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## Only Four Days to Help, Goodfellows

Goodfellows are beginning to realize that it is only a few days until Christmas and contributions came in fast over the week-end. A survey of the city shows that if the needy are cared for properly this year the fund must swell rapidly in the few remaining days. Pitiful cases have been reported by all the canvassers. Sickness and cold weather have made the need even greater than it would have been normally. Many homes have been visited by influenza and other diseases, causing those who had jobs to be without work for several weeks, and resulting in actual want.

Suffering among children of the poor is causing some assistance to be given now instead of waiting until Christmas eve. The collection made last week by the Ballinger Lions Club brought in far less clothing than is needed and another canvass of the city will be made this week. Clothing is greatly needed and Lions will call at each residence in Ballinger this week to see if something can be spared for those in dire need.

The Sunday school class of Mrs. B. C. Kirk held a quilting at the Ballinger Baptist Church last week. Six heavy comforts were made, two sent to a poor family at once, and the others turned over to the Goodfellows to place where most urgently needed.

Claud R. Stone, Jr., little son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Stone, who is in a Temple hospital following two serious operations, sent in his dollar to the Goodfellows last week.

An envelope received by The Ledger Saturday contained \$25 for the fund. The donor's name was withheld. This sum has been contributed for several years in the same manner.

All the students of the Methodist Sunday school brought gifts Sunday morning to be turned over to the Goodfellows for local distribution. Included in the gifts were bacon, salt pork, flour, sugar, coffee and other items.

Here is the fund to date:

Previously reported	\$39.50
Claud R. Stone, Jr.	1.00
F. M. Pearce	5.00
Cash	1.00
M. C. Boyd	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Leage	2.00
Dorothy Stephens	1.00
E. F. Krebs	1.00
Cash	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Reese	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Erwin	2.00
Miss Nell Alexander	1.00
A. F. Ligon	2.00
Anonymous	25.00
T. J. Parrish	1.00
Rev. M. C. Golden	1.00
Cash	2.00
David Caudle	1.00
C. P. Shepherd	1.00
Miss Evelyn Shepherd	1.00
E. E. King's S. S. Class	5.00
Mrs. A. O. Bartlett	1.00
T. B. Saunders	1.00
Cash	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Brock	2.00
Cash	2.50
Miss Katherine Penn	1.00
American Legion Auxiliary	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brewer	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Harwell	2.50
Mr. and Mrs. R. E. White	2.50
Mrs. H. H. Luckett	1.00
O. P. Dorsey	1.00
Mary Simpson	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Behringer	5.00
Camille Behringer	1.00

## "HOPE DAY" CELEBRATIONS INCREASING IN FRANCE

PARIS, Dec. 19.—"Days of Hope" celebrations to further the cause of world peace are spreading over France.

The principal one this year was at the tomb of Aristide Briand, where thousands of children from all parts of France and many from Germany gathered to listen to the reading of Briand's writings on the beauty of peace.

"Poets and Peace" was the subject of the first "Hope Day" held in honor of Lamartine near Aix-les-Bains. Peasants and fishermen in Finistere joined in a "Pardon of Peace," an ancient form of religious festivity.

Art and music were honored as factors of civilization in the Department of Landes; and the Federated Mine Workers (French and German) arranged a "Hope Day" in the Moselle based on the idea of workmen and peace.

## While Making Merry Be a Goodfellow and Remember the Needy Livestock Feeding Is Increasing Here



## Schools Reopened After Brief Close

The city schools were open Monday morning after being dismissed last Thursday afternoon on account of illness of many students and the bad weather. Attendance in the high school was slightly better Monday than last week, only 75 being marked absent. Four teachers were out Monday on account of illness and substitutes were employed in their places.

Attendance in the other buildings had not been checked Monday but was said to be about the same as when classes were dismissed last Thursday.

The local schools will be dismissed Wednesday afternoon for the Christmas holidays and will not reopen until January 2. Most of the teachers who do not live here plan to leave Wednesday afternoon for their homes.

The epidemic of influenza here was thought to have subsided Monday morning with weather favorable for getting rid of the illness that has put many adults and children to bed recently. A large number of new cases developed over the week-end but none is serious.

## COTTON CONSUMPTION IN TEXAS DURING OCTOBER SHOWS SLIGHT DECLINE

AUSTIN, Dec. 19.—Texas cotton mills used 4,738 bales of cotton during October and produced 4,156,000 yards of goods, according to the University of Texas bureau of business research. While both of these figures are considerably below those of September, the comparison with October a year ago is quite encouraging, the bureau's report said. Practically 1,500 bales more were consumed in October this than in the corresponding month a year ago, and production lagged behind by less than 400,000 yards.

During September, 6,088 bales of cotton were used, and 5,055,000 yards of goods were produced. Shipments were short of output by 1,000,000 yards at totaled only 3,171,000 yards, the least hopeful item in the whole report. Ever since last January, the 21 mills reporting to the bureau of business research have consistently reported total production in excess of total shipments, and the disparity during October was larger than usual.

Unfilled orders dropped slightly from the 7,422,000 yards reported at the close of September to 6,801,000 yards at the close of October. Unfilled orders at the close of October last year were only 4,533,000 yards.

More spindles were active during October than in either September or October, 1931. Miss Audra Lee Smith is here from Eden to spend the Christmas holidays with friends and relatives.

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## City Financial Report is Good

The city water department made a nice cash gain during November. Receipts for the month were \$1,424.14, disbursements \$785.36, and improvements cost \$88.22. This is a net gain of \$638.78 for the month.

The general fund received \$1,582.94 during the month. Most of this was from early tax payments. A number of property owners visited the city collector's office during the first several days of December and collections are reported good.

The city's balance on the last day of November totaled \$35,122.36. The funds are distributed as follows: Security State Bank, \$5,927.29; Farmers and Merchants State Bank, \$16,532.55; securities held by sinking funds, \$13,500; and cash in vault at city hall, \$162.52.

Water collections for the past month were good and few cut-offs were reported by the superintendent. December and January are generally the heavy months of the year for tax collections which will increase the general fund.

It pays to read the ads.

## Road Work Started After Bad Weather

All highway construction in this section was halted last week by cold weather. Several contracts in Concho county and two in this county were stopped but work was recommenced Monday morning.

Preliminary work is being done by the contractors before erecting bridges north of Winters on highway 4. The work order has been received here and Bontke Brothers, of Abilene, are moving machinery to the location.

Contractors are ready to begin laying the first course on highway 4 from the Runnels county line to Paint Rock. Machinery has been moved in, material pits opened, forms placed on the roadway, and trucks will soon haul the caliche.

Cage Brothers are making good progress on the first course of base on highway 23 east of Ballinger to Talpa. This project was stopped last week but is again underway with a full crew working daily.

Other contracts in the southern portion of Concho county are moving along as fast as possible under the existing conditions. One contract is just being completed, another was commenced recently, and a third is about half finished.

Runnels county commissioners are using their machinery in their precincts this week to put rural roads in good shape for Christmas travel.

Ballinger's streets are in good condition, all unpaved thoroughfares have been freshly graded, drainage ditches opened, and pavement cleaned.

## Court Adjourns Monday Morning

District court opened here Monday morning for the third week but was soon dismissed. Only 24 of the 36 petit jurors summoned reported for duty, the other 12 being ill. A number of those reporting had illness in their homes and Judge O. L. Parish excused the jurors for this week, instructing them to report for duty Tuesday, December 27.

Next Tuesday will begin the final week of this term of court and Judge Parish plans to take up the criminal docket for the trial of a number of cases pending. When the week's work is completed court will be adjourned for this term. Judge Parish will go to Coleman to hold court January 2.

Judge J. F. Sutton was here Monday to hear cases in which Judge Parish was disqualified. A few civil cases were called but only required a short time to dispose of and Judge Sutton returned to San Angelo in the afternoon.

J. P. Rhuman came in Sunday from Lubbock to spend Christmas with friends and relatives.

## Natural Resources Big Aid In Development of Texas

AUSTIN, Dec. 19.—That Texas is playing an important part in the world-wide industrial revolution that is now in progress is shown by a study of the several factors which enter into the creating of these new and far reaching forces behind the movement, according to Elmer H. Johnson, economic geographer of the bureau of business research of the University of Texas.

"In the first place, through its unique location, the great extent of its area and the wide variety of its geological make-up, Texas possesses those remarkable advantages of physical conditions and of natural resources which brought into its undeveloped plains and prairies the people, the enterprise and together all these attracted capital into the state in larger and larger amounts during the course of particularly the past three-quarters of a century," Mr. Johnson said.

"Contemporaneous with these most important internal developments in the state was the constantly increasing pull of the continually expanding markets in the great metropolitan districts of the Western world.

