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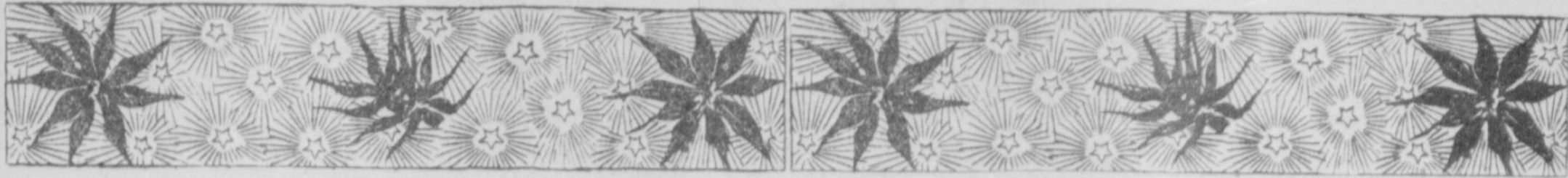
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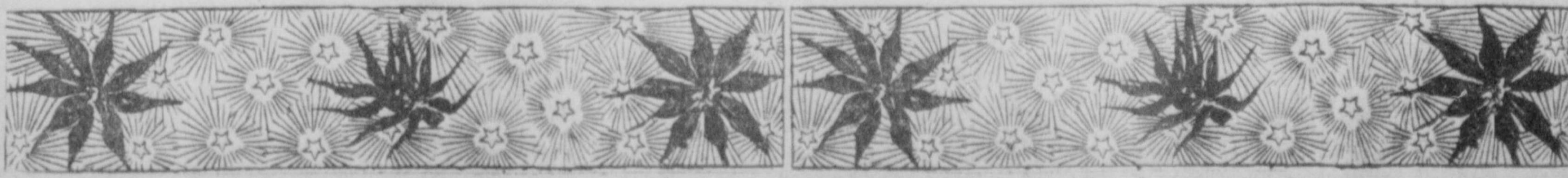
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*Hark! the herald-angels sing
Glory to the new-born King,
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled,
Joyful, all ye nations, rise.*

*Join the triumph of the skies;
With the Angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Hark! the herald-angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.*



Holding Up the "Christmas Special"

ENGINEER JED BROWN stood in the cab of the engine that was to haul the Christmas supplies over the snow-covered hills to the Silver Ledge mine. He had his hand on the controls, ready to put the tractor into motion as soon as he got the final word to go. Hitched to the engine and trailing behind it were five trainloads, piled high with foodstuffs and gifts for the miners and their children.

"Ever ride one of these things before, George?" asked the engineer, genially.

"No," replied George Yates, with a laugh. "I never saw one before."

"Well, that's not surprising because there aren't many of them around here. It's not a locomotive, as you see, but a tractor. It works on the same idea as a caterpillar—doesn't need any tracks, and it goes right through fields, mud and water without any trouble at all. The only thing it won't do is climb a stone wall."

"Maybe it won't have to," laughed George. "At least I hope not."

"To tell the truth, I'd sooner take it over a dozen stone walls than drive it through a blizzard; and if I'm not mistaken," he went on, glancing at the heavy slate-colored clouds in the sky, "a blizzard is what we're going to get."

The engineer motioned George to climb up in the cab with him, and together they heard the last-minute instructions of the superintendent.

"Be careful at the gap, Jed. Suspicious characters have been around there, and it may be they'll give you trouble."

"I'm not afraid," replied Jed. "This is the Christmas Special, and anybody who would hold up this train would steal money from widows and orphans."

He started up the gasoline motor and headed the tractor up the road. About five miles from the town George Yates heard the baying of some wild animals. He looked at Jed Brown inquiringly.

"Wolves," said Jed, with a serious grin. "But just the same we've got to get these trucks of supplies and gifts through to the Silver Ledge today. You know, it would certainly spoil a lot of merry Christmas if we didn't."

Shortly afterwards the first flakes of

snow began to fall, and soon a high wind blew in from the west, driving the snow before it in fierce flurries that seemed to beat against the windows of the cab with almost enough force to break them.

"This looks like the beginning of a real blizzard," muttered Jed, in an anxious tone of voice. "It has slowed us up already, and I'm afraid that the mountain gap will be piled high with snow."

Engineer Brown was right. When the Christmas Special arrived at the narrow pass that cut its way through the hills, it was stopped by a huge snowdrift.

"We're stuck, said Jed. "That is, we are unless we can shovel our way through. Get out the shovels, George, and let's do all we can, anyway."

He opened the cab-in door and stepped into the snow. As he did so, two young men came up from behind the train and asked if they could help him. Jed looked at them closely for a moment or so, and then said:

"Where did you come from?"

"We've been hitch-riding on the last sled," said one of the men, laughing. "Here's a chance for us to pay for our passage."

Both of them took a shovel and worked hard to clear away the drift so that the tractor could proceed on its way. Then, at Jed Brown's invitation, they climbed into the cab and rode through the mountain gap to the other side, talking all the time about what a fine Christmas they were going to have when they got home.

Suddenly one of them pulled out a revolver.

"Stick 'em up," he commanded, and

when he had George and the engineer backed into a corner of the cab, he said to his partner:

"Get the money. It's in the tool box underneath the top tray."

"Leave that money alone," said the engineer, taking a step forward as though to stop the robber. But the man with the gun forced him back again into the corner. Jed tried to plead with him.

"That's the payroll for the Silver Ledge mining camp," he said. "If the

robber did as he was ordered.

"That's better," said Jed. "Now I'm not going to tie you and your partner because I know neither one of you will try to escape while those wolves are howling around outside. And if you're wise, you won't try anything inside the cab. I'm going to tell George hold the gun, and let me tell you young fellows, he isn't afraid to shoot when he has to."

The remainder of the trip was made in silence, with Jed glancing at the hold-up men every once in a while. Just before the tractor arrived at the edge of the town, he said:

"Put the gun in your pocket, George. I don't think we're going to need it."

Turning to the youthful hijackers, he went on: "This is the first time you two have ever tried anything like this, isn't it?"

The men hung their heads and one of them said: "Yes."

"I thought so. You don't look like bad men." Then the engineer turned away as though he was trying to decide a difficult question.

At the outskirts of the town a crowd of men met the supply train and drove the wolves off with rifles.

"Hullo, Jed," called one of the miners. "We were getting worried about you. Thought maybe you'd been held up."

"Nobody would dare hold up this train," answered another. "This is the Christmas Special. By the way," he went on, "who are your friends?"

"Well, this is George Yates, son of the agent. You all know him. And these two fellows here . . . well, they're trappers, I think. We brought them in out of the blizzard so you people could give them a merry Christmas."

"We certainly can. Everybody's welcome when the Christmas Special comes in . . . especially when it carries the payroll."

"Treat them right," said Jed. "We might not have reached here if it hadn't been for them. They helped to dig us through a snowdrift!"

He put his fingers to his lips as he turned to the surprised men.

"I want you to have a merry Christmas," he said quietly. "And when the New Year comes, maybe you'll make some good resolutions."

"I will," promised one man.

"I won't wait for the New Year," said the other. "I'll make them right now."

After they had gone, George turned to his friend, the engineer, and shook him by the hand.

"Mr. Brown," he said, "that's what I call great!"

"Thanks," smiled Jed. "It's Christmas time, you know—a time for peace and good will toward all men."



Running along with the tractor and leaping up against it were more than a dozen large gray wolves.

"Christmas is Life, Joy, Peace and Love"

By J. H. LOWRY

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CHRISTMAS, the gladdest, the brightest day of all the year, is soon to be with us again. The earth, in its diurnal journeys around the sun, has brought us again the season of gladness and our hearts are rejoiced. It's the same Christmas that has blessed the world since the heavenly choir chanted the glad refrain of "Peace on Earth, Good Will Among Men," to the shepherds of the hill country of old Judea two thousand years ago.

Welcome the day. Without Christmas what a cold, cheerless, cruel world ours would be. It's the joy of youth; it's the comfort and hope of age. Though Christmas finds us poor, it teaches and shows us we are rich; though it finds us sad and sorrowful, it sings to us songs of hope and gladness that woo us from the low grounds of despair, plants our feet on the mountain peaks of hope and shows us the stars. There can be no poverty to the soul that is heir to mansions in the skies, to riches untold; sadness cannot live in the heart, nor sorrow hold dominion over the life of the redeemed. Christmas is Life, Joy, Peace and Love. We are better, nobler and gentler because of Christmas and Christmas' message to the world. May the great day come to you, dear reader, in all its fullness.

There is, and must be, sorrow, but Christmas burgeons and blooms on sorrow's fields. There are despairing souls, but Christmas paints bright pictures of hope on despair's dark clouds. The holy Christmas spirit is peace stilling angry waves, plenty smiling away the frowns of want, love dissipating the scowls of hate.

May He who gave it grant us the grace to forget our wants and enjoy our gifts; to minimize the little we have done and count o'er and o'er what has been done for us. And above all, may it be given unto us to forget the little wrongs we have endured and sorrow over the wrongs we have done.

A happy Christmas is God imminent in man. May the power which is back of all our beautiful customs and generous impulses push self from our hearts and let the spirit of the Cross and the spirit of the Empty Tomb fill us with the joys and blessings of Christmas.

Yes, Santa Is Coming

We know now that Santa Claus is coming again. Up to a day or two ago we were inclined to believe that the good old soul had left the earth and would never return. We were all so busy then with our little businesses, our little cares and vexations, that we said this little routine must continue forever—that there would be no time to think of or entertain Santa, and he would not come. But Santa is coming. We all know Santa is coming, because we are already laying aside our dignity and our desire

for gain. We are beginning to see that life is more than a cruel concatenation, an endless routine that kills our ideals and our dreams. We are beginning to feel like children again, and we want to do something that's good and something that's simple, and something that's foolish. The strain and the weariness imposed by life's heavy obligations are passing, relaxation is coming and we are beginning to take a more charitable view of human weaknesses and failings. The great truth that "a man's life does not consist of the things he possesses" is finding lodgment in our hearts once more. And so we know our old Santa Claus is coming again. In truth, he's nearly here. Even last night, when the storm king was raging in the north, above the howling Boreal blast, I heard the tinkle of a bell.

Wanted—A Christmas Portrait

Edgar A. Guest, America's sweetest singer, who sings a song of gladness or warbles a love-note of sorrow every day, says, "I should like to be photographed on Christmas day. Then I could look pleasant without being asked to. It is all so easy then. There is something about Christmas day which removes all barriers and distinctions and creeds, and softens all sorrows and hurts and disappointments. If we have grudges, we forget them temporarily. Even to the people we do not like we will not be disagreeable at Christmas. The day awakens old memories and sweetens them. Even when it is a sad day it is lovelier than other days. The old hurts are reopened, it is true, but with a tenderness and sweetness that are lacking throughout the year."

With America's sweet singer, we all say, we would like to have a photograph of ourselves on Christmas Day. The photograph might show the deep wrinkles of remorseless time, but the deep crevasses would be lighted by the star of hope. The likeness might reveal the dimness of eyes, but in the dimmed eyes the light of love would glow. The countenance might show the lines and emotions of anxiety, but it would be an anxiety born of love and sympathy for the unfortunate, and a desire to better their condition and contribute to their weal and happiness. Yes, we would all like to be photographed on Christmas Day. We would like to behold ourselves when the better, the gentler, the nobler passions were in full flower, and the baser desires were banished; to see ourselves on the one day of all the year when men grow full-statured and are moved by love and sympathy, rather by selfishness, envy and cruel competition. And wouldn't it be glorious if the All-Wise Judge searched our hearts only on Christmas Day and made up the final record from our deeds and the impulses of our hearts at Christmas time?

