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BETHEL DILLEN RAVISHED AND KIDNAPED, THEN LEFT FOR DEAD BY AN UNKNOWN ASSAILANT WHO MADE ESCAPE

On the evening, about five o'clock, Bethel Dillen, the eighteen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Dillen, residing about six miles north of Littlefield, was attacked by an unknown assailant who ravished her and left her in an unconscious condition. At the time of this newspaper's issue, 17 different suspects have been arrested by Sheriff Leonard and his corps of deputies; but none have yet been identified as the guilty party.

According to information, the girl was washing her face in a tub in a neighborhood sale while her brothers were working some land in a field. When the attack came upon her, she cried out for help, hoping that her brothers might come to her aid, but to no avail. The heroic deed put up by the unfortunate girl was evidenced by the overturned furniture and general wreckage of other things in the house. A big bruise on the side of her head bears mute testimony to the fact that the brute attacking her knocked her unconscious with some heavy ob-

BASKET BALL IS THE NEXT POPULAR GAME THIS SEASON

On account of the small amount of equipment necessary, as well as the fact that a good team can be developed with only a few players, basketball is the most popular of all sports in the secondary schools of Texas.

According to Roy Henderson of the University of Texas Intercollegiate League, "Competition in the state basketball tournament will begin before Christmas."

Whatever how isolated the school, the first thing that catches the eye of a visitor is a basketball hanging in the air. Although indoor courts are being built in all parts of the state, the game is being played a great deal out-of-doors as is nothing unusual for several school teams to win their way to the state tournament.

For the teams participating in the state tournament, the district director of athletics is responsible for the championship team of the district and reporting it to the office of the League at the University not later than February 20. The ruling also requires all participating in any series leading to the state tournament to pay an entry fee of \$1 to the state by January 15, 1926. Teams which do not pay the fee will be furnished with a certificate which shall entitle them to a position, Henderson said.

The team which won the state championship in 1925 and Oak Cliff (Dallas)

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

The Methodist church next Sunday morning the pastor will preach on the appropriate Christmas hymns of the nativity will be sung and the spirit of Christmas will also be present during the evening service.

Joseph W. Young



Recent election of officials by the people of Florida. Joseph W. Young led the honor and was appointed the first mayor of this new city.

ject before finally gratifying his lustful greed.

During most of the following night she remained in an unconscious condition, while the surrounding country for many miles was closely threaded by groups of men in autos, on horse back and a foot, seeking with grim intentions the villain guilty of the crime. With the dawn of morning the girl regained consciousness sufficient to give a definite statement as to the appearance of her assailant. She declares she never saw him before. According to her statement, he was a man of about 30 years of age, weighed about 160 pounds, was of sandy complexion, had brown eyes, crooked teeth, and was five feet eight inches high. At the time of the assault he wore khaki pants, medium size black hat and a light coat. She declares she has an indelible impression of her assailant and would recognize him the moment she saw him.

That she was not otherwise seriously injured physically, aside from the knock received on her head, is the statement of the physician attending her.

HOME BURNED

Alex. Phillips Loses Home From Stove Explosion

The residence of Alex. Phillips, of Curman, located two and one-half miles south-west of Littlefield was totally destroyed by fire Wednesday night about eight o'clock.

Beeman Phillips, a brother to Alex. who occupied the house was packing his household goods to move to town and had placed a pan of water on an oil stove and had gone to an adjoining room to pack some articles when the flames ran up, catching the wall back of the stove on fire.

Most of the contents were saved through the great effort of Mr. Phillips, who was alone until the building was practically destroyed.

IN NEW BUILDING

Pioneer Firm Make Enlargement Of Business Quarters.

The Beisel brothers blacksmith and machine shop, operated by R. D. and Fred Beisel, has recently been moved into its new location.

The new structure is 40x50 built of sheet metal with a concrete floor, making it fire proof throughout. It is adequate in size for a more convenient arrangement for their modern equipment enabling them to do general ignition work, armament welding, battery repair and charging. They also carry a full line of generator repairs.

The Beisel brothers were among the early settlers in Littlefield, having resided on a farm two miles north of town, until four years ago their mechanical ability and inclination to establish a business of their own led them to open a shop here, since which time they have enjoyed a lucrative business.

Work will start on a 6x100 concrete walk along the front of their business lot in the near future.

TRADED BRICK BUILDINGS

R. E. Cole Invests in Runnels County Farm Land.

R. E. Cole last week traded the brick buildings now under construction on Main street just south of the Ford garage to W. L. Poe, of Winters, Texas, receiving in exchange 340 acres of land near Winters.