"In order to bridge effectually the gap of great distances between the rich and productive lands and resources of Texas, ready means of transportation new to the world of commerce and industry had to be provided. The vanguard of this movement—and the transportation movement in Texas has been and continues to be one of major importance—was the now glamorous and romantic but the then hard and trying grim and grimy trail driving, in which longhorn cattle by the millions were recruited in the thickets of chaparral of South Texas and were driven northward across the plains of Texas and Oklahoma to Abilene or Dodge, Caldwell or Ogallala.

"The epochal trail driving period was brought to a close by the coming of the railway into Texas and the Southwest. These new forms of transportation represented large investments of capital from the already rapidly growing metropolitan districts of North-Eastern United States and of Western Europe. Furthermore, it was the railways that showed the way to the new forms of economic organization that were paralleling the spread and consequences of the forces released by the industrial revolution which had emerged years before in England.

"Closely paralleling the extension of railways into and through Texas came more and more people and more capital to be invested—all alike attracted by the vision of the new economic opportunities and of the hopes of bettering to a considerable degree their standard of living. In consequence of the effects of these many factors, Texas just naturally took the lead in cotton and cattle during the last quarter of the last century and at the same

time Eastern Texas became very important as a large producer of lumber.

"The advent of cotton cultivation in the moderately humid Texas prairies regions gave to the state the lead in cotton production Texas has maintained to the present. In the meantime year by year cattle has been pushed westward until the well defined grazing regions such as the Edwards Plateau, the North-Central Plains, the High Plains, and the Trans-Pecos country came to be recognized as premier livestock producing districts. Later on, farming operations and the introduction of crops such as cotton and grain sorghums and wheat began to push the cattle industry out of the available lands throughout Western Texas—a movement which has continued down to the past few years.

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## Prohibition Mass Meeting Held Here

A mass meeting of prohibitionists from all parts of the county was held here Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at the Ballinger Baptist Church. Between 150 and 200 attended the session which was the first of its kind held here in a number of years.

The purpose of the meeting was to form a county organization of United Forces for Prohibition to work with the state and national organizations.

Rev. J. H. McClain, pastor of the Ballinger Baptist Church, was named president; Rev. J. E. Kerr, pastor of the Eighth Street Presbyterian Church, secretary; Scott H. Mack, treasurer; and C. P. Shepherd, publicity chairman. A number of vice-presidents from other sections of the county were elected and will serve as community chairmen.

A resolution was adopted by the meeting against any modification of the 18th amendment and urging its enforcement. The resolution was general in its nature, asking for strict prohibition of the liquor traffic over the nation. The committee was composed of Rev. W. T. Hamor, Rev. Leslie Seymour, R. T. Williams, Mrs. A. B. Legate, F. D. McCoy, Will Puckett, Joe Jones, Rev. J. E. Kerr and Scott H. Mack.

A collection totaling \$24.40 was taken and turned over to the treasurer for operation of the organization. Other meetings will be held in the near future and definite plans made for local activities.

Order your Christmas holly now. Ballinger Floral Co. 16-3t

## West Issuing Many Wedding Permits

County Clerk Clarence West is paving the way this month for a new record in issuing marriage licenses in this county. Monday morning he had received applications for 31 and expects to receive applications for about that many more before the end of December.

Other county clerks in this section of West Texas are talking about poor business, some issuing from one to ten a month, but Mr. West has continued to lead in this district for the past several months.

For some reason couples come here from Coleman, Concho, Tom Green, Coke, and Taylor counties to apply for the papers permitting them to wed. Besides this many come to Ballinger from other nearby counties to be married.

Anyway, they continue to come and December weddings here will exceed any month of 1932 and perhaps set a new record for the county.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Harvey, of Rankin, were here Sunday for a visit with relatives and friends.

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## Heart Failure in Both Sexes

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 19.—A survey by the Wisconsin bureau of vital statistics shows that heart diseases take their victims with slight regard for sex. Only in the case of acute endocarditis, or inflammation of the lining membrane of the heart, were deaths of women in Wisconsin greater than those of men last year.

Miss Estelle Middleton is here from Denton to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Middleton.

Harry Lynn is confined to his home with a case of influenza.

## Explains Causes of Texas Earthquakes

AUSTIN, Dec. 19.—Dr. E. H. Sellards, director of the bureau of economic geology at the University of Texas, discussed two recent Texas earthquakes in an illustrated lecture before the Southwestern Geological Society recently. In his talk, Dr. Sellards pointed out that the first of these two earthquakes had its greatest intensity of the shock at Valentine and was recorded by seismograph determination at 5:43 o'clock in the morning of August 16, 1931. He said that the seismograph determinations as well as surface indications located the earthquake in the Davis Mountains. Movements were easily felt in all parts of Texas.

An earthquake is the result of the breaking of the rocks beneath the surface, Dr. Sellards explained. The earth crust sets up different stresses in the rocks and when the greatest stresses that a rock can bear is reached, the rocks break in two and a fault occurs. This fault, although it displaces the rock formations for only a few feet, sends out shocks that may be recorded over the whole earth's crust. These forces are acting continually and are only evident when the rocks break, Dr. Sellards said.

The earthquake at Valentine did considerable damage in that vicinity. The slipping did not occur in one specific place but occurred in a line running north-west and southeast from Valentine. The town of Valentine is built on unconsolidated river deposits and the severe shock experienced by the inhabitants there was due to the comparatively loose underlying formations that could be easily shaken. The earthquake was of great depth and seismograph stations from Europe recorded the movements. Paris, France, and Strassburg, Germany, reported the movement.

The Mexia, Limestone county, earthquake was recorded in February, 1932, but it was a very weak fault. Locally, its movements were intense but the only surface indications were that it shook bricks from chimneys. It was a shallow earthquake and was not recorded by the seismograph stations of Denton and Austin, both of which are within one hundred miles of Mexia.

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# Cheerfulness Contagious As Gloom

The soil is as productive as it was in the most prosperous years this world has known.

Better methods have been developed for sowing and reaping, and for manufacturing the raw material the soil produces. The average of human intelligence is higher than ever.

There are better institutions of learning and there is far more general intelligence. Yet to hear many people talk you would believe this planet has outworn its usefulness, and that the human race is on the verge of destruction.

What has happened is that there has been a great war, followed by an unexemplary period of gambling. Credulous people were as optimistic then as they are pessimistic now.

They thought they were going to make fortunes—much more money than they needed—and they staked everything they had in the great game of finance, about which ninety-nine and nine-tenths of them knew nothing whatever. Then the piper had to be paid. And when he had got all he demanded, the good times had gone glimmering.

Will they come back? Of course they will come back! The earth is more productive than it ever was because men know more about how to get the wealth out of it. The dollars you had and haven't got now are somewhere.

They haven't been melted down or sent into another country—though some of them may be temporarily locked up in institutions, which for the present aren't paying any dividends. Just as soon as people get over glooming and brooding and predicting world disaster times will mend, and mend rapidly.

The writer has been in dry countries when, after a prolonged drought, people began to believe it was never going to rain again and made ready to move to some other place. But it always rained. He has lived through three depressions, and each time heard men expressing the conviction that civilization had blown up. But civilization did not blow up, and it is not going to blow up.

There is hard going and easy going on every journey. There is bound to be some hard going and some easy going on the journey we make from the cradle to the grave.

The writer doesn't think that deep in their hearts anybody believes the country or the world is going to the dogs. Why, then, not be a little more cheerful? Cheerfulness is almost as contagious as gloom.

And if you feel it and display it, your neighbor will "catch" it, and it may become epidemic. Try it and see how it works.

### VIENNA PAYS TRIBUTE TO "AUSTRIA'S WOLSEY"

VIENNA, Dec. 19.—The city of Vienna gave every honor to Dr. Ignaz Seipel, the "Cardinal Wolsey" of Austria, who died recently at Pernitz from wounds received when a bullet lodged in his lung during an attempt to assassinate him in 1924.

The cleric-chancellor who saved Austria from ruin died on the day on which the Austrian Parliament was voting the loan granted at Lausanne which was a continuation of the policy begun by him ten years ago, when he engineered the first loans which saved Austria from ruin.

The remains of Dr. Seipel were taken to Vienna and lay in state at the headquarters of the Roman Catholic Christian-Socialist party, which he led. After mass in St. Stephen's Church the body was borne to the Baumgarten Cemetery, where it was buried in a grave of honor donated by the city of Vienna. All the cost of the funeral was at the expense of the city.

Shake!



### The Yuletide

Christmas, the season for the renewal of old friendships, for the forgetting of differences, for the expression of good will and kindness, is here.

# Fortunes for Two

By Paul Hauck

His was a case of "nothing is perfect, but thinking makes it so." Really, Christine wasn't the most beautiful woman in the world. But Jerry would look at her piquant oval face with its so-alive eyes beneath her wavy hair that had a glint of bronze on each wave, or he would see her tall, graceful figure that he could recognize from a distance as far as his eyes could see, and an odd jerk from within would let him know that she was the most beautiful creature in the world.