The Christmas Tree Forever

When the writer was a mere lad he

frequently heard grown-ups say that Christmas trees were obsolete, that people were tired of them and desired a new and more attractive way of entertaining the children and distributing gifts. They tried many substitutes, such as chimneys, snow houses, fish ponds, etc., only to find that nothing would please the children so much as a Christmas tree. As the years have rolled on, people have continued their search for an acceptable substitute for the Christmas tree. They haven't found it, and will not find it. All over the Christian world—in cities, towns, villages, and in the country churches on the hillsides and in the valleys—the children will gather around Christmas trees, with their pretty wreaths and lights and their loads of presents on the evening of December 24. The little tots are sus-

he was not able to purchase a car. And so I have reconsidered and will send my dear friend a pretty Christmas card.

Givers, Take Warning

This Christmas notice friends will heed; I don't have all the socks I need. Unless you want to start a fuss, Don't send house slippers to us. And lest I get as mad as Mars, Don't send me any cheap cigars. And I will put a fierce black eye On the one that sends another tie. So please avoid my anger and knocks, By remembering that I still need socks.

Merry Christmas—Not Christmas Gift

As Christmas comes on, those of us who have reached the time in life when there is more gray than gold in the world, turn our thoughts backward to Christmas as we first knew it and felt it. 'Tis pleasant indeed to recount the pleasures of the halcyon days of youth when innocence was upon the brow and eternal springtime was in the heart. We love to dwell upon the time when we were artless and sinless, when care had curled no frown upon the lip, when sorrow had touched no sadness into the heart or tears into the eyes—when one could eat his fill and not be sick; could run all day and Morpheus would lull the tiredness into sleep in a minute; when sweetmeats cured all hurts and chased all tears away. This was the Christmas of our childhood—a season of pleasure born of the gratification of our desire for sweets to eat and playthings to charm.

But a look backward should occasion regret as well as rebuild pleasures—regret that we were so poorly taught, and caught such a stained vision of the Great Day. We were encouraged to want things and to expect things. As the day drew near we wondered what our stockings would contain when we sought them Christmas morn. And we wondered whether anybody would give us anything. Christmas to the childhood of most of us was merely a book of things anxiously desired. Few of us were taught the true significance of the day, and we anxiously awaited its coming merely that we might have and enjoy. For this reason Christmas is not to us of riper years what it was in youth. We care not for the sweetmeats now, because they disarrange our internal economies; and the painted toys have lost their power to thrill or to charm.

It is well to fill the holidays with things so beautiful and joyous that they will be a treasure house of pleasant memories for the children, but it is far more important that we impress upon the child mind what so many of us missed—that Christmas comes not to minister to us but to awaken us to the



"Who sings a song of gladness"

beauty of ministering. Cheated indeed is the child who grows up with a low, sordid conception of the Great Day. For such Christmas can not be very merry when age dims the eye and dulls the desire for pleasure.

The Christmas watchword must be, "Merry Christmas," not "Christmas Gift."

Coming—1932

Nineteen Hundred and Thirty-One is soon to bid us good-bye, and Nineteen Hundred and Thirty-Two is soon to make our acquaintance. With the coming of the new year, we'll wipe off the slate and begin again, with new hopes and aspirations. We wonder, will it be a better year? Only time can tell; but we should give it a fair trial and treat it fairly. To do so we must drop our mistakes, our heartaches and our selfish grief on the grave of 1931, and then turn, brave-hearted, from the charnel house of death to the busy scenes of the living. Most of the things we intended to do, but forgot, in 1931, we will find waiting for us in 1932. Opportunity will not die as the fires of the old year die in the grate of time. We'll have another chance to speak words of praise where words of praise are due. There will be other opportunities to judge those we have misjudged and wronged. Many neglected promises we may make good; many broken vows we may fulfill. The records of 1931 are made, but not a page of 1932 is written or bound. Shall we be kinder, gentler and truer? If so, there will be fewer heartaches when, a year hence, we reflect over the passing of the year.

In a way, the year now drawing to a close has been the best year ever given our land and people. The seasons were never better-timed, and perhaps there was never before such a splendid division, or mixing of sunshine and rain, heat and cold. The soil, it seems, never had such an opportunity to give the touch of fertility to the plants we grow for food and market. The clouds never sent their refreshing chariots more graciously. There were balmy airs to strengthen, a wealth of sunshine to warm our growing crops, and the destroying insects came not. As a consequence, the grainaries were filled, the store houses ran over and the gills hummed day and night.

But—there is another picture—a companion picture—from which we shrink and would gladly blot out. While the soils and seasons have been gracious and kind, man has not acted well his part, and in the midst of plenty our world faces bankruptcy. Let us, as we gaze at the dying embers of the old year, breathe a prayer that the year we soon must face will grant unto us men wise enough and good enough to lead us from the mires of depression and enable us once more to catch the gleam of the lights on prosperity's golden shores.

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BRIEF TEXAS NEWS

FROM OVER
THE STATE

GRAPHITE MINES MAY REOPEN
Plans are under way to reopen the old graphite mines near Burnet. There is already a good plant there, and a company is being formed to take it over. It will have a capital of \$100,000, and will employ about 30 men to start.

WORKING ON HATCHERY AT TYLER
Work is now in progress on the \$25,000 extension to the Tyler State Fish Hatchery, located six miles southwest of Tyler. When completed the hatchery will cover 34 acres.

SALT PRODUCTION INCREASES
Salt production in Crane county has increased to the point that 100 tons weekly are now being marketed, principally in West Texas. Much of the salt is sold to ranchmen. The salt is mined from a lake near Crane City by a company headed by a Chicago man.

EAST TEXAS OIL FIELD PRODUCTION
Recapitulation of accumulative production in East Texas oil fields up to November 1, was 82,470,194 barrels. The accumulative production by districts was as follows: Joiner, 28,985,861 barrels; Kilgore, 35,148,231; Lathrop, 18,336,102.

WORKING ON BRAZOS BRIDGE
Steel has been placed on the ground for the overhead spans for the new bridge across the Brazos river east of Granbury on Highway No. 10, and work is now in progress on the structure. The steel was manufactured and delivered by the Petroleum Iron and Steel Works of Beaumont.

HIGHWAY 51 PAVING COMPLETED
The work of paving the thirteen-mile stretch on Highway 51, south from Quanah to Pease river is complete, or virtually so. It is believed the road should be open to the public by Jan. 1. The completion of this highway will give Hardeman county paved roads east and west and north and south across the county.

PANHANDLE HAS SMALL PER CENT ILLITERACY
The Panhandle counties have less illiteracy than any other section of Texas. This fact was shown by a State-wide survey made by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction; the survey gives the percentage of each county.

The survey revealed that there are 27 counties in the State which have less than 1 per cent illiterate, while a few counties have as high as 58 per cent. The latter are counties with a very large Mexican population.

The counties having less than 1 per cent illiterate are: Sherman, Hansford, Deaf Smith, Gray, Hutchinson, Potter, Armstrong, Moore, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Roberts, Gaines, Castro, Floyd, Crane, Bailey, Shackelford, Swisher, Hamilton, Stephens. One county, Loving, showed no illiteracy whatever, either in 1920, or 1930, but its population is small.

UNIQUE PIECE OF WHITTLING
A unique exhibit of artistic whittling was shown recently at Corsicana by A. A. Oliver, a resident of Navarro county. The exhibit was in the form of a bride and reins, carved from a single board, with a pocket knife as the only tool.

More than 130 separate links of chain are included in the reins, each of which is perfectly made, and the bride is easily handled. The bride is fitted with a bar fit, and has a star-in-circle centerpiece. The whole was carved from a poplar bed-railing which was more than 40 years old. The board was five inches wide and five feet long.

Mr. Oliver, who is in his 76th year, worked at odd times for about three months on the carving. The piece is not marred by a single slip of the knife. The pocket knife used in the carving has been carried and used by Mr. Oliver 34 years.

STATE WARDS AND THEIR COST
There are 261 veterans in the State Confederate Veterans Home at Austin, and according to the report of the Board of Control the per capita cost there is greater than at any other State institution, standing at about \$50 per month. The per capita cost at the Confederate Woman's Home is \$45 per month, while the next highest cost is at the Carlsbad Hospital, \$43.41. The lowest per capita cost is given at \$18.19, at the Terrell Hospital. The San Antonio Hospital comes next with \$18.44. The Rusk Hospital per capita cost is \$18.50 per month.

The inmates of the Confederate Veterans Home average close to 90 years old, while several are over the 100-year mark.

25,000 MILES OF OIL LINES IN STATE
Texas now has 25,000 miles of oil pipe lines, which is more than any other State has, and still more construction is in progress, principally in East Texas fields.

Although Texas has more railway mileage than any other State, the pipe line total exceeds the rail by about 7,000 miles. The Humble Company holds the lead with more than 4,000 miles of pipe lines, while the Texas Company is second with 3,600 miles.

So far the Phillips Petroleum Company has the only completed gasoline pipe line, this running from the Panhandle to the northern States, but other such lines are to be built. A few years ago gasoline pipe lines were declared by many leading oil executives to be impractical and visionary, but their number is increasing steadily and profitably, for pipe line returns show up better than the producing end.

The Great Lakes Pipe Line Company runs a gasoline system from the Oklahoma fields to Chicago, Minneapolis, Kansas City and Omaha, 1400 miles long, and represents an investment of \$17,000,000. It can handle 30,000 barrels of gasoline daily.

TEXAS POPULATION FIGURES
Detailed figures of Texas population, recently released, show the following results:
White population, 4,283,491; negro, 854,964; Mexican, 683,681; Indian, 1001; Chinese, 703; Japanese, 519; Filipino, 288; Hindu, 49; Korean, 17; Hawaiian, 2.

TO BEAUTIFY HIGHWAY WITH BLUE BONNETS
Representatives from all the counties along Highway No. 16, from San Antonio to Corpus Christi, met recently at Sinton and formed the Blue Bonnet Highway Association.

A committee was appointed to secure bluebonnet seeds and make plans for planting of bluebonnets along the entire length of the road. Preparations for the beautification are under way.

Members of the Bluebonnet Highway Association hope to develop 155 miles of bluebonnets to brighten the roadsides.

TEXAS WOMAN SOLD HALF DOLLAR FOR \$400

The presence of an "O" under the figure of Liberty on a 50-cent piece made the coin worth \$400 to Mrs. Sam Dowty, of San Angelo, who sold it recently to Max Mehl, a coin collector of Fort Worth.

The coin was minted at New Orleans in 1838, and is one of four. Only two are now in existence, one having been retrieved by a collector in New York 25 years ago for \$475. The other was saved by Mrs. Dowty's father, F. B. Mason.

Mr. Mason came to Texas in 1879 from Kentucky and settled in Luling, where he engaged in merchandising. The coin was passed to him for merchandise. He withdrew it from circulation and laid it away, carefully protected. Despite its 98 years of existence, the date and the sign of the coin, showing that it was minted in New Orleans, are clearly defined.

