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VOLUME THIRTY-THREE

GOLDTHWAITE, MILLS COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1926.

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REV. LOFTIS FROM HOWARD PAYNE HAVING GOOD SUCCESS

Many Splendid Engagements; Good Programs Given

Rev. Mr. Loftis, who has been in this section for some days, filling engagements at the several Baptist churches, is meeting with a very splendid response in every community. Mr. Loftis is director of the Department of Extension of Howard Payne College. He has been working at this type of service for more than two years and says that the people are interested and anxious to know about the college every where he goes. Meeting congregations and audiences is no new thing with Mr. Loftis for he has been a general worker in interest of higher education for a number of years. The people are flocking out to hear him and to enjoy the programs he gives each night.

Mr. Loftis pays a visit to the public school of the community in which he expects to give one of his programs, and without a single exception the whole school, teachers, children and all are soon glad he came for they all have such an enjoyable time listening to his "patter" while he gives the man interesting, instructive and very entertaining chalk talk. Mr. Loftis makes friends with all the children and then invites them out for the night. Not only do the children come back but they are so enthusiastic over the whole thing that their parents have to go out to the evening programs also.

Mr. Loftis has made several places already and his dates are up the 5th of January. The teachers and preachers say that not one should worry about the type of program given by Mr. Loftis for it is one of the highest in quality, both as entertainment and subject matter.

The ministers who know about the work of Mr. Loftis say that the kind of attraction that he promotes should be encouraged and supported. That all churches and school communities should be interested in bringing him to their places so as to create a greater love for the beautiful and the good, the elevating and the pure. They all say that the kind of a service and program will cause the people to be dissatisfied with anything else but the best for their boys and girls.

Mr. Loftis visited the Rock Springs school children on Tuesday afternoon and the children were so "carried away" with the pictures that they insisted that the teacher let them decorate the walls with them after the talk was over. When the people came out to the evening service they found their school room all fixed up with the flag, landscape pictures, pictures of Washington and other clever combinations.

Mr. Loftis has but little more time left with which he can devote to this section. The following dates are being arranged for now. He suggests that in case of conflicts in any community that he will appreciate it if some one will be kind enough to drop him a card at Goldthwaite so he can arrange some other date.

- December 23—Seallorn.
- December 23, Thursday—North Bennett.
- December 27, Monday—Big Valley.
- December 28, Tuesday—Star.
- December 29, Wednesday—Liberty.
- December 30, Thursday—Pridy.
- December 31, Friday—Goldthwaite (Tentative).
- January 2, Sunday—Mullin.
- January 3, Monday—Long Grove.
- January 4, Tuesday—Center City.

HIGH SCHOOL MINSTREL A GREAT SUCCESS

The minstrel given by the football boys and the pep squad Friday night at the Dixie Theatre was a great success, perhaps not so much from a financial standpoint but from a pleasurable one. The jokes pulled by the four end men, Ernest Linkenhoger, Bill Page, Jack Locklear, and Omer Rudd were enjoyed by everyone. Garetta Little sang "Sunday," and Clarice Ashley sang "Me Too". Bill Stephens, commonly known as "Steve", danced the Charleston to the tune of "Poor Papa". Music was furnished by Mrs. Bill Page.

The second act was a mock trial. The following made up the cast:

Caramel, the judge—Mildred Stephens.

Fogy, lawyer for the plaintiff—Clyde Weatherby.

Miss Powder, lawyer for the defendant—Mina Steen.

Miss Paint, more counsel for the defendant—Leila Pribble.

Percy Archibald Tanglefoot, plaintiff—Bill Stephens.

Soapina Peruna Tanglefoot, defendant—Mary Leigh Lane.

A Jay Bird, witness—Walters Hester.

Pulla Cable, witness—Oliver Carothers.

A Cold Radiator, witness—Sam Rahl.

Samuel Scrubber, witness—Clarence Cave.

Miss Velma Outtaight, witness—Garetta Little.

Masher—Welton Summy.

Miss Hooligan, sheriff—Lodiska Laceywell.

The jury was made up of other members of the pep squad.

METHODIST TREE

The Christmas tree this year is for the primary children, as we believe they are the only ones who really enjoy a tree and when it is a general one it takes such a long time to distribute the gifts the little ones grow tired. Please have any gifts you wish for the tree at the church Friday by noon. There will be some one at the church all day to receive them.

The program will be given at 5 Friday evening, so the children can get home early. We will be glad to have every member of the church present, as we are proud of our primary folks. But please do not send gifts for any one who is not in the primary department.

Program for Tree

- Piano prelude—Mary Ellen Trent
- Recitation—Edward Deene Dickerson.
- Song: Away in the Manger—the beginners.
- Reading—Mary Clements.
- Silent Night—Tableau.
- Christmas Bells—Ruth Florence Mullan, Floyce Aliene Dickerson, Geraldine Hester, Azalee Berry, Josephine Ligon and Inez Frazier.
- The Legend of the Christmas Tree—Miss Mina Steen.
- Christmas tree.
- Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow.
- Closing prayer—Bro. Neal.

January 5, Wednesday—Trigler Mountain.

Mr. Loftis will go from this section to Comanche to work about twenty five communities. Many friends are being made for the College he represents. Even the children are beginning to say that they want to go away to school and its going to be Howard Payne.

The Magic Touch of Christmas by Thomas Taylor

TRANSFORMED and filled with sacred light,
With music lifting and sublime—
Inspiring like a Gothic arch,
Or like a great Homeric rhyme—
So all appears, again has come
The joys of Christmas time.



What magic power has swept the land?
Good-will to men where yesterday
Most had forgot the lessons taught
That night to shepherds far away!
The prince of peace again has come.
With his celestial sway.



More wondrous than the Midas touch
That turned the flowers and walls to gold,
That spirit that transforms where'er
The story of the Christ is told,
And adds a splendor to surpass
All Eden's flame of old.

So in the maddening rush of life
Let us remember why He came
And tasted sorrow, let us pause
To honor once again his name,
Whose loving kindness and whose law
Will ever be the same.



His plan, though unfulfilled today,
Must last till skies and starlight fade,
Enhancing all the things of life
For human joy and welfare made,
And spreading radiance far and wide
To farthest waste and glade.

The Magi, following the star,
Had learned the golden lesson well
Of why One from beyond those heights
Should come to earth to humbly dwell,
Each knew the thrill we feel today
Of sleigh and Christmas bell.



They saw before the winding way
O'er wastes and plains of striving years—
And farther on, beyond it all,
The shining castles free from tears,
Where some day man shall know the truth
And drop his hates and fears.

Peace on the earth, good-will to men—
At last they'll reign from shore to shore,
Unceasing, bearing perfect light,
Then on the desert sands of yore
The rose and lily shall appear
To bloom forevermore.

O. H. Yarbrough returned from Coolidge where he has been on business.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Anderson and Miss Emily are spending the holidays in Brady.

Miss Velma Cockrum is here spending the holidays.