The brick buildings in the rear he traded to J. M. Vaughan for a 265 acre farm two miles north of town and now occupied by Wm. Thompson.

He also reports the sale of a 190-acre farm to A. C. Harrison of Winters. This farm is located one-half mile east of Littlefield, and the new owner is now erecting improvements on it with a view to moving here in the near future.

FAIR ENOUGH

Boy: "Ma wants me to tell you she found a fly in the raisin cake." Generous Baker: "Run home and tell her if she'll return the fly I'll give her a raisin for it."

RED LETTER DAYS

By A. B. CHAPIN



WHAT WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS EVE WHEN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL HAD THEIR CHRISTMAS TREE EXERCISES, AND AFTER NEARLY ALL THE PRESENTS HAD BEEN GIVEN OUT AND YOUR HEART WAS BEGINNING TO SINK BECAUSE YOU HADN'T RECEIVED A SINGLE THING — AND FINALLY THE SUPERINTENDANT REACHED UP FOR THAT BEAUTIFUL BIG DOLL WHICH YOU HAD NOT EVEN DARED TO HOPE FOR — AND CALLED OUT YOUR NAME — OH — OH — NEVER WILL THAT DAY BE FORGOTTEN —

STORK SPECIALS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Matthews, an eight pound girl, Saturday December 12th.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Singer, who lives nine miles north-east of Littlefield, a ten pound boy, December 11th.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Howington, who lives eight miles north-east of Littlefield, an eight and one-half pound boy, December 6th.

LITTLEFIELD'S SHARES IN AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK AT AUSTIN SOLD

Austin, Texas—Sale of a majority of stock of the American National Bank, owned by the estate of the late Major George W. Littlefield, to a syndicate of Austin business men has been announced by H. A. Wroe, chairman of the board of directors of the bank, and trustee of the estate.

This stock representing 1579 shares out of 3000, was transferred for approximately \$500,000.

Mr. Wroe retains his one-seventh interest in the bank in addition to other stock which he owns. There will be no change in the management it was announced.

The personnel of the purchasing syndicate includes J. T. Bowman, A. J. Ziker, W. S. Drake, D. B. Gracy, Theo Low, W. E. Armstrong, Charles Rosner, Edgar Smith and Houghton Brownlee. The American National Bank was established in 1890 by Major Littlefield.

OPEN READY-TO-WEAR

Stephenville Ladies Embark in Business Circles Here.

Mrs. Edna Knox and Miss Leafa Martin, both of Stephenville, will open an exclusive up to date ladies ready-to-wear store in the Street brothers new building, adjoining the Lang County Mercantile on the north. Their formal opening will be held January 15.

Mrs. Knox will leave in the near future for St. Louis and eastern markets where she will purchase spring merchandise for the new establishment. They will carry a complete line of ladies wearing apparel and accessories.

Both parties have had experience in this business, especially Mrs. Knox who was formerly in the ladies ready-to-wear department at Carlton Brothers Dry Goods Company, at Stephenville, and managed an establishment of the same name at Sanger.

LFD. POST OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON CHRISTMAS DAY

If Postmaster General New has his way about it, Christmas Day this year is going to be the biggest and the best for all the employees of the postal service and especially for the ever-faithful letter carriers.

He has issued orders to postmasters throughout that their offices will be closed all day Christmas except for the dispatch of special delivery letters and parcels and special handling letters and parcels.

In order that the vast army of carriers and clerks may enjoy Christmas Day to the fullest extent with their families and friends the co-operation of every man, woman and child in the United States will be necessary.

Under the leadership of the Postmaster General, a campaign is now under way throughout the country to instill into the minds of everybody the necessity for shopping early in order that there will be as little congestion at the post offices as possible during Christmas week and in order that both the sender and receiver of gifts and remembrances may reap the happiness that is contemplated by such an exchange of presents.

Once more the Post Office Department urges the American public to do its Christmas shopping and mailing early. If the shopping is done now the buyer gets just what he or she wants and if the gift is mailed before December 15 it is sure to reach its destination in plenty of time before Christmas Day.

NEW DRUG STORE

Claude Ferrell Will Open Model Drug Store About Dec. 16.

The Model Drug Store, owned by Claude Ferrell will open to the public Wednesday, December 16, in the new Cooper building, in the space next door to the Littlefield State Bank.

The modern equipment was moved here from Wewoka, Oklahoma, where Mr. Ferrell previously operated a store before coming to Littlefield. The fixtures are in oak finish and the fountain is of white marble.

Mr. Ferrell stated that he will be in a position to serve hot drinks and will put in a sandwich table in the near future.