Nor was she the most intelligent woman alive. But her ready wit, her sympathetic understanding of anything—whether it be humorous or pathetic—made him believe she was.

"I won't be gone long, Jerry," she said.

Jerry nodded absently. "All right, Chris. I don't mind waiting," he told her.

Chris got out of the car and entered a doorway in a building nearby. Jerry waited patiently in the car.

The whole trouble, he told himself, was that he loved her too much. His brow became wrinkled, and his brown eyes were troubled at this thought, for there was no helping himself out of that predicament. That was something he could not do anything about.

Not that he didn't want to love her! But there was always that matter of a constriction of his throat, as if his heart were up there beating much too heartily when she was near. And there was the other matter of words—many tender and earnest words—that crowded and jostled each other in an endeavor to be said; and yet they were words that he could never get his tongue to say. For wasn't he mortal? And what right had mere mortal man to speak of love to a goddess? All this was what he meant by "loving her too much."

Jerry ran his fingers restlessly through his black hair. He faced toward the spot where Chris had disappeared. Over the doorway was a sign on which his eyes lingered: "Madame Salome—Fortunes Told." Jerry was getting the first faint intimations of an approaching idea when Chris appeared beneath the sign and thus took complete possession of his attention.

"I'll tell her all about it and ask her to marry me right now," he muttered determinedly to himself before she got in the car.

"Oh, Jerry, it was fun! Madame Salome told me a whole bunch of things. She said a great change was going to take place in my life within the next month!"

That was the psychological moment for Jerry! That was the time to tell her he was the change. Jerry took a deep breath and started. But when he heard his own words, they were not words of love, but "What is that change?"

Mentally he kicked himself. That was the way it always happened. Something would say, "She can't possibly love you, simpleton," and he could never quite tell her.

Chris said unexpectedly. "She didn't tell me that. I'm to go back in two weeks and find out some more. Oh, I can hardly wait! You believe in fortune tellers, too, don't you?"

As a matter of fact, Jerry did not. But for her he would have declared New York to be in Siam or the moon to be fresh Swiss cheese.

"I'll say I do," he said. Jerry headed the car for the country. He told himself, "When I get to the river bridge, I'll ask her."

When they got to the bridge he told himself "Now!" and took a firm grip on the steering wheel. But nothing happened.

By the time the afternoon had sped by and he had taken her home, he had said "Now" some twenty times—with the same result. When a brilliant attorney-at-law finds himself at a loss for words, he thought glumly, it's time to take drastic steps.

And then he got the idea! Tossing down a valuable brief—he couldn't concentrate on it anyway—like so much waste paper, Jerry dashed for his car and continued the dash until he arrived in front of the door marked "Madame Salome."

"You would like to hear your fortune, yes?" that lady asked him.

"Never mind my fortune," said Jerry, holding a bill in a very conspicuous position. "What I want is to help you tell somebody's fortune."

"Ah-h-h!" Madame's voice ran the scale, and her eyes caressed the money in his hand.

"You will?" Jerry demanded.

"But yes, if—"

"Don't worry about the pay," said Jerry. "Listen, Miss Carrothers was in here today. And she's coming back in two weeks. I'm a lawyer, and my name's Jerry Damron. I'm in love with her, but I get tongue-tied and can't do anything about it. You tell her how I love her and advise her to marry me. Can you do that?"

"But trust me!" Madame agreed.

### Super-Farmer



The title of Super-Farmers of Galveston county for 1932 has been bestowed upon Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Perry of Alta Loma, Texas. They were selected in the contest sponsored by the Galveston News because they did a notable job of balanced farming this year, living at home on food they grew themselves. Perry is shown perusing his farm records.

"Now—"

Jerry paid her. "And you get another payment just like that if it works. And put it on strong, will you?"

It was nearly three weeks later that Chris met Jerry at the door with, "Oh, Jerry. Let me tell you about my fortune!" She took his hand and led him into the living room as if he were a small boy. "Jerry, the fortune teller told me that a successful lawyer is in love with me and that I'm going to marry him soon. She said his initials are 'J' and 'D', and she described him as tall, a brunet with regular features—nice looking—and very timid around me. She said we'd be married the first of the month."

Jerry grew red, but he waited silently.

"Could it—could it be you, Jerry?" she asked breathlessly, and she didn't sound as if she minded if it were.

So Jerry wasn't speechless this time! "I happen to love you, all right," he said. "And I do want you to have and to hold forever. Will you marry me?"

"I happen to love you, too," Chris said. "So I guess I will."

It was some time after the first of that next month before Jerry felt the urge to confess.

"Do you really love me a lot,

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Chris?" Chris was emphatic. "Yes!" Jerry laughed happily. "And to think the joke is on you about our finding it out! I bribed Madame Salome to tell you about how the young lawyer loved you and wanted to marry you! Remember—that day I took you to see her, and you said you were going back in two weeks?"

Chris laughed deliciously and pulled his ear. "That makes the joke on you then. 'Cause I never did go back to Madame Salome—or any other fortune teller!"

### ODD NAMES IN OZARKS MAKE VISITORS PONDER

HOLLISTER, Mo., Dec. 19.—The Ozark country, or at least that part of it known as the White River district, is a country of caves, coon dogs and hospitable folks, not to mention original and odd-sounding names. Visitors seldom fail to wonder at such names as Gobbler's Knob, High Lonesome, Loafer's Glory, Glad Joe, Virgin's Bluff, Naked Joe, Possum Trot and others no less characteristic.

Take Ava, for instance, the county seat of Douglas county. When, in 1871, James Hailey was confronted with the important task of naming a town he went to his Bible for guidance and found in II Kings, xvii, 24, his inspiration; the town was duly named Ava, which in Hebrew means "overflowing."

Not all inspiration came from books. One of the highest knobs in Stone county bears the somewhat modern name of Naked Joe. Old settlers relate the story of a duel fought on this peak before the Civil War by two naked men, the victor of which was named Joe. Wild turkeys led to the naming of Gobbler's Knob.

Taney county was named after Roger B. Taney, a Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States for twenty-six years, whose decision in the famous Dred Scott case had such an important reaction in shaping events that led to the Civil War and whose wife was a sister of

Francis Scott Key. Douglas county was named after Stephen A. Douglas, whose life also figured so prominently in pre-Civil War days. John Forsyth of Georgia, Secretary of State of the United States, 1834-1841, lent his name to the county seat of Taney county. Ozarkians took their politics seriously enough in those times to name their county seats and landmarks after prominent public figures.

Gobbler's Knob is one of the smaller knobs four miles from Hollister in Taney county.

There was humor in the name of Loafer's Glory for a school building in Taney county.

In many instances places were named with a descriptive significance. From Possum Trot, a valley in Taney county where these animals abounded, to High Lonesome, a ridge on a divide between Beaver Creek and Swan Creek in Douglas county that was particularly high and lonesome; Virgin's Bluff in Stone county, with its legend of disillusioned Indian maiden's love, each has its own particular story.

### GLASS BUILDING BLOCKS EXHIBITED IN GERMANY

LEIPZIG, Dec. 19.—Building blocks of glass were a feature of the semi-annual building fair held here recently. Those used in buildings in Germany are said to have been a success. Many were used in the large airdrome in Munich.

Glass blocks are said to have advantages over stone for building purposes because of the high degree of insulation against cold, heat and noise, and the light which they admit into a structure.

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# CHRISTMAS in SWEDEN

By Marjorie Howe Dixon

To begin with, there is the children's viewpoint. They put their faith in little trolls in Sweden. A troll is a tiny Santa Claus—it is as if Santa had a great many helpers who are called Jul Tomtar. There is always a troll for every home. The old grandfather said he remembered the bowl of rice that was always placed in the barn on Christmas Eve for the Trolls. In the morning the rice was gone! And that day the work went so quickly, because all the little trolls helped! Who can doubt grandfather?

Then there is this matter of wooden shoes. In Sweden in the school house entry is a row of pigeon holes. Each lad places his wooden shoes therein, before he enters the school room. Inside he wears soft shoes or heavy woolen socks. The trolls are watching him. If he has been naughty, on Christmas morning he may find a little switch in his shoes. But if he has been good there will be presents. All through the holidays the children take part. They must be very, very busy, with preparations, and songs to learn, and mother to help, and presents to pack.

**Placed in Various Positions**

Then they must watch while father or uncle ties a sheaf of wheat to a post for the birds' Christmas. This may be oats. It is sometimes tied to a chimney, sometimes on the top of a post, and then other times is placed in the branches of a tree.

To begin the holidays there is a little ceremony for the thirteenth of December. "Santa Lucia," a pretty girl, attended by five baker boys, comes to call on a family at five o'clock in the morning. Since they will surely be in bed, she walks in, bringing coffee, while the baker boys bring buns, one kind like a cat with a raisin for an eye, and the other with four wheels. "Santa Lucia" wears a green wreath about her head in which are thirteen lighted candles. Just think, she will have to go to school that day—and get the candle grease out of her hair before she goes.