"LET'S GET MARRIED"— THEN THE FUN BEGAN!

Ask nine out of ten men—and they'll tell you. Corner four out of five women and they'll inform you. They will say that there is one phrase which has created, is creating, and will continue to create, more trouble than any other three words in the world. And they are—"Let's Get Married". It is interesting to think back—way, way back—to the garden of Eden, the land that made fig leaves popular. One of them—it might have been Adam; or on the other hand, it might have been Eve, said to his or her partner, "Let's Get Married". What happened? Well, it hasn't stopped happening yet!

And now we have reached the modern twentieth century. Movies are the things to which everyone looks for entertainment; and if we glance toward the Dixie Theatre, it will be discovered that "Let's Get Married" is the attraction on Friday, December 24. But we are given a word of warning—"Let's Get Married" is not a sermon or preaching. It teaches no moral, nor is it at all serious. Rather, it's a rollickingly jolly farce of a young man who said, "Let's Get Married", and then had a hard time getting his suggestion carried out.

TATTLER STAFF VISITS THE EAGLE OFFICE

Last Monday afternoon, Supt. Scott of the Mullin public schools brought some of the members of the staff of "The Tattler", Mullin High School's newspaper, to the Eagle office in order that they might learn something of the mechanical make-up of a newspaper. The Eagle enjoyed their visit very much.

Those who accompanied Mr. Scott were Bradley Guthrie, business manager, Miss Clemmie Mae Hancock, assistant business manager, Miss Allean Hamilton, Sports Editor, and Miss Peggie Hamilton and the Humor Editor, M. S. Savoy.

METHODIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

In spite of the rainy weather there were 180 present at Sunday School last Sunday. There house was almost full at eleven o'clock hour and at the evening hour there was not seating room for the crowd. The Orphanage at Walo has asked us to raise \$229.00 as a Christian offering. We raised \$329.63 \$313.00 of this amount was raised by the Sunday school.

Sunday School next Sunday morning at 9.45. Preaching at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. E. P. NEAL

CHIROPRACTOR OPENS OFFICE HERE

Dr. T. A. Lensgraf of the firm of Lensgraf and Lensgraf of Gatesville, will open an office here on January 3, in the Saylor Hotel. He will have charge of this office while Dr. L. C. Lensgraf will have charge of the Gatesville Office. Dr. Lensgraf comes here highly recommended having had several years of experience and wonderful results in all manner of disease both acute and chronic. He is a graduate of the Palmer School of Chiropractic, the largest of its kind in the world.

CHURCH OF THE NAZERINE

Service Sunday morning at 11 o'clock; Subject "Three Mornings."

N. Y. P. S. meets at 6:15 p. m. No preaching service Sunday night. The pastor will go to Pearl to begin the revival Sunday night.

Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:00 P. M.—G. R. DOSIER, pastor.

STUDENTS RECITAL

A private recital by her pupils on pianoforte was given by Mrs. John Berry at her studio last Wednesday.

After an interesting and well rendered program, the honor roll was read containing the names of the pupils who had averaged six hours practice per week.

The roll consists of the following names: Letha Burks, Mary Clements, Floyce Aline Dickerson, Sarah Myrtle Fairman, Geraldine Hester, Josephine Ligon, Mary Ellen Trent, Constance Trent, Charline Warren and Billy Weatherby.

Delicious refreshments were served to the pupils by Mrs. Berry.

ROY BYRD PARDONED

Among those recently pardoned by Governor Ferguson was Roy Byrd, convicted in the district court here of assault and given a sentence of five years in the penitentiary. The pardon was recommended by Judge Jones, District Attorney Few Brewster, the jury which convicted him and Sheriff A. D. Karnes.

Goldthwaite, Texas.

Dear Wilson:

We are staging a farce comedy football game at San Saba park the afternoon of January 1st. No man who ever played a game of football is eligible.

I am captain of one of the teams and dead anxious for a little bit of free publicity. Dr. H. H. Taylor, a big, fat, two hundred and fifty pounder is captain of the other team. Please say something about this stunt in your next issue.

Very truly yours,

BILLIE SMITH
Editor, San Saba News

Barrel Park also operates, acts, or something in this game.



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**The Community Supper
Really Like Christmas**

"THESE community suppers are
always so stupid!" declared
a pretty girl to a small
group around her. "I wish we could
put some pep and fun into this one
and give the people a good time. Some-
thing really like Christmas, and not
so dull."

The others looked dubious and
scratched their heads. "What'll we
do?" they asked.

"I know!" declared the pretty girl.
"Just got the idea. Now, listen every-
one! Why not imitate the way they
used to do in olden times? A minstrel
in the gallery, lots of minstrels! Singing
and playing on horns and things! Hide
them by screens covered with greens.
Let the people get seated at the tables,
then all pipe up with old songs every
one knows. Dress the minstrels in gay
colors. Then have them come down the
stairs singing and playing. Let them
wind among the tables. Have a jester
in front joking and making fun. A
real old English custom. It will help
a lot and give the diners a good
time."

"And," added another, fired with
enthusiasm, "red candles on the tables,
wreaths at all the windows, wait-
resses with red ribbons about their
heads and a sprig of holly tucked over
one ear."

"Not to mention," laughed a third,
"a dinner of roast turkey, cranberry
sauce, mashed potatoes, rolls, coffee
and mince pie!"

"Right-o!" said the rest.
And so it was done. The very mer-
riest community supper that was ever
given in that town.—Patience Elden.
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**Sing Heigh-Ho! Unto
The Christmas Holly**

NOTHING quite so typifies the
spirit of Christmas as a bough
of beautiful, glistening holly and
scarlet-berried holly. Holly seems
the quintessence of Yule and should
generally do occupy the place
of honor in Christmas decorations.

There are states where the holly
isn't to be found in great abundance.
In some sections of the South a
limited supply must be made to serve
the purpose. For profuse decorations
other greens fashioned from sprays
of Irish yew whose fan-like and lacy
follage is ideal for this use; and,
too, there are the beautiful, wax
leaves from the magnolia as well as
cedar.

But the holly bough, of course, of
all Christmas green is the loveliest
and most popular, not only here but
in other lands and in France, in par-
ticular, as Brittany grows it in quan-
tities. The holly is of slow growth
and propagated by seed which do not
germinate until the second year. We
think of holly berries always as be-
ing red, but some kinds bear yellow
fruit, some white, and others even
black.

The holly has a commercial value
that isn't generally known. Its even-
grained and hard wood is ivory
white and is used for inlaying and as
an ebony substitute for teapot handles
and other articles, when stained. The
leaves are used in medicine.—Frances
Marshall Morgan.
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Some Hubbies Are Brave



She—What were you thinking of
giving me for Christmas, hubby?
He—I was thinking of some nice
warm woolen stockings, dear.

First Christmas Trees
Christmas trees became popular in
the United States about the same
time that they were introduced into
England. In England the first Christ-
mas trees were set up in the royal
palace of St. James at the time Queen
Victoria married the prince consort,
in 1840.