A registered pharmacist, of Fort Worth, will have charge of the prescription department.

J. N. Tunnell, of Levelland, was among the business visitors here Monday.

WHATS DOING IN WEST TEXAS

Furnished by West Texas Chamber of Commerce

Mineral Wells—Plans are going forward here for a million dollar hotel to replace the Crazy Hotel destroyed by fire earlier in the year. The plans call for sale of \$150,000 in stock to local citizens and the hotel company will finance the project.

Dalhart—Three hundred Dalhart business men attended the annual chamber of commerce banquet here. A report of the year's activities was made by secretary Carl Guin. Homer D. Wade, Assistant Manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce made an address.

Claude—A dairy school will be held here December 14th in charge of J. Lynch Thomas of A. & M. College, and M. B. Cates of the Denver Road. A demonstration in selecting and judging dairy stock will be given. Prizes will be offered in butter making contests at a special contest for school children.

Spur—This territory is to receive deep tests for oil. One concern is drilling on Pitch Fork Ranch. The Texas Company is to drill a 3500 foot test on the 24-Ranch. Material and men are already here to put down the wells.

Haskell—Great interest is being evidenced in this county in terracing. Numerous demonstrations are being made weekly before large gatherings of farmers. Hardware men have stocked terracing machine for the first time in history and it is likely that a terracing machine will become a part of the Haskell County Farmer's regular equipment.

Amarillo—Records were broken at the Tri-State Poultry Show held here. More than 1200 birds were shown. The greatest attendance in the history of the show was registered. Hall County won first place with 568 points, Tarrant second with 286 points, Randall third with 213 points and Wichita Falls fourth with 197 points.

Stamford—The Teachers of Central west Texas will hold annual institute in Stamford next week. This institute has become a regional affair and annually attracts several hundred public school men and women from several counties in this section.

Snyder—Sheep raising is grown in popularity in Scurry county. The industry is not taking the form of big ranches here but individual farmers are putting small herds on their farms to eat the weeds and waste forage. Those who have followed the practice for several years report unusual profits from the industry.

W. T. C. OF C. IS AGAINST RAISING OF CATTLE RATES

Cattlemen and others of this section interested in livestock advised that the Traffic Department, of West Texas Chamber of Commerce has intervened in Interstate Commerce Commission docket, No. 14190, a livestock case wherein the Examiner proposes heavy increases in rates from all Texas points and particularly from points in West Texas to interstate points West of the Missouri River, including market points. The present adjustment makes the same rates from points in differential territory and also from New Mexico points 20 per cent higher than the rates from points in the common point territory. There has never as yet been any differential territory in so far as livestock rates are concerned.

The carriers have proposed largely increased rates on live stock from all Texas points to all Kansas points, and we have arranged for a conference on the subject at St. Louis for December 16th. The proposal is a split between what the Examiner proposed in docket 14190 for East Texas and West Texas, in the instance being harder on the places East of the differential territory than West of the line, both of which are in our judgement of great importance. In our judgement there should be no scale put in higher than the one we now have and that all parts of Texas should take the same rates, also New Mexico on and East of the Santa Fe thru Albuquerque to the Colorado line.

U. S. Pawkett, Chairman of the Traffic Bureau will leave San Antonio on December 14th for St. Louis and will appear for us in the case there. It is important that your cattle interests should know that this work is being done because if we succeed, says Secretary Whaley, it means the holding down of rates for them at least 20 per cent, and this applies not only to West Texas but to practically all parts of East New Mexico.

LUBBOCK GETS B. OF C. D.

Neighbor City To Enjoy Highest Type Commercial Organization

Lubbock will have a Board of City Development, according to the action of majority voters of that municipality, as expressed at the election held there last week.

This form of commercial organization is considered the most efficient of such bodies, and is authorized by the state when approved by the majority citizens of any town or city.

TO BUILD MILL

J. C. Whaley Interests to Invest \$250,000 in Lubbock

That the J. C. Whaley interests will erect a \$250,000 flour mill and elevator in Lubbock, the mill having a capacity of 500 barrels per day, is the information given out last week.

Work on the new plant will not be started before spring, as the main structure will be of reinforced concrete, six stories high. It is said this plant will be a reproduction of the Whaley Mill and Elevator plant now located at Gainsville.



"Your face is familiar." That's what they all say to Chief Two Guns White Wolf, who posed for the Indian head on your five cent piece. He recently attended the first Grand Pow-Wow of Indian Tribes in Seattle, Wash.

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A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall show forth thy praise.—Ps. 51:15

Earth with her thousand voices praises God.—Coleridge.

