, Gus Thomas on Scurry street about 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon, Dec. 17, following a lingering illness. Funeral services were held at the home of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Purser on South Scurry street at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, Rev. D. H. Heard, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Interment was made in Mt. Olive cemetery.

Deceased who was formerly of this city, had been making her home in Silvertown until about two months ago when she was brought to this city for medical attention. All that medical skill and loving hands could do proved to no avail in combating the malady, and she was ready to meet her Master when the final summons came. Deceased, aged 27 years, 3 months and 22 days was a woman of kindly heart, loving nature and courageous spirit. Even though her suffering was of long duration, she bore it patiently and without a word of complaint. Her life is marked with many thoughtful acts for her friends and neighbors, and these with relatives and intimate friends sincerely mourn her death.

Surviving Mrs. Garvin is her devoted husband, T. E. Garvin of Silvertown, her father, Gus Thomas, two sisters, Mrs. Elmer Womble of Hereford, and Miss Golda Thomas of this city, and two brothers, Gerald and Stanley Thomas of this city, and other relatives. Mrs. Ben Garvin and children of Silvertown were also here to attend the funeral services.

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the bereaved ones in this sad hour.

Several nice Jersey heifers to trade for fat cattle or hogs. See Joe Cochran at the Bankhead Market. Phone 474.

Mrs. H. H. Hurt left Wednesday night for Abilene, where she will spend the Christmas holidays with her mother and other relatives and friends. Harry will go to Abilene Christmas morning to spend the week-end.

Several nice Jersey heifers to trade for fat cattle or hogs. See Joe Cochran at the Bankhead Market. Phone 474.

FATHERS AND SONS HAVE JOLLY TIME AT BANQUET

In annual custom the Father and Son banquet fostered by the H-Y organization was held in basement of the Methodist Church Thursday evening of last week.

The party was attended by a goodly number, fathers with sons and non-fathers of sons borrowing boys for the occasion.

This meeting was a repetition of good times held in former years and it was a record in the fun it furnished. The Daddies forgot their relationships to the boys they brought along and they entered into the fun of the stunts, talks and other hurrah features just the same as if there were neither gray hairs nor business troubles to make them serious.

From all reports, this 1926 party of fathers and sons was the best yet and the inspiration for an even bigger and better meeting next year is to be carried through the intervening months. As to the "eats" that feature was well taken care of, in preparation and in enjoyment of the products of the good cooks who furnished same.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Christmas service and special Christmas music will be featured at the First Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning, Dec. 26, at the 11 o'clock hour. Rev. R. L. Owen will preach, and the choir will furnish special Christmas music. Services in the evening will be held at 7:30. You are invited to attend these services.

REV. R. L. OWEN WILL PREACH AT FAIRVIEW

Rev. R. L. Owen, minister of the First Presbyterian Church, will preach at the Fairview school in Glasscock County Sunday afternoon, Dec. 26. A cordial invitation is extended everyone to attend these services.

CHRISTMAS DANCES

The Blue Melody Boys will furnish music at the two Christmas dances to be given in the hall over J. & W. Fisher's store, on Christmas Eve, Friday, Dec. 24, and Christmas night Saturday, Dec. 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hatcher of Plainview arrived today to spend the holidays in this city with relatives and friends.

NOTICE

My office is temporarily located in the Stewart Hotel, entrance on east side.

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LADY ATTENDANT

IRA KNAUS DEAD

A wave of deep sorrow spread over our city Monday evening, when news of the death of Ira Knaus was announced. He passed away in the T. & P. Hospital at Marshall, about 5:30 o'clock Monday afternoon, following a several weeks illness. The remains were brought to this city on the morning passenger train Wednesday, for interment. Funeral services were held at the Gallemore home, at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, Rev. R. L. Owen and Rev. W. C. Hinds, in charge, and burial was in Mt. Olive cemetery.

Deceased, aged 24 years, 3 months, and 8 days, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Knaus of this city. He had made his home in Big Spring for the past four years, having been in the employ of the T. & P. Ry., and during his residence here made many friends among his co-workers. He was a gentleman through and through, and held in high esteem by all who knew him. He was ever ready to lend a helping hand to one in trouble, and he will be rewarded for the many worthy deeds he has done to help brighten the life of those about him. He was married to Miss Linna Mae Gallemore on November 27, 1924.

Surviving him is his devoted wife, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Knaus, two sisters, Misses Irene and Inez Knaus, and one brother, Ike Knaus, all of Big Spring. Out of town relatives here to attend the funeral services Wednesday were:

S. J. Young of Buffalo Gap; Mrs. H. D. Bradshaw of Bradshaw, Texas; Mrs. O. G. Brown, Tuscola; Mrs. Nat Bigham of Abilene; Mrs. Delaney of Buffalo Gap, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gallemore of San Angelo.

Heartfelt and deepest sympathy is extended the bereaved ones in their dark hour.

Thurston Orenbaun is home to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Orenbaun.

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MRS. M. L. DUNCAN DEAD

Funeral services for Mrs. Louella Coleman Duncan, wife of M. L. Duncan were held at the family home, north of Big Spring at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, Brother Corcoran officiating. Mrs. Duncan was found dead in bed Tuesday. She had been in ill health for several years, however, was not confined to her bed, and while taking a nap the Death Angel called and took her to that home on High. She was ready to meet the Master when the summons came, because she had always lived a Christian life, and practiced the teachings of the Golden Rule in her daily living. Hers was a life of usefulness, marked by many kindly acts for her fellowman, and the good that she has done will live after her. Many hearts are grieving at the going of this good woman.

Deceased was born in Alabama on June 21, 1856, and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McKelvy. She came early to Texas, where she has made her home the major part of her life.

Heartfelt sympathy goes out to the bereaved husband and other relatives in the loss of their dear one.

OLD TIMER HERE

Sam Spain of near Wilcox, Ariz. arrived in this city Monday to visit relatives and friends. Mrs. Spain has been here several months visiting, hoping that our climate would benefit her health. Her condition is much improved, and they will leave Friday for their home.

Mr. Spain left here 14 years ago this Christmas, and he says that Big Spring has taken many steps toward becoming a city since that time.

MOTHER OF T. A. BUNKER DIES AT CUERO, TEXAS

In response to a message announcing the death of his mother, T. A. Bunker left Tuesday night for Cuero to attend the funeral services. Mrs. Bunker passed away at the family home in Cuero Tuesday afternoon. Deepest sympathy is extended Mr. Bunker in this sad hour.

Miss Ruth Hatcher is home from Hamlin to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hatcher.

Place your order for Christmas pies, cakes and fruit cakes with us. Home Bakery Phone 142.

POST OFFICE HOURS FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

The Big Spring postoffice will keep the general delivery and the parcel post windows open until noon on Christmas day. One mail delivery, including parcel post packages will be made during the forenoon.

The money order and parcel post receiving departments will be closed all day and all departments will be closed after the noon hour.

BUICK AGENCY LOCATED HERE

The Jack Garrett Buick Agency with headquarters at Colorado for several counties, including Howard has opened an agency for new and used cars at Big Spring, same in charge of J. R. Rhinehart, who has been connected with the Colorado house.

The temporary location of the agency is in the Bankhead Garage.

Miss Mable Ricker arrived Monday night from Schron Lake, N. Y. where she has been studying under Oscar Seagle, to spend the holidays in this city with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ricker.

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SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Big Spring, Texas.

Santa Claus: I am a little girl 8 years old and have been good. I want you to bring me a nice baby doll wrapped in a little blue blanket, with plenty of fruit and nuts and don't forget my little brother. He would like a ball and a cart with horses. Lovingly, Vesta Frances McIntosh.

Big Spring, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus: We have been good boys for about a month, so you must please bring us something for Christmas. I, (Carroll) would like to have a choo-choo train with a track and a ball. I, (R. L.) want a kiddie car and a ball. Please be sure and bring us both candy and fruit. Carroll F. and R. L. Coates.

Big Spring, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus: I am writing you to tell what I want for Christmas. Please leave me a two-cup aluminum perculator, a pair of red house shoes, size 3, with fur around the top, and of course I want lots to eat, too. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, from an invalid girl. Little Lorena Campbell, 107 Deming street.

Big Spring, Texas, Dec. 18, 1926

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to please bring me a cute baby doll wrapped in a little pink blanket. I have been good and I am not old enough to go to school. Bring little Rita something nice and don't forget Daddy and Mother. Your little friend, Alzena McIntosh. P. S.: Bring lots of fruit.

Big Spring, Texas, Dec. 18, 1926

Dear Santa: I am a little girl 8 years old and have been good, so will you please bring me a nice baby doll wrapped in a little blue blanket, with plenty of fruit and nuts and don't forget my little brother. He would like a ball and a cart with horses. Lovingly, Vesta Frances McIntosh.

Big Spring, Texas, Dec. 20, 1926

Dear Santa Claus: Will you bring me a doll trunk and little furniture and tin dishes and a little baby doll. I am a little girl five years old and have been a real nice little girl and hope you don't forget me. Dorothy Rae Wilkinson. P. S.: Please bring me a little serving tray.

Big Spring, Texas, Dec. 14, 1926

Dear Santa Claus: It is cold today, and looks like snow. I hope it snows at Christmas time. We are going to have a little tree, and I hope when I wake up Christmas morning, I will find a doll, a set of dishes, and a little broom. My little brother, Don, 4 years old wants a bye-lo, a little bed, tricycle, pop-gun, and a train. I am 7 years old. Haynie Carter.

Big Spring, Texas, Dec. 22, 1926

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a pretty baby doll with curly hair. I would like to have a velocipede, a pillow for my doll and a roman candle or two. Santa do not forget Jess Jr. I think he wants a big red engine, a kiddie car and a few small toys. Please remember the little orphans. A Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year. Your little friend, Janice Slaughter.

Big Spring, Texas, Dec. 22, 1926

Dear Santa Claus: I see many other letters in The Herald from little children to you telling of their needs, so I'm adding my Christmas list. Please bring me a Bible story book, twin dolls, doll house and comb, brush and mirror set. Will surely love you a lot if you will not overlook this list. Frances LaVerne Towler.

Big Spring, Texas

Dear Santa Claus: I want a yellow racer and a football, a pair of skates and some fire crackers, roman candles and skyrocketes, and all kinds of candy, fruits, nuts of all sorts. I guess that is all for this Xmas. Yours truly, Edward Madison Johnson.

Big Spring, Texas

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a big doll, a doll trunk, a broom, a doll chair and lots of fruit, nuts and candy. Wishing you a merry Christmas. Your friend, Katherine Vines.

Big Spring, Texas

I have been a good girl and I want you to bring me a big doll, doll trunk, doll rocking chair and a broom, and lots of fruit, candy and nuts. Your friend, Leola Fay Vines.

Big Spring, Texas, Dec. 15, 1926

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me that goes to sleep and bring me a set of a pair of gloves, a pair of shoes that I can jump in. I want a cradle. Dear Santa please see you in Fort Worth next week. I live at 512 ... Your little friend, ...

Big Spring, Texas, Dec. 21, 1926
Dear Santa Claus: I want you to please bring me a big "Cross Country Bus," a shooting gallery and an erector set, with plenty of good candy, nuts and fruit. I have made good grades in school and love my teacher, Miss Antley. I hope you will bring her something nice. And Santa the little white stocking you find hanging by mine, belongs to my little baby sister, Billie Joyce, so fill it full, and we will both love you lots, as this is her first Christmas. With love, Sidney Robinson.

Big Spring, Texas
Dear Santa Claus: We have been good boys for about a month, so you must please bring us something for Christmas. I, (Carroll) would like to have a choo-choo train with a track and a ball. I, (R. L.) want a kiddie car and a ball. Please be sure and bring us both candy and fruit. Carroll F. and R. L. Coates.

Big Spring, Texas
Dear Santa Claus: I am writing you to tell what I want for Christmas. Please leave me a two-cup aluminum perculator, a pair of red house shoes, size 3, with fur around the top, and of course I want lots to eat, too. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, from an invalid girl. Little Lorena Campbell, 107 Deming street.

Big Spring, Texas, Dec. 18, 1926
Dear Santa Claus: I want you to please bring me a cute baby doll wrapped in a little pink blanket. I have been good and I am not old enough to go to school. Bring little Rita something nice and don't forget Daddy and Mother. Your little friend, Alzena McIntosh. P. S.: Bring lots of fruit.

Big Spring, Texas, Dec. 18, 1926
Dear Santa: I am a little girl 8 years old and have been good, so will you please bring me a nice baby doll wrapped in a little blue blanket, with plenty of fruit and nuts and don't forget my little brother. He would like a ball and a cart with horses. Lovingly, Vesta Frances McIntosh.

Big Spring, Texas, Dec. 20, 1926
Dear Santa Claus: Will you bring me a doll trunk and little furniture and tin dishes and a little baby doll. I am a little girl five years old and have been a real nice little girl and hope you don't forget me. Dorothy Rae Wilkinson. P. S.: Please bring me a little serving tray.

Big Spring, Texas, Dec. 14, 1926
Dear Santa Claus: It is cold today, and looks like snow. I hope it snows at Christmas time. We are going to have a little tree, and I hope when I wake up Christmas morning, I will find a doll, a set of dishes, and a little broom. My little brother, Don, 4 years old wants a bye-lo, a little bed, tricycle, pop-gun, and a train. I am 7 years old. Haynie Carter.

Big Spring, Texas, Dec. 22, 1926
Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a pretty baby doll with curly hair. I would like to have a velocipede, a pillow for my doll and a roman candle or two. Santa do not forget Jess Jr. I think he wants a big red engine, a kiddie car and a few small toys. Please remember the little orphans. A Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year. Your little friend, Janice Slaughter.

Big Spring, Texas, Dec. 22, 1926
Dear Santa Claus: I see many other letters in The Herald from little children to you telling of their needs, so I'm adding my Christmas list. Please bring me a Bible story book, twin dolls, doll house and comb, brush and mirror set. Will surely love you a lot if you will not overlook this list. Frances LaVerne Towler.

Big Spring, Texas
Dear Santa Claus: I want a yellow racer and a football, a pair of skates and some fire crackers, roman candles and skyrocketes, and all kinds of candy, fruits, nuts of all sorts. I guess that is all for this Xmas. Yours truly, Edward Madison Johnson.

Big Spring, Texas
Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a big doll, a doll trunk, a broom, a doll chair and lots of fruit, nuts and candy. Wishing you a merry Christmas. Your friend, Katherine Vines.

Big Spring, Texas
I have been a good girl and I want you to bring me a big doll, doll trunk, doll rocking chair and a broom, and lots of fruit, candy and nuts. Your friend, Leola Fay Vines.

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JUST Two More Days!

Left In Which To Do Your Christmas Shopping and Take Advantage Of Our

Great Sacrifice Sale

Not in many years have you had the opportunity to buy good merchandise at such a reduction and for the last two days we will make even greater reductions.