Christmas Comes
Hends of families think it is remark-
able what a short time there is be-
tween Christmases.

The Christmas Tree
It requires the sweet adaptability of
the child mind to enable its recent ad-
mirers to revel in a bonfire made of the
Christmas tree.

Eat It by the Ton
Twelve hundred tons of plum pud-
ding are consumed in London at
Christmas.

Start Day Early
In Finland it is a custom to attend
church services at five o'clock on
Christmas morning.

Miss Ruby Weathers came in
last week from Stephenville to
spend Christmas with homefolks.
Roy C. Hicks of Fort Worth
spent the first of this week here
on business.

**Benningfield Produce Company
wants your eggs.** (adv)
If you owe Archer, pay it.

Mrs. Andy Weston of Mullin
and Mrs. Williams of Lubbock
spent last Sunday in the home of
Mr. and Mrs. Dan Westerman.

Mrs. E. B. Buffington left Tues-
day night for Orange to spend
Christmas with homefolks.

BABY RICE POP CORN. One
hundred per cent pops. 15c. the
pound.—BILL'S CAFE.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Burns, ac-
companied by their mother, Mrs.
R. L. Burns, left last week for
their new home in Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rahl re-
ceived a Christmas card from
Mrs. W. H. Morgan in Louisiana.
Try one of our BEST OF ALL
DINNERS. — BILL'S CAFE.

Clem Ford left Friday night
for his home in Hampton Iowa.

Mrs. J. C. Carpenter arrived
here Wednesday night from Me-
chanicsville, Iowa to visit her
brother, C. H. Ford, whom she had
not seen for thirty years.

Try one of our BEST OF ALL
DINNERS. — BILL'S CAFE.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hudson ex-
pect to spend Christmas with his
mother and brother in the home
of his brother J. D. Hudson in
Georgetown.

If you owe Archer Grocery
Company, pay them.

FOR SALE or trade for livestock
Ford truck in good shape— W. J.
Benningfield.

Miss Opal Kuykendall of Seal-
lorn has been spending the week
with her aunt Mrs. W. L. Burks.

WATER WATER WATER.
That's all you need to add to
our Famous Brick Chili. One pint
of water and one pound of brick
chili make one quart complete
chili. Phone your grocer or
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It kills the germs.

Mrs. Gabe Garrett came in
Tuesday night for a two weeks
visit with her parents Dr. and
Mrs. E. M. Wilson.

Miss Lucille Gartman came in
Tuesday night from Clint Texas
for a few days visit with re-
latives.

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dries overnight. And I've decorat-
ed it with KYANIZE Decals, those
lovely "minute decorations"—And
now the chair! I'm going to tint
it to match the bed.

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Things," tells how you, too, can tint things
with this new and popular medium-gloss
enamel. Ask for a copy.

Here!—Save 60¢
Here's our trial combination offer:
1 full sized can KYANIZE
Celoid Finish (white or tint)
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your voice over the telephone on Christ-
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day Greetings with the wish that this
Christmas of 1926 will be to you and to
yours a time of Happiness and Good
Cheer!

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Misses Opal Philen, Joyce
and Mary Helen Cockrum and
Edris Borden from C. L. A. are
here for the holidays.
Miss Vivian Campbell who is
attending State University, is
spending Christmas here with her
parents.
Mrs. W. P. McCullough and
children came in from Austin
Wednesday to spend Christmas
with Mr. McCullough.
George and Leslie Brown came
in Tuesday morning from Hous-
ton to spend the holidays with
homefolks.

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icity, greater strength and lasting qual-
ity.
You can get Goodyear balloons to
fit your present wheels or new smaller
diameter wheels.
Get the low Goodyear prices and
standard Goodyear service from us.

HIGHWAY GARAGE

THE STORY OF THE SUPER-ANNUATE PREACHER.

I am Methodism's Forgotten Man! My name is legion, for there are one thousand of me, and more than fourteen hundred widows of deceased Methodist preachers.

You do not often see me, for on account of physical infirmities I have been removed from active service. I have no place to work—no home, no money and not many friends!

I am lonely! I yearn for loving friendship, for sympathy and help. I often suffer for the common necessities of life, yet God alone hears the story of it all!

As a worker in the Southern Methodist Church I have secured property to the value of fifteen and a half million dollars, have built and repaired 9,000 churches and nearly five thousand parsonages. I have organized 25,000 Sunday schools, 9,000 missionary societies and 7,000 Epworth Leagues.

I added to the church one million members, not counting the multitudes of those converted under my ministry who joined other churches. I have collected for benevolences more than six million dollars. Yet I have often not had enough to buy shoes for my children.

As the head of the family I gave 234 sons to the work of the ministry, fifty sons and daughters to foreign mission fields, 300 teachers to Church schools, 50 sons as editors of religious papers and ninety daughters for wives of Methodist preachers.

While in active service I served 5,000 city missions, 1,500 stations, and thousands of country circuits. My highest annual salary was \$800 and my lowest \$202.

My average annual salary was \$402, and with my children to educate I could not save anything for old age.

Almost every year the Church failed to pay me what she promised, and these years of service to the cause I loved the amount of three million dollars due me has accumulated. Regardless of the Church's failure to pay me, I was always faithful to my duty. Riding millions of miles on horseback through heat and cold I have expounded the word of God the best I could, I have wept over your sins, prayed for your salvation, and grieved at the graves of your loved ones.

Today, of the 1,000 superannuates in Southern Methodism only 260 have good hearing and sight; 400 are practically deaf or blind, 440 are practically invilids, and 170 have invilids to support. Of my number, 570 have little homes covered by mortgage, 300 rent or board, and 70 roam about from place to place wherever any one will care for them.

In the Special Effort for Superannuate Endowment, I am calling upon you good people for help. I want your prayers, your love and your sympathy. Please don't forget me. Let me know that you still think of me and love me, and may God spare you from the sorrows I have known.

In the face of all this, let us pay one fifth of our Superannuate Endowment before January 5, 1927 as the Bishop will call each charge and find out what we done for these old servants of God. Do your best, Church, and the Lord will bless you.

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ROCK SPRINGS

Christmas gift to the Eagle force. I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Bro. Barnhill preached Saturday night Sunday and Sunday night. Our church day will be the first Sunday in each month beginning the first Sunday in January. Robert and Vick Webb went to Rising Star Saturday to visit their mother.

Miss Oleta Daniel spent Sunday with her aunt Mrs. Sam Frizzell.

Mr. J. T. Robertson is able to work and go to town.

Mrs. Robert Webb spent Sunday night with Mrs. Sam Self.

Mrs. Eula Nickoles and boys spent the afternoon Sunday with Joe Roberts and family at Nabors Creek.

Mrs. Ennis of San Angelo spent last week end with Mrs. E. W. McNutt and family.

Mrs. Carl Duncan who is visiting her mother Mrs. Ben Forehand spent Saturday night and Sunday with her uncle Robert Robertson in Big Valley.