WILL BUILD LIME PLANT AT BIG SPRING

Big Spring was given assurance of another important industry recently when a contract was entered into by a representative of a big lime manufacturing company in Arkansas and a local citizen for permission to mine 320 acres of land just south of that place, which contains a mountain of lime rock, testing more than 97 per cent pure lime. The lime kilns will be completed and the plant be in operation early in the new year. It is estimated that about 150 men will be given employment.

TEXAS RAYON FACTORY SUCCEEDS

The success of the rayon undergarment factory at Greenville is very gratifying to all advocates of small factories for Texas.

This factory, known as the Hopkins Rayon Factory, began operations in March, 1929. At the beginning capital was very limited and the institution hardly deserved the name of factory, so small was its equipment and operating force. Three machines were installed in the sleeping porch of the owner, at his residence. The size and production have increased rapidly and constantly, and at present the plant occupies more than five thousand square feet of floor space in a downtown section. Thirty-two machines of the most modern type have been installed, and the plant has a capacity of one hundred and fifty dozen garments a day. About forty women are regularly employed. Plans are now being made to double the capacity of the plant next year. The owner says the plant has shown a fair profit from the beginning, and that he can easily sell double the number of garments the present force can make. The plant makes every article of underwear worn by men, women and children. Rayon is the principal material used, although many silk garments are produced and a considerable quantity of cotton. The selling is



The Christmas Message

"Peace on earth, good will to men,"
Sweetly the carol sounded,
And happy was a lonely heart,
For love in her heart abounded.
And oh! that all who sing it
Could sing with their hearts as gay,
This message to a weary world:
"Have faith and hope always."

"For as much as ye do it unto the least
Ye do it unto Me."
There's never a word or action sweet,
But the Saviour's eye doth see.
And the angels above bend low to hear
Those gentle voices ring—
At Christmas-time as we draw near
To make some sad heart sing?
—May L. Erson.

MANY BUILDINGS PLANNED BY STATE

Besides several million dollars to be spent for construction at various State educational institutions, including \$4,500,000 at the University of Texas, the State Board of Control has announced a program to help the unemployment situation this winter by awarding contracts calling for \$758,000 in new buildings after it has started work on projects aggregating \$109,000, a total of \$867,000.

One of the new contracts awarded is an \$85,000 ward building at the Terrell State Hospital. Other contracts already let or to be let before January 1 are: Austin State Hospital, convalescent dormitory, new wing, \$40,000; new ward and equipment, \$110,000; home for dependent and neglected children, Waco dormitory, \$40,000; San Antonio State Hospital, employes dormitory, \$35,000; new ward, \$100,000; State Sanatorium, dormitory, \$90,000; Wichita Falls State Hospital, ward building, \$105,000, and hospital, \$50,000. Several State buildings are now under course of construction.

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TRUCK REGULATION VALID

Three United States judges, sitting at Houston a few weeks ago, handed down a decision sustaining the law regulating the operation of trucks on Texas highways which was enacted at the recent session of the Legislature. This decision will doubtless be epoch-making in its influence on motor transportation.

In rendering its verdict the court said: "The powers of the State to regulate and control the movements of motor vehicles over its highways in the interest of public safety and for the protection of the highways, for the proper use of which it is trustee to the public, is of the widest scope, and opinions of this kind have been universally sustained. . . this system of regulation, designed in the interests of public convenience, will operate to bring highway order out of highway chaos by preventing a further disintegration of the all but practically destroyed common carrier service of the roads."

A Texas Christmas Back in the 70's

By M. K. WYATT

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HIS is a story of Frank Chatham, pioneer resident of Texas. In those far-off days, says Mr. Chatham, Christmas was celebrated no less joyfully than now, but pioneer folks usually had to confine their Christmas gifts to the bare necessities. It was hard to obtain mercantile supplies. There were no railroads; all transportation was by ox teams and wagons, over rough trails, that led from the southern and eastern centers of civilization. Most of the freighting by wagon was either from Jefferson, New Orleans or St. Louis.

Mr. Chatham's father moved from Missouri to Texas in 1844, settling in Denton county. Here the family of four boys and two girls were born. In 1872 Frank's father again moved farther north into Montague county, Texas, adjoining Red river boundary to Indian Territory. He there built the first cotton gin erected west of Gainesville. Here young Frank Chatham was born, married and later moved just across the river to Indian Territory. He settled

on land heavily timbered, and retains a very vivid memory of clearing the land and breaking new ground with oxen. He began work by deadening the trees and burning them when the sap ceased to flow. The second year he broke the ground, working a yoke of native steers, which were eighteen hands high. "Beck" and "Brill" were their names and it was no light task to try and control the stubborn oxen while the plow struck a stump or a root that was ten feet long.

Hauled Logs Eight Miles to Build Home

With this same team he hauled logs from a distance of eight miles to build a cabin home for his young bride. The nearest postoffice to Mr. Chatham's river bottom home was called Head-of-Elm on the Texas side. It was here that he received his mail, at long intervals. Newspapers were rare, and when a newspaper arrived in the mails it was passed around, read and reread, until it was worn to a frazel.

There was little connection with the outside world in this pioneer commun-

ity, where scattered families had built rough log houses along the river bottom, on either side of the river.

Christmas was usually observed in a quiet manner, says Mr. Chatham.

He remembers one particular Christmas, in 1884, when he was laid up with a broken ankle. The accident happened three days before Christmas, in this manner: He was on his way to the sawmill with a load of logs; while going down a steep decline the team quickened its speed. He tried to hold the team in check, but in doing so was jerked from the seat and fell underneath the wagon wheels. He considered himself lucky that nothing more serious resulted than a broken ankle.

Buffalo Meat for Christmas

During the Christmas days that followed, while Chatham was nursing a broken ankle, his brothers went hunting. They returned on Christmas Eve with plenty of buffalo meat which furnished the Christmas table with a welcome change from daily diet of wild turkeys, jack rabbit and fish caught occasionally from Red river,

The school house which the Elder Chatham helped to locate and build, the first in the settlement, was the scene of all Christmas gatherings. A Christmas tree for the youngsters would be cut from the forest and set up in the school house. The tree was decorated with ornaments made from red berries and gold and silver oak leaves that grew in abundance along the dense bottom lands. Fruits, candy and homemade toys made up the main gifts that adorned the Christmas tree. Store-bought confections were a rarity and could only be afforded at Christmas time.

Great Herds of Cattle

It was during these quiet, peaceful December days that ranchmen would take advantage of the lull in farm work to bring up their great herds of cattle from South Texas into Indian Territory, where they would pasture them on the succulent winter grasses. These grass lands were leased from the government at a cheap rental price. Texas was full of cattle, which went over the trail to the north in great droves, one after another,

NO LYNCHINGS IN TEXAS THIS YEAR

Unless the mob has become active since this item was written early in December, no person has been seized and lynched by a mob in Texas this year. It is something to boast of, even though the mob does get busy with the rope or fagot before the year closes. Heretofore in the last 50 years we have had mob murders in the State every year except one.

GROWTH OF UNITED STATES TERRITORY

The thirteen original States had an area of approximately 218 million acres. After the Revolutionary war a peace treaty was signed with Great Britain, in 1783, which extended the boundaries of the United States westward to the Mississippi river, northward along the Great Lakes and south to the southern border of Georgia. This gave our country a total area of about 531 million acres, the area having been more than doubled by this treaty.

Twenty years later, in 1803, the United States negotiated the Louisiana Purchase from France, again more than doubling the area of the nation by the addition of some 757 million acres. The price of the Louisiana Purchase was approximately \$15,000,000, so that the cost of this land to the government was about two cents an acre.

This territorial expansion continued rapidly. In 1819 the purchase of Florida from Spain added nearly 38,000,000 acres. In 1848 the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo brought in more than 334,000,000 acres in California and the Southwest. Then came several smaller purchases; 61,800,000 acres from Texas in 1850 and 28,000,000 acres from Mexico in 1853. The last large addition was Alaska's 370,000,000 acres, bought from Russia in 1867.

Thus, in 84 years, 1783 to 1887, the territory of the United States jumped from 218,000,000 acres to more than two billion acres, a ten-fold increase.

Peary and Scott's Christmas in the Polar Regions

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party spent their last Christmas on earth. It was a hard day for the party that December 25, 1911.

"The wind was strong, with a good deal of drift," wrote Scott, not adding a word about the ceaseless torment of festering foot sores and aching muscles. "I looked around and found our second sledge halted some way in the rear. Some one had gone into a crevasse. It appears that Lashly went down very suddenly, nearly dragging the crew down with him."

For Christmas dinner, that night, "we had four courses. The first, pemmican, full whack, with slices of horse meat (Scott took a few ponies to help in the early months), flavored with onion and curry powder, and thickened with biscuit. Then an arrow root, cocoa and biscuit pudding (out of the can, of course); then cocoa and raisins and finally, a dessert of caramels and ginger. After the feast it was difficult to move. We all slept splendidly and feel thoroughly warm."

But a few weeks later, the same party which had gone to the South Pole and died by exhaustion while returning, gathered in the same little tent, crawled in their sleeping bags for the last time, with the terrible lullaby of the howling blizzard in their ears, and lay down for their eternal sleep. When Evans found their frozen bodies next year he also found by Scott's right hand the same small, neat diary that had recounted the Christmas dinner quoted above. In it the last entry was legible and read:

"We shall stick it out to the end, but we are getting weaker of course, and the end cannot be far. It seems a pity, but I do not think I can write more.—R. Scott."

NEWS FROM IREDELL COMMUNITY

By MISS STELLA JONES

Willie Rhodes of Florida is here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Gus Jones who are his wife's parents.

Miss Katie Locker is visiting relatives in Grandview.

Mr. and Mrs. John Chester and their son, Oby, of Cleburne, spent the week end here.

Misses Eddie B. Laurence and Irene Davis spent the week end here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Jones attended the funeral of his nephew, Mr. John Jones at Fairy on Wednesday who was killed in a car wreck at Kilgore.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Harris of Walnut visited her parents here Wednesday.

Mrs. Clara French Richard of Meridian visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. French this week. Her mother has been ill but is some better now.

Mrs. Dalton Estine of Walnut spent the week end here.

Mrs. A. D. Barrow and daughter, Mayme, returned to their home in Marlin on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Gregory and baby spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Stegall of Hico.

Henry Newsom is on the sick list.

Misses Ina and Esther McElroy and Florence Smith spent Friday in Hico with Mildred Alexander.

A norther came Sunday morning and Monday several who had hogs to kill took advantage of the day as Monday was a fine hog killing day.

Mr. and Mrs. Avery Jackson have returned from Fort Worth where they have been for some time.

Miss Annie McIlheney was in Hico Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Collier of Brownwood are visiting his mother, Mrs. Collier.

Miss Doris Helm and her friend, Miss Ray, spent the week end here. They teach the Spring Creek school.

Mrs. Derault of Honolou, who is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Washam of near Fairy spent the week end here with her sister, Mrs. Frankie Dawson.

The band is progressing nicely under the leadership of Mr. Rose of Walnut.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sowder have moved back to their farm west of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kincannon, who have been living near Hamlin for some time, have moved here and are with his sister, Mrs. Lee Priddy till he can get possession of the farm that Mr. and Mrs. Doba Strickland are on.