So Come Expecting Extra Values

You will find many useful as well as appropriate gifts offered you here at a big saving for men, women, boys and girls. This sale should appeal to every economical buyer of Christmas presents in the county, so come and make your selections and save a big lot on your Christmas shopping bill.

Big Spring's Big Department Store

The Grand Leader

Victor Mellinger, Proprietor

Your 1926 Santa Claus

CARD OF THANKS

With grateful hearts we desire to in this manner express thanks to all the fine people of Big Spring who came to our assistance and in deeds and words of sympathy so helped us to stand up under the trying experiences of being driven from home and possession by fire, which destroyed the Cole Hotel last Friday night.

To the firemen particularly, and to those who although not registered members of the department turned in and did their best to check the flames and to rescue the endangered guests. May it be known that we have only praise for the work done by the department and the volunteers. The fire was of nature to be beyond control of fire-fighting equipment and the very best that could be done, was done, by the people who for hours fought the flames. We do appreciate their efforts and accomplishments and also we have a warm place in our hearts for the friends who tendered us and our hotel guests the shelter of their homes that night. In kindness and tenderness the women and children were gathered into shelter and the

men were provided with temporary homes also, with tenders of more rooms than were required.

We cannot at this time announce our plans for the future except to say that we want to continue to live in a town where there are such true friends and noble hearts. May the blessings of the Almighty rest on you, one and all. J. C. Douglass and family.

C. OF C. MEETS MONDAY

The Chamber of Commerce is due to meet Monday night in regular session at which time standing committees will be appointed and the work for the ensuing year outlined. This meeting will be under the direction of the new president, S. R. Weaver, and with new directors participating.

Miss Mary Stevenson of Poynette, Wis., arrived Thursday night to visit her sister, Mrs. T. S. Currie and other relatives.

OUR BALCONY IS FULL OF XMAS MERCHANDISE AT BETTER PRICES. . . . CUNNINGHAM AND PHILIPS.

COUNTY COURT NEXT TUESDAY

Judge Debenport is calculating to hold active session of the county court next Tuesday, Dec. 28. While the court has nominally been in session during the past weeks there has been no general work done beyond handling of probate and some other urgent matters by Judge Cunningham, appointed judge to act during the absence, from illness, of Judge Debenport.

It is presumed that the jail cases will be disposed of at the next week's session.

PRESBYTERIAN AUX. NOTES

The regular business meeting of the Auxiliary will be held at the church Monday afternoon at three. All of the ladies are urged to be present.

Miss Arthur Hawk who is attending C. I. A. at Denton arrived home Friday to spend the Christmas holidays in this city with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hawk, other relatives and friends.

M. E. Carper is visiting relatives and friends in Cleburne.

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Mrs. J. H. Hurt returned last week from Midland, where she has been the past two months. Miss Read Thomas accompanied her to this city to spend the holidays.

PECOS SANDSTONE POPULAR

The Howard County courthouse and jail and the Big Spring city hall are built of the beautiful Pecos red sandstone. This stone is evidently coming into favor far from home as the quarries are reopened after a couple of years of lying unworked and heavy shipments of the stone are being made to San Antonio for the walls of one or maybe more of the large buildings now being erected in that city.

The quarries are too far from Big Spring to be of direct value, still they are an asset in giving the railroad more hauling, and with more hauling comes demand for more men to operate the trains and Big Spring is the home town of the trainmen.

WORK ON BARSTOW GAP

Highway foreman Haley, in charge of the Bankhead highway maintenance westward to the Pecos river, reports the work on completion of the gap from Barstow to the river as going ahead in satisfactory way, with full forces on the job. Scarcity of funds in the maintenance department has cut down the work on the completed portions of the road, he says.

JUDGE DEBENPORT AT HOME

County Judge Debenport, who with Mrs. Debenport spent several weeks in Marlin for the benefit of the hot water treatment for the Judge, have returned home. The treatment is reported to have given relief to his ailments, to an extent and he shows evidences of improvement. It is hoped by the sufferer, his family and friends that the start toward complete recovery is made.

Miss Alice Graham Bishop arrived home this week from Dallas, where she is attending Southern Methodist University, to spend the Christmas holidays with homefolks.

Mrs. Chas. Eberley and sister, Miss Eunice Green will spend the Christmas holidays with homefolks in Sweetwater.

SHEEP SHEARING CHARGES

Shearing captains are willing to use take-less-off combs, but owing to their 100 per cent higher cost and the increased chances of harmful work by some shearers, sheep shearing next spring will be 12 cents per head, where the shearer furnishes combs and apparatus, 10 cents where the sheepman furnishes the combs, and a lower rate by agreement if other equipment is furnished.

This summarizes the proposal made by the shearing captains at the special session of the executive committee of the Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association of Texas at Del Rio late last week. The majority of the members expressed themselves in favor of continuing individual contracting with the shearers, and T. A. Kincaid of Ozona, president of the association, agreed. He and E. K. Fawcett of Del Rio suggested that the association take up with the Flexible Shaft Co. of Chicago the matter of securing a reduction in the price of shearing equipment. — San Angelo Standard.

TERRELL COUNTY RANCH SOLD

Ozona. — One of the largest individual purchases of Terrell County land made in some time was disclosed here when N. W. Graham of Ozona purchased holdings that give him a total of 21,000 acres in that county. The total consideration involved was in the neighborhood of \$125,000.

The Schwalbe ranch comprises the latest tract to be purchased by Mr. Graham. This is one of the best equipped ranches in West Texas and the Schwalbe ranch home known as one of the most attractive in that section. Mr. Graham's other properties are in Block Y, formerly known as the Boyd Cox ranch.

More good office positions than we can fill. Write for Catalog C and Holiday rates. Draughon's College, Abilene, Texas. — Advertising 14-2p

And now some of our neighbors are calling us "Cliff Dwellers."

McCAMEY DIVISION POINT

Fort Stockton. — This city is wrathful at the recent action of the Orient Railroad in moving the division point to McCamey, made necessary by the unusual amount of business from the oil fields. As a result original contracts of the road relative to a bonus and naming of that city as a division point are being investigated to see if any action may be taken against the road, says the Fort Stockton Pioneer.

All round house employees located at Fort Stockton were moved to McCamey, with the exception of one man, who was left to operate the coal chute, and another sent to Alpine to look after engines at the terminus of the road in Texas.

31 COON HIDES STOLEN

Thirty-one coon hides, having a total valuation of more than \$125, were stolen from the home of Jack Monteith of Ozona Friday night by thieves who broke into his home. The trapping season has been under way for a short time and the season seems to be a pretty good one for coons, according to local hunters. The information of the theft was contained in a communication to Bob Hewitt, Tom Green County sheriff. — San Angelo Standard.

OZONA'S NEW HOTEL

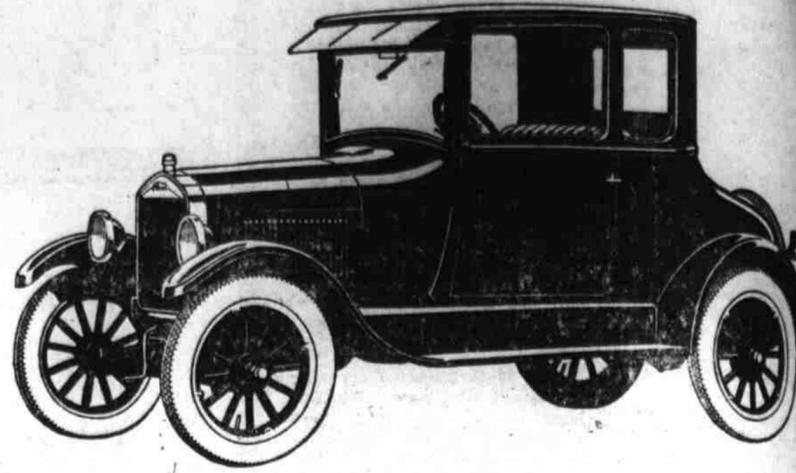
Ozona. — With an informal "open house" and turkey dinner providing for the entertainment of a number of parties, the new Shannon-Couch hotel was thrown open to the public here Friday. The \$140,000 institution stands as a tribute to the foresight and initiative of the promoters.

Sore Gums

You won't be ashamed to smile again, after you use Leto's Pyorrhoea Remedy. This preparation is used and recommended by leading dentists everywhere, and can not fail to benefit you. Druggists return money if it fails. ALL BIG SPRING DRUGGISTS.—advertisement.

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The man or boy appreciates something he can wear. After the toy-age the young fellow turns to style in—say, such articles as are here depicted. Any of these will just exactly suit the boy or the man.

Give his present the added appreciation which goes with goods bought at McDonald's. If he is of long residence he will know that the McDonald lines are quality; if he is a late-comer do him right by giving him something the other fellows will not criticize.

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Fancy Socks always wanted
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Sweater Coats...very appropriate
Windbreakers — appreciated



You can't go wrong on
Muffs



He needs Dress Shirts
Pajamas are real presents

GRADING CONTRACT LET

Fort Worth. — Contract for grading the first five miles of the Fort Worth and Denver's South Plains railway extension totalling 205 miles was awarded today to Oran Spear of Alvord.

Company engineers will leave here this week to survey the initial five miles from Estelline southwestward and actual grading will begin before Christmas, Frank E. Clarity, vice president and general manager of the road, said.

The awarding of contracts for grading the remainder of the railroad will require several weeks. The entire project will be submitted for bids this week, and three weeks must be allowed bidders to prepare date, Clarity explained.

The last legal hitch to the South Plains line was withdrawn late on Wednesday when the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington dismissed the Texas Panhandle and Gulf rehearing petition, thus apparently ending the fight of the Texas Panhandle and Gulf interests for a permit to build a line across West Texas from Fort Worth.

MCKENZIE RANCH SOLD

The Chicago Cattle Loan Company has sold the Pecos County ranch, formerly owned by Eugene McKenzie of El Paso, forty sections, at \$5.25 an acre, or for \$134,400, according to information reaching San Angelo.

J. W. Robbins of Rankin bought thirty-four sections and Ed Harral of Fort Stockton secured six sections adjoining. Possession will be given by Jan. 1. The ranch is located in the south central portion of the county.

The Garland Oil Co. of Oklahoma recently made a location for a deep test for oil on the ranch. It will be in section 26, block 106, John Gibson survey, about twenty-eight miles southeast of Fort Stockton. — San Angelo Standard.

No hard times for office help Big demand. Write for Catalog C and Holiday Rates. Draughon's College, Abilene, Texas.—advertising 14-2pd.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Dahme will leave today for Cuero where they will spend the Christmas holidays with homefolks.



Make This
Christmas
Merrier!

You can make this gay season a jollier one for yourself if you will

sume the holiday spirit. One of the sure ways of appearing festive is to dress well and try to look your best. The social calendar is full for the holidays—so have your wardrobe put in shape now, so that you will be able to look your best. Have your coats, dresses, suits and other apparel cleaned and pressed. We can give them a holiday appearance. Our modern machinery and expert workmen will renovate your clothes and return them the same day, as good as new.

LET US CALL FOR THEM TODAY

HARRY LEES

ANYTHING IN TAILORING

Phone 420

Mr. and Mrs. Noble Read are the proud parents of a baby daughter, who arrived at their home Friday morning, December 17.

Max Merrick who is a student at Wesley College, Greenville, to spend the Christmas holidays with homefolks.

Gifts



that make Christmas merrier

Christmas Just Around the Corner

Only Two More Days for Shopping

Now is too late to urge "Early Shopping" except that it is the part of wisdom to not wait for Friday night to make selections. Come before the last hours' rush.

It's hard to realize that Old Santa Claus is even now on his way to the homes of good children, little and big. He's almost here and Christmas shopping must be attended to Right Away.

Be assured, we can supply the wants for all the members of the family. You need not run all over town hunting some novelty or some decided-upon article--WE HAVE IT.

We want you to come direct to our store and see the wonderful display of Christmas goods. We have so many lines and so completely fill the bill for all the family, from Baby to Grandpa and Grandma, that it's no use trying to name things over. Sufficient to say that whatever the age, whatever the sex, whatever the station in life and whatever the wants or needs of the one to be remembered, our great stock will exactly fill the bill.

Our stocks are known for their excellence--we handle no other kind, and whatever you buy from us has not only the stamp of the reliable maker but it has the Clyde Fox Guarantee of Honest Goods at Honest Pricing.

DON'T OVERLOOK OUR CUT-PRICE SALE OF JEWELRY

THAT "NICE" PRESENT IN JEWELRY CUT IN PRICE.

Entire Jewelry Stock Reduced 25 per cent — This is the Grand Opportunity to secure the "Heart's Desire" At Material Price Savings

Household Ornamentation

Those ornamentations which make the home more of a "Real Home"--which bring ideals and ideas of the higher arts and accomplishments of artists in the many lines--those many things which the feminine heart especially cherishes and which bring to the recipient and every-day, all-the-year Christmas with its memories and loves--so many of these desired and appropriate Christmas Gifts we have. Come and enjoy seeing even if not buying.

Ladies' Toilet Articles

Right up-to-now equipment for the lady of today in her successful efforts to be beautiful and to cheat age of its attempt to squelch youth. It has rightly been said that there are now only two ages, the young and the old-middle age is merged into youth. Our superior quality toilet accessories give the girl added beauty, the Mother a lingering youthful grace and the really aged a charming elegance. Give perfumeries and toilet goods.

Men's Gift Expectations

Left to himself, and all through the year, the man comes to the drug store for those articles he uses and likes. Where he goes for just those things his friends would give him for Christmas in a good place to go for his Christmas present. Rest assured, a look-over of the many articles for men and boys will decide you on just the right thing to get for him. Make the man shopping easy by coming to headquarters.

The Clyde Fox Store is a **QUALITY STORE**

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THE DIX SCORES

"THE QUARTERBACK"—The funniest, fastest game ever played. That's what you'll see in Paramount's latest comedy, "The Quarterback" which arrives at the R and R for next Monday and Dec. 27-28.

and his pal, David Butler, speed their way through Colton's speed matters up, they get football knowledge and bottles whizzing through them when they actually game-action starts and fill the final whistle.

quarterback of the College football squad, Willie Webster, pledging to stay at school until his State University.

Elmer still studying, and but their son, Jack, schoolmate. While being Stone is blindfolded to his first girl he turns out to be Louise, prettiest co-ed at State.

captain of State's organization, is her escort, and for the team, Jack friendly with "Lumpy".

Hearing that the latter wagon he becomes helper. The two lads a unique delivery system their knowledge of football.

of the big game arrives promises to see that his have not been in vain. the college newspaper the fact that he has from playing because of a private showing the race offering banner. Jack already blames his company bear the only one to Meanwhile, Louise the shot act to Denny for

having caused the trouble. She starts off to get the fair manager.

Failing to find Louise at her sorority house, Jack sets after the same man, only to find he has already left with Louise. Certain of her trickery, the boy heads for home.