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

The Christmas season is here and the day soon will be—here with all its varied and beautiful features. Already the holly and evergreen have made their appearance, the coops of turkeys are coming in to grace the tables and cranberries will soon come to their own.

All up and down the streets of our American cities men are moving, bearing pine, spruce and cedar trees ranging in size from the dwarf evergreen for the dining-room tables, to the municipal giant whose towering branches will tax the ingenuity of the city's electrical department. Indeed, this scene invariably reminds one of Mcbeth seeing the horrifying spectacle of Birnam wood moving toward Dunsinane, each enemy soldier bearing a tree on his shoulder and the mass approaching the castle in assault, thus destroying the magic spell of protection cast upon the Scotch usurper by the apparition, who assured him his crown would be safe until the wood became animated and walked—a seeming impossibility.

In the atmosphere of this season of the year, there is a peculiar peaceful sensation. Aside from its deep spiritual quality, its appeal to the Christian, the 25th of December brings the living tokens of remembrance from family and friends. There is a great spirit of charity manifest Jew and Christian alike liberally contributing to the alleviation of want, hunger and dire poverty. The silent and faithful Salvation Army workers are to be seen on the street corners of the larger cities with their kettles, many noteworthy organizations and individuals are making plans to bring joy and gladness to the little orphan kiddies, our disabled world-war veterans are to come in for their share of good things, and even to go a good step further, men and women confined in penal institutions will be remembered. The spirit of joy and peace will penetrate the cold stone walls and slip in through the steel bars of prisons.

So we see everywhere the beneficial influence the Christian season brings. There seem to be so many of unselfishness, consideration and warm heartedness on the part of all people, whether or not they accept Jesus the Christ, as the Son of God. As a nation we may rejoice over the many contributing factors that have marked our national prosperity. Our countrymen are blessed with many advantages not enjoyed by the people of other nations. We of the South Plains of West Texas have great reason for the appreciation of life and its blessings at this time. Of course, there have been handicaps and disappointments, there have been defeats along with the victories, there have been sorrow mingling with the joy; but taking it as a whole the good so far outweighs the bad and the bane is far less than the blessings.

Everything considered, this Christmas season should be a joyous one. As American citizens we have only to glance back to note the steady progress made; facing the future, undaunted, we may assure ourselves of even greater progress. Christmastide affords every one an opportunity of silently thanking the Creator for His manifold blessings to our nation. It does not matter what one's individual religious predilections may be, those ancient words that have been associated

with Christmas all these years are for each and every one: "And on earth peace, good-will toward men".

If rosy cheeks are a sign of health—some girls these days are healthier on one side than on the other.

THE SEASON'S CONDITION

As the approach of the cotton picking season draws to a close, it is but natural that everyone takes a circumspective view of their situation. When the unprecedented freeze struck this section during the last days of October, it was natural that many should become discouraged; but as the weeks have gone by, many have discovered they were "worse scared than hurt".

While it is true that some of the farmers have lost practically their entire cotton crop because of that freeze, such as was never before known in the history of the South Plains country at so early a period, yet there have been many farmers who were counting on a total loss, but have secured several bales from fields in which they at first thought they would never draw a sack.

The feed crop of this section is not only good, but far larger than ever before raised in this county. There are more new comers here with money to spend than ever before. There has been a greater increase in the raising of hogs, poultry and garden stuff, thousands of cans having been put up for the winter's use. More farmers are bringing milk to the cream stations.

After all, perhaps the greatest blight to the country has been the fact of disappointment. So many were planning on bumper crops. They had also outlined a big campaign of expenditures. Some had gone in debt on the strength of crop prospects; but more have been disappointed as much on what they expected to spend as what they failed to raise. After all the country is alright. This section is in better condition than any other portion of Texas, and these who have a tendency to "rock the boat" should learn to sit still.

Ever ate an apple and started wearing clothing—wonder what the modern girl ate.

OUT OF BUSINESS

Recently there was organized in the east a committee of prominent men who are going before Congress to ask that the U. S. government take steps to get out of such business fields as rightfully belong to private concerns. And in a speech a few days ago, President Coolidge said that: "When there is too much government in business it tends to close the door of opportunity, and the outlook becomes selfish and narrow."

There is no reason why the government cannot serve as a referee, or as an umpire, to see that business is properly and legally conducted and that the public gets the justice from its business concerns to which it is entitled. But there has never been any good reason why the government should enter into competition with the individual in the matter of printing return cards on envelopes.