Mae McNutt and Elizabeth Nickoles spent Sunday with the Stark girls and Ray.

Our stew was fine and the moon was fine. We are sorry some of the members of the B.Y. P. U. wasn't able to attend. Every one enjoyed all the games. B. D. Forehand (as we all know) is so clumsy he got a real hard fall and hurt his knee trying to be young again. W. A. Daniel had to take his son to Big Valley to the program he drove so fast coming back he almost turned his car over, he was afraid all the soup would be gone. Jno W. Roberts was late but he got there in time to get his small bowl filled once.

The music was furnished by Mr J. C. Stark and Ray and Vick Webb. The next excitement out here will be waiting and watching for dear old Santa Claus. We hope he wont be delayed on his way here.

Marion Robertson and family and J. T. Robertson went to town Monday afternoon to do their Christmas shopping.

Mrs. Sam Self spent last Friday afternoon with Mrs. Eula Nickoles.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno W. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Circle and family Mr. R. D. Forehand and family took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Self Sunday.

Boyd Faulkner of Breckenridge was out with Oscar Gatlin last Thursday hunting.

Our prayer meetings every Wednesday night are fine. When you miss one you are missing something good.

Mr. Farmer I hope the Rock Springs items of last week will be printed as it is a job to write things over. Come again we all enjoy your letters. It takes time to get the items ready each week and Busy Bee sure likes for them to be published.

Rev. Wesley Loftis of Brownwood was with us Tuesday night he brought us a nice talk and we all enjoyed the pictures.

We hope that every one has been good and Santa brings them lots of presents. Wishing all who reads this good paper a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. **BUSY BEE**

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NORTH BENNETT

We surely have been having some cold weather over this way.

Lon Grimes of Belton visited his niece Mrs. Batchlor last Wednesday night and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Head and children and Ben Head left last Friday for Lockney where they will make their home.

Messers Luther Ellis, Vernon Ellis, Calvin Ellis and Miss. Ula Ellis of Buffalo Gap came in Friday night to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mrs. Batchlor, Lula and Mrs. E. E. Ellis and children spent Saturday with J. L. Ellis and family of Comanche.

Ernest Obenhaus and C. W. Batchlor spent Thursday night in the Mrs. Batchlor home.

Miss Kate and Jesse Petsick spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Jess Stewart.

Rev. E. H. Gun of Fort Worth preached here Sunday at eleven o'clock. The weather was so bad there wasn't many out.

C. M. Harris returned to Los Angeles California after spending several months with his uncle Jno Harris and family.

Rev. C. H. Miles spent Tuesday in Goldthwaite.

Frank Kirby and Miss Hardcastle motored down to Rev Miles Monday night and were quietly married. We wish them a long and happy married life.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Gerald and little son spent Monday night in the T. S. Gerald home. **VIOLET**

Mr. and Mrs. F. Ross Wilson spent last week end with Dr. E. M. Wilson and family.

Miss Annie Laurie and Clyde Brown and Henry Cryer came in to spend Christmas with home-folks.

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TRIGGER MOUNTAIN NEWS

Editor Eagle:

We have been having some rainy weather for the past few days, but we hope this won't interfere with Santa Claus and his visit which we are looking forward to.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Garner, Misses Inez, Dena Mae and Loraine Calloway spent Saturday in Brownwood shopping.

Miss Blanche Dellis spent Saturday and Sunday with her cousin, Miss Ola Mae Dellis.

Mrs. Jess Tullas spent Monday with Miss Inez Calloway.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hays spent Sunday with Bro. and Mrs. Hays. They attended Sunday school Sunday morning.

Mr. Lawrence Hays is spending the Christmas holidays with home folks. He is attending Howard Payne College.

Mr. Emerson Davis returned from the Pecan Bottoms, Saturday. He went to Lampasas Monday and brought his wife and children back home with him. They had been visiting her parents at Lampasas for some time. We are very glad to have him in our midst again.

Miss Alice Cunningham returned home several days ago from Brownwood where she visited for some time.

Miss Inez Rains spent Monday night with her aunt, Mrs. W. E. Garner.

We are going to have a Christmas tree at the Church house Friday night. Everyone is invited. We are expecting Bro. and Mrs. Barnhill to be with us.

Sunday is our regular Church day. We have changed the date from the first Sunday to the fourth.

NOTICE TO STOCK-HOLDERS

The Directors of the Mills County Cold Storage and Produce Company, Inc. met in the office of the Company and declared a ten per cent dividend on all outstanding stock, authorizing the Treasurer to pay same on December 28, 1926. The books are now closed for transfers until after that date.

R. F. McDermott,
Sec.-Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

To T. M. Warden and Brethren, Goldthwaite Lodge:

We, the Committee on Resolutions, beg to report as follows:

On November 21, 1926, Thomas N. Berry died at his home on Sims Creek, Mills County, after several years of declining health incident to advanced years.

He was born in Alabama August 14, 1844, and came to Mills County in 1875 and has resided here ever since.

He led an honest, upright life and did his full share in developing the country and enforcing the laws. Brother Berry was made a Mason in Center City Lodge No. 558, but became a charter member of the Goldthwaite Lodge No. 694 in 1887 and was its oldest living member.

Resolution

Whereas, it has pleased the great Architect of the Universe to call from our midst our brother Thomas N. Berry who labored long and well among us and to translate him from his imperfect existence to that all perfect world beyond.

Now therefore be it resolved by this lodge that in the death of Brother Berry we have lost our oldest and most zealous members, one who was ever ready to assist in relieving the distresses of his fellowman.

Resolved further that a page in our minutes be dedicated to his memory and that a copy of this report be delivered to William Berry, the oldest son of our deceased brother and that a copy be furnished The Goldthwaite Eagle for publication.

Respectfully Submitted,
F. P. Bowman,
J. A. Hester,
P. H. Clements,
Committee.

HOLT LEADS "FAST LIFE" IN UP-TO-DATE WESTERN

The fastest motion picture Jack Holt has appeared in to date is "The Enchanted Hill." He says so himself.

In the evolution of this Peter B. Kyne story, the popular Paramount player is compelled to make several trips through the air in a speedy plane hit up the desert roads in a high powered car, at not less than eighty miles

Goldthwaite, Texas,
To Our Friends and Patrons:

With Santa Claus peeping around the corner and every body thinking of every body else, we want to pause long enough to extend to you our very best wishes for a merry, merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

And we would feel that something had been left undone were we to overlook this opportunity of expressing our sincere appreciation for the patronage with which you have so kindly favored us during 1926. We have striven in word and action to merit your confidence and cooperation and with the coming of another year we look forward in the hope of again being able to number you as a friend and customer.

We trust this holiday season will hold for you a real share of good cheer and happiness and that the new year may bring to you and yours all the many good things of life.

Sincerely yours,
MR. AND MRS. J. H. RANDOLPH.

an hour, and do some of the most hazardous riding of his career on the back of his famous saddle horse, "Red Chief."