The banquet on Friday evening that was given to the football and pep squad teams was a great success in every way. The buildings were decorated in their colors which are yellow and white. Mr. Frazier of Stephenville gave a fine address and the following young people gave fine talks in the interest of their sports: Hayden Miller, Pierce Shanon, A. C. and Howell McAdun, Rance Phillips, Albert Pike and Fred McIlheney. C. E. Conley was the toastmaster for the occasion. Several songs were sung by boys and girls. The feast that was prepared for them was fine and plenty of it. The banquet was a credit to any town and was carried on as it should be. Iredell people know how to put things over well as any community. Why shouldn't they when they have the P. T. A. back them up? About \$45.00 was made. The school is doing no better than it has for years.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Harris were called to Meridian Monday. Their daughter, Mrs. John Appleby was taken from school very ill.

Ira W. Davis is attending federal court in Waco.

The P. T. A. are going to stage a play on Saturday evening which is "On Lone's Trail." This is a fine play with plenty of comedy, which will make you laugh till your sides hurt. Everyone come to see this play for it will be fine, December 19th.

Mrs. Edd Laurence and son, Roy, were in Clifton Monday. They took Eddie B. and Irene back to school.

The Iredell people want to thank the Gandy Bros. and Mr. Crabtree of Meridian and Mr. A. A. Fewell of Hico for their aid in the singings at the funeral for they are fine leaders and hope they will find it convenient to come every time.

Mrs. Sadie Laswell Stovall

Mrs. Sadie Laswell Stovall was born in Weekly County, Tennessee June 4th, 1861. Was 70 years, 6 months and 8 days old at the time of her death in Iredell, Dec. 12, 1931, at 7 A. M. She was married to Rev. Stovall Aug. 4, 1883 in Tennessee and came to Texas in March 1885. To this union four children were born, one having died in infancy. The living children are: B. T. Stovall of San Angelo; Mrs. W. T. Carroll of Lamesa; and Mrs. E. W. Thomas of Iredell. Mrs. W. T. Carroll and her brother, B. T. Stovall and wife reached here after she had passed away.

Mrs. Stovall was converted and joined the Baptist Church in early life and lived a consistent Christian till the day of her death. Her husband being a minister, she knew something about the trials and troubles of a preacher and his family. She devoted all her time and energy in helping him in his church work for she certainly was a church worker. She was an every day Christian and lived up to the teachings of the Bible. The sweet influence that came from her consecrated life will live on down in the ages. She was loved and respected by everyone. She was of a jolly disposition and always had a smile for everyone. She was a great sufferer for some time but was cheerful all the time. I have known her for many

years and found her to be just the same way every day for she was a lovable character and did all she could. Was ever ready to lend her aid to all in need. She had been a cripple for sometime and long as she was able was doing some kind of handwork. She knitted pretty rugs before her health got so bad.

Rev. Stovall and his deceased wife were great friends of my parents deceased. Mrs. Stovall went to the home prepared for her as peaceful as a child going to sleep. A smile came on her face that remained there.

Besides her husband and children, she leaves a sister, Mrs. Dearing, and one brother, P. T. Laswell, both of Iredell, and a brother in Tennessee, and twelve grandchildren and one great grandchild, and a host of friends to mourn her loss. She has gone to that home where all is peace and joy.

The funeral was held Sunday afternoon in the Baptist Church, where she has been a member for sometime, in the presence of a host of friends. The funeral was in charge of her pastor, Rev. Lester, assisted by Revs. Seals and Bryan of West. The friends marched around and took the last look. She looked natural as if she was only asleep. She was a member of the W. M. U. here and some of the members acted as honorary pall bearers and flower girls. The floral offerings were large and beautiful, most of which were from friends here. She was a great lover of flowers. She was so sweet and good she deserved them all. I have visited her in her home and she always gave me a hearty welcome. The remains were laid to rest in the Riverside cemetery by the side of her loved ones.

The out of town relatives and

friends who attended the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Stovall of San Angelo; Mrs. W. T. Carroll of Lamesa; Mrs. Stewart of Fort Worth; Mr and Mrs. Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Ike Smith and daughter, C. M. and Lum Gandy and Dr. Crabtree of Meridian; and Dr. and Mrs. Hays of Hico.

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HICO, TEXAS

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IT HAS BEEN

A real pleasure to us to serve you in whatever ways we were able during the year now drawing to a close.

IT IS NOW

A joy no less genuine to wish for you and all yours an abundance of the choicest blessings of the season.

IT WILL BE

A source of continuous satisfaction if we find it within our power to render you material service in the New Year

ELLINGTON Feed Mill

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SANTA LETTERS

(Continued from page one)

Hico, Texas, Dec. 13, 1931.
Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a dolly, a pair of house shoes, and a kitty, some nuts, candy and fruit. Don't forget to visit other good little boys and girls too.
Your little friend,
ELTA LOIS BURLESON.

Hico, Texas, Dec. 14, 1931.
Dear Santa Claus: We are twin girls eight years old, and go to school at Duffau. Please don't forget to come to see us Xmas night. We wish you would bring us a little doll about seven inches tall, a big rubber ball, wash tub and wash board, lots of nuts, fruit and candy.
Lots of love,
RITA AND VETA ROBERSON.

Hico, Texas, Dec. 11, 1931.
Dear Santa Claus: We are good little boys. We help our daddy and mother so much. We want you to come down our chimney and leave us a horse, bank and doll, also apples, oranges, candy and nuts. Santa do not forget other little boys and girls, because we all love you.
WENDOL AND VON SCOTT.

Hico, Texas, Rt. 7, Dec. 12, 1931.
Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl four years old today and I want you to bring me a doll buggy for my big doll you brought me last Xmas. I have kept it real nice. You can bring me candy, fruits, nuts and anything else you want too.
With Love,
ELIZABETH ANN ALEXANDER

Hico, Texas, Dec. 12, 1931.
Dear Santa: We are two little girls, one is 4 and the other is 2 years old. We want a doll a piece, and some beads. We have been very good so don't forget the fruit, nuts and candy.
Your little friends,
DORCAS AND MARILYN
GIESECKE.

P. S. Please bring us a game to play while our brother is at school.

Deming, N. Mex., Dec. 13, 1931.
Dear Santa Claus: We don't get the paper until Sunday, so you may not get this letter in time to print it but hope you do. We live away out here in New Mexico, so you will have to start early, as it sure snows out here. I want you to bring me a sleepy doll, ring, and a set of dishes, lots of candy, nuts and fruit.
With lots of love,
BILLIE LOUISE
HIGGINBOTHAM.

Deming, N. Mex., Dec. 13, 1931.
Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy 8 years old. We live 4 miles from town but think you can find us. Hope it don't snow Xmas as it has come three already. I want a tricycle, dump truck and marbles, lots of candy, nuts and fruits, also want you to go see our grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Alexander, and Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Higginbotham.
Your little friend,
DEAN JR. HIGGINBOTHAM.

Hico, Texas, Rt. 5, Dec. 15, 1931.
Dear Santa: I am a little girl, 5 and a half years old. I would like for you to remember me Xmas. I am at Mama Nelms this year. I would like a suitcase for my dolly's clothes, a color book and crayolas. Bring us all some nuts, candy and fruit. I have been a good little girl.
Your little friend,
LOLA MARIE ANDERSON.

Hico, Texas, Dec. 12, 1931.
Dear Santa: I am a little boy six years of age. I am in the second grade. I want an airplane and a gun. I want some apples, oranges, nuts and candy. I have been a good little boy, so don't forget me.
I am. Your little friend,
LOUIS B. GIESECKE, Junior.

Hico, Texas, Dec. 12, 1931.
Dear Santa Claus: We are three little boys, ages nine years, five years and six months. We want fruits, nuts and candy. We will be pleased with any kind of toys. You'll find our stockings in a row by our chimney Christmas Eve night. Just,
GERALD DEAN, LELON and DWAIN WOLFE.

Hico, Texas, Dec. 15, 1931.
Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a buggy-doll bed and Christmas tree and one more baby doll and one more baby bed, automobile and two cars—as many as Paul Kenny has. Why don't you have an upside-down Christmas tree so all the little children up and down the town can see? I'll be sweet, all right. Goodbye.
CAROLYN HOLFORD.
P. S.: Please be good to Mary Ella.

Hico, Texas, Dec. 14, 1931.
Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a little tricycle, a story book, or anything you have. Bring me some Christmas candy and some firecrackers too. Bring my daddy something too.
THOMAS RAY COSTON.

Hico, Texas, Dec. 15, 1931.
Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl five years old. Please bring me a sleepy doll that cries, and says, "mamma," a doll bed, and some little dishes, a story book and a big ball.
Your little friend,
DOROTHY JANE GOLDEN.
P. S. Santa Claus, I wish you would bring me a little iron too, so I can iron my doll clothes. Oh, yes, and please bring one to my little sister, so she won't take mine. Goodbye.

Hico, Texas, Dec. 15, 1931.
Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl three years old. Please bring me a doll like Dorothy Jane's, and a little bed for her, some little dishes, and a little teddy bear in a swing, also a red ball.
Your little friend,
LYLE LAVERNE GOLDEN.

Hico, Texas, Dec. 12, 1931.
Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy eight years old in the third grade. I have been studying hard and have been a good boy, so am expecting you to come to see me. I want you to bring me a bicycle. I have a little brother seventeen months old. We call him Doodle. Bring him a big colored ball. Bye, Santa.
Your friend,
CLYDE GRIMES.

Hico, Texas, Dec. 12, 1931.
Dear Old Santa: I am a little boy, five years old. I have tried my best to be a good little fellow, and want you to be sure and come to see me Xmas. Don't forget to bring me a little airplane and a tractor, some candy, nuts and fruit. Bye, bye.
Your little friend,
WENDELL BRYAN GRIMES.

Hico, Texas, Dec. 12, 1931.
Dear Old Santa: I am a little girl three years old. I've been a good little girl at home, so you would come to see me. Please bring me a doll and a rocking chair, also some nuts, fruit and candy. Now don't forget me, Santa. Good bye.
Your little friend,
ADA LEE GRIMES.

Dear Santa Claus: Will you please bring me a raincoat and cap, bathrobe and house slippers, and a blackboard to learn my lessons on? I am in the first grade, and try "awfully" hard to be smart. Please bring my little brother, Joseph, a wagon, and I'll pull him all day. A big kiss and a hug around the neck.
EVA SANDERS.

Anthon, Texas, Dec. 14, 1931.
Dear Santa Claus: I am a little brown eyed girl nearly two years old. I want you to bring me a little rocking chair, a little broom, a doll, and apples and candy and please don't forget daddy and mamma and my little brothers, Dwayne and R. D.
Your little friend,
JANELLE JORDAN.

Anthon, Texas, Dec. 14, 1931.
Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy three years old. I live out on the plains and it sure gets cold out here. I want you to bring me an overcoat and a little wagon, apples, oranges, candy and nuts. Please don't forget my daddy and mamma and my sister, Janell and little brother, R. D.
Your little friend,
DWAYNE JORDAN.

(More Santa Letters on Page 4)

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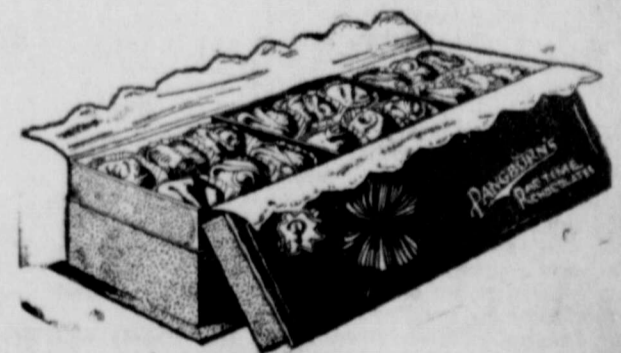
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Porter's Drug Store

Getting Ready For Record Business In Subscription Dept.