It is printing them for a few cents a thousand, above the cost of the stamps thereon, and delivery costs nothing, because they are sent by mail and the taxpayers of this country maintain the post office department out of their own pockets. Printers in this country are deliberately cheat-

Picked As Almost 100% Perfect



Along with the International Live Stock Exposition in Chicago a contest was held to find America's most perfect boy and girl. From over 600,000 entries, Alice Burkhart, 15, of Audobon, Iowa, and George Cuskaden, 14, of St. Paul, Minn., were chosen best.

ed—there is no better word for it—by a competitor that is unjust and unfair; by a competitor who collects from them a part of the money used in maintaining its cut-throat printing business.

It is not right, it is not just, and the Littlefield man who favors justice and a square deal for everyone can do no better thing than to write to his congressman and suggest that it is high time the government was getting out of the business field.

There seems to be no laws for the rich—one for the poor and two million laws for you and me.

"JAKE" TO DIE

The balmy days of the "jake" manufacturers and vendors are over, according to announcement recently made by Major Herbert H. White, prohibition director for Texas and Oklahoma.

Major White has issued a statement to the effect that beginning with January 1st, 1926, extract or tincture of Jamaica ginger, both the single and double strength, will be classed as intoxicating liquor and come under the same regulations as does the manufacture, transportation and sale of whiskey and cordials.

It is said by druggists that the sale of "jake" in Texas is greater than that of any other liquor substitutes, and that druggists who dispense it find it interferes with their more legitimate drug business, consequently the druggist associations of these two states have been working for some time to put it under ban.

It is also reported that there will be a more rigid inspection of drug stores and grocery stores, after the first of January, that have made a practice of selling certain brands of flavoring extracts known to contain alcohol.

The closer you are the farther away your friends are.

THE FEED CROP

It is estimated that the feed crop in Lamb county this year is worth \$350,000 to our people. It is the best and the largest crop grown here for some time past, and will do much toward offsetting the lack of cotton cut short by the unprecedented freeze.

Taking it on an average, the South Plains country will produce cotton alongside any of the other sections of the state; but the Leader has a sincere desire to see the farmers of this section planting more feed crops each year. More feed means more stock and every pound of surplus feed crop in this county should be fed to stock grown on the farms.

A ton of maize or kaffir corn is worth twice as much when wrapped up in a pig skin as when hauled to town in the form of grain and sold over the scales. Feed stimulates hog growing, dairying and the poultry industry.

With the fine crop of feed now being harvested in this county, the farmers of this section will doubtless be in as good economic condition next year as they were this year.

Married men have one advantage over bachelors. The meek shall inherit the earth.

PAVEMENT PICKUPS

A. E. White says about the best piece of work some Littlefield men do on Saturday is to take a good bath.

John Kling was said to have been in town last week looking for a handy hired man that could milk and drive a Ford.

Bill Tolbert rises to ask why it is that in the daily papers every victim of a foul tragedy is a member of a "prominent family."

"For the love of Mike!" exclaimed Tom Arnett last Saturday, "just why are they putting pockets in teddies?" And Tom's an old married man.

Littlefield's municipal Mazda manipulator declares that it sometimes takes a new coat, a new hat and a new dress to make a wife forget as well as forgive.

A. Timian notes that some modern physicians are now recommending mud baths as beautifiers; but he also remarks that mud baths never seem

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to have done very much for the little + + + "Maybe the reason some men want to fight when it is insinuated that they sprang from monkeys," says Rev. Scoggins, "is because they are afraid it is the truth."

+ + + "Daddy" Barnes, who is noted for his extemporized wit, says "California for immigration, Arizona for irrigation, New Mexico for starvation; to h— with Texas, Arkansas for me!"

+ + + Charlie Reed remarks that if we could see ourselves as others see us, the cartoonist would soon go out of business. And Charlie is one of our best looking young men.

+ + + We don't believe in giving free advertising, but it is reported that

Ma Feet... is going to sell eggs next spring by the pound. It is supposed there will be special prices on ten lots.

+ + + "No matter how fine the meal may be," declares Major Moulton, "a man just can't enjoy it to its fullest if there are a lot of forks and spoons lying around that he doesn't know what to do with"

+ + + A stranger approaching "Uncle, Bill" Allen the other day, quipped "I understand you only sleep four hours out of every twenty-four; you think that is enough?" "Yes," replied Uncle Bills. "I sleep very FA..."

+ + + When the man tells her that he loves her wonderful mind, he means that she isn't much for looks.

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Miss Dona Davis spent Friday in Lubbock.

Bogan Higgs spent Christmas in Roby with his parents.

W. H. Gardner made a business trip to Lubbock Monday.

Mallory Etter has returned from Roby where he spent Christmas.