The scene of action is laid in New Mexico where Holt is the owner of a large cattle ranch, which a gang of desperadoes are trying to take away from him. The modernness of the tale is exemplified by the logical use of airplanes and machine guns.

Irvin Willat, whom film fans will recall as the producer of "North of 36" and other notable screen successes, directed "The Enchanted Hill" from the film adaptation of James Hamilton Florence Vidor, Noah Beery and Mary Brian share featured honors with Holt.

E. D. BARROW DEAD

Last Monday morning at about 2:00 o'clock H. D. Barrow passed away after an illness of several months. The end was not unexpected, as he had been in a serious condition for several weeks. The remains were laid to rest in the Odd Fellows cemetery here Tuesday afternoon. The funeral services, held at the Christian church at 2:30 o'clock, were conducted by Rev. O. O. O. Newton and Rev. I. A. Dyches. The large crowd of friends attending the last sad rites testified to the esteem in which this good man was held by his neighbors.

Mr. Barrow was born September 24, 1852, being 74 years of age

SELF CULTURE CLUB

The Women of the Self Culture Club met in their club room Thursday afternoon December 16th with the President Mrs. C. Saylor in the chair. Business was attended to in which a rising vote of thanks was given Mr. E. T. Fairman for his generosity to the club.

The following program was rendered.

Leader—Mrs. Duke Clements.
Study Subject—China
Paper—The Beautiful and Value of Jade, Mrs. E. B. Anderson.

Paper—The Building of the Great Wall—Mrs. J. C. Evans, Mrs. Evans absent her paper was read by Mrs. Hester.
Paper—By Mobor Across the

He came to Mills county about 30 years ago and had lived in the county ever since. He was a director in the Trent State Bank and had considerable property. He was a member of the Christian church and a man of strong religious convictions.

Mr. Barrow leaves a wife, one sister, Mrs. W. D. Jones, of Ozan, Arkansas, and one brother, W. A. Barrow, of Hickory, Okla., several nieces and nephews, and other relatives besides a host of friends to mourn his death. The Eagle joins the friends of the sorrowing ones in offering them sympathy in this sad hour.

Gobi Desert—Mrs. J. H. Saylor.
Desert—Mrs. J. H. Saylor.
Story—A Chinese Woman.
Speaks—Mrs. J. A. Hester.
This story was told in a very pleasing manner, and was enjoyed by all.
The Club will meet again December 30th.

JUNIOR B. V. P. U.

Leader—Lucile Bledsoe.
Song—By Group.
Sentence Prayer.
Memory Work—Leader.
Playlet.

Group Captain—Ellen Lang-

litz.
Dr. Beagle—Sterling Kirby.
Miss Leachman—Eva Cook.
First Junior—Evelyn Fay
Gatman.

Second Junior—Joe Barnett.
Third Junior—Lillian Summy.
Fourth Junior—Raymond Bled-

soe.
Indian Boy—Oran Langlitz.
Indian Girl—Daphane Evans.
Business.
Benediction.
Prayer.

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Miss Loraine Field head of the Art Department of Howard Payne College visited Mrs. Chas. Frizzell the first of this week.
Mrs. Ears Blake and Miss Opal Kuykendall of Seallorn visited Mrs. W. L. Burks one day last week.
Alfred Denson of Center City came in from Lubbock Monday where he has been working for some time.
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johnson of Fort Worth, came in Wednesday for Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Weems Weathers.
Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Pitts came in Wednesday night from Marlin where Mr. Pitts has been taking treatments.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ONE AND ALL

At this, the end of the year 1926, and while the glad holiday season commands our attentions, we pause to offer our friends in Mills County the greetings of the season and hope for them the greatest prosperity and happiness during the coming year.

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BIG VALLEY

To The Eagle:

We are trying to be glad for the nice rain which fell this week, but very often when we get one blessing we lose another, so in this case our road work has been stopped for the present. The first of January is close at hand and without any hindrance it would have been a question as to whether we could have compelled the road to the bridge or not so now it seems almost to be an impossible task for so short a time.

We are working ourselves up to the Christmas Spirit by closing our schools from 8 to 10 days before the holidays. At the rate we are going, in a very few years we will be running our public schools and colleges in the interest of holidays and athletics.

Big Valley schools closed last Friday and we take up Monday

27. Our teachers will spend Christmas with home folks in Brownwood and Lubbock. We wish for them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Our young men and young women who have been off attending colleges are returning home for the holidays. Miss Naombie Robertson came in Thursday from Belton, where she has been attending school; Pettie Bell Cockrell and Loraine Dewey came in from Belton Friday; Huondon Nelson came in from Georgetown, where he has been at city.

Griff McConnell returned this week from Thorp Springs where he has been going to school for the last two years.

Oneta Traylor and Wilma Miller are home from Howard Payne to spend the holidays with home folks.

I believe all the college folks

have come in except Hoyt Cockrell and Melvin Doak, who are attending Junior A. and M. at Arlington and they are expected to come in either Wednesday night or Thursday morning.

I understand that Miss Mabel Goode who is teaching school near Cisco, will come in Thursday to spend the Christmas holidays with home folks.

I am glad to state that we have 8 young men and women attending College from Big Valley. Here's hoping that all these young will finish their college course and make good in their several vocations of life.

Judge Weeks left Tuesday night for Houston where he will enter school.

I can hear poor old Tom Turkey gobbling down on the hillside, but it won't be many days until he will be dressed up with Cranberry sauce and Celery, so

let him gobble his last requiram. A party at Dan Long's Tuesday night was largely attended and all had a good time.

I close by wishing the Eagle and all its readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.—
FARMER

PHILLIP DUREN

Phillip D. Duren, age 88, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Charles Green in the northern part of the county on Friday 17, at eight o'clock in the evening.

He had long been weak from senility and his death was expected. Mr. Duren was a native of Mississippi, but came to Texas with his parents when a child. They settled in Cherokee County where in 1868 he married Mary Conner who died in 1894.

Surviving him are two sons,

Ernest and Robert of this county, and four daughters, Mrs. Green, above mentioned, Mrs. Maggie Ward of Swenson, Mrs. Fannie Conner of Houston County and Miss Estelle of Brownwood.

For more than fifty years the Duren family has been well known to the people of the county where he made his home in 1876.

He was well and favorably known to the stockmen of the earlier days, and was a grower and dealer in live stock.

In 1883 and 1884 he drove herds of horses to points in Nebraska. He was one man to whom his neighbors would sell their stock on time to be paid for when sold in the market.

The Duren home was noted for its hospitality and many cowboys when lost from their "outfits" found food and shelter under its roof.