On hearing the manager's testimony, the Dean tells the coach his star quarterback is eligible to play. Getting in the game, State concentrates its forces on Jack with the result that he is knocked unconscious.

Spurred on by Louise, Jack and "Lumpy" use their milk bottle technique in a sea of mud. Colton's victory releases Elmer from his promise and culminates his son's romance.

and culminates his son's romance.

THE NEW ADMINISTRATION

Owing to the illness of Mayor Thomas the city council has not yet met to canvass the votes of the recent election in which the commission-manager form of government was adopted by vote and commissioners selected to take charge of affairs under its provisions. The Mayor is now up and able to be about some and on his regaining strength the council meeting will be held. Until the commissioners are in position to assume authority the city will continue to be governed by the councilmen.

After the votes are counted and the results announced the entire proposition, of commission and commissioners, will have to be submitted to the secretary of state, at Austin, for state approval. This will probably carry the installation of the new government over into the new year and it is expected that the change can be made about the tenth of January, providing the secretary of state finds no flaws in the adoption of the plan and the election of officers to put it into effect.

PAYING CITY TAXES

City Secretary, Mrs. Louise Middleton reports a good collection of city taxes being made. The taxes for the current year can now be paid, in both city and county.

Now is the time to get you a good mattress, while cotton is cheap. Figure with me. J. R. Creath.

WHAT IT TAKES TO SUCCEED IN DAIRYING

The South is an ideal dairy country. Her mild climate cuts out the necessity for elaborate and expensive buildings. Her markets are the only ones not already facing an over-production and a surplus of dairy products. Fluid milk brings a third more in the South than in the Middle West and New England. If dairying in these sections can produce milk, ship it South and at the same time make a profit, how much more would Southern dairymen make by producing and marketing milk at home!

Probably the biggest asset to a great dairy industry in the South is a solution of the "feed problem." The South can grow all kinds of hay and silage crops. Her permanent pastures last longer and her temporary pasture crops are more numerous than in any other section. Abundant rye is coming to be looked upon as a standby for late fall, winter, and early spring grazing. Sudan grass and sweet clover offer abundant grazing during the hot, dry summer months.

To the farmer who is struggling year after year, dairying offers a cash sideline with a regular income every month that means a more comfortable living. He must realize, however, that dairying is a seven-days-in-the-week, 365-days-in-the-year job, beginning before day and ending with dark, and pays larger profits than one-crop farming simply because the business affords opportunity for two things:

- (1) more work-hours per year,
 - (2) A greater use of brains and intelligence in the work.
- The man who would go into dairying must also realize that it is not a business one can go into this year and get out of next year without heavy loss. We can't buy cows and build barns and then quit.
- However, for the "stick-to-it" man who is willing to go into the business for 365 days in the year and a lifetime at that breed cows as well as milk cows, we predict success. Climatic conditions here are favorable, and good foundation stock is available and reasonable. The South

needs more dairymen with patience, progressiveness, and a will to 'breed' and 'grow' into the business. These pioneer breeders have blazed the trail of doubt and have proved that the South is wonderfully suited to scientific dairying.—The Progressive Farmer.

SATURDAY AUCTION SALES

There are many people, farmers mostly, who are interested in the sales of miscellaneous properties and who attend the auction sales but who are slow to bid on the articles cried off. Several farmers are holding auctions of their entire equipment of teams, tools and supplies.

Last Saturday, at the Joe B. Neel yards there was sale of two carloads of gilts, of high breeding and vaccinated. The pens were full of "wanters" but sales were very slow, and at prices which the owner, Lewis B. Brown of Fort Worth declared to be at least ten dollars less than the hogs had cost him. Good young sows of poland-china, duroc or hampshire breeds brought from about \$25 to \$37.50 a head.

Out in the wagon yard there were sales of horses, mules, truck and other miscellaneous articles. A pretty good pony, in good condition, was knocked down at \$3.00. A span of likely young mules sold for \$65, and a Ford truck which looked good and performed good was being cried on third call at \$56 when the reporter left the scene.

These prices were extremely low considering the large number who stood about and were presumably in the market for some of the goods auctioned. Scarcity of ready cash was the easily-guessed reason for the few bidders being tempted to fight for their desired offerings.

Miss Birdie Mae Crow, teacher at the Panther Draw school left Friday for her home in Georgetown where she will spend the Christmas holidays with homefolks.

Miss Juanita Ralph arrived Saturday night from Denton where she attends C. I. A., to spend the Christmas holidays in this city with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Ralph.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Howard County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon R. A. Harbin by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 32nd Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 32nd Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Howard County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Big Spring, on the first Monday in February, A. D. 1927, the same being the 7th day of February A. D. 1927, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 20th day of December A. D. 1926 in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 1071, wherein E. P. Harbin is Plaintiff, and R. A. Harbin is Defendant, and said petition alleging Excesses and cruel treatment and outrages on the part of defendant so as to render the further living together of plaintiff and defendant as insupportable.

Herein fail not, but 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 Big Spring this 29th day of December A. D. 1926. (S)

J. I. PRICHARD, Clerk.

District Court, Howard Co., Texas.

NOTICE OF SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Howard

Whereas, by virtue of an order of sale issued out of the County Court of Howard County, Texas, on the 16th day of December, 1926, on a judgment rendered in said Court, on the 9th day of December, 1926, in favor of Davis & Child Co., against M. C. Munro, numbered 488 on the docket of said court, directing sale of a 1926 model Ford Roadster, Engine No. 13134811, now in my possession by virtue of a writ of sequestration sued out by said plaintiff in said cause, and in which suit plaintiff's mortgage lien was foreclosed on above described Ford roadster, I will, on the 29th day of December A. D. 1926, at the door of the courthouse in Big Spring in said Howard County, Texas, offer for sale and sell at Public Auction for cash, all the right, title, and interest of

the said M. C. Munro in and to said property to satisfy said judgment in favor of Davis & Child Co., against M. C. Munro for the sum of \$286.20 with the costs of suit and costs of sale, the said sale taking place between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. on the date stated.

Dated at Big Spring, Texas, this 18th day of December A. D. 1926.

Frank House, Sheriff, Howard County, Texas.

NOTICE BY GUARDIAN OF APPLICATION TO MAKE MINERAL LEASE ON LANDS BELONGING TO HIS WARD

In re: Guardianship of Harry L. Wheeler, a person of unsound mind. Cause No. 373. In the County Court of Howard County, Texas.

Notice is hereby given that I, James W. Wheeler, guardian of the estate of Harry L. Wheeler, a person of unsound mind, have this day filed my application in the above entitled and numbered cause for an order of the County Judge of Howard County, Texas, authorizing me as the guardian of the estate of said ward to make a mineral lease upon such terms as the court may order and direct, of the following described real estate belonging to the estate of said ward, to-wit:

The South 100 acres of the Southeast Quarter of Section 29, and the East 20 acres of the North Half of the Southwest Quarter, and the South Half of the Southwest Quarter and the Southwest quarter of section 28, all in Block 32, township 1 North, T. & P. Ry. Co. survey, Howard County, Texas, and containing 360 acres.

Said application will be heard by the County Judge at the courthouse in the city of Big Spring, Texas, on the 3rd day of January, A. D. 1927, 11- James W. Wheeler, Guardian of the estate of Harry L. Wheeler, a person of unsound mind.

IDEAL XMAS GIFT

Corona Four, the standard Portable \$60.00 cash or \$65.00 terms, \$10.00 down and \$5.00 a month. Mail orders promptly filled. Write ABILENE TYPEWRITER EXCHANGE, ABILENE, TEXAS. 13-21-pd.

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FOR SALE—A complete moving outfit at a bargain if sold at once. Call 425 or see Hubert Rutherford. 13-2

AN IDEAL CHRISTMAS PRESENT—An English White Leghorn cockerel or "Aristocrat" Barred Plymouth cockerel or trio. You can't beat them. Leedale Farm or Lawrence Simpson, Herald office.

FOR SALE—Household goods, three housekeeping outfits, in single pieces or in combination. 203 Henton street. 11pd

FOR SALE—A few dozen fresh eggs every day. Last house on East side Main St. J. C. Morris. 1tp

FOR SALE—A Bush-Lane piano. Practically new. See H. H. Hurt. 1tpd.

FOR SALE—I will sell my place in the west part of town. Reasonable. 9-room modern home, 8 lots. Mrs. R. J. Hart. 11tpd

FOR SALE OR TRADE

FOR SALE OR TRADE—A good 160-acre farm, seven miles northwest of Big Spring. Will sell or trade for city property in Big Spring. See J. M. Barley at Gem Barber Shop. 11tf

FOR SALE OR TRADE—My equity in section 46, west half in Howard County for sale or trade. Box 22, Garden City Rt. 12-3p

FOR SALE OR TRADE—40-acre

and 80-acre tract of famous Clyde fruit land, unimproved, \$75 per acre. Water only about 20 feet. One and one-half miles from Clyde. Also nice Abilene residence for sale at \$15,000. Write W. Homer Shanks, Clyde, Texas. 8tf

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—A farm, 275 acres in cultivation, 28 miles northeast of Big Spring. Two good houses on place, and everything convenient. Grass for working stock. Six miles from gin. Also 845 acres of good grass land for rent. If interested see Mrs. W. K. Lewis, or phone 644. 13-2tpd.

FOR RENT—A furnished apartment for light housekeeping. All modern conveniences. Also nice bedroom. Phone 461, or call at 206 Gollad street. 1tpd

WANTED

WANTED—Competent Housekeeper. Call Mrs. L. C. Stamper, phone 307 or 510. 11-

CHICKENS AND TURKEYS—Carmack will pay highest market prices. Bring them in to me, Building at rear of West Texas National Bank building. Phone 78 8-1f

MISCELLANEOUS

HEMSTITCHING—If it's Hemstitching you want done, see Lois Curtis at W. R. Purser & Sons, All work guaranteed. Phone 421. 46tf

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND—A ladies gold watch. Owner can secure same by calling at Herald office and paying for this notice.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS IN VERY PLEASING PROGRAM

At the Methodist Church Tuesday night was presented an entertainment entirely out of the ordinary line of amusements, so called. The announcement was for representatives of sixteen nations to take part in the varied program but only four nations managed to get through the mud of the roads. These four were sufficient to give an entertainment which was greatly enjoyed by the full house which greeted them. The admission fee was free and a free-will offering was taken to defray expenses.

After the close of the presentation of their lesson of religious problems and duties in foreign countries the visitors were entertained by the Epworth League of the church who gave a reception in the basement of the building. The B.Y.P.U. workers and the Christian Endeavorers were invited guests of the League also in total number of 45, and a merry time was had at lunch on table and in social intermingling. The luncheon served consisted of three courses, consisting of grapefruit cocktail, baked chicken with dressing, candied sweet potatoes, cranberries, salad and jello with whipped cream.

The reception given the visitors was a courtesy much appreciated and the entertainment they gave, with the informative lessons of the conditions and needs of the other nations of the world, was enjoyed and of value in the better understanding of the brotherhood of peoples of the earth.

EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

Leader—Eddie Bradley.
Subject—"The Bible and Missions"
Song—Give of Your Best to the Master.
Devotional
Scripture lesson—C. A. Johnson.
Prayer
Choir
What Famous Men Have Said About the Bible—Jack Hodges Jr.
When the Bible Was a Rich Man's Book—Elizabeth Crain.
Violin Solo—Mary Wade.
Stories of the Bible as a Missionary—Wayne Cook.
Making the Bible the Book of all Men—Patty Belle Reeves.
Choir.
Announcements.
Collection.
Benediction.
To be given during church hour beginning at 7:15.

FIREWORKS WARNING

The city ordinances on fire risks provide that it shall be unlawful to discharge fireworks within the fire limits, which includes all the main business section of the city.

Warning is given by the police department that this ordinance is to be strictly enforced during the Christmas festivities.

If it's a bargain in second-hand furniture you want see me before you buy. J. R. Creath.

Mrs. H. A. Glover and daughter of Dallas arrived Saturday night to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Walker. Mr. Glover will come Friday to spend Christmas with homefolks.

I have a nice line of bridles, collars, chain harness—the prices are right. J. R. Creath.

Marvin Frost and T. B. Hoover arrived Tuesday night from Lubbock, where they are attending Texas Tech, to spend the holidays in this city with homefolks.

We will appreciate your orders, whether large or small. Pool-Reed Co. Phone 145.

Herald want ads got results.

Hand Painted GIFTS

Before you buy your Xmas presents see my low prices on hand-painted gifts.

CATHERINE HAMLETT GIFT SHOP

In I. H. Hamlett Wholesale Store, Hathcock Bldg. 12-31 East Second Street

Dr. E. H. Happel

Dentist

OFFICE OVER WEST TEXAS NATIONAL BANK BIG SPRING, TEXAS

The Christmas Store

Presents Inexpensive Gifts of Smart Distinction

"Last minute gifts" for those who have been too busy to do their shopping before now. Appropriate, inexpensive and distinctive gifts for "him" and for "her." Gifts that express the true Christmas spirit; gifts that are useful, for the appreciation of a gift is increased by its usefulness.



For the Homemakers
BOUDOIR and READING LAMPS
\$1.95

A greater value than ever. A lamp for somebody's home, for some young married friend or for your own mother. There are several styles to choose from. And they are being offered this week at a special Christmas price\$1.95 Ea.

You Yourself Would Like to Get Hosiery Gifts in Profusion

\$1.65, \$1.95 and \$2.95 Pr.

SHADES—

Alesan
Beige
Grain
Muscade
Dorado
Gun Metal
Rose Taupe
Atmosphere and Black

Gotham Gold Stripe Hose. No run that starts above can pass the Gold stripe. Makes a most satisfying gift

Gotham Sheer Silk Hose.....\$2.95
Gotham Service Silk Hose.....\$1.95
Gordon Shadow Clock.....\$2.95
Misses Hose.....\$1.65
Onyx Pointex Heel.....\$1.95



Gift Blankets

Service Blankets

\$3.65 to \$6.50

Double bed size blankets in a good heavy weight. Very carefully finished in colors of tan, blue and pink. The gift that can be used every winter.



All-Wool Blankets

\$12.50 to \$17.50

Luxurious all-wool Oregon City Blankets. The comfort and beauty of these blankets constantly remind the recipient of your good wishes.

Fitted Cases

\$8.50 to \$35.00

A Merry Christmas for Him

Gifts That Solve Your Christmas Problems for Men

Hats
Shirts
Hickok Belts
Interwoven Sox
Initial Hdks.

Fine Gloves
House Shoes
Robes
Florsheim Shoes
Ties and Mufflers

Bill Folders
Cigarette Cases
Card Cases
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Suits and Overcoats

Albert M. Fisher Co.

PHONE 400

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FOR SALE!

Complete household furnishings: Bedroom suite, dining-room suite, beds, springs, mattresses, rugs, stoves, kitchen cabinet—everything to complete a home. House can be rented by year; good opportunity to start a boarding house.