The day of Christmas Eve is a full holiday and is very jolly and gay. Christmas Day in contrast is very quiet and thoughtful. Each has its special dinner, at which certain viands are part of tradition.

**Start With Many Relishes**

Dinner, Christmas Eve, started with "Smorgasbord." This is typically Swedish and consists of many relishes, anchovies, sausages, potato salad and cheese. This was followed by a traditional dish, "Lutfisk." This is a special creamed codfish. The fish is dried and prepared weeks in advance. It must be cooked exactly ten minutes or it will dissolve. At this meal "Rullsylta" is another special dish. This is head cheese made of rolled pork and beef. The mention of cheese makes one remember the "Jul ost," a special Christmas

cheese, prepared many weeks ahead of Christmas. It must stand all this time in order to acquire flavor.

Dessert for Christmas Eve is a rice pudding flavored with cinnamon and served with milk. In it are placed a thimble for the one who is to be an old maid—a ring for the first to be married, and a gold coin for riches. It is a bowl of this rice that is served to the trolls. No wonder they help so blithely the next day.

**Popcorn is Missing**

After all this feed comes the Christmas tree. The American girl who was visiting noticed the absence of our popcorn. Her Swedish friends assured her it was quite unknown, but that was twenty years ago. The tree was very lovely with its bright candles and many packages. These were gifts with little jokes for the family as well as more treasured presents.

Christmas Day begins very early with a special church service at five o'clock. Everyone attends regardless of their attendance the rest of the year. One old custom must have been a beautiful sight. Each sleigh as it started out in the dimness of winter dawn carried a torch fore and aft. A procession of these sleighs must have presented a fairy-like appearance worth remembering. The torches were planted in the snow when the church was reached.

Another church service is at ten o'clock and then there is the evening service.

**Christmas Day Dinner**

Dinner on Christmas Day has its traditional dishes. The guests may stand while enjoying "Smorgasbord." They visit and chat until their plates are removed.

The main meal is served at the table with the guests seated. The first course may be a clear soup with tiny meat balls in it. The meat course may be either roast young pig or chicken. The head of the pig is decorated with a paper frill behind his ears, and in the open mouth is a bright red apple. Often there is more than one kind of roast.

A special ceremony is connected with this meal. Its Swedish name is "Doppe i gryten," which is "dipping in the pot." A sauce from ham is prepared on the kitchen stove. Slices of rye bread are served to everyone and all must parade to the kitchen and dip bits of bread in the pot and eat them. It is most important not to let the bread get too soft and fall off one's fork.

**Like Our Carol Singing**

For the day after Christmas there is a pretty custom carried out by the boys. They each make a star for a head dress, in the center of which is an open space holding a candle. These "Stjarn-gossar" or star boys go about with a leader from house to house and sing for their friends. The leader asks for money. Except that this occurs in the morning, it is very similar to our carol singing.

The entire week holds gay fes-

tivities. All the shops are closed, and everyone makes merry. The end comes on New Year's Day. This is devoted to making and receiving calls. As all through the week, the sound of the coffee grinder is heard in the land, so this day, too, coffee is served to all visitors. Cakes and cookies add to the cheer and many a health is pledged. Surely Sweden seems to present a very abundant and satisfying way to enjoy the Christmas season.

**MAN'S HEART STOPPED,  
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W. L. Adams was bloated so with gas that his heart often missed beats after eating. Advertiser told him of all gas, and now he eats anything and feels fine. J. Y. Pearce Drug Co.

**WEST TEXAS NOTES**

Winters gins to date have turned out 17,280 bales of cotton and expect to pass the 18,000-bale mark before the close of the season. Seven gins there have had steady runs throughout the season. Ginnings at Winters to last Saturday night were ahead of the same date a year ago.

Coleman business houses will observe Christmas on December 26. All stores in that city will remain closed until Tuesday morning, giving employees two days of leisure.

The commissioners' court of Coleman county is aided every way possible in furnishing employment to jobless men. Road work in all precincts will be commenced at once and day laborers will be employed. Only those who are worthy and without jobs will be used in this construction.

The best calf exhibited at the Coleman County Fair was entered by a 4-H club boy. The calf, which weighed 965 pounds on foot, was raised by Cecil Strickland, of Voss. After being butchered a portion of the calf was sold and the remainder canned.

Brady expects to receive between \$20,000 and \$30,000 worth of furs during this season. Many trappers began work December 1 and will have many hides for the market before the season closes. The principal fur bearing animals of the region are o'possums, foxes, skunks, ringtails and raccoons.

McCulloch county gins had turned out 28,349 bales of cotton up to December 1. This total is larger than the county's production in 1931.

Brady is conducting its annual "Christmas Beautiful" campaign. Valuable awards will be made for the three most beautifully decorated residences and three other prizes are posted for the three most attractive show windows.



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Many have entered the competition for the prizes, while others did so merely to aid the movement.

Fifty carloads of turkeys were shipped from Brownwood on the Christmas market. The value of the 50 cars was approximately \$100,000. Birds shipped from Brownwood alone will be enough to serve more than half a million Christmas dinners.

The Junction high school has been admitted to the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges. This is the second year the Junction school has received this recognition, showing that the school and the faculty meets the most critical requirements. George H. Mitchell is superintendent.

Comanche county gins have turned out 6,067 bales of cotton, which is ahead of the mark on the same date last year. Heavy ginnings are reported since December 1 with a good deal of cotton yet in the fields.

Sonora retains its place as an important fur center, many trappers bringing pelts there recently. The quality of the furs is declared excellent, better than for the past several years, but prices are averaging less than last year.

Henry Brown, of San Saba, is in a Brownwood hospital suffering from a bullet wound received accidentally. Brown was in a car with a gun in his pocket when it discharged, taking effect in a leg. The bullet was removed and surgeons do not believe the wound serious.

A large American eagle was caught in a trap on the B. V. Sims ranch near Paint Rock last week. Another was killed on an adjoining ranch a few days before. Eagles have been killing lambs and poultry in that section. A Concho county trapper last week located and dug out 17 rattlesnakes, the largest six feet long.

Many cases of influenza are reported in the Eden section but all are said to be mild. Practically every West Texas paper last week published accounts of many people being stricken with this malady.

The construction of levees along Brady Creek at Brady has been assured and will be commenced in the near future. The dikes are part of the flood control measure at Brady and will increase property values by more than \$100,000 according to engineers' estimates. Over 1,300 feet of rock and 1,700

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## Former Citizens to Celebrate Golden Wedding Day

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wood, of Granger, will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary Wednesday, December 21. A number of Ballinger friends have received invitations to attend the celebration from 3 to 5 o'clock p. m. All the children of Mr. and Mrs. Wood will assemble in the family home for a dinner and family reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bridwell, of Ballinger, will attend the celebration. Mrs. Bridwell is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wood.

For a number of years Mr. Wood and his son, Diaz, were in the grocery business in Ballinger. When he first came to Ballinger, in 1906, Mr. Wood operated a hotel for a few months before going into the grocery business. Soon after the World War his son left for Granger to enter the practice of law with an elder brother, A. E. Wood, and Mr. and Mrs. Wood sold out here and bought a place at Granger. Since then they have made home at Granger but visit here often.

A. E. Wood, Mrs. W. A. Bridwell, Mrs. Porter Murray, Miss Virginia Wood and Diaz B. Wood are children who will attend the golden wedding anniversary.

## CANTATA TONIGHT TO HELP GOODFELLOWS

The girls' glee club of the Ballinger high school will be presented in a Christmas cantata at the high school auditorium tonight. "The First Christmas" is the name of the musical offering in which more than 25 girls will be heard in musical selections. Miss Katherine Todd, public school music teacher, has directed rehearsals of the production.

No admission will be charged, but those present will have an opportunity to contribute towards the Goodfellow fund.

Besides the large chorus several girls will assume roles in costume.



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HOW'S your HEALTH



COLONIC IRRIGATIONS Colonic irrigations are a relatively recent technique for the treatment of various conditions of the colon.

They are employed for the removal of abnormal mucus, toxic products and bacteria from the bowel.

They differ from the enema in that the latter is used for inducing evacuation of the lower bowel, while colonic irrigations are employed for the purpose of washing out the colon.

This newer method of treatment, while valuable under certain circumstances, is not without danger and should not be employed except on prescription by a physician.

In the irrigation of colon, unmedicated water at a temperature of about 100 degrees F. may be used. To obtain desirable results a substantial amount of water, from five to ten gallons, may be required.

The whole process may last as long as 45 minutes to an hour, and its success may be judged when the returning fluid is clean and free from offensive odors.

The irrigation should be gentle in its effects. Before commencing the irrigation, the lower bowel must be clear of fecal matter.

The tube used should be small and should not be inserted into the rectum beyond three or four inches.