Clinton Powers, of White Deer was here to spend Christmas.

T. W. Barnes is in Amarillo this week on business.

Ed Allen, of Lubbock spent Sunday with friends in Littlefield.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Sales spent Christmas day in Lubbock.

G. M. Shaw left Monday night for Wichita, Kansas on business.

Mrs. Charles Love spent Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. H. M. Fagen, at Clovis, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Gibbs returned Monday from a week's visit with relatives in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jones spent Christmas in McGregor, the guests of relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Chesher returned last week from a business trip to various points in Oklahoma.

Duce Bevins, of the Lubbock Tech, spent Christmas here with his sister, Mrs. A. C. Chesher.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Allbright spent Christmas with friends and relatives in Roby.

R. S. Thomas and J. E. Whicker made a business trip to Abeline last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Whicker spent Christmas with the latter's parents in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Jones Jr., are spending the holidays in Breckenridge the guests of his parents.

Mrs. B. W. Lindley, who recently underwent an operation in a Lubbock hospital, returned home Friday.

Mesdames Robert Steen, Everett Whicker, Kirk Allbright and Otha Key were visitors in Lubbock Friday.

Sid. Hopping and sister, Miss Patty, of Lubbock, are spending the holidays here.

B. C. Barnes, of Lubbock, spent Christmas here with his father, Ed Barnes.

Miss Maurine Wilson, of Amarillo, is spending the holidays here the guest of her cousin, Miss Alta Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Baer returned Tuesday from Austin where they spent the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Armon Bogan spent Christmas with Mrs. Logan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Reed, at Anton.

E. H. Williams, of the Shaw-Arnett company, was laid up with the flu the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McCaskill have returned from Sweetwater where they spent the holidays with relatives.

J. P. Butler, who has been in Dallas for a few days, returned Sunday night.

Miss Oneta Lowe, of Tahoka, is spending the week here with her brother, R. L. Lowe and family.

W. H. Weedle, of Plainview, is here this week looking after business interests.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Chesher and Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Thomas attended the show at Sudan last Friday night.

Henry Price and Roy Williamson, of Whittenburg, arrived here Friday to spend the Christmas with their uncle, Harry Burke.

Dr. and Mrs. Perkins, of Panhandle, are the guests this week of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Barnes.

Miss Lorene Barnes is spending a few days in Slaton, and from there she will go to Panhandle to attend school the balance of the term.

Mr. and Mrs. Doc Miller spent Christmas in Amarillo, guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bowman.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Houk and son, Howard, spent Christmas in Clovis, New Mexico, guests of their daughter and family.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Shaw and their daughter, Myrtle Marion, spent Christmas with W. D. Arnett and family in Lubbock.

Maurice White, who has been spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. T. P. Wright, returned to Sudan last Monday.

Postmaster W. J. Wade says this has been the most enjoyable Christmas he has spent in several years, as well as the busiest. He reports receiving more gifts than at any Christmas time during the past 78 years.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Lowe, and their small daughter, Velma Lee, spent Christmas in Tahoka, visiting their parents.

Misses Nina May Thompson and Lou Burke, Henry Price and Roy Williamson were visitors in Lubbock Monday.

Miss Annie Browder, who has been employed by the C. E. Ellis company, the past six weeks, left Tuesday for Lubbock.

E. P. Osborne, who has been with the C. E. Ellis firm for the past six months, left Sunday for Clovis, New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Kilpatrick, of Turkey, are guests in the home of the latter's sister, Mrs. C. E. Ellis, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hopping spent Christmas with Mrs. Hopping's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pool Earnest, at Bledsoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hargrove, of Sudan, spent Christmas here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hargrove.

Mr. and Mrs. Muri Ramsey, of Cisco, are spending the holidays here the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Yantis.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Stokes, accompanied by Mrs. S. C. Loyd and Miss Stella Loyd, spent Christmas in Anton, guests of Mr. Stokes' parents.

Miss Bettie Culbertson returned Sunday night from Santa Fe, New Mexico, where she has been for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wade, accompanied by Miss Clea Blair, spent the holidays in Stephenville, guests of friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Wright, of Topeka, Kansas, arrived Monday night to spend the week with the latter's sister, Mrs. T. A. Henson.

DeWitt Reed, of Oklahoma City, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Reed, on their farm near Anton.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hopping and family, of Lubbock, were guests in the home of Pat Boone during the holidays.

Alton Barton is spending the holidays in Benjamin with his wife, who is expected to accompany him on his return to Littlefield.