Call at house (409 Gregg St.) after December 25, or—

PHONE 313

FREE!

A beautiful and useful calendar free to each of our customers and our friends. We would like to give one to each family in this territory.

Come for yours before they are all gone. WISHING YOU THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON, WE ARE,

P. & F. COMPANY
THE WHITE HOUSE
Big Spring, Texas

LET US DO THE WORK

We are prepared to promptly and satisfactorily do your washing and ironing. Let us have an opportunity to relieve you of a burden. PHONE NO. 17.

BIG SPRING STEAM LAUNDRY

Sanitary Throughout

C. H. Nowell has been on the sick list this week.

DOLLAR MAMA DOLLS...CUNNINGHAM & PHILLIPS.

Mrs. Bettie Graham of Lubbock was called here this week by the serious illness of her sister, Miss Martha Harding.

J. V. Davis who runs a mail route from Monahan to Fort Stockton will arrive home tonight to spend the Christmas holidays with homefolks. His son, Aubrey, who has spent the week with him, will accompany him home.

Herald want ads got results.

KODAKS FOR XMAS... NINGHAM & PHILLIPS.

J. H. Hefley visited relative Sterling Monday.

All kinds of pies, cakes and cakes for Christmas and New Year's. Home Bakery. Phone 145.

Mrs. Anna Huttanus and Fred Huttanus will arrive from El Paso to spend Christmas holidays in this city with her daughter, Mrs. L. J. and family.

All kinds of pies, cakes and cakes for Christmas and New Year's. Home Bakery. Phone 145.

YEGGS GET \$1,000.00

AT MIDLAND STORE

The Wadley-Wilson department store in Midland was looted on Sunday night of this week, and the robbers escaped with over \$1,000.00 in cash. The Meeks Furniture Company safe was also opened, and \$35 cash taken. It is believed that the same thieves were on the job at both stores. Checks and money orders in the safes were not taken.

Several nice Jersey heifers to trade for fat cattle or hogs. See Joe Cochran at the Bankhead Market. Phone 474.

Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Green were up from San Angelo this week visiting relatives and friends in this city. They will return to San Angelo Saturday and their son, J. D. Jr., will accompany them there to spend the Christmas holidays.

Miss Claudine Miller left Sunday for Ira, Texas, where she will spend the holidays with her grandparents. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Miller will spend Christmas-Day in Ira with relatives and friends.

All kinds of pies, cakes and fruit cakes for Christmas and the holidays. Home Bakery. Phone 142.

DOLLAR MAMA DOLLS...CUNNINGHAM & PHILLIPS.

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By T. E. Jordan

Society

SEWING SOCIETY

SEWING SOCIETY CLASS DRESS DOLLS FOR ORPHANS

The Sewing Society Sunday school class was entertained at the home of Mrs. Tamsitt, 303 Johnson street Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 14th. The home was beautifully decorated in the festive Christmas colors, a small Christmas tree was the center of attraction, and the most exciting part of the entertainment. The devotional was given by Mrs. Tamsitt and Mrs. Higgs. The class members spent the remainder of the time in dressing baby dolls for the orphan home. Time was not too short, when the dolls became dolls any longer, but real baby dolls with dainty white dresses and hair. Such a baby doll would delight the heart of any child, and the members were so glad that they were to make merry the Christmas of the little orphan girls.

Due to the special courtesy of Birmingham & Phillips, in reducing the prices, the class was able to buy a dozen of these dolls. They will be Monday-all dressed and labeled for the little girls who will receive them.

After the dolls were dressed, each one drew a name, and this was placed on a package on the tree—the dolls were then distributed. First the children were given beautiful packages of candy and a horn, which served to make the party very Christmasy and more noisy. Each guest then received a dainty gift, as every member of the class had brought a gift for another member. Mrs. Higgs the teacher was given a Bible by the class.

A buffet luncheon was then served consisting of olives, creamed chicken, candied potatoes, fruit salad, coffee and cake.

Each one left the party with a feeling of joy and gladness.

Reporter.

MISS SHICK ENTERTAINS JINX CLUB WITH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Distinctive among the social events of the busy week preceding Christmas was the pretty Christmas party given Monday evening, when Miss Lillian Shick was hostess to the members of the Jinx Club and their friends.

Symbols befitting this festive season were used in profusion to make the rooms attractive and gay. Softly glowing lights of Christmas colors cast a soft glow over the attractive decorations of the Shick home, which were decked with mistletoe, cedar and holly Christmas bells.

Diversions of the evening was progressive games of Jinx, and Miss Greaves and Larson Lloyd were declared the lucky winners in the fascinating game.

At refreshment time, the guests were invited into the dining room, where a delectable luncheon in two courses was served. A beautifully decorated Christmas tree centered the dining table, and other Christmas decorations and colors were liberally used in the table adornment. Santa Claus place cards marked the places for: Misses Dorris Greaves, Mamie Hair, Imogene Greaves, Mary and Margaret Happel, Lillian Dallas Collins, Nelle Brown, Lillian Shick, and Pert Pritchard, Larson Lloyd, Theo Ferguson, Wynne Parrish, Harold Harwood, and Sydney House.

A. & M. CAMPUS SERENADERS WILL PLAY FOR DANCE HERE

The A. & M. Campus Serenaders will furnish the music for a dance that is to be given in the hall over the J. & W. Fisher store on Tuesday evening, Dec. 28. This orchestra is well known, as they perform over the radio at regular intervals from radio station WTAW, and have many admirers who listen in on their program over the air. But this visit to Big Spring will be in person, and the Campus Serenaders will play more than you have ever heard them play before.

The Howard County A. & M. Club is sponsoring this dance. The price of admission will be \$2.00, and dancing will begin at 9 o'clock. Every one is extended a cordial welcome to the dance.

H. H. Mann of Dallas was here

visiting relatives and friends.

"THE CHRIST CHILD" GIVEN BY MEMBERS BAPTIST CHURCH

A Christmas Cantata, "The Christ Child," given by members of choir of First Baptist Church, under the direction of Miss Lou M. Cardwell, was proclaimed a success, and thoroughly delightful by the large crowd who filled the auditorium of the First Baptist Church on Sunday evening.

Members of the chorus were: Mrs. Travis Reed, Mrs. Homer McNew, Miss Zou Hardy, Mrs. J. Tom Mercer, Mrs. Morgan Martin, Miss Otera Lloyd, Miss Lillian Shick, Mrs. B. N. Ralph, Miss Ruby Bell, Mrs. R. D. Hatch, Mrs. W. W. Hatcher, and Nat Shick, Steve Baker, Roy Cornelson, Buell T. Cardwell, G. E. McNew and George Gentry, James F. Willson was accompanist.

The cantata was beautifully rendered, and the theme and setting was especially appealing at this season of the year. The contralto solo given by Miss Cardwell who possesses a sweet voice, the baritone solo given by Buell T. Cardwell, and the soprano solo given by Miss Otera Lloyd were especially enjoyed numbers. "The Prince of Earth and Heaven," the final chorus was the outstanding selection of the cantata, and a lovely climax to the program. Recognition as to the ability of several members of the chorus as soloists was given by many of the listeners.

Miss Cardwell and members of the choir are being praised for the splendid work done on this cantata, and are being complimented for the success with which it met.

TEACHERS LEAVE TO SPEND HOLIDAY SEASON AT HOME

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Huggins left Wednesday morning to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends in Waxahachie and Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Barnes, accompanied by their aunt, Mrs. I. M. Drayer of Tahoka, left Thursday morning for Taylor, where they will spend the Christmas holidays with homefolks.

Miss Vesta Mosteller will spend the Christmas holidays with homefolks in Greenville.

Miss Clara Cox left Wednesday night for Celina, where she will spend the Christmas holidays with homefolks.

Miss Candace Reid left Wednesday night to spend the Christmas holidays with homefolks in Norman, Ok.

Dan W. Stallworth will spend the holidays with relatives and friends in Waco.

Miss Mary Tenney will visit relatives and friends in Lufkin during the holidays.

Miss Letha Amerson will spend Christmas with homefolks in Winfield.

Miss Myrtle Cody will spend the holidays with relatives in Aubrey.

Miss Lorena Huggins left Wednesday night to visit relatives and friends in Snyder.

Miss Rena Maye Halle will visit homefolks in Gorman during the holidays.

Miss Nelle Hunton will spend Christmas with relatives and friends in Miles.

Miss Bernice Johnson will spend Christmas with homefolks in Comanche.

Miss Lois Carden will visit homefolks in Killeen during the holidays.

Miss Grace Mann will spend the holidays with homefolks in Colorado.

Miss Leleene Rogers will visit homefolks in Stanton during the holidays.

Some of the teachers will spend their holidays in Big Spring.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Nine couples celebrated pre-Christmas nuptials during the past week, up to Tuesday. Those procuring licenses to wed were:

Jim Ringiner and Willie Eggleston

Andrew Paul Hightower and Mrs. Nancy Caroline Gray.

Thomas Harris and Ruth Ingram.

B. L. Reynolds and Nevada Crowley.

Howard Campbell and Sylvia Mae Gaskin.

Jerry Fuller and Mrs. Mandie White.

R. D. Hale and Ira Powell.

Lee Polanco and Juanita Juarez.

John Ambrose Ellis Knight Jr. and Bertha Mae Webb.

Miss Tommie Preston, enroute to her home in Midland from Lamesa, where she is teaching school, visited friends in this city the early part of this week.



The Herald wishes its many readers A Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS TREES TO BE HELD AT THE VARIOUS CHURCHES

Santa Claus with his pack of toys will visit the various churches in the city on Friday evening, and after this, when all of the little children are home and in bed, he will make his annual visit down the chimney at the many homes in Big Spring. The children of the different Sunday schools will be entertained at the churches on Christmas eve, and besides the prettily decorated Christmas trees laden with gifts for each one and nuts, fruit and candy, delightful Christmas programs will be given.

Baptist Christmas Tree

The Christmas tree at the First Baptist Church will be held at 9:30 o'clock Friday morning. Santa will be there and gifts of fruit, nuts and candy will be distributed to all of the guests. Every child of the Sunday school is urged to be present. An interesting Christmas program has been arranged, and will be given at the time the Christmas tree entertainment is held. A cordial welcome awaits all.

East Third Street Church

Something different in the form of a Christmas program will be given at the East Third street church on Thursday evening, Dec. 23, at eight o'clock. Instead of having a Christmas tree, where all would bring gifts, each member has been requested to come and bring at least \$1 in money. This offering will be sent to the orphan children at Buckners Orphans home in Dallas. The ideal being taught the children and young folks at this church is one of thrift, too, they have been taught that birthday gifts are to be given the birthday honoree. At this season we are observing Christ's birthday, and the gifts are to go to Him. The way that he will receive them is for us to give to his children in need. This offering will be presented to the orphan children on Christmas morning. Every member is urged to bring \$1, if possible, but bring a money offering and attend this program. Christmas music and songs will be rendered.

Episcopal Church

The Christmas tree and party for the members of the Episcopal congregation will be held in the Parish House on Friday evening at 7:30. A delightful Christmas program will be given, and gifts for the Sunday school children will be distributed. All are invited to be present.

Presbyterian Church

A Christmas tree and program will be held in the Presbyterian Church Friday evening at 7:15. All of the members are invited to be present. An interesting Christmas program will be given.

Church of God

A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend the Christmas program and Christmas tree that will be given at the Church of God Friday evening at 7:30. Several Christmas plays have been carefully worked

up, and will be presented at the entertainment. These are sure to be of interest to all Christians. The Christmas tree and distribution of gifts will take place following the program. Everybody come.

Christian Church

The members of the Senior and Junior Christian Endeavor will present the Christmas program that will be given at the First Christian Church on Friday evening at eight o'clock. A beautifully decorated Christmas tree will be laden with gifts, which will be distributed after the program. Everyone is invited to attend.

Church of Christ

7:00 is the hour set for the beginning of the Christmas tree and Christmas program that is to be given at the Church of Christ Tabernacle on Friday evening. A big Christmas tree will be there, and all of the members are urged to bring their gifts and place them on the trees for Santa Claus to distribute. Fruit, candy and nuts aplenty will be there for all attending. Come, Friday evening at 7:45 at the tabernacle.

The following program will be given:

Introductory—Shelby J. Smith
Quartet—Selected.
Reading—Mary Dallas Collins.
Playlet—A Christmas Carol Come to Life—By primary classes of Mrs. Ryan and Mrs. Stovall.
Reading—Dorothy Campbell.

Methodist Church

The Christmas program and Christmas tree at the Methodist Church will be held in the basement Friday evening at 7:30. A jolly good time is being planned for all, and a cordial invitation is extended to all to attend. Especially are the Sunday school children urged to be present.

INFORMATION BUREAU

The Chamber of Commerce has taken in hand the service of providing rooms for those who seek accommodations and who cannot be accommodated by the hotels left operating since the destruction by fire of the Cole Hotel.

All persons who can take in rooms, for single nights or for longer stays, will please list such rooms with the Chamber of Commerce.

Also, every citizen should make it a duty to give information to our guests wherever required and they are asked to direct inquiries to the Chamber of Commerce, for room or any other information desired.

C. T. WATSON, Secretary
Chamber of Commerce
Big Spring.

A. H. Tandy and daughter, Mrs. Lucian Morrison of Tulsa, Okla., enroute to San Antonio, were the guests of Miss Gertrude McIntyre on Monday.

Herald want ads get results.

TEACHERS IN COLORADO ATTENDING INSTITUTE

Teachers of the Big Spring schools and several county schools in Howard County spent Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week in Colorado, attending institute. Five counties were represented in the institute: Scurry, Mitchell, Nolan, Borden and Howard.

Interesting talks and discussions were given on the program each day that proved instructional and helpful to those attending. The sessions were conducted in the new Colorado high school, recently completed, and dedicated on Wednesday, Dec. 15. Prominent educators in the state were principal speakers on the program each day, prominent among these were: Dr. J. D. Sandifer, president of Simmons University, of Abilene; Dr. H. W. Morelock, president of Sul Ross College, Alpine, and conductor of the institute; Dr. J. P. Jarrett of the West Texas State Teachers College at Canyon, and others.

Students from the Big Spring high school were in charge of the opening exercises on Wednesday morning, at which time they gave Booth Tarkington's play, "The Trysting Place." This proved to be a thoroughly delightful presentation.

The dramatic personae, as the play-writers call their characters in a play, were as follows:

Mr. Briggs, the boy, Glenn Silvis.
Mrs. Curtis, the young widow, Louise Rogers.

Roland Smith, the "Man," Byron Bray.

Mrs. Briggs, the mother, Helen Ryan.

Mr. Ingolby, a bachelor, Theo Ferguson.

Vivian Strong, the young lady, Lucille Rogers.

The Mysterious Voice—?