After teasing us a few days and making us think they were not going to take the home paper for another year, subscribers the past week or two began pouring into the office in record numbers.

T. J. Hughes, Iredell Route 3, renewed recently through our Iredell correspondent, Miss Stella Jones. Thanks to both.

Ira Tabor, who reads his papers regularly, was recently ordered by the head of the house, his wife, to drop in and make arrangements for the News Review to come out to their house on Route 1 for the coming twelve months.

Hon. O. H. Cross orders his paper forwarded to him at Room 168-A, House Office Building, Washington, D. C. By this time we'll bet Mr. Cross is right in the middle of action up there.

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his subscription Saturday, taking the club rate with the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. This is another of our friends who is always on the dot in taking care of his subscription and other obligations.

J. L. Blackburn and son, Johnnie Lewis, were recent visitors in the office, and Mr. Blackburn paid up his subscription to the News Review for another year, at the same time subscribing for the Dallas Semi-Weekly Farm News and saving 50 cents on the combination. He had the papers sent in the name of his son, C. W., out on Route 5.

L. C. Jameson, Route 1, renewed last week-end for the News Review for his wife, and took the Houston Chronicle through us for another year to read himself. That places his reading in good shape for the coming twelve months.

Jim Bingham, employee of the B. & G. Chevrolet Company at Hamilton, last week ordered the paper sent to him and his wife for another year. They still consider Hico their home, and like to hear from these parts.

Joe T. Collier was in last Friday to extend the subscription of his daughter's paper, Mrs. R. B. Cunningham, at Austwell, Texas, for a period of eight months.

Although the subscription of W. McFadden, who resides on Route 5, does not expire until the first of the year, he came in Saturday and renewed his subscription, together with that of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Thompson, of Big Spring.

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H. H. Ramage, well-known and well-thought-of storekeeper at Duffau, was in the News Review office Monday morning to place an order for some job printing and at the same time to order his time to the paper marked up another year. Thanks, Mr. Ramage, and may your business thrive.

J. W. Newsom and wife left this week for Stamford to make their home, and Mr. Newsom cautioned us to be sure to change his address. It won't look right for "Uncle Joe's" name to appear on the Stamford list, as he has been a Hico resident for so long, but the best wishes of their many friends will follow them to their new home.

Mr. Martin of Cleburne visited his daughter and family Friday night, Mrs. and Mr. G. D. Adkison, also a brother of Mrs. Adkison of Bama, came too.

H. L. McKinnie and family, A. F. Polnaek and family, Albert Polnaek and family, I. C. Duncan, Miss Opal, Oleta and Vera Duncan and Miss Est's Lee Jordan were in the G. D. Adkison home a while Saturday night.

GORDON NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Bullock spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Sawyer.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Chaffin spent a few hours Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Chaffin, Mrs. Hugh Harris and children, and Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Sawyer spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Wence Perkins.

Mrs. Homer Woody spent Tuesday with Mrs. John Hanshaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lester have gone back to their home at Hico after spending sometime with Homer Lester and family.

Mrs. Louie Strickland spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. Newton.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lester were in Hico Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Sawyer, Mr. Hill visited Abe Myers and mother and sister recently.

W. B. Smith of Black Stump spent Saturday night with John D. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Chaffin, and Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Smith went to Mrs. Stovall's funeral at Iredell Sunday afternoon.

BAPTIST CHURCH

December 29, 1931. Sunday School 10 A. M. Preaching Service 11 A. M. Pastor's morning theme—"The Christmas Gift."

Oh, how we are missing those of you who are not attending the services of the church. Of course you couldn't come last Sunday, cause it rained, and you couldn't drive your car over those slick roads, and that means that your children can't get to school these rainy days, because you know that a car that wouldn't make the slick roads on Sunday, wouldn't make it on a rainy week-day, and that settles the whole argument.

It rained here in town too. Just a few of our town folk could make it to church, and their children too, have to miss school all these rainy week-days. And the business men have to keep their offices, and stores closed, cause it was too rainy to walk, and even if they had a car, the streets were too slick like they were Sunday.

Well, it can't be helped, but Brother, if it is ever so you can come, we'll be looking for you.

Bye, bye, I'll see you in town, RAIN or SHINE.

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SANTA LETTERS

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a little buggy, a little bottle of candy, and a little vanity, a little divan for my doll, some little white boots, and a little ball, also a little rocking chair, not a little chair.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy seven years old. I go to school and I try to be a good boy. I want you to bring me a football and lots of candy, fruit and nuts.

Dear Santa Claus: We are two little children living at 192 So. 16th St., Temple, Texas. I, Ina Ruth, want a set of doll dishes, a sewing set, I, Russell, want a game called, "Book," some fruits, nuts and candy.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl three years old. I have been real good this year and I am expecting you Christmas night.

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TO OUR CUSTOMERS! Just a word of thanks to our loyal customers who have served us faithfully during the past year by giving us a portion of their trade. We appreciate all the business you have given us from time to time, and will endeavor to continue to serve you in the future as we have in the past.

MAY THESE THREE CHOICE BLESSINGS BE YOURS -HEALTH -HAPPINESS -PROSPERITY And Even More H. N. Wolfe Agent, Magnolia Products HICO, TEXAS

MOUNT PLEASANT

It will soon be time for Santa Claus to visit everybody again. Now somebody is saying, "well he won't visit me." He will if you will only let him. Try giving some one something.

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FLAG BRANCH

Miss Iva Hanshaw visited with Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Davis and son a few days the past week.

Dwain Harlow was the guest of Bill Williams Saturday night.

Several from this place went to the party at Mr. Holly's Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gosdin visited in the Bill Helm home Saturday night.

Ray Hanshaw was the guest of J. D. Craig Sunday.

Chester Gosdin visited T. C. Harlow Sunday.

Mrs. Mae Williams spent the week end at Walnut Springs.

Maryette Graves was the guest of Iva Hanshaw Sunday evening.

COTTON REPORT

There were 12,075 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales ginned in Hamilton County from the crop of 1931 prior to Dec. 1, 1931, as compared with 9080 bales ginned to Dec. 1, 1930.

Very Respectfully, HENRY C. SIMPSON, Special Agent.

Lecturer—Allow me before I close to repeat the words of the immortal Webster—

Farmer Podsnap—"Lan' sakes, Maria, let'er git out o' here. He's a-goin' ter start on the dictionary."

Angus—I hear Donald Mactight got quite a kick out of calling on Banker Squeeze's daughter the other night.

Sandy—Yes, he showed me the place. Her father must wear No. 14s.

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MOVED! We have moved to the Mrs. T. B. Lane residence, and I have my beauty parlor arranged to turn out the best of work. Get that new permanent or have your hair shampooed and set for Christmas. We strive to give the best of service. CARMEN SHELTON

GREETINGS

For the merry holidays and the good year to come we wish you every happiness. We hope that we have been able to contribute in some part to your Christmas merrymaking.

Farm Implement Supply Co. HICO, TEXAS "Keep the boy on the farm by using better farm machinery."



GIFTS FOR EVERYONE Make Your Selection From Our Large Assortment of TOYS & PRACTICAL GIFTS Just a Few More Days Until Christmas

Table with 2 columns: GROCERY DEPT. and VARIETY DEPT. listing various items and prices.

FIREWORKS Everything You Need Most Complete Assortment Ever Displayed In Hico! WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR N. A. LEETH & SON "EVERYTHING FOR EVERYBODY"

Local Happenings

ert Pirtle of Hamilton was a business visitor here Tuesday.

H. Elkins was a business visitor in Waco last Friday.

Miss Oleta Hughes was a business visitor in Stephenville Saturday.

Miss Ino Duncan of Fort Worth was a week end guest of Miss Ar-Cole.

Mrs. E. W. Mackey and son of W. Ireddell, were here Saturday and visiting old friends.

Mrs. R. N. Hanshewed Homer Lester and family of Ireddell Sunday.

Miss Annie McIlheney of Ireddell was a visitor in Hico last Friday.

Ms. L. L. Hudson and daughter Saralee and Lucy, were visiting in Waco Saturday.

Mrs. H. F. Sellers and Mrs. C. Woodward were visitors in Fort Thursday.

Mrs. T. O. Gregory and son of Ireddell were here over the week end, guests of her mother, Stegal.

Mrs. A. A. Brown were Dallas Tuesday buying merchandise for Brown's Ready-To-Go Shoppe.

Christmas Memorial Wreaths. Cut flowers for all occasions. Mrs. Lawrence N. Lane, Hico Florist. 28-2tp.

Miss Ina and Esther McElroy Florence Smith of Ireddell were Sunday, guests of Mr. Mrs. Albert Alexander.

Mrs. H. J. Leach and son of Stephenville were here visiting Mr. and Mrs. John and children.

Mrs. Homer Lester of Ireddell were here the first week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lester.

Miss Helen Frances Gho of Brownwood is here a few days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Penn Blair.

Miss Ardis Cole is spending a few days in Dallas with Mrs. Copeland took her as far as Fort Worth Wednesday.

Mrs. S. W. Autman of Ireddell were here Sunday visiting in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Goad, and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gers.

The nicest Christmas card you buy, in assortments of 12 cards with two envelopes, at \$1.00 box plain or \$1.50 printed.—News Review.

Mrs. P. G. Hays were Ireddell Sunday attending the funeral services of Mrs. Stovall, passed away at her home Saturday.

Miss Gamble, who has been attending school in Arlington, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Barto.

Laundry will be done right, your business appreciated, at the Midland Barber Shop. Open Tuesday. 29-tfc.

Mrs. R. O. Moffatt and daughter, Joanne, of Rich Springs, were here Sunday, guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mason and daughter, Katherine.

Miss O. Eakins and Marvin Mar were in Waco last Thursday attending examinations in Masonic Hall received certificates.

Mrs. Fred Wyley and two children returned to their home in Ireddell the first of the week after being the past few weeks here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ireddell.

DR. V. HAWES
Dentist
Hico, Texas
Here and am in my office every day. All work guaranteed. Prices are reasonable. 49-tfc.

W. Shelton and family have moved to the residence belonging to the heirs of Mrs. T. B. Lane, old home place, and A. T. Lack and family will move within next few days to the D. L. house, formerly occupied by the Shelton family.

T. Lackey this week closed a deal with C. W. Shelton whereby he and his wife and daughter have taken over the management of the Cafe, formerly conducted by the Shelton family, and have moved to the D. L. Cox house which formerly occupied by Mr. Shelton.

Miss Iona Mackey and Mr. Ezra Eads of the Salem community united in marriage last Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Atton, Atton performing the ceremony. Immediately following the wedding, the newlyweds left for Girard, Texas, for a visit with his parents.

Mrs. Clark Host to Members of Wednesday Bridge Club.

Although not a member of the Wednesday Bridge Club, Mrs. John Clark entertained the members of that club and a few guests at bridge at her home here last Friday afternoon. Cut roses were used in profusion about the open rooms which formed a scene of loveliness in the home.

Mrs. Make Johnson was winner of high score.

Refreshments of tuna fish salad, olives, saltine flakes, heavenly hash and hot coffee were served to Mesdames S. E. Blair, A. I. Pirtle, Make Johnson, Cliff, Tinkle, Frank Owen, J. P. Rodgers, Jr., Marvin Marshall and Miss Pauline Driskell.