The reservoir containing the water should not be more than two feet above the level of the rectum. It is not desirable to have too great a pressure.

The irrigation may be taken first with the patient lying on his left side with knees drawn up, and subsequently with the patient on his back.

If the process induces pain, it should be stopped until the cramps and other untoward symptoms disappear.

Care should be taken not to injure the mucous membranes of the rectum when inserting the tube. Lubricating the tube with petrolatum will help avoid irritation.

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PAINT ROCK SCHOOL DISMISSED MONDAY

The Paint Rock public school was dismissed Monday morning for the Christmas holidays soon after the roll was called. Only about three-fourths of the pupils were present Monday morning and after consultation the board of trustees decided to dismiss until January 2.

Influenza is prevalent at Paint Rock and new cases were reported to be developing daily.

Sam Malone, Jr., came in last week from Hillsboro and is employed at the Weeks Drug Store.

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MOVIES

Saga of Tuna Fisheries Features Edward G. Robinson

Matching in dramatic power, thrill and suspense any picture Howard Hawks has ever directed, "Tiger Shark," the latest directorial creation of the man who made "The Dawn Patrol," "The Crowd Roars," and "Scarface," each outstanding attractions of their respective seasons, opens a two-day run at the Palace Theatre Thursday, starring Edward G. Robinson, with Richard Arlen and Zita Johann featured.

"Tiger Shark" is a sensational drama of the tuna fisheries, and the men who make their living in the shark-infested fishing grounds, far off the Mexican coast in the Pacific Ocean. For the first time in the history of the screen, the hazards of the tuna fisherman's life are shown, with all the wealth of authentic realism made possible by the modern motion picture camera.

For weeks the actors and technical crew of the First National studios aboard a big tuna fishing boat, hundreds of miles off the coast of western Mexico, where the most stirring scenes of this

unusual drama were enacted in locations never before visited by motion picture explorers. The result is a picture that offers thrills and experiences never before recorded on a motion picture screen, besides a powerful story of love, friendship and hate among the rugged, fiery-tempered fisher-folk of the Pacific coast. Zita Johann, one of Broadway's most brilliant young actresses, has the leading feminine role opposite Robinson.

And Ideal Team of Screen Lovers Seen in "Back Street"

Ever since Romeo and Juliet played out their beautiful but dangerous romance, followers of literature, the drama and the screen have been captivated by ideal lovers. At last, a pair of ideal lovers has been brought to the screen. They are Irene Dunne and John Boles, and they can be seen in that most talked-of and remarkable book of Fannie Hurst's, "Back Street," which Universal has been a year and a half in bringing to the screen. A lot of this time was expended in a thorough and exhaustive search for just the right two people to play the roles of Ray Schmidt and Walter Saxel. They had to have a lot of unusual qualifications. One of these was that they must

be able to look and act characterizations which extended over a period of almost thirty years. But the most important qualification of all was that they look like and act like ideal lovers. For that is what these two characters out of the imagination of Fannie Hurst's fertile brain, were to the nth degree. And that is what Irene Dunne and John Boles are. We have the word of John M. Stahl, one of the screen's most successful directors of domestic drama, for it.

It is true that in adapting the novel to the screen, certain liberties were taken with the characters of both Walter Saxel and Ray Schmidt. The principal change was in the character of Saxel. His most outstanding characteristic in the book was his selfishness. On the screen this is carelessness. "Back Street" will be presented in a special preview Christmas eve at midnight, and regular showings on Christmas day (Sunday afternoon) and Monday.

TEXAS INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES

Modernization of the Wichita Falls Window Glass Co. plant, which will bring into use in Texas the latest methods of glass making, has required the labor of from 40 to 60 workers for the past several weeks. The output of the plant will be considerably increased by the new machinery, which obviates the necessity of rolling the glass into tubular form and then cutting and produces the class in an 80-inch wide ribbon straight from the furnace to the cutting room. The plant is the only one of its kind in Texas.

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excess of \$10,000,000 are: Bags, beverages, bread, butter car and repair shops, cement, coffee and spice roasting, cotton goods, feed-stuff, flour and grain mill products, foundry and machine shop products, ice, lumber and timber products, meat packing, cottonseed oil, cake and meal, petroleum refining, planing mill products, poultry killing and dressing, printing and publishing (newspaper and periodical and book and job), rice cleaning and polishing, vegetable cooking oils and shortening, structural and ornamental steel and wood preserving.

The new elevator and milling plant of the Universal Milling Co., at Fort Worth was put into operation in November after five months of construction. The additions increased the flour and corn meal capacity by 2,100 barrels and the bulk grain storage to 600,000 bushels. The increased capacity caused additional employment of twenty workmen.

A pecan shelling and packing plant recently opened at Corsicana by D. G. Stearns and Walter Earl is giving employment to twenty men and sixty women and turning out over 250 pounds of pecan meats daily. The plant is affording a market for all the Navarro county pecans available and adjoining counties are being called on to argument the supply.

TEXAS CONTAINS ALMOST TENTH OF AREA OF U. S.

One gets a better idea of the size of Texas from a recent report of three federal bureaus which calculated the entire area of continental United States at 1,937,144,960 acres and that of Texas at 170,173,440 acres, including 167,934,720 acres of land and 2,238,720 acres of water surface. The three bureaus taking part in the calculations were the General Land Office, the Census Bureau and the Geological Survey.

Butter-and-Egg Crop Worth Twice as Much as Wheat

Few people realize that the value of the annual butter and egg production of the United States is worth more than twice as much as the entire wheat crop. Of even greater importance is the fact that instead of being a seasonal source of revenue, available once a year, it is an all-year-round cash crop. In 1930 the farm value of the wheat crop was \$566,000,000; of butter \$608,000,000, and of eggs \$789,000,000.

Mrs. Alta Mae Montgomery will operate the Modern Beauty Shop at Miles, Texas, over the Childress store. This shop owned by Lela McIntyre Haskin, of the Williams Beauty Parlor, San Angelo. 20-21

Ballinger will be closed next Monday to observe Christmas. A canvass of most of the business district revealed that local merchants desired to give their employees two days in which to celebrate and in many other West Texas cities and towns stores will be closed Monday.

Practically all Runnels county turkeys have been sold and shipped to eastern cities. Prices received for the birds on the December market were less than for the Thanksgiving market when No. 1 turkeys brought about 12 cents. Local produce houses have completed dressing birds except a few for local consumption.

Some schools in the county will remain open until Friday afternoon of this week before dismissing for Christmas. A few will take up on the Wednesday after Christmas but most of them will resume January 2.

It is not too late to give something to the Goodfellow fund which will be used to place food in poor homes so all can have a good Christmas dinner. In addition to edibles, clothing will be supplied where needed, children given something to make them happy and know that Santa Claus still exists. If the work is properly done, however, it will require more money and there are still many citizens who in previous years have donated but have not contributed this year. Donations will be received by The Ledger until Christmas eve.

The next issue of The Ledger will bring many greetings for a merry Christmas to the readers of this paper. Local business firms invite each subscriber to read their messages which come from the heart.

Drew Dickson left Sunday for St. Louis where he will attend the convention of the Brown Shoe Company. Mr. Dickson has been a salesman for this company for a number of years and regularly attends the annual gathering at the manufacturing plant. He will return to Ballinger in time to spend Christmas with his family.

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**ON TEXAS FARMS**

By W. H. Darrow, Extension Service Editor

An 18-acre corn and pea field hogged down by 96 pigs and 24 sows belonging to J. T. Matthey in Bexar county gave him a profit of \$106.43 above what the feed would have brought if harvested by ordinary methods. He is now hogging down a 60-acre field in a continuation of the demonstration.

In three cotton growing demonstrations featuring pedigreed seed in Van Zandt county, the county agent reports yields of seed cotton of 2,100 pounds, 1,800 pounds and 1,700 pounds per acre. Yields of mongrel seed have run from 200 to 500 pounds per acre on the same land.

Deaf Smith county farmers long on pigs and short on feed have been trading pigs for grain with Hockley county farmers.

Six pit type sanitary toilets have been built on farms in Tyler county at costs averaging less than \$10 each as a result of a demonstration by the state health department and county agent. Many more are planned.

Chickens have brought Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Williams, of Draw, Lynn county, more than \$600 in cash this year from a flock of 269 laying hens. They have been poultry flock demonstration working with the home demonstration agent for three years, and have made money every year, she says.

Home made peanut butter from home raised peanuts is an addition to the pantries of home demonstration club women in Childress county this year.

Tarrant county 4-H club boys have 341 lambs on feed for spring markets. Three boys are feeding 181 lambs.