Those attending the institute from the Big Spring schools were: Supt. Bittle, T. F. Huggins, Dewey L. Barnes, Shelby Smith, Vesta Mosteller, Rena Maye Halle, D. W. Stallworth, Mary Tenney, Letha Amerson, Myrtle Cody, Lorena Huggins, J. M. Sparks, Mrs. Fred Keating, Mrs. Della K. Agnell, Misses Eleanor Antley, Zou Hardy, Nellie Hunton, Bernice Johnson, Mattie Ramsey, Mrs. Johnston Throop, Mrs. Fred Hopkins, Misses Lois Carden, Ruth Miller, Lelyne Rogers, Grace Mann, Winnie Faye Fleeman, Valilia and Wanda True, Lillie Mae Hayden, George Gentry, Clara Cox, Clara Pool, Candice Reid, Mrs. J. L. Thomas, and others.

HOWARD COUNTY'S QUOTA REACHED IN SEAL SALE

According to information received from Mrs. D. L. Barnes, Howard County chairman of the Christmas Seal Sale, Howard County's quota in the sale has been reached and we are over the top. Due to the inability of the chairman to collect all unsold seals, and to get the reports from her assistants, she will be unable to furnish us with a final report of the sale until next week.

According to an announcement in The Herald last week, the report was to have appeared in this issue, but it can not be completed by the time we go to press, hence it will be held over until next week. At this time a detailed account of the sale will be given, including the honor roll of the various schools, giving the names of students who sold over \$1. of seals, and also reports of the various districts.

\$300 is Howard County's quota, and we have that much and something over. Read the report in next week's paper.

ELKS CHRISTMAS TREE PROGRAM CANCELLED

Announcement that there will be no Elks Christmas entertainment for the kiddies this year will cause disappointment no doubt, but it was deemed best to give out this information in The Herald at this time, so none should be disappointed on Christmas morning.

Circumstances over which the Exalted Ruler and members of the committee in charge of the Christmas entertainment, have no control make it impossible to observe the annual custom of their entertaining the children with a party on Christmas morning.

Please take note and pass this information along to anyone who may be planning to attend the Christmas morning entertainment heretofore sponsored by the Big Spring Lodge B. P. O. E. No. 1386.

W. Carroll Barnett, Exalted Ruler

"ABIE'S IRISH ROSE" PLEASING ENTERTAINMENT

The clean, wholesome comedy "Abie's Irish Rose," which was given at the R and R Lyric theater Monday evening was pleasing to the crowd who filled the auditorium to see this play success of Miss Anne Nichols. The play has an irresistible appeal to all classes, especially to those who love comedy, and it was one hilarious complication after another. Laugh upon laugh followed in succession as the brilliant dialogue between the characters progressed.

Racial and religious differences is the material used in the play, which deals with the marriage between a Jewish youth, Abie Levy, son of an intensely orthodox Hebrew, to the daughter, Rosemary Murphy, of a typical Irish Catholic. This couple was married three times in rapid succession in an effort to appease their raging fathers. The ceremonies were performed by a Methodist minister, a Jewish Rabbi, and a priest. The fathers, however, refused to accept conditions as they developed, and the children were disowned. At the end of the play, everyone became reconciled, due to the efforts of the priest and rabbi, and the twin babies of Abie and Rosemary.

Each was a distinct character, and the players were well selected for their parts. The play was fine, polished, and intensely interesting.

BARONESS DE HUECK GIVES RECITAL ON RUSSIAN LIFE

In a most impressive and vivid recital, the Baroness de Hueck, lecturer, author, and linguist, gave sketches of Russian life, personal reminiscences and the tragedy of Russia, Monday evening in the district court room of the courthouse. This was the third number of the Lyceum course, being brought to this city by the Parent-Teacher Associations of the city schools.

The Baroness is a beautiful Russian noblewoman, charming in appearance and gracious in manner, and she won the hearts of those who heard her. Her intimate acquaintance with the social and political life of her nation; her service as a war nurse and interpreter during the war have combined to give her wealth of experience, and makes her entertainment extremely interesting. Her appearance in native costume, to conduct the question box at the end of her talk was most impressive and regal.

The fourth number of the Lyceum will appear early in January. It will be the Anne Varner Baker Co., entertainers.

CENTRAL WARD P. T. A. MET LAST THURSDAY

A delightful program consisting of readings and music was given at the last regular meeting of the Central Ward P. T. A., which was held at the central ward school, last Thursday afternoon.

Readings were given by Misses Frances Stamper, Margaret Wade, and J. C. Douglass, Jr., Miss Ruth Mellinger gave a piano solo, which was very much enjoyed. Because of the holiday rush the meeting was a short one, and no new business matters were discussed. The new playground equipment which was purchased by the members of the P. T. A. and which has been installed on the playground at central was inspected and everyone was pleased with the new equipment.

Mrs. Agnell, delegate from Central school to the Texas Congress of Mothers at Fort Worth, will give her report at the regular meeting of the P. T. A. in January.

RURAL SCHOLASTICS MUST PAY TUITION

Austin. — Scholastics from rural districts cannot be transferred to city schools without paying tuition after the state apportionment has been exhausted, the supreme court held Wednesday.

The question was answered in a certified question in the case of Don Slocum, et al, vs. Cameron independent school district, from Milam County.

Slocum contended that scholastics could be transferred from rural districts to the city district without paying tuition. The court held that it would not. The independent district to educate non-residents, and non-tax payers.

G. E. McNew will spend Christmas with his wife and daughter, Mildred Frances, in Fort Worth.

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BY T. E. JORDAN

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm, or corporation, which may appear in the columns of this paper, will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to attention of the editor.

HOTEL FOR THE ASKING

Big Spring might well consider that the hotel proposition coming from J. M. Radford is a Christmas present. If the citizens had been invited to write "Santa Claus Letters" and asking for something for the city as a whole practically one hundred per cent of such missives would have had heading the list of desired things: "Please put a nice hotel in Big Spring's stocking."

Now that Mr. Radford has assumed the role of Santa Claus and has made a proposition so much more liberal than any heretofore materializing or even suggested, it is to be wondered if there is to be dissatisfaction, objections, criticisms, anarliniks and pulling apart over the gift, like sometimes occurs in families of children who are jealous or just simply contrary in their squabbling over what the other fellow got for his Christmas.

Review of the realizations that Big Spring's first need is adequate hotel facilities and citing of efforts to get same, would be to go back for more than the year 1925. The Chamber of Commerce has realized the situation and other organizations, individual citizens and friends of the city from elsewhere have repeatedly voiced the need and have sought ways to answer the cry.

What Big Spring has already lost in the scores of traveling men, tourists, all men and others going to other places for hotel accommodations and what has been missed especially in actually "driving" the offices of oil operating companies to rival towns may not be set down in definite figures but everybody knows that Big Spring, pronounced by practically all who know, to be the best town in this section of the state, has been content to sit and suck a rather grimy thumb while cities all about have been building up and have been getting the permissoms.

There is not a doubt but that Big Spring could easily meet the modest requirements of the Radford offer. A bonus of \$25,000 for a \$150,000 hotel, not including the lot, is a pick-up. As choice of methods of cooperating Mr. Radford proposes to the Big Spring committee to build the hotel on basis of Big Spring giving bonus of one-sixth of the cost of same, \$25,000 for a \$150,000 structure or in same proportion for something more elaborate; the other method left to choice of the people here was that he would build the hotel with Big Spring taking a moderate share of stock in same, or that if Big Spring preferred to do the building he would subscribe liberally for the stock.

It may be expected that the call to take up the bonus proposition will bring forth some objections to a "Bonus," such objections coming as "business judgement from some and as "excuse" from others who would like to see the hotel come but at somebody else's expense.

Making assertions is easy enough and the opinions The Herald expresses may not be worth much, but The Herald is willing to go on record as asserting that the mere fact of Big Spring arranging for a modern hotel would immediately be worth much more than \$25,000 to the city's business interests, in profits enjoyed from actual dollars to be spent here long before such a building could be erected. This estimate does not cover all the ground—it does not take into account the general "pep" results of the city getting a move upon itself, nor does it include that the citizens already here would do some building or buy and sell property among themselves. It means that enough NEW people would be attracted here, with establishment of operating headquarters for industries which desire to come and would come if there were room for them to comfortably live with families or in quarters where ordinary facilities exist for handling of business.

The bonus proposition may be expected to strike some snags and with that happily overridden by those who appreciate the chance to get their long-desired hotel for a small outlay, there may be expected also a second obstacle which has already reared its head. That next cold-water dousing is that the location of

the hotel would not be exactly the best. What the best location would be, with the whole town to choose from, no half dozen men urging objections, could agree upon. A location close to the railroad and bus depots might not be selected by the Baker hotel syndicate with a million or two investment in contemplation, and town already well provided with hotels of ordinary excellences, but in the stage in which Big Spring today exists, a hotel near a depot is just what probably ninety per cent of small, medium sized and even city sized communities have. The noise from railroad trains is not going to bother the man who is called upon to subscribe to the bonus. He lives at home and as far distant from the choo-choo disturbances as he may elect. The people who patronize hotels and occupy the rooms are not going to complain at the proximity to the depot—they are used to night noises. Again, a hotel close to passenger depots is not a bad thing; it is considered a choice location during the growing period of a town. When big cityhood is attained and more hotels are needed, then there is getting farther back into sections more central to business districts. Big Spring is going to be some time in building out to her surrounding hills with her business houses and meantime the depot hotel, within a couple of blocks of the business center of the town, is not going to be a serious objection.

It is up to Big Spring to get together and to welcome the Radford proposition in one of its forms. It is hardly to be expected, however, that the city could do its own hotel building with stock locally subscribed and with Mr. Radford's and other outsiders' help in stock subscriptions.

Big Spring is now to say whether or not she wants a hotel. If she turns down this opportunity it is a published declaration to the world that a hotel is not wanted.

Let's not kill this bird with minor objections.

(Since the above was written the Cole Hotel, the city's leading hostelry, was destroyed by fire. What effect this will have on the new hotel situation cannot be determined until there can be consideration given. The Chamber of Commerce is taking the lead in adoption of a plan of action.)

Social life is said to be due for restoration at the State Capital, with the occupancy of the governor's mansion by Dan and Mrs. Dan. Austin society folks and climbers from all over the state will hail this revival of ancient customs with pleasure. "Old Pat Neff" when he was governor cut out the inaugural ball and general frivolities and Ma and Jim are not built that way, the way of pink teas and dress or undress receptions. The Moody administration will start off with about as unanimous support as any new governor ever attracted. And now, if Dan will only live up to his high ideals so far as governing his words and acts and if Mrs. Dan will not imagine that she is a bigger somebody than the queen who recently toured our country. As to pleasing everybody and every organized or unorganized proponent of some particular reform or uplift prescription, Dan and Mrs. Dan are due to disappointment if they think they can perform that miracle. It may be noted that tickets to the inaugural ball are not being distributed to country editors with the same lavishness that is customary with tent show advance agents.

Fall and Doheny, declared not guilty of conspiring to defraud the government in the celebrated Teapot Dome oil steal had good occasion to remark, immediately after the verdict was rendered, that the jury system is all right. The prosecution proved about all that could be required to convict of defrauding up into the multiplied millions of values and when the subject was fresh in newspaper reporting of investigations there was not a doubt but that prompt convictions would follow trials of the high-up politician and the multi-millionaire. Yes, the jury system is a splendid institution, for men like Fall and Doheny.

Christmas trees grow wild about here. Give the kiddies a tree, if only a little one. A Christmas tree for the youngsters is a something to be ever remembered as among the happiest experiences in child life. A tree, such presents on same as are brought by Santa Claus and a little joining in with the morning rejoicings, will go a long way toward making the home appreciation and the after-years memories of home worth more than any minor financial saving or labor saving that might be urged as reason for "Not having much Christmas this year."

Herald want ads get results.

GOOD AS A RAILROAD

Secretary Watson, of the Chamber of Commerce, has started a propaganda educational work with view to completion of the Puget Sound & Gulf highway which intersects the Bankhead highway at Big Spring and which is, even in its lack of completion, a highly valuable asset of this city and section. Mr. Watson's proposition is that the counties through which this highway passes all join in and form a district which would untiedly vote for a bond issue sufficient to complete the highway in its present gaps. The idea would be for all the counties to vote on the same subject on the same day and that the campaign of education be conducted in all sections at the same time. The completion of the road in a manner to be agreed upon, would give a direct routing across the plains country into San Antonio and from there to Corpus Christi. The line is straight from the Plains, through Big Spring, Sterling City, San Angelo and San Antonio, clear to Corpus Christi.

Commenting on the proposition in recent meeting of the directorate of the Chamber of Commerce President Reagan expressed opinion that a highway such as this and completed through, would be worth as much to Big Spring as would a trunk line new railroad.

The proposition is not one to be immediately seized upon and carried into execution, but there must be a start made to any undertaking and by pressing the subject upon other chambers of commerce, by arousing the citizenship to talk and advocate it on all occasions, the idea will take root and in due time there would be meetings of representatives of the counties affected and plans of operation worked out in detail, for submission to the people.

Howard County has her part of this highway in good condition but there are gaps in other counties, particularly a southern continuation which must be filled in with hard surfacing. The north and south highway would probably be worth as much, or more, to Big Spring than is the Bankhead east and west road which is literally full of vehicles all the time, California bound, and their occupants people from long distances north and east with full pocket books and good spenders as they pause in the important towns. In local usage for passengers and for freight the highways rival if not surpass the big railroads in traffic. Certainly so as to passenger travel which takes to busses in regular scheduled service in every direction.

The Puget Sound proposition is one to keep in soak and later it can be brought out and made an alive issue. Meantime it is a good propaganda subject for Big Spring boosters.

THAT AUSTIN GIRL

Robbery with firearms is a capital offense in Texas, and incendiarism is a penal offense. Secret marrying is not a statutory crime but it is, under most conditions, an offense against society as constituted. Brazen facing out of misdeeds by one who ought to be a modest, virtuous and lovable young girl is another count in the indictments which have followed the robbery of a bank by a girl of nineteen, holding a good position in the coming governor's office, a student for a degree in the State university and a girl under the love and protection of relatives and friends.

There is evident disposition in some quarters to laugh off the escapades as big jokes and the girl herself tried to direct the public mind along that channel. Her sex is also bringing supporters and law mangers to her support in evasion of punishment for her admitted crime and her suspected other misdeeds.

Insanity will most probably be the court plea when determined officials refuse to be jollied into turning her loose because she is a female and attractive. With that plea and the arguments of the influences of moving picture robbery scenes and heroisms there will most probably be a final "not guilty" verdict. And, judged from standpoints of normality, that girl is crazy, however she may be mentally and morally conscious of the unlawfulness of her deeds. It looks like a clearance with a vaudeville or other big paying engagement when it is all over, or before.

Some fresh pork is reaching town and there are tastes of the old favorites, back bones and spare ribs, for those who are lucky enough to flag to pork wagons.

Big Spring is the place to find just what will suit the purse and the fancy, as Christmas gifts.