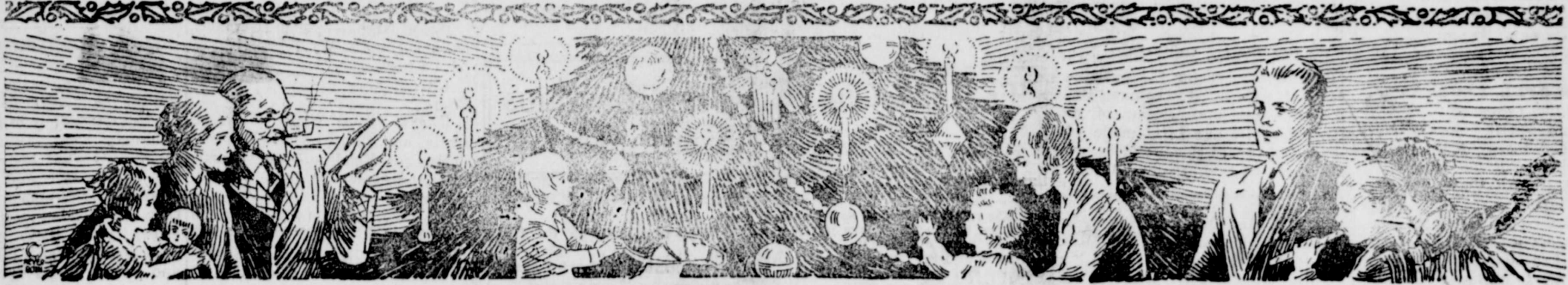
Well did he serve his time and place.

OLDER BOYS CONFERENCE

To The Eagle:

The North Texas Older Boys' Conference held at Fort Worth, Texas December the third, fourth and fifth, met with great success. boys from all over the north central portion of the state attended the conference.

Chester Oglesby, Master Councilor of Breckenridge Chapter, Order of DeMoleys, was sent by the chapter to the conference. He has returned and has many new projects to act upon, hoping to build up a bigger and better chapter. He was a native of Mills County and has been attending school at Breckenridge High of the past four years. He is a senior this year and graduates in the spring.



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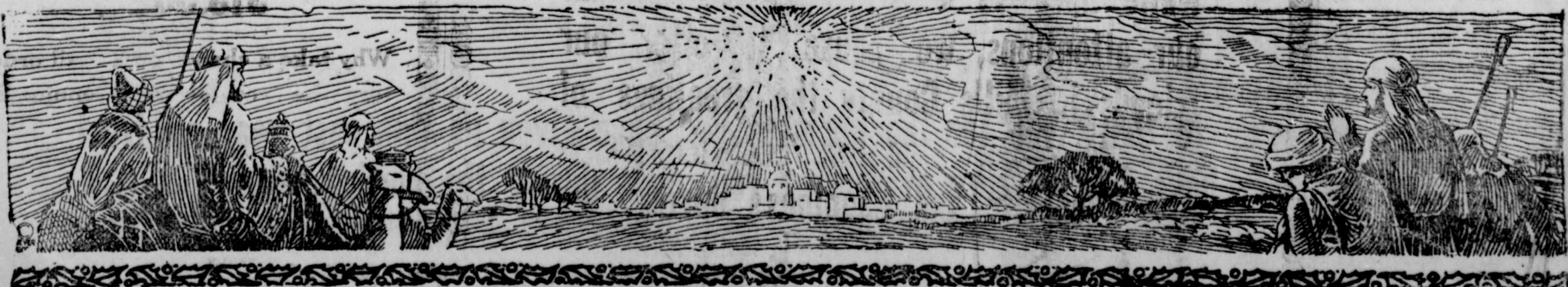
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Number Eleven.

PUPILS OF G. H. S. WISH YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS 1927

At Christmas Time

*SING of the Christmas snow,
All lovely whiteness;
Sing of the Christmas tree,
All shining brightness;
Tall the old Christmas tale—
Stable and star—
Lift up the Christmas song,
Send it afar.
Bells ring and voices sing!
All earth shall hear
How happy Christmas time
Crowns all the year.*

CHAPEL PROGRAM

Last Wednesday morning Miss Gellia had charge of the program. Reading—Florene Woody. Piano Duet—Verba Rhea and Letha Burks. Reading—Lueille Bledsoe.

Last Friday morning the program was as follows:
Song—"Onward Christian Soldiers."
Vocal Solo—Mrs. Edward Geeslin.

Miss Frizzell gave two readings: the first a humorous one; the second an unusually beautiful one act play. The first in which she impersonated the youngster; the bride the old farmer, the old maid, and the politician at the soda fountain. She gave to please her audience she said. And she was certainly successful. The student body was delighted. The latter she gave to please herself. However she again pleased her audience. It was difficult to tell which reading was more appreciated.

Monday morning Mr. Newton read from the New Testament the story of the birth of Christ at Bethlehem. Since it was almost Christmas those scriptures were very appropriate for the occasion. We were also delighted to have with us Mrs. Edward Gees-

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ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank in Goldthwaite, Texas, will be held in their banking house the second Tuesday in January 1927 between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M. for the election of directors for the ensuing year. 1-7-27.

WHAT DOES CHRISTMAS MEAN TO YOU?

In Bethlehem all was quiet; the shepherds watched their sleeping flocks on the hills; the stars appeared in the east; the heavens burst open and angels sang song after song of beautiful celestial music. In the little town below a child was born; in later years this child became our Savior.

When we observe this the birth day of our Lord we should worship with quiet reverence. To us Christmas should be a season of peace, joy and unusual kindness to be observed by the singing of carols and giving of gifts. We should not give our gifts for the sake of display for the exchanging of gifts at Christmas time signifies our appreciation of the supreme gift our Lord made to the coming into this world to save us from sin. Pauline Dalton.

lin and Miss Myrna Miller who sang a duet accompanied by Mrs. S. P. Sullivan.

Mrs. Geeslin and Miss Miller sang "Whispering Hope" and it was beautiful. It had been a long time since Miss Miller sung for us, and it seemed good to have her back.

Mrs. Geeslin sang a Negro lullaby, which we all enjoyed and she also gave us a little talk. In the course of her talk she expressed a desire to know whether she was asked to chapel because the students liked her or because they liked to hear her sing. From the welcome she received every time she comes we believe that it is both.

The pupils of Goldthwaite High School in this last issue before Christmas wish to convey the spirit of Christmas to every reader of our paper.

Christmas makes the end of the first half of the school term, and the end of the school season of 1926. The passing of the old year leaves the memory of glorious foot ball games, inspiring pep squad performances, Armistice celebrations, Thanksgiving festivities, which are all dear to the heart of every student of old G. H. S. But we cannot bid all this farewell with very much sadness, for there are too many jolly things to look forward to in January and the ensuing months. And besides this is a time of too

much happiness and fun. All the exstudents of G. H. S. are back to make us glad, Christmas festivities fill us with joyous anticipation. Last minute preparations are to be made.

With 1927 comes new resolutions and expectations of many things that gladden the heart of a student in this last half of the school year comes basket ball track meet, tennis, base ball, parties, picnics, Junior and Senior reception and finally graduation and the end of the high school career of many students.

We hope for every reader of our paper as you as a new year as we are looking forward to in our school.