Hico Review Club Hold Regular Meeting

The Hico Review Club held its regular meeting Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Roland L. Holford. Fifteen members responded to roll call on "A Woman of the Bible." This being Bible day, very interesting talks were given on "Martha, Adah, Ruth and Esther," by Mesdames S. E. Blair, H. N. Wolfe, P. G. Hays, and Miss Oleta Hughes. Mrs. T. U. Little gave a book review based on the Bible. Mrs. L. N. Lane was leader of the lesson.

During the business session the club decided to stage a baseball game at an early date between the feds and leans of the club, proceeds of which will be used for the library. They also decided to sell boxes of home made Christmas candy, receipts to also be used for library funds.

This was their last regular meeting until after the holidays.

Watch next week's News Review for the date and line-up of the baseball game.

E. H. Lusk and T. A. Rands left Wednesday morning for Lamesa in response to a message stating that their older brother, Jim Rands, had died suddenly at his home there. Jim Rands was through Hico last Friday enroute to Scott & White Sanitarium in Temple for treatment for heart trouble. He came back through here Sunday and spent the day with his brothers and sister, Mrs. Hattie Norton, and the message came as a shock to his relatives and friends here. Mr. Rands had made his home in Lamesa for numbers of years. His body was laid to rest in the Lamesa cemetery Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. R. W. Copeland and Miss Ruby Malone, accompanied Miss Johnnie Copeland to Fort Worth Sunday afternoon. Miss Copeland is employed as an English teacher in Brantley-Draughon Business College, where she is also studying a secretarial course. She has been with this institution since the first of October, and a recent report on her work is very favorable.

J. J. Green and wife of Fort Worth were visiting in Hico Sunday and Monday of this week. Mr. Green, who is manager of a number of suburban stores and ice stations of the Southland Ice Company, reports that his business is growing and that he is very well satisfied with it. He commented on the condition of Hico and territory, stating that apparently the outlook in this section is brighter than in any other part of the country.

Word came from Texas Christian University, Fort Worth that Miss Doris Sellers, a junior in Texas Christian University, will leave Saturday, Dec. 19, to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Sellers of Hico. Miss Sellers is a major student in the English department at T. C. U. and is a member of the Scholarship Society, the student council, the Dramatic Club, and the Y. W. C. A. She has been an honor student and member of the Scholarship Society for the three years since she graduated from Hico High School in 1929.

The singing class who have been taking lessons from Rispy Newton had their last lesson Tuesday night when they met at the home of A. A. Fewell. All members were present except three. The teacher has been giving instructions for the past three months, and according to some of the pupils, much good has been derived from same. Refreshments of lemonade and cake were served by Mrs. Fewell and daughter, Miss Christine. The class will meet with Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Walker Saturday night for their regular weekly singing.

W. M. Joiner has been confined to his home this week as the result of an automobile mishap which occurred late last Saturday afternoon. Mr. Joiner cranked his car, standing in front of it in the usual manner, unaware of the fact that the car was in reverse gear. When the motor started, the car began backing at a swift rate of speed, and Mr. Joiner grabbed the bumper, being thrown considerable distance, and receiving injuries which for a time were considered serious. The car continued crawling across the street until it backed into a house on the other side, where some damage resulted. It was stated, both to the house and the car. Mr. Joiner was improving Wednesday, and in a telephone conversation with a News Review representative, stated that he hoped to be up again soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe W. Newsom left this week for Stamford, where they will make their home in the future. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Marshall and family have moved to the home vacated by the Newsoms. Mr. Newsom, who has been a resident of Hico for so long that the memory of man runneth not to the contrary, and whose public-spiritedness and excellent citizenship made him an outstanding character, will be missed, as will his good wife. They made their decision to move after considering the question from every angle, and decided that they were almost obligated to move to a point nearer to the center of the territory which Mr. Newsom travels as a representative of a large milling concern. Hico people will miss this good family, but will wish for them the best of everything in their new home, unhesitatingly recommending them to the citizens of Stamford as first-class folks.

HICO SINGING CLASS AGAIN WINS BANNER AT SPURLIN MEETING

In spite of the inclement weather, the singing at Spurlin was a success last Sunday, although the people of that community are not satisfied fully with the results and have invited the singers there again for the fifth Sunday in January and for an all-day session. Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hendrix and Miss Christine Fewell went to Spurlin on Saturday night to attend the business meeting, and all business was transacted that night so the entire day Sunday could be devoted to singing.

The entire class of Hico was represented Sunday, also classes from Fairy, Pleasant Grove and Spurlin. Hico won the banner again. On account of people arriving late on Sunday, a supper was served to those present instead of the noon meal.

As the Spurlin people are wonderful entertainers, people from this section are looking forward to the January meeting at that place. The Saturday night meeting will not be held in January, but singers are urged to get there as early Sunday as possible.

TRAVELING HUSBANDS STRIKES NEW NOTE IN SCREEN ENTERTAINMENT

Smoking cars and upper berths—lunch at one with a buyer from Peoria—a letter to the wife and flowers for the blonde at the Biltmore Plaza—flashes through hotel rooms with lingered models helping the tired salesmen forget their business—the morning after with a heavy head and a big order to land. That's "Traveling Husbands," which is to be shown at the Palace Theatre next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights; baring in whizzing sequences, reminiscent of "The Front Page" in its sky rocket action, the intimate life of the traveling man—the life the wife back home never learns of, but often worries about.

Mr. and Mrs. Finis Clark of Shreveport, La., are here visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Clark. Miss Mattie Clark, who is teaching in the Lubbock Schools, is expected home Saturday to also spend the holidays with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lester have returned home from near Ireddell, where they have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lester.

Mrs. Wallace Petty Entertains All Members of Club.

Using lovely autumn cut flowers as the room decorations, Mrs. Wallace Petty very charmingly entertained the members of the Wednesday Bridge Club at her home here last Wednesday afternoon.

All members were present, and Mrs. D. F. McCarty was high score winner of the bridge games.

A lovely plate lunch consisting of tongue salad, saltine flakes, olives, fruit cake and coffee was served.

Palace

—HICO—

Thursday-Friday—
MARION NIXON
in
"THE PAY OFF"
The girl in love playing the game that never pays. Don't miss it.
RKO COMEDY.

Sat. Matinee and Night—
BUSS BARTON
in
"THE CYCLONE KID"
Here's a Western that will thrill and entertain you. Comedy.

Mon.-Tues.-Wed.—
Here's the surprise hit of the season—
"TRAVELING HUSBANDS"
with
Evelyn Brent, Frank Albertson, Dorothy Patterson

Story of America's 5,000 Traveling men. Comedy, "Mickey's Musketiers."

Some of the World's greatest plays now being released in Sound to play this Theatre soon. Watch for the dates. "The Birth of a Nation," "Ben Hur," "The Big Parade," "The Merry Widow," "The Champ" and others yet to be announced. Don't miss these big attractions.

HOLIDAY SPECIAL

We will drain your crank case and refill with Mobiloil proper grade for winter—drain radiator and refill with Whiz Gold Band Anti-Freeze to zero test—for the following prices, while our supply lasts:

Model A Ford	\$4.80
Model T Ford	\$4.50
Chevrolet 4 Cylinder	\$3.55
Chevrolet 6 Cylinder	\$4.95

Other cars filled at the same rate according to size of crank case and cooling systems.

Don't cuss on a cold morning—get that heavy oil drained out and a high test oil in the crank case. Play safety.

First One Comes, the First Served
YOURS FOR SERVICE,

White Service Station

J. A. HUGHES, Prop.

IN APPRECIATION
The holiday season again affords us an opportunity to extend Greetings to our friends and patrons—and wish them all—happiness in the days ahead.
POWER'S GARAGE



SEASONABLE FOODS

AT

Reasonable Prices

At A&P you will find a complete array of holiday foods as well as a full line of staple goods featured at the lowest possible prices. Come in and see our special display of holiday foods.

8 O'Clock COFFEE	Confectioner's Sugar 1 lb.	9c	Grandmother's BREAD OR ROLLS	1 Lb. Loaf or 12 Rolls	5c
Lb. 19c	White House Milk 6 small	19c	White Karo small size	13c	
Excell CRACKERS	2 Lb. Box 21c	Salmon tall can	10c	Spuds 10 lbs. for	19c
Economy OATS	3 1-2 Lb. 12c	Laundry Soap 15 oz. bar	5c	RAJAH Sal. Dressing QUART JAR	19c
		— Personal —		Iona SALT 4 LB. PKG.	10c
WOMEN WHO HAVE TO SAVE MONEY AND WOMEN WHO KNOW THAT IT IS INTELLIGENT TO SAVE MONEY, ARE A&P CUSTOMERS. THEY KNOW YOU CAN'T BE HAPPY-GO-LUCKY AND CARE-FREE IF YOU ARE A THRIFTLESS SPENDER.					

Make Your Money Go Farther

—by purchasing your Christmas fruit and candies here.

LOWEST PRICES AND FINEST QUALITY

You are invited to compare and assured of our appreciation.

WISHING YOU
A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Golden's Cash Grocery

FEED & PRODUCE

TOYS

OF ALL KINDS

—ALSO—

A big stock of a General line of Dry Goods and Ready-To-Wear that will make practical gifts for all the family.

Our prices are as low as the lowest

SOME OF OUR PRICES

Outing, solid and colors	10c
Guaranteed (vat dyed prints)	10c
Cloth bloomers	15c 19c 25c
Silk bloomers	25c up
Ties	19c
Socks	19c
\$1.00 Scarfs	50c
Ladies' Purses	29c up

—JUST ARRIVED—

New Hats and New Dresses for Xmas

BROWN'S

DRY GOODS AND READY-TO-WEAR

HICO TEXAS

Week-End Specials

DEL-MONTE SPINACH, 2 No.2 Cans	25c
PRUNES, Medium size, 2 lbs.	11c
PACIFIC TOILET PAPER, 3 rolls	10c
SPARKLE GELATINE DESSERT, pkg.	5c
A&P APPLE SAUCE, No. 2 Can	9c
CIGARETTES, the popular brands, tax included, carton	\$1.59
LETTUCE, head	05c
RUTABAGAS, 2 lbs.	5c
WINESAP APPLES, Dozen	10c
BANANAS, 2 lbs.	9c
EAGLE BRAND MILK, 15 oz. can	19c
FRESH COCOANUTS, 2 for	15c

CHRISTMAS FRUITS, NUTS AND CANDIES



ATLANTIC & PACIFIC

THE GREAT TEA CO.
HICO, TEXAS



Phone No. 19

We Deliver

More Good Bargains For Week-End Shoppers

We are very grateful to you for the nice business you are giving us from day to day, and for the benefit of our old as well as our new customers, we are quoting a few of our prices for the week end shopper.

HERE ARE A FEW THAT SHOULD INTEREST YOU:

Oranges, per dozen	18c
Extra fancy Delicious Apples, doz.	30c
Almonds 20c; Butternuts	20c
Cranberries, two pounds	25c
Smith's Best Flour, 48 lb. bag	\$1.00
Red Seal Flour, 48 lb. bag	90c
Salt Pork, pound	11c
Sugar, 20 pounds for	\$1.00
Folger's Coffee, 2 lbs. for	80c
Citron Peel, 4 ounces for	15c
2 lbs. Cocoa, Mother's or Liberty for	25c

**SPECIAL PRICES ON ALL
CHRISTMAS CANDIES**

J. E. Burleson

"Keep the Home Fires Burning"

TURKEY PRODUCERS

We are still in the market for all the TURKEYS we can get. There are quite a few of them in the country that were not sold during the past two months and we will be glad to get what you have to sell, paying you the highest prices possible at all times.