Two whole weeks of vacation for the school kids and Christmas to boot. Who would not be a kid again?



- cigars
- cigarettes
- tobacco
- pipes
- vases
- bill fold
- card cases
- toilet set
- brush set

Give "Her" a Box of Our Chocolates

Say it with a gift of Candy! Every sweet-heart has a sweet tooth—and your generosity will be particularly appreciated when you give King's Candies. In special holiday assortments, made of only wholesome ingredients that have earned our reputation for candy.

Special Christmas Box

Order Now for Christmas Delivery

We serve those delicious Butterkist sandwiches; real Mexican Chili; Hot Chocolate; Percolated Coffee.

Chocolate Shoppe

ONLY THE BEST

GOOD REVENUE FROM TURKEYS

A turkey hen that can produce more than one hundred and fifty dollars in twelve months is a valuable bird. Twelve fowls have such records of production for 1926 in Dawson County. Early last spring Mrs. F. M. Weaver of Lamesa and Fort Worth decided she wanted to have some kind of a hobby, she says. She bought twelve turkey hens and a gobbler of the celebrated Bird Bros. stock of bronze turkeys. These birds were taken to the Weaver ranch house a short distance northwest of Lamesa and were given careful attention. Although Mrs. Weaver was away from the ranch quite a bit during this year the turkeys were well cared for.

From this small beginning, less than a year ago, over eighteen hundred dollars worth of turkeys and turkey eggs have been sold, according to Mrs. Weaver, and she is retaining a dozen hens for next year. —Dawson County Journal (Lamesa).

HEE-HAW

A well known political leader in the middle west completed a full course of study in veterinary surgery, but never practiced. He branched out into politics. During a campaign his political enemies referred to him with mingled sarcasm and scorn as "the Vet," and one day at a heated debate one of them asked, "Are you really a veterinary surgeon?" "Why do you ask?" queried the quick-witted politician. "Are you ill?"—Ex.

All of Big Spring and the countryside deeply sympathize with J. C. Douglass and family in their loss, by fire, in the burning of the Cole Hotel Friday night. It is the general hope that Mr. Douglass will find way to resume his business and in even more satisfactory ways than were possible with the old building and equipment. He has given Big Spring's good service, as hotel keeper and as citizen.

Frank Norris is to have a whole house full of reporters at his trial, due to open in Austin January 19. Fifty-five reservations for representatives of newspapers have already been made last week and more will probably follow. Frank may not like that arrangement. He would prefer to tell it himself. They are leaving him only the job of picking the bones of sensationalism.

BARGAINS IN USED CARS

Perhaps you are not ready to buy a new car just yet, but why not trade in your present car for one just a little newer than yours. Look at these—

Chevrolet Touring Car—1926 model, five good balloon tires, excellent upholstery, new paint job, good top, excellent mechanical condition. In fact, a good serviceable car.

Chevrolet Coupe—1926 model, new paint, good upholstery, five good balloon tires, in good mechanical condition.

Many other models of good value. We invite you to come and see them.

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Do Part of Your Christmas Shopping With

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BIG SPRING, TEXAS



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A fireproof, 7,500 square feet floor space, located on R. R. track and the safest, best protected place in Big Spring for

STORAGE

of merchandise, household goods or other property. Blanket Fire Insurance on all contents. Store your idle goods and have ease of mind.

GENERAL FEED STORE

In connection with the Storage Business we operate a feed store. All kinds of Stock and Poultry Feeds in any quantity.

TRANSFER SERVICE

Call us for hauling. We haul everything and also operate baggage wagons. Your trunks or other baggage put in depot ON TIME.

JOE B. NEEL

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 BIG SPRING, TEXAS

LISTEN

The making of a home is the most blissful period of happiness in the life of man or woman. To begin house-keeping, is to begin living. Home is about the sweetest word in any language. No room for argument on this point.

BUILD YOU A HOME

ROCKWELL BROS. & CO.
 PHONE 57
 "The Home of Good Lumber"

**E. H. JOSEY
 BUILDER**

of
"BETTER HOMES"
 Alterations and Repairs PHONE 50

CAUBLE STEERS TO FORT WORTH SEASON'S MARKET

Under big headlines on front page position the Live Stock Reporter of Fort Worth publishes in the last issue report of the marketing of baby beef by I. B. Cauble of Howard County. These steers were shipped out from Big Spring December 12. They did not weigh as much as he had expected and would have weighed if kept on feed a while longer but that they were fine, top cattle is evidenced by the report given in the stock yard publication, which was as follows:

"No West Texas farmer need worry about the low price of cotton if he will pursue an intelligent course of crop rotation and add some pure bred live stock to his scheme of operations according to I. B. Cauble of Elbow Valley. 'The best part of all Western Texas' he calls it. Mr. Cauble's 3,000 acre farm and ranch lies 9 miles southwest of Big Spring in Howard County and there he raises row crops and pure bred Anxiety 4th cattle. In addition to his own holdings, Mr. Cauble leases additional land always to give him a reserve against any possible drouth and grass shortage.

"Evidence of the success of the Cauble plan of stock farming which he advocates as the solution of farmer ills in Texas came to light this week when he brought to the Fort Worth market 41 head of 1925 calves averaging 20 months of age. Though it was his hope to sell the yearlings to some feeder buyers they were taken by the packers at \$9 a hundred pounds and weighed 900 pounds to gross even \$81, and to top the year's market for that character of stuff. The yearlings had been on full feed only about a month and a half and it was his original intention to feed them on through and bring them to the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show for exhibit next March.

"My breeding herd always must come first," Mr. Cauble said, "and I could not give proper attention to my heifer yearlings, heifer calves and cows and see to the feeding of these steers. So I altered my plans and brought them to market but I hoped they would go to the feed pens somewhere and come back as prime beef next spring.

"I wanted to prove my contention that the farmer can make a profit raising pure bred beef animals so I castrated all of my bull calf crop in 1925. I left them with the cows until late and began giving them a ration of about two pounds of pea size cotton seed cake on January 1. I put them on a full feeding ration of ground milo maize, cotton seed meal, cotton seed hulls and sorghum roughage on March 27. I couldn't see my way clear to follow the experiment on through but I have proved the contention to my own satisfaction anyway. These steers grossed \$81 and their feed bill was a little less than \$20. The early ration of pea sized cake was more costly than the balanced ration for a month and a half.

"This year I had no thought of sacrificing such valuable blood lines for it is my chief business to raise pure bred bulls to sell. My 50 bull calves were sold this year, some of them before they were born at a fancy price to W. P. Edwards, ranchman and president of the West Texas National Bank at Big Spring, who is my neighbor. I delivered them on November 1.

"I would have liked very much to continue feeding the steers for we had much of the feed grown at home and the rest was to be had at a reasonable price but my time was so taken up with my other cattle that I could not go into the feed lots twice a day. My farm manager who has been on the job for thirteen years is about to begin planning his 1927 crop and my son of high school age is going nine miles to Big Spring to school.

"We are continually rotating our row crops so as to always provide plenty of feed; raise some cotton and preserve the fertility of the soil. That kind of farming and a few pure bred cattle, whether they be beef cattle or dairy cattle, will keep the wolf away from any good farmer's door."

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Burman are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Parks and other relatives and friends in this city.

VISIT THE DOLL HOSPITAL!
 and see them make that broken dolly as good as new. Folks from all parts of the country are interested. Let the little folks visit us. If you have a doll that is broken send it to the Big Spring Doll Hospital.
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 105 Scurry Street
 Phone 649
 Agents for Fan-Lee Dolls
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The State National Bank

Big Spring, Texas

Statement of Condition as Reported to the Comptroller of the Currency at the Close of Business June 30, 1926

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts.....	\$591,434.45	Capital	\$ 50,000.00
Overdrafts	NONE	Surplus Earned.....	50,000.00
U. S. Bonds.....	50,000.00	Undivided Profits.....	28,160.03
5 per cent Redemption Fund....	2,500.00	Circulation	50,000.00
Banking House and Fixtures....	30,000.00	Dividend, June 30, 1926.....	5,000.00
Federal Reserve Bank Stock....	3,000.00	Borrowed Money.....	NONE
Cotton Acceptances, 341 bales...	16,107.30	Due to Banks.....	NONE
CASH	183,874.60	DEPOSITS	693,556.32
	\$876,716.35		\$876,716.35

Deposit Your Money Where You Can Get Accommodations When You Need Them. We are Prepared at All Times to Grant Our Customers Accommodations

The confidence of the people in any Bank is shown by their patronage and said confidence is shown in our Bank as we have the largest number of depositors and customers, also largest amount of individual deposits of any Bank in Howard County.

For Safety and Service Do Your Banking Business With Us

We Pay 4 Per Cent Interest on Time Deposits

WHEN A FRIEND IS A FRIEND

"It's no use, you can't trust anybody. Men whom I've thought to be my very best friends have double-crossed me. Friends...bah! They hand you hell, take all you've got and then ditch you."—all this from one holding an important political position.

Men who take this view of friendship never were friends themselves, so they were never able to have a real friend. Poor lonely outcasts of society—and there are many human fish of this type.

I know it is generally believed that wealth brings friends and poverty stamps the friendless, this is too often true, but on the other hand, as Mr. Grapenuts says: "There is a reason." Many a rich man goes to his grave in the darkness of petrified emotions and many a poor man has the midnight sun of warm friends all about him. Among individuals who carefully respect and cordially appreciate each other—they subconsciously give about as much as they receive. Only fools expect something for nothing.

From the hey-days of mental splendor during the time of ancient Greek philosophers to the red passions of our best sellers, the charm of personal friendship has been glorified in every language. But what is it that makes a friend a friend? To my mind it is a systematic mutual understanding. Without this no friendship is possible.

And so with the double-crosser, who can't trust anybody. He not only does not understand men but he does not understand himself. What manner of man is it who, has friends that always ditch him? Surely there is something wrong with the mental make-up of such a man. His spirit is "4-plus," his eyes are short of focus and his heart is somewhere below zero's. lowest.—Leavenworth New Era.

A BENEFACTOR IN DISGUISE?

Larkson: "I'm going up to the jail. I want to talk with the bandit who took my car."

Parkson: "What's the use?"

Larkson: "Maybe he'll tell me how he got fifty miles an hour out of her."—Life.

Mrs. Nat Shick and daughter, Lillian were visitors in Colorado the latter part of last week.

THE REAL MAN

A real man never talks about what the world owes him, the happiness he deserves, and the chances he ought by right to have, and all that.

A real man is just as honest in the dark in his own room as he is in public.

A real man does not want pulls and favors. He wants work and honest wages.

A real man does not want something for nothing so the get-rich-quick people can not use him.

A real man does a little more than he promises.

A real man is loyal to his friends and guards their reputations as his own.

A real man can not harm a woman, physically or morally. He sticks to his wife. He can be loyal even if love is impossible.

A real man minds his own business. He does not judge other persons beyond sure knowledge—not presuming to "search hearts."

A real man has excuses for others, never for himself. He is patient and charitable to others; to himself he is strict.

A real man does not hunt danger, but never dodges it when he ought to meet it.

A real man is glad to live and not afraid to die.—The Riverside.

"SPOILING THE RECORD"

A crowd of visitors, who had just finished a sight seeing trip through the Leavenworth Penitentiary, were waiting to be counted out at the gate, when a convict came running up to them with a pocketbook. "Hey," he panted, "did any o' youse drop dis poke?" "Oh, thank you!" exclaimed one of the ladies in the party, her face beaming with pleasure. "That's mine!" "Well," replied the prisoner, handing her the purse, "I wish youse'd be a little more carefull. Things like this give de joint a bad name."—Selected by 25319.

SOME SALE

"I'll sell you the Brooklyn Bridge or five," said the sleek looking man. "Now, I'd rather have the Woolworth Bulldin'. How much is that?" "You can have that for ten." "Alright, I'll take it" said the hick, as the clerk took the postcard off the rack and put the dime in the drawer.—Ex.

How Doctors Treat Colds and the Flu

To break up a cold overnight or to cut short an attack of grippe, influenza, sore throat or tonsillitis, physicians and druggists are now recommending Calotabs, the purified and refined calomel compound tablet that gives you the effects of calomel and salts combined, without the unpleasant effects of either.

One or two Calotabs at bed-time with a swallow of water,—that's all. No salts, no nausea nor the slightest interference with your eating, work or pleasure. Next morning your cold has vanished, your system is thoroughly purified and you are feeling fine with a hearty appetite for breakfast. Eat what you please,—no danger.

Get a family package, containing full directions, only 35 cents. At any drug store. (adv)

HERE TO SPEND CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS WITH HOMEFOLKS

Fort Worth, Dec. 18.—Frances Sullivan and Elzie Jeanette Barnett, freshmen in Texas Woman's College, Fort Worth, are spending the Christmas holidays at home.

Miss Sullivan has distinguished herself by making the highest average in grades of the entire student body for the first half semester. Her average was ninety-four. She was also elected as duchess from the freshman class for the Y.W.C.A. carnival coronation, an annual event. In addition she is one of the six members of the freshmen class pep squad, and a member of the Korosophian Literary Society.

Miss Barnett was also on the honor roll for the first half semester, having made an average of B or above. She is one of the six freshmen pep squad and a member of the Korosophian Literary Society.

Misses Sullivan and Barnett were prominent in Big Spring High School activities. They were members of the pep squad, assistant teachers and librarians; Miss Barnett was literary editor of "El Rodeo," the school annual, and a member of the orchestra. Miss Sullivan was the debating team, and a member of the student council.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Ingram and daughter arrived the latter part of last week from Mexia to spend the Christmas holidays in this city with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Davidson and other relatives.

With Kindest Thoughts
and all Good Wishes
for Christmas and the
New Year

For your good-will and patronage the past year, we wish you the joys of the Christmas season.

We enter the New Year with a determination to excel our past efforts to please you, whose friendly business has helped to make ours successful.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Music Saturday and Sunday noon and night by the Blue Melody Boys' 6-piece orchestra.

The Bankhead Restaurant

Dance-Dance Dance!!

in
BIG SPRING, TEXAS

Tuesday Evening, December 28th
Hall Over J. & W. Fisher Store

music by
**A. and M.
CAMPUS SERENADERS**

Radio Artists Broadcasting From
Station W. T. A. W. Sponsored
by Howard County A. & M. Club

9:00 P. M. Price \$2

Mrs. Arthur Woodall and little daughter returned last Saturday from a two months visit with relatives and friends in Marshall.

Place your order for Christmas pies, cakes and fruit cakes with us. Home Bakery. Phone 142.

Rev. R. L. Owen spent Sunday in Coahoma, where he delivered two Christmas sermons at the Presbyterian church of that city.

Fruit Cakes and all kinds of pies for Christmas. Home Bakery. Phone 142.—advertisement.

Santa Claus' Sugar Plums

Mary Graham
Donner

IT HAD always been such a nice, deceptive way in which to speak of specially delicious and delectable sweets—sugar plums.