Miss Estelle Farrell, of Amarillo, visited her father, J. M. Farrell, here last week who accompanied her on her return home where he will remain during the holidays.

Miss Barbara Cryer, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Ellen Lindley, for the past six weeks, returned to her home at Fort Chadborne, last Friday.

Mrs. W. D. Arnett and daughter, Miss Alyne, spent Christmas here with the former's daughter, Mrs. Robert Steen, who accompanied them on their return trip Sunday to their home at Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Brittain had as their guests for Christmas dinner Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Rowe and sons, Hall and E. S. Jr., Mrs. Bessie Baze and daughter, Miss Carmaleta and son J. K. Baze.

Mr. and Mrs. Happy Jordan, accompanied by the former's sister, Miss Vivian Jordan, returned Tuesday night from Belton where they have been spending the holidays with relatives.

E. L. Dow, E. S. Rowe, Tom Arnett and Mr. Hall, of the Cicero Smith lumber company, are now enjoying programs over new Parmak radios purchased during Christmas week of the local dealer.

Ralph Dunbar returned Sunday evening from Santa Fe, New Mexico, where he had been for the holidays. He reports a hazardous trip on account of the deep snows in the mountains of New Mexico.

Miss Ala Moulton and Arthur Mueller request those interested in the re-organization of a senior Christian Endeavor to be at the Presbyterian church next Sunday night before the preaching services.

Mr. A. E. White is in receipt of information announcing the death of Henry Filter, former Littlefield citizen, who died at Bangor, Wisconsin, December 6th. He resided here some years ago on a farm and will be remembered by many of the older new-

Miss Dora Key, former secretary of the Littlefield Retail Merchants' Association, left Tuesday for Amarillo, where she has accepted a position with the Business Men's Association. E. C. Gatlin will have charge of the association work here.

E. A. Bills and family returned Monday from their former home at Eastland where they spent Christmas with friends and relatives. The Judge reports very heavy roads enroute, and the pleasure of getting stuck in the mud three or four times.

Clay Pumphrey, who started on a hunting trip in the mountain of New Mexico, got as far as Santa Rosa, and turned back on account of the bad condition of the roads and the heavy snows, arriving home Monday night. He states that on his return through Texico he was a witness to the gruesome removal of the bodies of the murdered Hassel family from the dugout where they were found.

A SLUMBER PARTY

Miss Verna Henson entertained a few of her friends with a slumber party Saturday night.

The guests were Misses Alta Anderson, Maurine Wilson, of Amarillo; Virginia Turner and Alice Anderson.

MISSIONARY MEETING

The Methodist missionary society met Monday afternoon at the church, a large number of members being present. The afternoon was devoted to closing the business for the year.

The study of the book, "Moslem Women," will be taken up at the next regular meeting.

The new officers for the coming year will be installed next Sunday evening at the church, preceding the regular church service.

ENTERTAIN S. S. CLASS

Miss Nellie Duggar entertained the intermediate classes of the Presbyterian Sunday school with a candy party from seven to nine o'clock, Monday evening at her home. Various games were played and

some good candy was

Those present were Shaw, Ruth Mitchell, Mildred Wharton, Milma Cosgrove, Ray Elaine Yantis, Bill Street, E. Olan Wharton and Tilden.

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The biggest Christmas in Sweetwater was had Saturday by members of the Cress family and a number of intimate friends, when they celebrated the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cress. The dinner was held at the Wright hotel at seven o'clock Christmas night.

The guests included the children and grand-children of Mr. and Mrs. Cress. They assembled in the lobby of the hotel and were lead into the dining room by Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cress, the oldest married couple.

The room was beautifully decorated in gold paper and yellow chrysanthemums which harmonized with the holiday decorations. A large golden cake adorned the center of the table.

The toastmaster, H. L. Cress, gave a toast to his mother and father. Dr. Shook gave a tribute to his life long friends. Immediately following the first course, all children and grand-children presented the guests of honor with tributes of love.

Mr. Harlow L. Cress, brother of W. C. Cress, made a fitting address to

his brother and wife. Mrs. R. E. McCaskill read a poem of praise, "To My Father and Mother." Mrs. S. O. Cress played a low violin accompaniment to the reading. Mr. W. E. Wade, a friend of the family for 20 years, gave a little talk from his heart to his friends.

A golden wedding present was given to Mr. and Mrs. Cress by each of those present. H. L. Cress presented a golden wedding bell to each woman present, and J. A. Cress gave each person a golden wedding ring inscribed with the initial of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cress and the date of their wedding.

Near the end of the banquet the family joined in singing, "When You and I were Young Zinney." A prayer by Dr. Shook terminated the banquet.