We Thank You

We wish to extend our thanks and appreciation to all the producers who have favored us with their business on the Thanksgiving and Christmas markets. We have endeavored to top the market every day, and thus maintain our reputation for paying highest cash prices always for produce of any kind.

With the closing of the turkey season we will again launch into the chicken, egg, and general produce business with a full determination to make it worth your while to market your produce with us.

Farmers Poultry & Egg Co.

"Where the Price Is Right"

Phone 248

FAIRY ITEMS

A hard shower of rain accompanied by hail fell here Sunday morning.

Our community was saddened by the passing of Mr. John Jones, a former resident of this place, who was laid to rest here Wednesday afternoon amidst a large concourse of friends and neighbors. He and his family were well known and highly esteemed by all who knew them. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the bereaved relatives.

Messrs. Arthur Burden and W. L. Jones made a trip to Fort Worth Friday where W. L. Jones purchased an engine for his feed mill.

Mr. Rae Wright spent a few days last week with homefolks.

Several of this vicinity marketed their turkeys last week receiving as high as 21c for them.

Mrs. B. A. Grimes and son, Henry, also Mrs. J. O. Richardson attended services at the Church of Christ at Hamilton last Thursday night.

Master Waymond Allison, Audie Parks and Billie Jack Blakley visited Lester and Iva Betts Saturday afternoon.

Those from here attending the singing at Spurlin Sunday were: Earnest Brummett and family, Oscar Graves and sister, Miss Arvise, Mrs. B. A. Grimes and son, Henry, and Mrs. J. O. Richardson.

Several Fairy's took advantage of the cool spell to kill hogs Monday. Those killing were: Messrs. G. W. Licett, T. L. Betts, A. J. Miller and Guy Hartgraves.

Mrs. Loy Jones has been on the sick list the past week with a severe cold, also Eugene Jones is suffering with a cold.

Mrs. Arthur Burden has been ill with a sore throat.

Mrs. Josie Blakley and three little granddaughters of Fort Worth spent a few days here visiting her mother, Mrs. Goyne and other relatives. They returned home Monday. Her son, Jack Blakley, accompanied them.

W. E. Goyne, postmaster general, of Fairy, made a business trip to Millerville Sunday for some unknown reason. He likes to get out in the open air away from his many duties.

DUFFAU

Hugh Howerton of Hico and Miss McCarty of Carlton were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hood Howerton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Bramblett and son visited Mr. Bramblett's mother of Salem last Sunday afternoon.

Rev. D. D. Tidwell filled his regular appointment at the Baptist Church here this week end. A very good number was present at each service to hear his good sermons.

The Senior B. Y. P. U. members gave a play last Friday night at the school auditorium entitled, "The Clay's the Thing," for the benefit of B. Y. P. U. expenses.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Cavitt and family moved on Tuesday to Mr. Will Elkin's house in Duffau which was vacated sometime ago by Mr. and Mrs. Thea Mayfield.

The women of the community met at Mrs. J. E. Arnold's home on Wednesday afternoon to quilt a quilt which is to be sent as a Christmas offering to Buckner's Orphan's Home at Dallas.

Mrs. Williams of Hico is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Hood Howerton.

SALEM NEWS

Clear and cool first ice of the season, fine on the fresh meat.

Miss Faye Koonsman has been very sick the past week. We hope she will soon be well.

Mrs. Marian Roberson is able to be about after a bad spell last week.

Herman Koonsman of Iredell spent last week with his grandparents, W. E. Koonsman and family.

Mrs. H. L. Anderson and daughter, Lola, of Sisk, are spending Christmas with her mother, Mrs. M. Nelms.

Lawrence Koonman and wife of Duffau spent one night with his parents, H. Koonsman and family.

Mrs. Myrt Lambert and children spent Friday night with her mother, Mrs. Tom Laney, and family.

Dorothy Rogers spent Friday night with Meade and Lillian Lambert.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlie Trimble of Duffau spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Vincent.

The wedding bells of Salem has been ringing. Mr. Ezra Edwards of Hico and Miss Ione Mackey were married Thursday evening.

They left Friday for a visit with his parents, John Edwards and family of Girard.

Mr. Summerall of Chalk Mountain and Miss Myrtle McElroy motored to Glen Rose and were married Saturday afternoon. They were accompanied by the bride's sister, Miss Elzie McElroy and Miss Avis Summerall of Chalk Mountain, sister of the groom. We wish both couples a happy married life.

Miss Jessie Roberson spent Sunday with her brother, Cretie Roberson and family.

Miss Evelyn Anderson and Miss Rilla Loden, teachers of Salem, spent the week end with homefolks near and in Hico.

Those visiting in the McElroy home Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Bob Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Summerall, Miss Avis Summerall of Chalk Mountain, Misses Nola and Dorothy Rogers and Martelle Koonsman and Giffrey Rogers.

Loeta Roberson spent Sunday with Estel Jones of Duffau.

GOODYEAR

TIRES

Make Excellent Gifts

What gift for the whole family could be more practical than new tires for the car? Think of the added enjoyment of starting places and getting there without tire trouble, which mars pleasure and costs more money in the long run than new tires.

Our stock of sizes is the most complete to be found in this part of Texas, and our guarantee goes with each tire sold. You know the quality—you know you need them. Come in now and invest at the lowest prices in years and years.



GOODYEAR

Pathfinder



GOODYEAR PRICES HAVE DROPPED AGAIN!

... and Goodyear is the leading tire, too. Why buy second choice tires when Goodyears are cheaper? If you have not checked up on prices lately, drop in our place and get the surprise of your life. A big reduction on all Goodyear tubes, too.

Free Installation and Servicing on Tires We Sell

SEE THE NEW CHEVROLETS!

Think of the joy you would bring to your entire family by buying a new Chevrolet for their Christmas surprise. Let us demonstrate the new 1932 models, which are the best values Chevrolet has ever offered.

SEE OUR SHOW WINDOW

Accessories of every kind for most any make of car. These make presents that are appreciated, and keep on giving every day in the year. Some are very inexpensive, others higher priced are worth every cent you pay—and more.

"GOODYEAR" on the Christmas package is definite assurance that your gift will be appreciated. All sizes of fresh, new tires and tubes carried at all times.

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BLAIR'S



SALES & SERVICE

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

FOR YEARS AND YEARS

—You have been buying Christmas goods at this store. We have always endeavored to stock the things you want at Christmas, as well as at other seasons, and this year is no exception. For the children there is an array of toys for your selection that will make them happy indeed, and at the same time the reasonable prices will please indulgent fathers and mothers who want to get the children what they want at the smallest cash outlay possible.

Bring the Children In—We Want to Show Our Goods

PRACTICAL GIFTS FOR EVERYONE THIS CHRISTMAS

YOU WILL FIND OUR STOCK MORE USEFUL in the selection of your Christmas presents this year than ever before, due to the fact that practical gifts are the order of the day. Some of the articles are listed. Others are here in abundance. It will be a pleasure to show you.

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| GAS HEATERS | FLASH LIGHTS |
| ALUMINUM TOOLS | |
| CUTLERY | PYREX |
| CARPENTER TOOLS | |
| CHINA WARE | SILVERWARE |
| RADIO—RADIO BATTERIES | |
| CLOCKS | GAS RANGES |

With Christmas and New Year Only a Few Days Away...

THERE COULD BE NO BETTER TIME FOR US TO EXTEND OUR VERY BEST WISHES AND THANK YOU FOR THE BUSINESS YOU FAVORED US WITH.

THE GOOD WILL OF OUR PATRONS AND FRIENDS IS ONE OF OUR MOST VALUABLE ASSETS. THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON BRINGS TO US RENEWED APPRECIATION OF OLD ASSOCIATIONS AND OF THE VALUE OF NEW FRIENDS.

MAY YOUR CHRISTMAS BE HAPPY AND SUCCESS ATTEND YOUR NEW YEAR. IS THE CORDIAL WISH OF—

C. L. LYNCH HDWE. CO.

SANTA'S PRESENT For the Whole Family PENTODE

Super-Heterodyne with MULTI-MU tubes is here

LOWEST PRICES IN HISTORY

CLARION offers the supreme triumph in radio—Clarion alone offers all of 1931's major advances in addition to a dozen other sensational improvements! And yet the entire Clarion line is priced below \$100. Besides PENTODE and Multi-Mu Tubes you get the benefits of Full-Vision Dial, Light-Beam Tuning, Static Reducer, Improved Dynamic Speaker, Greater Distance, 98% Pure Tone! Come in and hear Clarion perform—you've never heard anything like it. Choice of four models—



\$39.50



Model 81 Complete, \$49.50

with tubes and ready to play—convenient terms.

This year of all years, Christmas should provide permanent pleasure—real investments.

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GIFT HEADQUARTERS

The Mirror

Published Weekly by Students of the HICO HIGH SCHOOL

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THE COUNTY MEET

Our boys have closed a successful season of football. It will be only a short time until the contestants from the schools of Hamilton County will meet at the county seat to do their part in winning some contest for this school.

The pupils of the Hico Public Schools are already looking forward to the meet. A number of them have expressed a desire to enter some contest. These pupils should be encouraged to enter both literary and athletic events, as the training which they receive in these contests is worth much to them.

So, people of Hico, let us do all that we can to stimulate an interest in the meet and then when the time arrives, let us go over to Hamilton to see our boys and girls win.

—MRS. SEGREST.

Pep Squad Adds to Fund

The pep squad, it seems, is still pepping, although football season has closed. We are working towards a goal of thirty-eight dollars so that we may be able to get sweaters, also when the boys are given theirs. Friday, we sold hot chocolate and sandwiches in both school buildings at lunch. Saturday, we made a big success of selling pies. We ran out of pies Saturday morning so we sold candy that afternoon. We still lack some on our fund but are confident that we will soon make the amount needed.

Girl's Basketball

The girls who are coming out for basketball assembled yesterday under the direction of Miss Norwood. We did not go into any of the rules yesterday, but elected a captain and a co-captain, Oda Davis and Jennie Mae McDowell, respectively. We will not begin outside practice until after Christmas, but will begin immediately, working every afternoon on the rules. We intend to learn exactly how to play the game and how to play it well. So be prepared to see us carrying off a great many victories this year.

Brother Perry Speaks

The assembly, last Wednesday morning, fully enjoyed a talk on "Friendship" given by Brother Perry, our new Methodist Pastor. If we did not already know him, I am sure we feel like we do now, even if we have not had a personal introduction. He talked in such a way that made each of us want to be his friend and every one else's also. We are looking forward to his speaking to us again during the year.

His text was "Greater love hath no man than that he would lay down his life for his brother." John 15-13.

Spanish Club

The Spanish Club did not meet on Thursday night of this week. They decided to wait until next Tuesday night and meet, having a Christmas tree and program. It may be possible for the Spanish Club from Stephenville to be present that night.

The program for the club meeting consists of "The Story of the Spanish Christmas," by Fave Fellers; a song, "Santa Noche" by Sue Petty, Mary Smith, F. S. Little and Adolph Leeth; a Spanish dance by Monnie Dee Knott; a play, "La Crieda Nueva" by Mil-

dred Ross and Arveta Barnett, and the Christmas tree. The pupils drew names for gifts for the tree. Each pupil drew someone's name, and he will give this person a gift.