**REPORT SHOWS INCREASE IN NEW CHARTERS ISSUED**

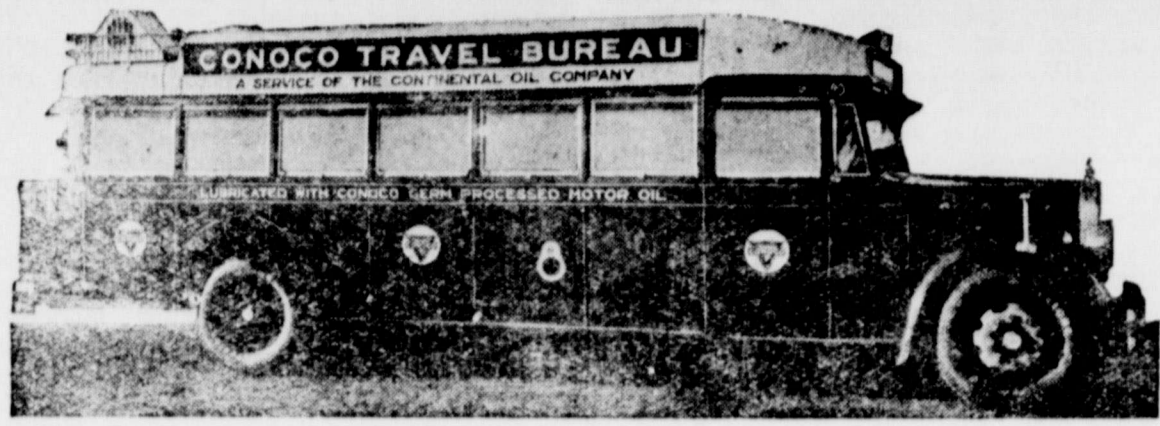
AUSTIN, Dec. 19.—An unprecedented increase in the number of new corporations receiving charters from the secretary of state occurred during the month of November, according to compilations of the University of Texas bureau of business research. Usually, the number of new corporations for November is substantially smaller than that for the previous month, yet this time there was a gain of 22 per cent, from 139 to 169. Total capital stock authorized did not make so large a relative gain, but made an increase nevertheless—from \$1,913,000 in October, to \$2,069,000 during November.

The number of firms with authorized capital stock of less than \$5,000 increased sharply, to 62 for November as compared with 52 in the previous month and 50 in November a year ago. Only two firms with authorized capital stock of \$100,000 or more were granted charters, one hotel and one wholesale and retail clothing store.

Merchandising firms accounted for 42 of the new charters, oil companies were second with 39, and 26 manufacturing concerns became corporations. The number of permits granted to out-of-state corporations to operate in Texas increased to nineteen, as compared with sixteen in October and 21 in November last year.

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**Conoco Travel Bus Visits City**



WHAT is more logical than a travel bureau that does some traveling itself? Such is the conviction of Continental Oil Company, which recently sent this completely equipped bus out to tour the highways and byways of America for the purpose of giving first hand assistance to motor vacationists, and to help coordinate the work of the hundreds of branches of the Conoco Travel Bureau. The bus and its personnel visited this city recently.

The Conoco travel bureau bus spent practically an hour here Friday morning to allow citizens a chance to inspect it and to meet those in charge. As soon as the visitors arrived A. O. Bartlett, local Conoco manager, was taken aboard and piloted the huge red, green and white bus about the city.

The bus is equipped with loudspeakers for music and speeches. It carries a number of scenic displays and folders showing the complete service plan offered free to anyone who needs help in planning a trip anywhere. Marshal Dana, in charge of the bus, explained to a Ledger reporter the undertaking of such a nationwide service.

Almost three years ago when the bureau set up headquarters in Denver in the heart of the Rocky Mountain vacation region, many people shook their heads and the opinion that such a large scale enterprise could never be successful. Like the Wright Brothers' first airplane and the early day automobile, it was looked upon as a rather dubious experiment.

During the first year the bureau was in operation, however, it planned more than 26,000 trips for motorists. In 1931 a number of features were added, the service was advertised in newspapers throughout the country and 67,000 motorists called upon the bureau for assistance. In order to help tourists while they were actually on the road as well as beforehand, Conoco service station salesmen in addition to those of Red Triangle dealers throughout the country were specially trained to render valuable assistance to Conoco travelers who called upon them. If a motorist wrote the bureau for information concerning Virginia's Shenandoah Valley, Carlsbad Cavern in New Mexico, Mt. Ranier National Park in Washington, the 10,000 Lakes country of Minnesota or any other of the thousands of beautiful American outdoor playgrounds, he received a veritable "armload" of interesting literature, specially marked road maps showing all detours, cabin camps and hotel guides and a Conoco "passport" by return mail. Thus equipped he and members of his family would set out on their cross-country jaunt, freed from all worry concerning the best and least expensive routes, what they could expect to see and other numerous and distracting details which plague all travelers into strange lands. By stopping at Red Triangle stations in every city or hamlet along their route, they found that they received almost unbelievable additional aid from

the men in charge. Conoco men were eager to check their baggage for them while they did some shopping around; saw to it that they missed seeing nothing of interest in each small area, and actually went out of their way to be courteous.

It was such service as this, that has caused the bureau to break all previous records thus far this year. Statistics compiled at the end of September, he said, revealed the fact that nearly 130,000 trips had been planned for applicants since January 1 and that more than 145,000 Conoco "passports" had been issued. Assuming that three-fourths of 97,500 of the trips planned were actually taken, and that the distance for each trip averaged 3,500 miles, the total distance traveled approximates 342 million miles. Assuming also that at least three people took each trip, the total number of bureau patrons would be nearly 300,000.

Anyone who travels by motor car is eligible to call upon the Conoco travel bureau for a free trip service, regardless of the distance traveled or the route to be covered.

In addition to Mr. Dora, the other members of the bus party included W. H. Briggs, representing the Fort Worth division office; B. L. Gibson, agent at San Angelo; A. O. Bartlett, local agent at Ballinger; and John Rubards, driver of the bus.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Forman are both confined to their home with influenza.

Miss Joe Demmer, who is attending C. I. A. Denton, is at home for the holidays.

**Charity Show at Palace Saturday**

Every child in Runnels county is invited to witness the annual Christmas charity show at the Palace Theatre next Saturday morning at 9:30. Manager W. D. Scales has booked a fine program for the children and will throw the doors of the theatre wide open during the entire morning.

Children attending are requested to bring a package of food, clothing, a toy or anything for poor children of the city, and deposit it at the box office before entering the theatre. This supply of food, toys, clothing, etc., will be distributed Saturday afternoon by the Goodfellows.

Mr. Scales stated that anything would be acceptable and would be placed where it would do the most good. Last year the Christmas eve morning matinee brought in almost a truck load of contributions. Children flocked to the theatre in hundreds, bringing bundles for children less fortunate and as a result the lobby was piled high with packages. Many adults who did not attend the show sent crates, sacks and large bundles for the needy.

The building will be comfortable for any kind of weather and employees of the theatre will be on hand to see that the children are well cared for and entertained.

Mrs. J. C. Sturges has returned from Brownwood, where she was called on account of illness of relatives.

**STARTING TOMORROW THE HUB OFFERS YOU READY-TO-WEAR at your own Price NO REASONABLE OFFER WILL BE REFUSED - THE HUB - CLOSE OUT SALE**

**We Suggest**

**FOR HER:**

- BOX CANDY - KODAK
- LEATHER PURSES
- FITTED TRAVELING BAGS
- PERFUME AND ATOMIZER SETS
- PERFUME SETS
- FACE POWDER SETS
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**FOR HIM:**

- BOX CIGARS - CARTON CIGARETTES
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- POUND JAR TOBACCO
- POCKET KNIVES - SHAVE SETS
- MILITARY BRUSH SETS
- 22-RIFLE
- BOX SHOTGUN SHELLS

Also see our line of Dolls, Footballs and Toys for the kiddies.

**L. C. Daugherty Drug Store**  
Gifts that Please



**Zest for the CHRISTMAS Dinner!**

For the meal of the year you'll want quality foodstuffs—and here is the store that's ready to provide your table with the finest available. Complete shopping facilities make it possible for you to buy everything you want in groceries—at prices that mean savings to you on this and every meal.

**Celery** Fresh from California Large Stalk **12 1/2 c**

**Lettuce** Fresh, Firm Heads **4c**

**Grapes** Nice and Fresh 3-lbs. **19c**

**Bananas** Golden Fruit Dozen **12c**

**Apples and Oranges**

See Us for Prices—We Have all Sizes

See Our Assortment **NUTS** All New Crop

Walnuts, Almonds, Brazil Nuts, Chestnuts, Filberts and Pecans

**Dressed Turkeys**

We Have all Sizes—Come and Pick Out the Size You Need.

**Xmas Trees**

Those Pretty Firs

Table Size to 12 Feet

**Pecans**

Shelled

Halves **29c** Broken **25c** Lb.