Her grandmother had called candied and candied fruits and luscious bonbons "sugar plums." And she had always, because she liked candied fruits so particularly, called them "sugar plums."

It had been seventeen years since Rose had first remembered hearing of "sugar plums." She had been three then, and her grandmother had said



Rose Had Been Very Busy Getting Ready for Christmas.

In the wise, wise way that grandmother always had of knowing what was what, "Yes, only Santa Claus knows how to get the choicest of sugar plums."

Rose was very busy getting ready for Christmas. It was a busy time in the family. There were mince pies to be made and plum puddings, and almonds to salt, and fudge to make, and wreaths to make, and bells to fix, and fresh candles to put in the candle-sticks—red candles at this time of the year.

It was a time for general cheer, and from Rose's family a great share of this cheer went forth.

It was not that they were wealthy. They were, in fact, the opposite.

But it was their great satisfaction that by hard work and great energy of spirit they could do a great deal in a small way for every one with whom they came in contact at this season of the year.

Every present, no matter how simple, was prettily wrapped. There was no condescension in their giving. To them it was a big part of their Christmas delight that they knew so many people with whom they could share their Christmas sacrifices and the result of the late hours they kept for weeks before Christmas in their innumerable small preparations. Saving was always such fun throughout the early autumn. Of what fun was saving if it were all to be forever hidden?

There were two presents awaiting Christmas morning for Rose to unwrap. They were for her and she had taken them in when they had arrived, but she had not opened them.

She was curious about these presents. She knew they would be quite simple, but one was from Billy and one was from Joe, and both Billy and Joe had lately been running a race, as it were, for Rose's acceptance of engagements, for her favors.

She liked Billy much better than she did Joe. She knew that Billy liked her. She knew that Joe liked her, too. She felt that Joe would always make her very comfortable, would always be very kind, very dutiful, and that she would always have to be dutiful, too.

Of course, that was all right. But she felt that with Billy she would want to make him so very happy, and with Joe, that it would be so much more of a duty.

Yet Joe was more reliable, he was less irresponsible, less spontaneous, and so much more exact. But Billy was such a dear!

She could label all Joe's good points. Billy's were less tangible, but they were there, all right, even if she couldn't name them.

She helped her mother with the last Christmas Eve touches, covered the fire over with ashes, put out the lights and finally went to bed.

The next morning she opened Joe's present first. Somehow she wanted to keep Billy's to the last, the way she had done with things when she was a child.

There was a little note with Joe's present, telling her what she knew he had been wanting to tell her for a long time—how much he thought of her, what a good wife he knew she would be—that, he said, he was confident. And he hoped she would be of the same opinion about him. He would make her, he was quite sure, a good husband.

Then there was a word about the present. He had not known what to give her this year; he knew she had all of those things which, as their positions now were, were the only things he could give her, but his mother had suggested a very complete sewing-box.

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FOR WEAR AND TEAR FOR THAT HUNTING TRIP FOR CAMPING PURPOSE FOR PLEASURE

Our Used Cars Look Like New

Most of our used cars are re-conditioned and painted and will give as good service Dollar for Dollar as a new car

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We have reduced the prices on all models, and the price is right, ranges from

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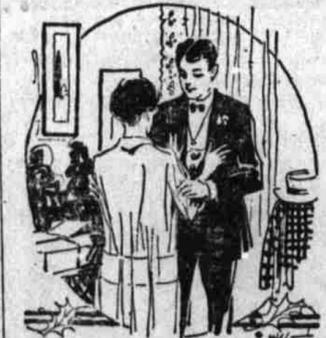
Corner Main and Fourth Streets

Big Spring, Texas

There was no note with Billy's present. Just a card upon which he had written:

"I think you like these 'sugar plum' things. Merry Christmas." It was a wholly unreasonably large box of candied fruit.

Later Billy himself came around. What a dear he was! Oh, yes, Billy



"Crazy Present I Gave You," Billy Was Saying.

was a dear. And they had mistletoe, too, and Billy was grabbing her and was saying:

"Crazy present I gave you, but I know you like sugar plums; and, anyway, I had in mind a diamond ring, but just thought I'd speak to you about it first."

Billy had his own ideas. "Sugar plums." Joe had consulted his mother and there had been a sewing box. Oh, she couldn't tell just why, perhaps, but she did love Billy and she didn't love Joe. Perhaps it was because Billy was just a dear.

"The 'sugar plums' win," she said, and I'd love the diamond ring."

Billy didn't quite understand the first part of her sentence, but he did the last—and, after all, that was all that was necessary!

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M. W. HARWELL INSTALLED AS JUSTICE PEACE, PRECINCT 1

D. C. Maupin, Justice of the peace of Precinct 1, Howard County, presented his resignation to the commissioners court in meeting of that body on Dec. 15. The resignation was accepted and M. W. Harwell, elected in the November election to succeed to the office, was appointed by the court to fill the unexpired term of Judge Maupin.

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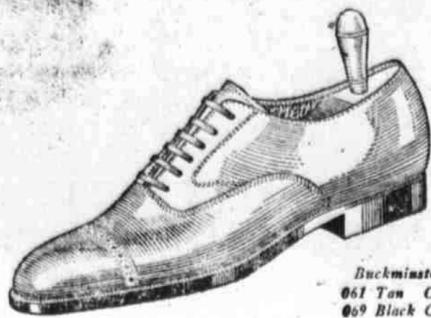
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Sunday School Lesson

(By REV. F. B. FITZWATER, D.D., Dean of Day and Evening Schools, Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.)
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Lesson for December 26

REVIEW

REVIEW—Moses to Samuel.
GOLDEN TEXT—Surely His salvation is nigh them that fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land.
PRIMARY TOPIC—Favorite Stories of the Quarter.
JUNIOR TOPIC—Stories of Israel's Leaders.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Great Men and Women of the Quarter.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Great Teachings of the Quarter.

Three good methods may be used for this review.

I. Assign to the members of the class a week ahead the task of preparing a description of the outstanding events of each lesson. The length of such descriptions will depend upon the number of pupils in the class and time allowed for the lesson.

II. Assign to the pupils the outstanding personalities of the quarter the task of making an analysis of these characters, pointing out the strong and weak points thereof. The principal persons appearing in the quarter's lessons are Moses, Joshua, Caleb, Gideon, Ruth and Samuel. Two pupils may be assigned to report on the same character, the one on the strong points and the other on the weak points.

III. Ask the members of the class to bring a written report on each lesson, giving the principal fact and the leading lesson thereof. The following suggestions are offered:

October 3. Moses sought the help of Hobab in guiding Israel through the wilderness. Though Hobab was a shrewd child of the desert, the Lord God was a better guide than he. Like Moses, we should acknowledge the leadership of the Lord, even though it may mean confession of our own failure.

October 10. Through unbelief spies were sent to Canaan. The majority report was brought by the ten spies. Joshua and Caleb recognized the difficulties equally with the ten, but because they had faith in God, counseled taking possession of the land.

October 17. Because of an act of disobedience Moses was debarred from entering the promised land. Though he had to suffer this loss, the Lord gave him a place in the very front rank of His prophets.

October 24. Upon Moses' retirement and death, Joshua was appointed as a new leader of Israel. Though God's servants die, His work goes on because the Lord has always in readiness capable leaders.

October 31. Six awful woes are pointed out as coming upon those who indulge in wine. The only safe attitude toward the intoxicating cup is not to look at it, not to come into its way; total abstinence is enjoined upon all.

November 7. Jericho, the key to the land of Canaan, fell prostrate through faith in God. Spiritual victories are won upon principles and by means which are utterly foolish in themselves.

November 14. Because of Caleb's sterling character and his loyalty to God, he came into possession of the inheritance which God had chosen for him.

November 21. In Joshua's farewell address he brought to the attention of Israel God's providential dealing with them and appealed to them to renew their covenant with his God. The people entered into a formal covenant at Shechem. In order to clinch this obligation Joshua wrote down their agreement in a book, and as a further help set up a large stone as a witness.

November 28. Gideon's army was reduced to 300. All who were cowardly were permitted to withdraw. Others unfit were likewise permitted to withdraw. A small company trusting God can win the victory over a mighty host.

December 5. Ruth chose to be identified with the people of the Lord. Because of this choice she came into possession of the blessings of the true God and her name has become immortal.

December 12. Because God gave to Hannah a son in answer to her prayer, she gave him up to service in the house of God.

December 19. As Samuel in his old age was retiring from the place of judgment in Israel, he challenged the people as to the integrity of his conduct among them. Everyone in public life should be ambitious to leave an unblemished record at the close of his career.

Our Souls' Craving

Our souls crave a perfect good; we feel the pull thitherward, we own the law that points in that direction.—William M. Salter.

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What we are willing to do for Christ measures our love for Him.—Echoes.

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HARD TIMES AND GOD

A gentleman, whose name is so well advertised that we need not mention it, has predicted that the United States is about to enjoy a hundred years of uninterrupted prosperity.

When that prediction was published, I happened to be with C. W. Barron, who owns the Wall Street Journal and is wise in these affairs.

"Will there be a hundred years of uninterrupted prosperity?" I asked. He shook his head.

"Why not?" I expected him to show me a chart or say something about the "business cycle" or "economic fundamentals," or to use some of the other well worn phrases. But to my relief, he took an entirely different approach.

"There will not be a century of uninterrupted good times because the universe is not arranged on that basis," he said. "What is taking place on this earth is a great experiment in the development of human character. The Creator is not interested in money or markets, but in more enduring men."

"Such men are not developed when everything is easy. They never

come out of countries where the sun shines every day. Trials develop them; problems develop them; suffering develops them. As long as the present Divine plans continue to operate, we shall continue to have enough setbacks to keep the race from growing altogether soft."

Years ago, Roger Babson made a chart on which one way line represented national prosperity and the other way line show church-membership. It was decidedly interesting. When money rolls in too easily and too long, men drift away, not only from their churches but from hard work and simple living; they form extravagant tastes; they take long chances.

Then comes the panic. Their easy wealth evaporates. They clear their lives of rubbish and start in again on the sound basis of economy, worship and work.

Sometime the race may develop to a point where it can stand prosperity all the time, but in our present state hard times have still their needed work to do.

Ignatius, the grand old Bishop of Antioch, on his way to suffer martyrdom in Rome, sent his ringing message to his younger colleague Polycarp, the Bishop of Smyrna:

"Be diligent. Be sober—Stand like a beaten anvil."

It is the men who "stand like a beaten anvil" who have done the big things. But men can't stand like beaten anvils if they are made of French pastry. Or are wrapped up always in the gentle softness of prosperity.—Bruce Barton.

FIVE HATS IN RING

Judge C. R. Buchanan of Snyder, has announced definitely that he will seek appointment as district judge of the 32nd judicial district to succeed Judge W. P. Leslie, making the fifth man to enter the race for this appointment.

Others in the race are Judge A. S. Mauzey and Harry Bondies of Sweetwater; James T. Brooks of Big Spring, district attorney, and Thos. J. Coffey, Colorado attorney.

Miss Irene Williams, teacher at the Panther Draw school left Friday for Milford to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Mrs. A. M. Evans left last Thursday night for Dallas, where she will spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

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BIG SPRING HERALD

TURKEYS BEAT COTTON

Positive proof that turkeys are more valuable than cotton and more ready cash is to be had from a bunch of turkeys than several bales of cotton is furnished by an offer made a turkey buyer, by W. C. Farrar.

The man drove into Laramie a large truck loaded with turkeys and Farrar offered him bales of cotton for the lot. The farmer promptly refused, then offered to give all the cotton could possibly haul off on the at four loads.

The farmer refused this and on to market with the truck which brought more than \$100 Colorado Record.

Miss Jeanette Pickle, who is at the College of Industrial Arts, Denton, arrived Saturday for the holidays in this city with parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. and other relatives and friends.

Miss Gladys Lloyd who is at the College of Industrial Arts, Denton, arrived home Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and R. E. Lloyd.

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MIDNIGHT SUN

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CHAPTER XII

The Grand Duke Sergius and the banker, Kuznetsov, are bitter rivals for the favor of Olga, the daughter of the late Emperor. Alexei, lieutenant of the Imperial Guard, wrongly suspects Olga of infidelity and renounces her and his commission to join the revolutionists. Olga, however, remains loyal to the Emperor, and she will protect Alexei from the soldiers, who are seeking him for his treason. Kuznetsov deceives Olga about his plans by telling her that Alexei awaits her to say farewell before leaving Russia. She discovers his ruse too late and is driven to the point where she must help the revolution to prosper.

The panting horses came to a stop near Alexei, and a young man with a black moustache, dressed in a long belted coat and heavy boots, jumped out. Alexei then discovered to his surprise that there were yet two more passengers in the troika. The man with moustache stepped to Alexei and said with a friendly smile: "You are Alexei Kuznetsov, are you not?" "Yes," he answered. "On your way to Moscow, I presume. To the Nihilist meeting?" "Who are you?" Alexei asked with growing suspicion. "Tell me your mission and who sent you and I shall answer your questions." "Your brother Nickoli sent us," the man told him. "He desires you to return immediately to St. Petersburg. I have instructions to receive you the documents you carry, and to proceed to Moscow with you. These are my friends, who wish to accompany me." "Have you a letter to show me that you are justified in making this demand?" Alexei inquired. "No," the other answered. "I left too great a hurry to secure a

for you. The words of insult you dared to speak to him are not forgotten. His Highness has vowed not to rest until he has seen you punished to the utmost." "His Highness," Alexei cried in scorn, "is the leader of your pack. Too vile to utter is the curse with which my heart has branded him." "Hold on," the other retorted. "Do not go too far, Alexei. This gun might easily be discharged, and then it will be too late to regret your words. But should I even yearn to take your life, I have no right to follow my wish. You are not my prisoner, but the government's."

With the muzzle of three revolvers pressed against his back, Alexei made his way with defiant grace to the waiting troika. Once inside the carriage, his hands were securely tied, and his feet bound with a sturdy rope. The coachman slipped the reins of Alexei's horse through a ring on the back of the troika, and the journey back to the city started.

After a jolting ride through the smiling countryside, they entered the cobblestone streets of St. Petersburg, and at last reached the prison, from which only a short time back Nickoli Okuneoff had bribed his way out. Unceremoniously Alexei was pushed out of the troika, and led through the massive door, which closed behind him. It was apparent that the government was prepared for Alexei's capture and that steps had been taken to prevent a repetition of Nickoli's escape. Immediately upon his arrival, Alexei found himself surrounded by a heavy guard, and the cell to which he was assigned came under the

was opened. A young lieutenant of the Grand Duke's guard entered, and went up to Alexei. "My dear friend," he said in a tender tone, laying a hand upon Alexei's shoulder.