A four course dinner was served to the following children, members of their families and friends.

Harlow L. Cress, El Paso; H. L. Cress, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cress, Amarillo; I. D. Cress, Yuma, Arizona; C. B. Cress, Delano, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Cress, Mexia, Mr.

and Mrs. N. L. Cress, Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McCaskill, Littlefield; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Chouteau, Sweetwater; Mrs. Vivian Bailey, Bennington; Mrs. Gertrude Sanders, Sumner, Arizona; Miss Agnes Cress, Yuma, Helen Cress, Delano, Calif.; Margaret Cress, Oklahoma City; Gladys Cress, Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wade, Sweetwater; Mrs. Ethel Givens, Fort Worth; Billie Adams, Stephenville; J. P. (Red) Warren, Sweetwater; Dr. Shook, Wingate; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cress, Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Cress were married 50 years ago at Cumberland Gap, Va. They moved to Texas in 1879, coming as far as the end of the railroad, which at that time was McKinney. They began life in the west by picking up some pecans which they sold and from which they made enough money to keep going until Mr. Cress established himself as a farmer and ranchman. Ten children were born to them, all of whom are living. "A fine family," Mr. Cress said, "and none of them ever had to pay alms. They are boys and girls to be proud of."

This is the first time since the children grew up and the first time in 20 years that they have all been together. The last occasion was in June, 1906, when Harry, the eldest son, was brought home from San Francisco, where he had been severely injured in the earthquake.

About Your Health
Things You Should Know



by John Joseph Gaines, M.D.

VENTILATION

Ventilation in winter is a problem of first importance. There is no doubt that ill-ventilated apartments make for ill-health. Rarely do we find a family now-a-days without one or more sufferers from respiratory infections.

I want to emphasize at the outset however, that warm air does not mean impure air, by any means; neither may we look on cold air as always being "fresh air." One of the essentials of air in the living-room is, that it be comfortable to the occupants; great or sudden variations in temperature may be exceedingly harmful.

Circulating air is better than stagnant; the outlet for over-heated, or foul air should be at the highest point in the living apartment; the inlet for outdoor air at the lowest. If front doors are opened and closed frequently during days and evenings, plenty of out-door air may be admitted in that way; and, air should be held inside, long enough to be warmed by the heating-plant. It is therefore evident that, the outlet for air should be smaller than the opening for intake.

The closed room is generally to be looked upon with suspicion. No matter if it be a public hall, a church, a theatre, or any place used on occasions. Public halls should be treated with formaldehyde two or three times a week; the air should be changed daily. A bedroom should always be left wide open after occupation—the bedding thoroughly "aired" and frequent sprinklings with a solution of formaldehyde may prevent many a respiratory infection. People know these things, but so many neglect them.

No Way Out

Sam was charged with theft, and the Judge was talking to him in court. "Now, Sam, you know what happens if you don't tell the truth, don't you?"

"Yes, Suh—Ah goes to hell and Ah burns."

"And now what will happen if you tell the truth?"

"Ah done get 30 days."

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THEM'S MY SENTIMENTS

Judge to Prisoner: "You are facing trial and so far you haven't engaged a lawyer to defend you. Shall I appoint one or what do you want to do about it?"

Prisoner: "Well, your honor, as far as I'm concerned, I'm willing to drop the whole case."

FAIR ENOUGH

Wife: "There was a poor old woman at the door today—begging for clothes."

Husband: "Did you give her any?"

Yes, I gave her that 12 year old suit of yours and the dress I bought last week."

**President Coolidge Urges Observance
Of International Golden Rule Sunday**



PRESIDENT COOLIDGE again asks America to observe International Golden Rule Sunday. By Presidential endorsement the day has been observed for the past three years to aid child welfare and relief work of the Near East Relief. This year the day will have the additional significance of aiding the earthquake victims of Armenia.

The President's letter of endorsement follows:

"I regard International Golden Rule Sunday as a movement of much importance. Begun in an attempt to care for the orphaned children of Bible lands, it has been extended to other countries.

"Practical help is the best expression of friendship. The aid we may give out of our abundance to those less fortunately situated than we should be of great value in bringing about the application of the Golden Rule to the settlement of misunderstandings among nations as well as among individuals.

"I hope the voluntary observance of this day may become increasingly prevalent in America and throughout the world."

Taking Inventory
"Why are you counting your fingers?"
"I just shook hands with an ex-convict."

Postmaster: "Here's a letter for you—it has a black border."
"Oh, my poor father is dead!"
"But you haven't read it yet!"
"I know, but he's dead. I recognize his handwriting."

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