**Candies**

3-lbs. Mixed **19c** | 2-lbs. Chocolate Drops **25c**

Chocolate Covered Cherries Pound Box **19c**

**Dates** Big Value 2-lbs. **35c**

**Figs** Fine for Eating or Cooking 2-lbs. **35c**

**Cocoanut** Bulk Shredded Lb. **25c**

**Peanuts** Salted 14-Oz. **10c**

**Grape Juice** Royal Purple Pints **15c**

Save at **SAM BEHRINGER'S**

# Want Ads

### Rates and Rules

Two cents per word first insertion, no advertisement accepted for less than 25 cents. All subsequent insertions 1 cent per word each insertion.

All classified advertisements must be accompanied by cash unless advertiser has a regular account with the paper.

No classified advertisement accepted on an "until ordered out" basis. The number of times the ad is to run must be specified.

FOR SALE—Nice small bungalow, hot and cold water, modern throughout. Possession at once. Phone Joe Huffman. 20-10t

LOST—Brown Suit Case on Hagan-Ballinger road. Return to Spain's Grocery Store. 20-1t\*

# Deaths

### Bettie Jean Lewis

Bettie Jean, 20 months' old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Lewis, died at the family home two miles west of Ballinger Friday morning at 10:45. The child had had diphtheria for several days and became very ill just a short time before expiring. The father and mother are the only surviving immediate relatives.

Funeral services were held at Evergreen Cemetery Saturday at 2:30 p. m.

Hugginbotham Funeral Home undertakers were in charge of arrangements.

Ballinger Floral Company has Holly for your window decorations. 16-3t

CORNING AND DRYING BEEF REVIVED ON TEXAS FARMS

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 19.—Corned beef and cabbage, and dried beef gravy are two homely delicacies Texas farm folks are expected to enjoy more than usual this winter because corning and drying beef are to be featured in the farm meat preservation work of county farm and home demonstration agents this year, says extension service authorities at Texas A. & M. College. These two methods of curing beef have become all but a lost art in the state, but are undergoing a revival of popularity as a part of the extensive live-at-home program.

"The cheaper cuts of beef such as navel, brisket, rump and parts of the chuck are used for corning, and the round muscles, generally termed the 'dried beef set' are the best pieces adapted to drying," says Roy W. Snyder, extension meat specialists. "The cure recipe is the same for both processes and consists of 1 1/2 pounds of salt, 1 ounce saltpeter, 1/4 pound sugar and 1 gallon water. The meat is packed and weighted down in a barrel or stone jar and covered well with the cure mixture. Corned beef is ready to use from the brine in about 10 days to two weeks, according to size of the piece. It can be used direct from brine as needed, but if left in the cure longer than 30 days parboiling will probably be necessary. It is usually best to can corned beef when cured."

"The same barrel or jar may be used for drying, and the two processes may be carried on in the same container at the same time if desired. Each piece for drying should be left in the cure 3 days for each pound in the piece. A 10-pound piece should remain in the cure 30 days. When taken out of the cure the meat should be thoroughly washed and hung up to dry for 24 hours. It is then lightly smoked with hardwood smoke and hung away to continue drying. It is ready for use when firm and hard."

### LAST NOTICE!

4-piece genuine 5-ply \$125.00  
walnut bed room suite \$47.50  
4-piece real walnut finish bed room suite \$32.49  
2-piece living room suite \$27.43  
2-piece mohair living room suite for only \$41.89

### Rugs Cheaper than Ever!

From now on out will not bother you with prices. Just come in and let us show you that we mean business. From now 'till January 1 we are sure enough going to cut prices to the bone. Will appreciate your business just the same.

L. E. Bair Furniture Company

## Says Scramble for Gold Hurts South

AUSTIN, Dec. 19.—Much progress is being made by the Texas industrial planning committee in the work of creating an organization for the systematic development of the natural resources and industries of the state, as was indicated by the reports and discussion at a meeting of the committee first held here. Dr. A. B. Cox, director of the bureau of research of the University of Texas, acted as chairman. The bureau is promoting the putting into effect of group organizations which will carry on the state-wide campaign for an effective and sound industrialization of Texas. Among the prominent leaders of business who attended the meeting was W. L. Clayton, of Houston, member of the firm of Anderson, Clayton & Company, the world's largest buyers and exporters of cotton. Mr. Clayton has made a study of the international war debt situation, and while here he delivered an address on the subject, dealing particularly with its relation to the cotton grower of Texas and the South.

"Let us glance at the important role played by the war debts in this great depression in which we are helplessly floundering," he said. "First, let us consider the importance of our foreign trade to the South as well as to the whole United States. In 1928, Hoover said that our foreign trade gave employment to over two million American families. Some people say that this applies only to those employed in the manufacturing industries, but they are mistaken. It applies to the Southern cotton farmer particularly, for out of every eleven bales of cotton that are raised in the South six are exported. Out of every ten bales raised in Texas, nine are exported. Therefore, our foreign trade concerns Texas and the South as well as eastern manufacturers."

"There are only three ways that foreign nations can pay for our goods, by returning their goods or services, by borrowing from us, or by sending their gold. Our present high tariff now keeps their goods out. We will not loan any more money. Therefore they can only buy our goods with gold. But of the small amount of gold in the world, the United States and France hold two-thirds! Their scramble for the rest of the gold during the last few years has made it extremely valuable in terms of its purchasing power. Or, in other words, it has driven the value of goods—their prices—down. When in 1931, Mr. Hoover declared a temporary moratorium on war debt payments, their scramble for gold eased slightly, business men everywhere became more optimistic, and prices rose. But it was only temporary. Prices soon started down again and they are still going down. This price decline has reduced the value of the South's annual cotton crop two-thirds. The cotton farmer's buying power is now only one-

## Wins Art Award



One of the three national awards by the College Art association has come to Texas. The recipient is Miss Alma Olson of El Paso, former student of Texas State college for Women, Denton. Her mezzotint, "Lilies," drawn while a student at C. I. A., won the honor for her.

third of what it was before the scramble for gold began.

"A normal loan leaves the debtor with something of substance which will pay the interest and the principal on the debt. But these war debts left the debtors nothing. They were used for war purposes. This same war also destroyed much of the wealth of the debtors. Therefore, even after receiving such enormous loans, the debtors were poorer than they were before."

"After the Revolutionary War, our country owed war debts, and we sent England a debt note very similar to that which England recently sent to us. We told England the very things our debtors are now trying to tell us. And that note was written by Thomas Jefferson, the father of the Democratic party, Alexander Hamilton, the father of the Republican party, and George Washington, the father of our nation."

### WORK IS PROGRESSING ON LARGE TELESCOPE

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The world's second largest telescope is being constructed at Newcastle-on-Tyne, England. It is intended for the Toronto University observatory, and highly skilled craftsmen have been engaged on it since November, 1930.

Another two years or more will elapse before the telescope is finished, making nearly five years for the entire work.

The instrument is the largest constructed in England. It is to be erected in a special steel dome at Toronto and will weigh approximately fifty tons. It will be mounted on a massive concrete pier.

The man mirror will be seventy-six inches in diameter and about twelve inches thick and will weigh about two and one-half tons.

KIDS LIKE FIREWORKS—Buy them from J. M. Jones Grocery. 20-1t

The Library of Congress ranks in size next to the Bibliotheque Nationale in Paris and the British Museum.

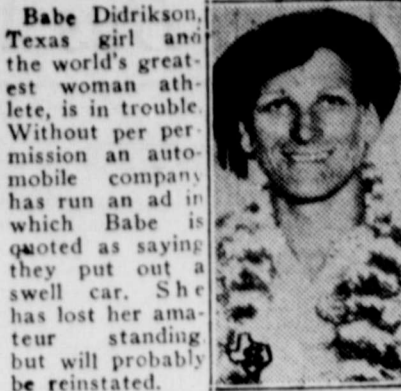
## Greenland's East Coast Forbidding

WASHINGTON, December 19.—Greenland's east coast, where a Danish scientific expedition recently discovered the petrified remains of a four-legged fish may prove valuable in the study of evolution, is one of the most inhospitable bits of seashore in the world, according to a bulletin from the National Geographic Society. Sea and air currents and resulting weather make it so.

"What population and development Greenland has is chiefly concentrated along the southwest coast," says the bulletin. "Along this coast, a current flows northward from the Atlantic, bathing the shore with relatively warm water. As a result the huge interior ice cap of Greenland lies a little distance back from the coast, and on the ice-free strip men have found mild enough weather conditions to make it possible to maintain settlements almost continuously since the days of Eric the Red, a thousand years ago."

"On the east coast there is a marked contrast. A cold current flows down that coast from the north polar basin, bringing with it a continuous stream of drift ice and icebergs. This gives the entire east coast an Arctic climate

## In Hot Water



Babe Didrikson, Texas girl and the world's greatest woman athlete, is in trouble. Without per mission an automobile company has run an ad in which Babe is quoted as saying they put out a swell car. She has lost her amateur standing but will probably be reinstated.

all the way from Cape Farewell at the southern tip of Greenland. In many places the interior ice cap extends to the coast, discharging icebergs into the sea. At other places there are ice-free strips, narrower than those of the southwest coast. Great, deep fjords gash the coast over considerable stretches, blocked by vast glaciers at their inner ends. Through these fjords other icebergs are fed to the sea. It was near Franz Joseph fjord, more than 600 miles north of Angmagalik, that the remains of the queer fish were found.