The prisoner looked up and beheld the face of Count Belevitch, one of his former classmates. Through his mind passed rapidly the reminiscence of their last meeting. He had not seen the Count since the dance which his friends had arranged in his honor, and which had taken place in Lieutenant Belevitch's sumptuous town house. For the moment it seemed to Alexei that everything connected with his military life, with his classmates and his time at the Academy, had taken place in another existence. Only a dull remorse and a sad realization that it belonged to a dead past entered Alexei's soul.

"Belevitch," he exclaimed, "you here!" "Yes, Alexei," the other answered with a pained voice. "It is my sad duty to act as your guard. My dear friend," he repeated, "my heart goes out to you, and I cannot say how deeply this affects me. Why did you forsake the path of honor and duty? A glorious future would have been yours. You know that the Grand Duke held you in high esteem."

At the mentioning of Sergius, Alexei's eyes sparkled and his words came hard and clear as he answered: "Do not ask me. And do not speak to me of that contemptible beast, who has all too long escaped the assassin's bullet." With a sigh Count Belevitch ordered the guard into the room. Four soldiers with bayonets fixed to their rifles approached Alexei and took their place, two on each side of him.

"Courage, Alexei," the Count called to him, and as the prisoner gave no reply other than a steady, defiant look, the Count ordered "Forward march," drawing his sword.

The big room in which the court-martial was to take place was filled with officers from the garrison. At a large table, facing him as he entered, Alexei noticed the three judges, all generals in the staff, and to the right of them was a small bench provided for himself. Thither the guard steered their steps, and after depositing him, Belevitch saluted the court and reported Alexei's presence. Opposite the prisoner, General Nelidov and Colonel Ibesky had taken their places. The Commandant of the Academy beheld the young man in cold disdain, but there lingered in the Colonel's look a tender light of sympathy and regret.

The monotonous voice of the chief justice drawled as he quoted Alexei's past record. This was followed by a few perfunctory questions, and at last the examination began.

In a steady voice and his head held high, Alexei confessed to the crimes for which he had been arrested. He admitted that he had insulted His Highness, and refused to retract any of his words. He was ready to take the consequences of his action, and only regretted that he had so long served one so ill-fitted to be called a Prince. Time and again the Justice's gavel hammered in angry intonation on the table at Alexei's bold words, but the young man kept unflinchingly his defiant air. He told of his joining the Nihilists and expressed pride at having been admitted to their ranks. He also spoke in glowing words of his brother and said that he was assured of the ultimate success of the revolution. His own imprisonment and execution would not stay the advance of truth and light.

During the court's brief deliberation, Alexei, still guarded by the four soldiers under Lieutenant Belevitch's command, retired to an adjoining room. His former classmate did not display a less sincere friendship toward the unfortunate Alexei, but he realized with mounting grief that the provoking speech of the court had just listened to had killed any hope Alexei might have harbored as to the commutation of his sentence.

Soon an attendant appeared at the door, informing Belevitch that the court had reached its decision. For the last time the young Count laid a comforting hand on Alexei's arm. "I cannot understand the change which you have undergone," he said in a deep voice. "Your motives are unknown to me, and I do not ask for your confidence. But you have definitely stood by your ideals, and whether they are right or wrong, it takes a man to remain true to his conviction. I know, therefore, that you will receive your sentence with equally unafraid heart."

"I thank you, my friend," Alexei answered, deeply moved. "You have understood me, and you shall not see me cower or whine." A hush fell over the big room, as Alexei appeared and when the prisoner had taken his place on the small bench, the Chief Justice addressed him. Alexei rose. (To be continued)



Alexei is taken by surprise and captured by the Grand Duke's men. Scene from "The Midnight Sun."

written order. But I know the answer which your brother gave me. It is 'Semper Fidelis.' " "That is correct," Alexei agreed. "But I tell you, where are the Nihilists to assemble in Moscow?" "At the house of Alexander Bobotzkoy," the man answered.

"And what is the most important question to be discussed at this meeting?" Alexei persisted. "The answer came unflinchingly. The strike among the workers employed in the government's munition works in St. Petersburg."

There followed a brief pause, after which Alexei, convinced as to the identity of the stranger, extended from his pocket a heavy envelope and handed it to the young man. The latter ripped it open and scanned its contents briefly. He then turned to his companions and said in a tone of satisfaction: "This must be the evidence we are looking for. It was indeed lucky we caught him redhanded. Do your men?" He smiled at Alexei, who added: "You have evaded us a long time, Alexei Okuneoff. You cannot play with fire for long without burning yourself. Get away from that horse."

Surprised and shocked at the ease with which he had stepped into the trap, Alexei calculated hastily in his mind on a way of escape. He tried around desperately, but met the level gaze of his enemies, who noticed three revolvers aimed at his heart. He swung from the horse and approached the leader of the captors. "You filthy dogs," he said. "You cowardly spies. You imagine yourselves as heroes, and you are like a pack of wolves on the steppes. You come lurking in the dark, and you hunt in packs, not daring to meet your enemy, unless you outnumber him. I have a sure cure."

The man with the black moustache laughed pleasantly. "It does you ill to speak of covering your eyes, Alexei Okuneoff," he said. "The dastardly crimes you and your companions commit, make it necessary for us to hunt you down and shoot you. You show us no mercy. Neither do we give pardon. And you, Alexei," he raised his voice, "prepare yourself for your doom. Not only have you shown the contempt of your fellow officers and the rage of the people, but terrible is the revenge which His Imperial Highness, the Grand Duke Sergius is preparing

for you. The words of insult you dared to speak to him are not forgotten. His Highness has vowed not to rest until he has seen you punished to the utmost."

personal command of a lieutenant in the Grand Duke's guard.

The sun rose slowly as it enveloped the gray prison buildings in a purple, shining light, which made the barrel windows sparkle like rubies. Alexei left wearily his straw bed and gazed with tired eyes at the splendor of the dewy morning. Sleep had evaded him, and looking into the black emptiness of his cell, he had passed the night in sordid thoughts. The vision of Olga had haunted him, and with aching heart he remembered their last meeting. Sergius also came to mind, and at the thought of the Grand Duke, a wave of blinding hatred had risen within him.

Although he realized the doom which awaited him, he gave but little heed to it. He feared only the contempt of Nickoli and felt that his capture could but be interpreted by the Nihilists as a breach of loyalty. The thought of the insidious ways in which the government agents had overpowered him, brought anew a blush of shame to his cheeks, and he realized the injury he had involuntarily caused the revolutionists by giving up the valuable documents his brother had entrusted in his care.

Heavy feet resounded in the corridor, and a guard, rattling his keys, opened the iron door to Alexei's cell and entered with a mug of tea, and some slices of dark bread. Without turning his head from the narrow window, Alexei asked him: "At what time does the court-martial take place?" "At eleven, Alexei Okuneoff," the guard answered. "The officers have already arrived, and are assembled in General Volpi's room. General Nelidov is here, and also Colonel Ibeski."

There were yet several hours before Alexei would be sent for. Hours of anxious waiting and troubled thoughts. The sun had now risen and sent its golden rays into the dreary chamber where the young man abided. Reluctantly Alexei drank a few mouthfuls of black tea, and nibbled at the bread. But appetite had left him and he soon abandoned the table on which his spare meal had been placed, and continued his monotonous pace up and down the prison cell.

Finally the moment arrived when he was to be called for. Heavy shoes beat in rhythmic time outside the cell. A sharp command echoed, and the door to his room

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Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
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LOCAL MAN TO BUY GRAIN

A representative of the Kress elevator company was in Lamesa the first of this week and while here made arrangements for buying grain in this section. Mac W. Hancock will represent the Kress concern and buy all kinds of maize and other grains from the farmers for that company.

It is said that these people will have a thresher in this territory soon and they will buy the grain in the head or threshed.

Many farmers have surplus feed to sell and they have encountered some difficulty in finding a market for the commodity, but the chamber of commerce and the county agent, Journal (Lamesa).

together with individuals, have been making efforts to secure a market for the surplus, so that it could be turned into money and it is now thought the farmers will be able to sell their stuff without any great difficulty.

Local bankers and business men are discouraging farmers as much as possible from shipping their extra feed out of the country. It is claimed by many that the farmers of this county will be able to use practically all of the surplus maize and other grains during the next year and a strenuous effort will be made to keep all of the stuff here, so that next spring it will not have to be shipped back here and sold at a much higher price.—Dawson County

Beneath the shelter of a partly finished building a man had just met his bootlegger, unwrapped his package and raised the bottle to his lips for a long quaff.

Just then a brick, loosened by a sudden gust of wind, toppled from the parapet above and smote the drinker squarely on the head.

"Boy, what a kick!" he ejaculated, Ex.

First Feline—What is making Tommy Cat look so cocky this morning?

Second Feline—Oh, he's just got big enough to lick his paw.—Nebraska Awgwan.

Herald want ads get results.

FOR TAT
S. B. Dorn of the Marland Oil Co. is mother rolling up her left Friday night for Fort Worth, where he has been transferred.
V. F. Roberts of Coahoma was a business visitor in Big Spring last Friday.
Frank Hefley of Sterling City was a visitor in this city Sunday.



Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year

Greetings!

The happy Christmas season calls to mind the pleasant relations we have had with you during the past year and brings to us a deeper appreciation of old associates and of the value of new friends.

This messenger of good-will is to thank you for the many favors, and to extend to you a very Merry Christmas and may your New Year be blessed with happiness and prosperity.

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Our thoughts go out in gratitude to our friends who have made the past year's work possible. We want to thank our friends and patrons for the many favors shown us in the past, and we trust to merit a continuance of your trade.

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Basement of Ward Building

Mr. and Mrs. Homer McNew and son, Bobbie, and Mr. and Mrs. Lib Coffee left Thursday overland for a visit with relatives and friends in Fort Worth, Dallas and Denton.

Louise Pistole arrived Monday night from A. & M. College at College Station, to spend the Christmas holidays in this city with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Pistole.

PECAN TREES FOR HI SCHOOLS

College Station.—Under the direction of Dean Edwin J. Kyle of the School of Agriculture, A. & M. College, the wish expressed by the late Governor Hogg that Texas become a land of trees, is well on the way toward realization. Shortly before Governor Hogg died he said to a number of friends gathered around his bedside: "I want no monument of stone or marble, but plant at my head a pecan tree and at my feet an old-fashioned walnut; and when these trees shall bear, let the pecans and the walnuts be given out among the plain people of Texas so that they may plant them and make Texas a land of trees."

This was on March 2, 1906. In order to carry out definitely the wish of Governor Hogg, his friends called a meeting at Austin on May 29, 1906, of all persons interested in the growing of pecans and walnuts. As a result of this meeting a pecan tree and a walnut tree were planted at the grave of Governor Hogg in Austin.

In agreement with and through the cooperation of Will and Mike Hogg, Dean Kyle has taken over the task of distributing seedling pecans from the nuts gathered from the tree at the grave, which is now bearing. Arrangements have been made to have the pecans gathered every fall and sent to the Horticultural Department at the A. & M. College. The nuts will be planted on the horticultural grounds. The young trees resulting will be taken care of for two years, when they will be sent upon request to the high schools of the state. It is planned to give one tree to each high school in the county seat of every county where the superintendent of schools and the children will agree to plant the tree and care for it. When these schools have been supplied, trees will be distributed to other high schools. After the schools have been supplied, it is planned to have a tree planted on every courthouse lawn in the state. Nuts from all these trees, to be known as the Hogg Memorial Pecan trees, are to be distributed for planting through the school children to the homes in the surrounding sections, thus bringing about in truth the realization of Governor Hogg's wish that Texas might become a land of trees.

PROGRAM FOR SENIOR B.Y.P.U.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1926

First Baptist Church

Program begins promptly at six. Subject — Missionary Meeting — General Feng, the Outstanding Chinese Christian.

Introduction—Stella McLain.

- Part 1—Mrs. Reed.
- Part 2—Hazel Sellers.
- Part 3—Mr. Gentry.
- Part 4—Lillian Shick.
- Part 5—Lillian Shick.
- Part 6—Nell Brown.
- Part 7—Nell Brown.
- Part 8—Alton Denton.
- Part 9—Stella McLain.

Visitors are cordially invited.

STREET SWEEPER ARRIVES

The City Dads have purchased a street sweeper for use on the paved streets of the city. The machine has arrived and it will be put into service with completion of the paving in the business district. It has a sprinkling device, designed to keep down dust and the operations are to be at night when the streets are clear of vehicles and stores closed to the dust which will in measure follow the sweeping.

\$900.00 was the price contracted for the outfit which was shipped out of Dallas by the Austin Road Machinery Company of St. Louis.

ARRIVE FROM A. & M.

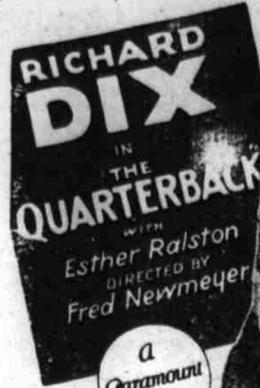
Robert Ladrence, Wendell Leatherwood, Herbert Whitney, Robert Lee Pike, Walton Morrison, Preston Sanders, and Tyree Hardy arrived home Sunday morning from College Station, where they are students at A. & M. College, to spend the Christmas holidays in this city with homefolks.

Miss Louise Howard who for the past two years has been in the employ of the Wolcott Motor Co. in this city, has severed her connections with this firm and left Tuesday for her home in Waco. After spending the Christmas holidays in Waco with homefolks, Miss Howard will go to Wichita Falls, where she has accepted a position. Her many friends here wish her success in her new home.

Miss Dorothy Ellington arrived Saturday night from Nashville, Tenn. where she is attending Ward-Bolmont, to spend the holidays in this city with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. O. Ellington and friends.

Miss Bernice Waggoner will leave Friday evening for San Angelo where she will spend Christmas with homefolks.

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Miss Estelle Hutto arrived Sunday from Lubbock where she is a student at the Texas Tech, to spend the Christmas holidays in this city with homefolks.

Paul Rix arrived the latter part of last week from Lubbock where he is attending school to spend the Christmas holidays in this city with his parents Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Rix and other relatives and friends.

I have a nice line of bridles, collars, chain harness—the prices are right. J. R. Creath.

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Sydney House has arrived home from Texas Tech, Lubbock, to spend the holidays in Big Spring with his parents, Sheriff and Mrs. Frank House.

Misses Frances Sullivan and Elsa Jeanette Baruet arrived Saturday night from Fort Worth, where they attend Texas Woman's College, to spend the Christmas holidays in this city with homefolks.

Buy your fruit cakes for Christmas at the Home Bakery, 142.—advertisement.

Dressed chickens, and baby beef roast for Christmas. Bankhead Market. Phone 474.

Miss Marian Hutto who is attending Texas Presbyterian at Milford, arrived this week to spend the Christmas holidays with homefolks.

Mrs. H. B. Robb and Miss Mabel and H. B. Robb, Friday morning from Dallas to spend the Christmas holidays in this city with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hatch, other relatives and friends.