The Little Christ

By NANCY BYRD TURNER
in Youth's Companion

The stable roof was slant and mean,
The rushes on the floor spread thin;
There was no fire to warm him by
When the little Christ came in.
There was no fire to warm him by,
They laid Him in the prickly straw;
The humble, listless oxen saw
How helpless He did lie.

So helpless, and the stall so dim!
And yet so near the darkness risen
Of an archangel chanting Him,
With Cherubim and Seraphim:
"Glory to God in Heaven!"

His tiny whimper broke above
The patient sound of Mary's sigh;
The drooping cattle stirred to hear
The little Christ's low cry.
The silent cattle heard Him weep,
And waked, and lifted gentle heads;
Careless, near by, on dreamful beds,
The inn-folk were asleep.

While, to their rocking camels bent,
Three bared the desert from afar,
One clear light in their firmament,
One cry among them as they went:
"The Star! The Star! The Star!"

The Christmas Spirit

By G. A. R.

Across the far off hills; 'twas
wrote
The shepherds in the fields
afar
Beheld that night in fearful awe
The vision of a gleaming star.

And in the heavens there above,
Proclaiming on that wondrous morn,
Angelic voices told the news,
A Savior to the world was born.

And Three Wise Men from other
lands
Were guided by this gleaming star
Unto the manger where He lay; each
Bringing gifts from lands afar.

Thus did the Christmas spirit start,
Down through the ages it has come,
Proclaiming His gift to this world,
A Savior in His only Son.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS IN CANTATA

Sunday night a cantata was rendered at the Methodist Church by the "Hustlers and 'Pals'" Sunday School classes. The stage was beautifully decorated with snow and ice. The star that led the wise men to the babe in the manger and angels with glittering white dresses made the scene beautiful.

Music was furnished by Mrs. John Berry, Wm Glyn Yarbrough, and Gaylord Mullan.

The specials of the evening were:

Prayer—By Bro. Neal
Holy Night—Sparks Bigham
Duke Clements, W. A. Bailey, and Al Dickerson.

Introductory Reading—Doris Oden.

Duet—"The Star"—Gareta Little, and Ruby Lee Dickerson.

Musical Reading—The Lords Righteousness—Maudie Bell Kirby.

Solo—"A Light to the Nations"—Mrs. Eacott.

Duet—"By Angle and Star"—Mary Lee Lane and Loraine Huffman.

Solo—"Oh Hear all Ye Nations"—Rachel Johnson.

Musical Reading—Leota Simpson.

Benediction—Bro. Neal.

Miss Agnes Newton is at home this week. She visited the school a few minutes last Monday, and we were glad to have her.

Ruth Featherston has returned from Georgetown. She is one of last year's seniors, and we are glad to welcome her back.

Christmas Shopping

By EMIR F. AMMERMAN

ELECTROMAGNET eye of Christmas,
Lights of green and holly red,
Belated shoppers homeward turning,
Snowflakes flying overhead.

One, more burdened than the rest,
Was collared by a bluecoat burly;
"Why didn't you obey the urge,
And do your Christmas shopping early?"

The jolly culprit eyed the cop
With provocative strabismus.
"I did. What I am doing now
Is shopping for next Christmas!"

FISH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Even though some people poke fun at the "fish" of our school, Santa Claus seems to like them exceedingly well. Last Saturday night he visited their party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Evans. The freshmen had a tree that was loaded with presents. Every guest there received at least one package. Toys, dolls, and pretty things were to be seen every where.

In the early part of the evening the guest amused themselves by playing bunco. Clarice Ashley and Duard Howard made the highest scores, and each was presented with a box of candy. Later the guests played "spin the pan" "winkum" and other games.

Refreshments, hot chocolate and cakes were served about ten thirty. After this the members of the class said good night to their hostess. All had a delightful evening.

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A MESSAGE OF GOOD WILL
By ALBERT ASH ALLEN

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

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

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

Christmas Courage
by Florence Harris Wells



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

He had scarcely entered when the Doctor began to exclaim over him: "What had he been drinking?" "Nothing," Tom declared, taking it as a joke.

Well, what had he been eating? "Nothing unusual," Tom tried bantering a little, but the doctor persisted. "You certainly have smelled something out of the ordinary?"

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

He hadn't thought what Margaret would do, but he was entirely unprepared for the burst of gay laughter at the end of his recital which she had listened apparently so sympathetically. "Listen, Tom," and she reached for the evening paper. "I read this just before you came in and was interested because he was your friend. Doctor Barnes was this afternoon declared by prominent specialists to be insane. For some time he has been obsessed by the idea that his friends as well as his patients for various and sundry reasons had but twenty-four hours to live, etc.—No use reading it all, Tom. That's enough. I didn't laugh when I read it, but now I feel like shouting because it brought me you."

"And it brought me you," Tom returned, inwardly rejoicing that he hadn't allowed Fate to make a coward of him. The thought of what it would have meant if he had followed his impulse and gone to bed swept over him for a minute; then he clasped Margaret to him. "Isn't it a Merry Christmas, though?" He exalted from sheer joy of living. "A most merry one!" Margaret laughed up at him triumphantly. (© 1926, Western Newspaper Union.)

VACATION!

The school is in a state of excitement due to the anticipation of the holidays. School will dismiss Thursday afternoon at four o'clock and will open the following Monday week. There will be no school news in the "Eagle" next week.

Cecil and Ruth Parker, ex-students of G. H. S., who are now attending school at Tarleton College, visited the school Monday.

ROCK SPRINGS B. Y. P. U.

- Leader — Oleta Daniel.
- 1. Police protection a force—Alice Stark.
- 2. Mary the bravest of the band Elizabeth Nickols.
- 3. Mary faces the mob—Nellie D Cooke.
- 4. Effect upon Feng —Horace Cooke.
- 5. A Chinese truly converted.—Woodie Traylor.
- 6. Effect of Feng in Honan—Mrs Marion Robertson.
- 7. Feng a soul winner—Tustin Cooke.
- 9. China's field Marshal—Florence Stark.
- 10. Quiz Mrs. Forehand.



THE more I think about it the less I like the idea of having two outsiders at our Christmas dinner. Of course, mother, I can see how, on the spur of the moment, you told Ruth to invite them—two strangers in a large city with no place to go—it would prey on your sympathies.

"They were given to understand that it was a family dinner when they were invited. They are friends of one of the members of our family, Mary, and out of courtesy to that person I think it is the least we can do to entertain them." With that remark the subject was dropped, and both Mrs. Mathews and her daughter went on about their work in preparation for the coming event.

The great day dawned upon a house decorated with Christmas tree, wreaths, holly and mistletoe, and occupied by two busy, enthusiastic persons. As one o'clock drew near the family began to arrive. This was one day in the year that Mrs. Mathews had the pleasure of seeing all her children and their families together. Among the first to make their appearance was Ruth, her mother, and the two young men, Eddy and Ross, who were to share in the families' Christmas rally.

"The boys reached our house soon after breakfast. From that time on they nagged us to get started. They were so afraid that they were going to miss the grand Christmas dinner that was in store for them. Here we are. Have we missed it?" Ruth laughingly explained as she introduced the boys to the assembled group.