"Passage across the mountain-high blanket of ice that covers the interior of Greenland is practically impossible, and it is equally impracticable for natives to journey from the west coast to the east around the north end of the

great island. It is believed, therefore, that the few Eskimos that have lived from time to time on the east coast descended from groups of hunters who made their way around the south end of Greenland.

"There is only a handful of inhabitants on the east coast and practically all of them live at the little station of Angmagalik.

"Angmagalik was established by the Danish government in 1894, and its few hundred Eskimos and mixed bloods are given paternal care. Denmark maintains a trading monopoly, and with the profits operates the simple governmental machinery needed along the coast. A handful of Danes serve as trade commissioner, doctor, missionary, and minor officials. The aim is to protect the east coast residents from the evils of civilization that have ruined so many native communities, and to let them live as nearly as possible in accordance with their ancient customs.

"Practical considerations of geography dictated the location of Angmagalik. In summer a considerable volume of water flows out at this point from melting glaciers and frequently washes an opening in the offshore ice. It therefore becomes possible for ships to push in with supplies at Angmagalik."

FIREWORKS SALE at J. M. Jones Grocery. 20-1t

## Natural Resources—

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trepidation. Rather it is more like facing a new world—so different are so many of its fundamental problems.

"Well has nature done her part in fitting Texas to cope successfully with any set of problems we may imagine as arising in the near future. Considered, for instance, with reference to the facts of possession of valuable natural resources Texas is the richest state in the Union. And just that is the challenge of Texas—to so utilize and conserve these great resources so that the people of this Southwestern Empire can secure the greatest possible well-being in taking advantage of the opportunities that necessarily will come in and with the next great wave of now world-wide economic and social movement we have called the industrial revolution."

### Eternally

"Aren't you sometimes afraid you'll lose control of the car?" asked the man in the back seat.

"Always," responded the reckless driver. "I'm two payments behind already."—College Life.

WHO WOULDN'T buy fireworks when they can be obtained so cheap as J. M. Jones Grocery is selling them! 20-1t

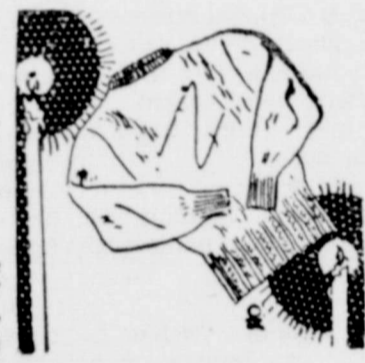
# GIFTS that SATISFY

This year as never before give practical gifts. This year as never before we are prepared to supply your wants in gifts that are useful and appreciated long after Christmas is gone. For this particular week—the last week before Christmas—we have many special prices on desirable articles that greatly assist the thrifty shoppers who should take advantage of this opportunity to save and at the same time—SATISFY!

### Sweaters

Beautiful new sweaters, a special purchase, regular \$1.50 values, very special \$1

Snappy new sweaters, turtle neck, all colors and new styles, regular \$1.95 values, very special \$1.69 now only



Smart, New, Bright Color

### Dresses

Just arrived. Give her a dress for Christmas. We have a wonderful line to select from at very moderate prices.



### Purses

Beautiful bags, give her one for Christmas. The smartest for the money you ever saw. All leather bags in the newest styles for only \$1

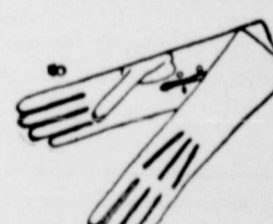
Others from 69c to \$2.95



### Hosiery

Pure silk hosiery, full fashioned, first quality, all new shades, the pair \$1

Others at 89c - \$1 and \$1.50



### Gloves

Give her gloves for Christmas. Nice warm cotton suede gloves, regular \$1.00 values, very special at \$1

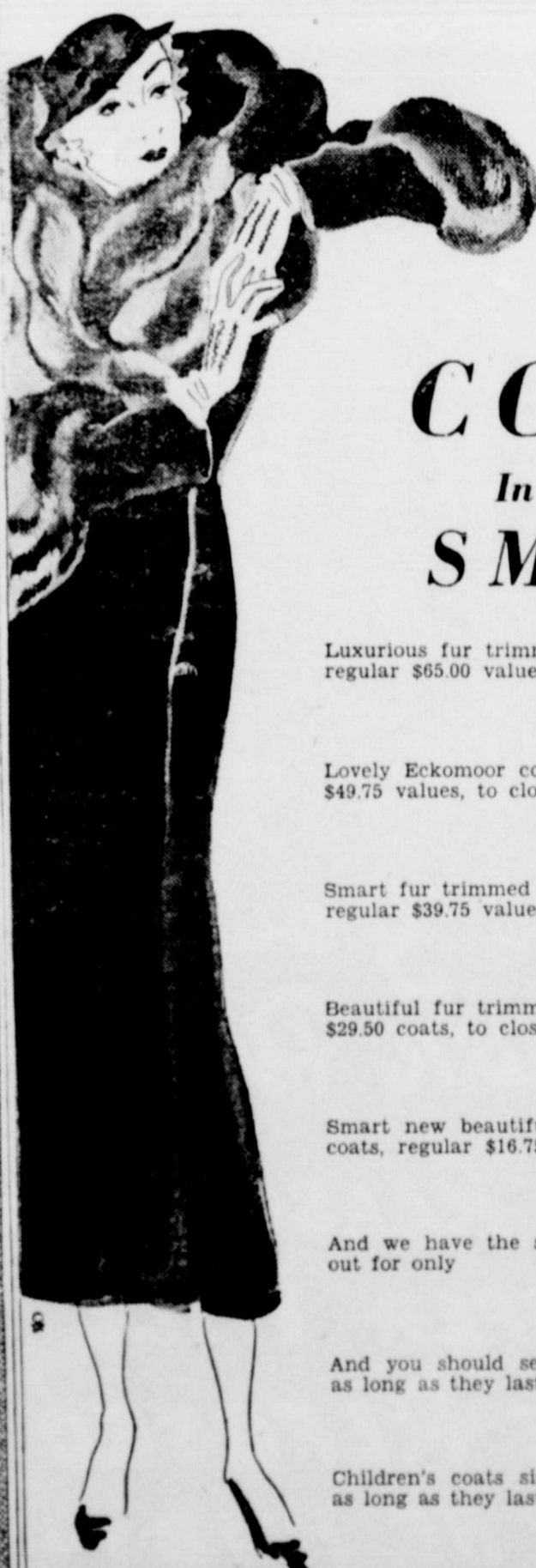
50c

A real French kid glove, all sizes, black, brown and light colors, for only \$1.95



### Scarf Sets

Tam and scarf sets, fine for girls, women and children, very special at only 50c to \$1.95



Our Entire Stock of Fine Winter

# COATS SMASH!

Luxurious fur trimmed coats, Prinzess and Eckmoor, regular \$65.00 values, to close out for only \$49.75

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Lovely Eckmoor coats, beautiful fur trimmed, regular \$49.75 values, to close out for only \$32.50

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Smart fur trimmed coats, wonderful styles and quality, regular \$39.75 values, to close out at only \$22.50

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Beautiful fur trimmed coats, black and brown, regular \$29.50 coats, to close out for only \$19.75

\$19.75

Smart new beautiful fur trimmed also smart tailored coats, regular \$16.75 and \$19.75, to close out at only \$12.98

\$12.98

And we have the smartest in all wool coats, to close out for only \$6.95

\$6.95

And you should see these all wool coats, new styles, as long as they last for only \$4.88

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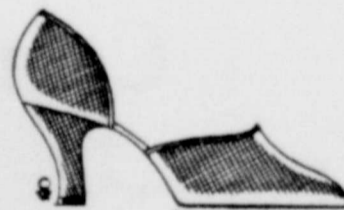
Children's coats sizes up to 14 with tams to match, as long as they last for only \$2.95

\$2.95

The Best

# GIFT

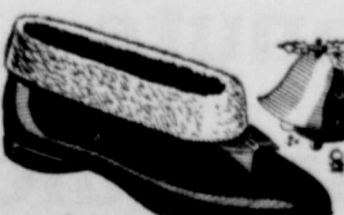
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\$1 to \$1.95



98c to \$1.95



49c to 89c

Slippers for Christmas are a welcome gift. Soft kid in blue, red or black. We suggest that you call and look them over before you purchase.

Mother will love slippers of red, green, blue or black kid with perky bows.

Little brother or sister will approve the selection of slippers of colored felt or kid

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Ballinger's Exclusive Ladies Store