Eddy, tall, slender and dark, had a decidedly eastern accent. Ross, how-



ever, was somewhat shorter and more square-built. Instead of being an easterner, he had been born and reared in the Middle West. One wondered that such a strong friendship could thrive between two such contrasting characters as these. Eddy was a dancer by profession, Ross was a singer. Ross had not been in the house more than an hour when he sat down at the piano and began to play very softly. He continued for a little while when some one suggested that he sing. Thus putting himself and the family at ease with his sociable manner, by the time the dinner was served the family no longer felt stilted or restricted by the presence of these strangers in their midst. Eddy and Ross were most versatile in their praise of the dinner. Their actions showed that they were thoroughly enjoying the home cooking. They were quick to make it known verbally. They ate until they were ashamed to admit their capacity for such excellent food.

After dinner Ross was urged to sing again. He persuaded or rather insisted that Eddy assist him with his tenor voice. They made a great pair. They kept the party going. Their entertainment was decidedly successful. Their happy countenances could not help but contagiously radiate to the ones surrounding them.

Mary met her mother going into the kitchen to prepare supper. "Mother, aren't they grand? What would we have done without Eddy and Ross? They have simply made the day."

"Yes," said Mrs. Mathews, "and all because they have been so exceedingly handy to be here."

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Jackson wish to express their sincere thanks to the many friends who were so kind and helpful to them during the recent illness and death of their brother Andrew and take this method as they cannot see them personally.

G. W. Jackson and wife
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By VIOLA C. REELING
in Outdoor America

I THINK that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree—
Ah, poet gone, your lines so fine:
I would that I could call them mine:

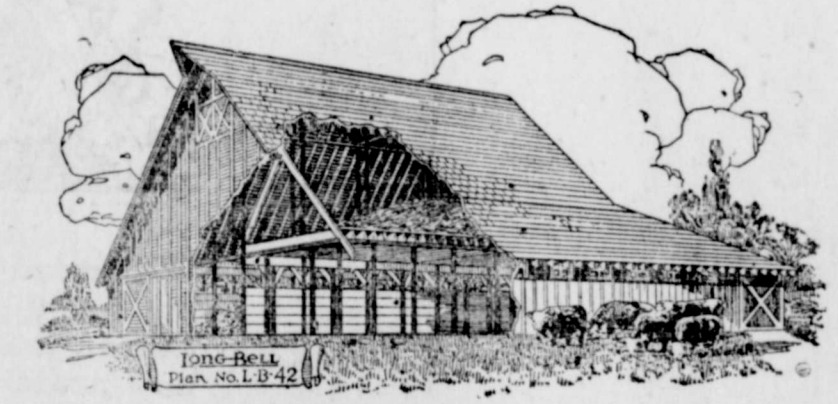
And as the Christmas time draws near,
With all its jollity and cheer,
I think me of the Christmas tree,
Whose twinkling lights increase the glee
Of little tots who gather 'round,
To search for gifts so easily found,
Where Santa tied them here and there,
As many as the trees would bear.

Ah, when that Christmas tree lay low,
Was there a sapling planted, so
That Christmas trees might still abound
For little tots to gather 'round,
In years to come on Christmas Day,
And, hunting gifts, be just as gay
As my own happy little one;
A sapling that would seek the sun
And proudly aim some day to be
A child's big glittering Christmas tree?

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CENTER POINT

A merry Christmas to every reader of the old Bird, also the Editor and his family

The box supper last Wednesday night was well attended. The Mullin Orchestra furnished the music. Prof. Scott auctioned off the boxes. The proceeds were something over forty three dollars.

Mr. George Shuffield and family have moved to Runnels County near Winters. Their many friends wish them health, wealth, and happiness in their new home. Jim Fallon and daughter Miss Mary visited in Goldthwaite Sunday morning.

The Doggett brothers of Live Oak enjoyed a pleasant afternoon in this community last Sunday.

E. C. Smith is moving his feed staff to Blanket. Amos Shelton took a load for him last Friday.

Misses Faye and Verne French visited Miss Inez Spinks a while Sunday afternoon.

Miss Mary Cockrell spent the last week end at Big Valley with

her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Cockrell.

Quiet a number went to the play at Mullin last Friday night. They report the "Arizona Cowboy" a real play, with live actors.

Marvin Spinks and family spent Saturday night with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Joe Spinks.

Well everybody come to our Christmas tree tonight December 24th. Santa Claus will surely be present. The school children will render a program.

CHRISTMAS FAIRY

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PROSPERITY among southern farmers will be widespread and permanent and contentment abound only when the safe-farming methods so long known and advocated become general throughout the South. They are:

Grow ample food to feed the family.

Have a good summer and winter garden.

Grow all the pork needed for home use.

Keep enough corn to fully supply all family needs.

Raise all the poultry and eggs the family can use and some to sell.

Grow cane or sorghum for syrup where practicable.

Grow all the feed needed.

Make the purchase of feed for the work stock, poultry, hogs, and cows necessary—a penny saved is worth two earned.

Keep up the fertility of the soil

Grow cowpeas, vetch, soy beans or other legumes to plow under.

Sow rye, wheat, or oats in corn and cotton fields for pasture and to prevent winter washing and leaching.

Plant high-yielding quality cotton and care for it well.

Cooperate in reducing the number of varieties grown and in the orderly marketing of the crop.

One-fourth less cotton acreage in 1927, with average yields, and present surplus would more than supply average requirements.

Why plant more?

The farmer who follows the above plan will have a good living, keep out of debt, and have something left over at the end of each year. To aid you in the safe-farming program you have your County agricultural agent, Home demonstration agent, State agricultural college, United States Department of Agriculture.

WRITE THEM USE THEM.

Miss Nita Cockrum came in Thursday night to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Cockrum.

Mr. and Mrs. O. S. White and son, Harlan Irvin of Ranger, came in Thursday to spend the Christmas holidays with home folks.

ANDREW JACKSON DEAD

Andrew C. Jackson, only brother of G. W. Jackson of this city, died at his home last Saturday morning. His remains were laid to rest last Sunday at the Odd Fellows cemetery last Sunday. Rev. I. A. Dance, pastor of the Baptist church here, conducting the funeral services.

Mr. Jackson, a member of the Baptist church, was born in Granger county, Mississippi. He was 76 years of age at the time of his death. He had been a member of Mills County for 39 years.

The Eagle joins the many friends of Mr. Jackson and family in offering them condolence in this sad hour.

Carl Mahoney, formerly employed at the Eagle, passed through here Thursday afternoon enroute for his home in Desdemona, to spend the holidays with home folks.

J. A. Hester expects to leave for Coolidge on business.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of expressing our heartfelt thanks to the good people of Goldthwaite and vicinity for their deeds of kindness and words and acts of sympathy during the illness and after the death of H. D. Barrow.

Especially are we thankful for the beautiful floral offerings.

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Mrs. W. D. Jones.
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