Refreshments will be served to club members as usual.

Campus Clatter

We wonder if the youngest sophomore boy ever took a girl to the show. The sophs would also like to know if cousins ever had a crush on each other.

Two persons of Hico High wonder why it is that Marie and Eugene never have to walk to and from parties.

The little bird that furnishes material for "Campus Clatter" reports this week that there has not been much of anything of interest going on among the student body this week, but that he has hopes of getting lots of news during the Christmas holidays which is always a good season for his kind of business. Look for it.

GREYVILLE

Christmas is just around the corner. Another year will have soon passed. We can hardly realize it for time seems to have gone by so quickly. For some it is going to be a very joyous occasion, but for others, it probably isn't going to be quite so happy. There will be a lot to be thankful for, however, if we will just stop and think, besides being thankful most of all for the blessed One whose birthday we are to celebrate. I hope that Santa won't miss not even one though.

Arthur Hendricks, who has been working at Hamilton, returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Patterson and children spent a part of last week end near Dublin visiting Mrs. Patterson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Herrin and other relatives.

Ross McLendon and wife spent Saturday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Glover and family of Millerville.

Lucille Garth spent Saturday night with her aunt, Mrs. S. A. Smith of Hico.

J. B. Doty and son, Vernon, of Hico, visited his daughter, Mrs. C. A. Russell and husband Thursday morning. Mrs. Russell has been very sick for the past several days.

Rev. and Mrs. Thomas of Hico visited Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Russell Saturday morning.

R. C. Hampton and family and father, W. R. Hampton, attended the all-day singing at Spurlin Sunday.

Johnny—Aw, Ma, I know where I came from now.

Mother—W-why, Johnny, what do you mean?

Johnny—Well, my name's Ross, isn't it—and I just passed a high building with the sign on it, "Ross Manufacturing Co."

ALL CHRISTMAS JOY BE THINE

To Our Many Friends and Patrons With Whom We Have Had so Many Pleasant Dealings:—

Speaking for every director, officer and employee of this bank, we wish to thank all of our depositors for the splendid co-operation during the past year.

Whether conditions in the coming year improve or remain unchanged, this bank is well prepared to give you the same dependable service that you have learned to expect. Thank you and best wishes for 1932.

H. F. SELLERS, Cashier.

MAY CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR MEAN MUCH TO YOU AND YOURS.

The Hico National Bank

W. M. CHENEY W. PITT BARNES ROBT. PARKS
J. M. NASH H. F. SELLERS

More Christmas Money!

During the remaining shopping days before Christmas, bring us your Turkeys, Chickens, Eggs and Cream, and have more money to buy your Christmas supplies. Be sure to visit us on next cow day, which is December 24.

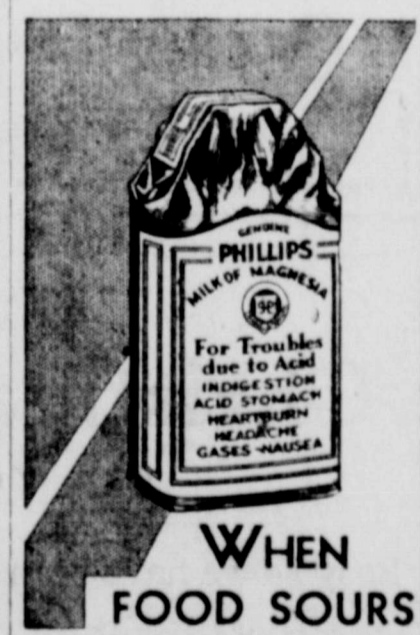
A Word of Appreciation

We want to express our sincere appreciation to our customers and friends who have favored us with their business during the past several months. We have enjoyed our business dealings with you and will be glad to serve you in 1931.

Our cordial good wishes for a Merry Christmas and a New Year of great happiness. May the Yule season bring abundant joy to you and yours, is the wish of the manager of The Hico Poultry and Egg Co., together with its employees.

HICO POULTRY & EGG CO.

YOURS FOR BETTER SERVICE,
DELLIS SEAGO, Local Manager
"Where the Weight Is Right"
Phone 218 L. D. 210



WHEN FOOD SOURS

ABOUT two hours after eating many people suffer from sour stomachs. They call it indigestion. It means that the stomach nerves have been over-stimulated. There is excess acid. The way to correct it is with an alkali, which neutralizes many times its volume in acid.

The right way is Phillips' Milk of Magnesia—just a tasteless dose in water. It is pleasant, efficient and harmless. Results come almost instantly. It is the approved method. You will never use another when you know. Be sure to get the genuine Phillips' Milk of Magnesia prescribed by physicians for correcting excess acids. 25c and 50c a bottle—any drug store. The ideal dentifrice for clean teeth and healthy gums is Phillips' Dental Magnesia, a superior toothpaste that safeguards against acid-mouth.

FOR CHRISTMAS...

Your Photograph, to a friend has more personal significance than any gift, no matter how expensive. It is a mark of friendship and is appreciated.

The WISEMAN STUDIO

HICO, TEXAS



Make This A PRACTICAL CHRISTMAS
Give Groceries
 GET THEM AT HUDSON'S AND
 SAVE MONEY

In order to reduce our stock for inventory, we will during the coming two weeks make you prices that we GUARANTEE WILL MEAN MONEY TO YOU.

TRY US WITH AN ORDER.

**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY SPECIALS
 FOR CASH ONLY**

20 LBS. SUGAR	- - - -	\$1.00	
BAKING POWDER 25 Oz.	18c	PORK & BEANS 2 Cans	14c
SALTINE FLAKES 2 Lb. Box	26c	POTTED HAM 3 Cans	10c
WHITE SWAN OATS Large	16c	2 NO. 2 CANS CORN	16c
MACARONI or SPAGHETTI	04c	2 NO. 2 CANS TOMATOES	16c

There are only prices on a few articles, BARGAINS all over the Store, AS USUAL we will have a nice assortment of Xmas Candies, Nuts and Fruits, and earnestly invite your COMPARISON of QUALITY & PRICE.

TRADE WITH US

We Appreciate and Need Your Business

Hudson's Hokus Pokus
 GROCERY & MARKET

REDUCED RATES VIA M-K-T

Go anywhere in Texas, one and one-third fare for the round trip. Limited to return within thirty days. Tickets on sale daily.

Week-End Rates—One fare plus 25 cents for round trip. Tickets on sale Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, limited to return Monday.

LOCAL KATY AGENT

AS 1931 COMES TO A CLOSE

We Will Find Much to Be Thankful For.

We do not like to think of business as merely the exchange of merchandise or service for dollars. There is more to it than that with us. We have a heart-felt interest in our patrons. We enjoy our business. We hope we have been successful in making this fact evident to you.

In appreciation for your favors of the past we wish you a most joyous, prosperous New Year and pledge you the best we have in 1932.

RUSSELL'S
 Service Station
 PAUL RUSSELL
 PHONE 34

Christmas

IS A DAY ON WHICH TO REMEMBER AND FORGET

—Forget your worries, and remember the bright, happy things of life. We hope your life will be full of Happy Christmas-es.

We feel very keenly that our customers and those with whom we deal are our partners, and that our success is but a reflection of your good will.

LONG MAY WE GO ON HAPPILY TOGETHER

BELL

Ice & Dairy Products Co.
 HICO, TEXAS

WANT ADS

5-ROOM HOUSE with gas and bath, rent cheap. See W. M. Joiner Hico. 29-1fc.

FOR SALE or TRADE—A good sandy land farm, 106 acres in Clark County, Arkansas, near Arkadelphia. Will trade for land in Hamilton County.—J. T. Bosworth. 29-3c

CHRISTMAS CARDS in nice box assortments of 12 cards with two envelopes. Blank, \$1.00 per box; with name printed, \$1.50 per box.—News Review Printing Department.

BATTERY CHARGING, 75c, also rebuilt batteries.—Lee Priddy residence, Iredell, Texas. 29-1p.

PARTIES WANTED grave from Mrs. A. C. Petty's place, phone 51, Miss Irene Franks. 28-7fp.

FOR SALE or TRADE—Fordson tractor and horses.—Farm Implement Supply Co. 27-1fc

GOOD STRAW and bales to go with it to anyone who will bale it on halves. You furnish wire.—L. A. Powledge. 28-2c.

FOR LEASE—Good farms and ranches in Erath and Hamilton Counties. Also Farms, Ranches & City Property for sale, lease or trade.—A. D. FULBRIGHT REALTY CO., Stephenville, Tex. 27-1c

WANTED A BUYER—Second hand weather boarding, windows, doors and cases. See V. H. Bird. 24-1fc.

POSTED—My land is posted against trespassing, hunting and pecan gathering.—V. H. Bird. (19-1fc).

**VERY LATEST
 by MARY MARSHALL**

The present vogue, which will be good all winter, of wearing matching collar and muffs, will certainly make our hands far more comfortable than they have been for a long time, without the maneuvering of past winters when we tucked them in sleeves and coat edge.

Many of the muffs of this year have deep capes to match.



Quaint, they are, as well as comfortable. A shaped cape over the shoulders and a nice little muff over the fingers.

Most of the new muffs are fairly small, many of them melon shaped. They are made in all furs, but the short-haired furs fit in best with their style and shape.

It may be that you have on hand fur enough for a muff and collar set. The collar need not be large—capes are not essential. Just an ascot or boa-shaped collar. And the little muffs don't take much fur, either. An old coat might yield enough unworn fur for such a set, which could be made by any skillful tailor who understands working in furs.

"O WORLD"

By George Santayana
 O world, thou choosest not the better part!
 It is not wisdom to be only wise, and on the inward vision close the eyes.
 But is it wisdom to believe the heart.
 Columbus found a world, and had no chart.
 Save one that faith deciphered in the skies;
 To trust the soul's invincible surmise
 Was all his science and his only art.
 Our knowledge is a torch of smoky pine
 That lights the pathway but one step ahead
 Across a cold of mystery and dread.
 Bid, then, the tender light of faith to shine
 By which alone the mortal heart is led
 Unto the thinking of the thought divine.

This Week in WASHINGTON
 BY RADFORD MOBLEY
 AUTOCASIER WASHINGTON BUREAU

Special to Hico News Review
 WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Seventy-second Congress, called to order this month, is likely to go down in history as one of the most active Congresses since the Republic was founded. The Democrats are in power by the narrow margin of one vote over all the other factions, but on many measures it appears certain that strict party lines will be forgotten and legislation enacted of an unexpected nature.

For instance, the Louisiana delegation, which likes the high tariff, may trade votes with the Republican minority for its support; dry Democrats may find themselves more in sympathy with the Hoover followers than with wet members of their own party. Farm measures cannot be forecast. All that can be foreseen is that there will be lots of verbal fireworks and the best spellbinders will attract the greatest amount of attention.

The present Congress is likely to cost many an old timer his seat, if he happens to be of the type that is better at pulling the strings than speaking. For the first time since Mr. Wilson's second term, the lower House is opposed to the President and the country will watch with keen interest how the new Speaker handles the members, particularly those of the other party.

Already Congress has shown signs of recognizing that the next Presidential campaign is near at hand. Many of the speeches can be expected to be for home consumption and for the purpose of gaining votes for Mr. Hoover and his policies, or for his opponent, whoever he may turn out to be.

Some observers here predict the present Congress will follow the trend of the larger European countries and split up into several parties. England, France and Germany each has a dozen or more political parties with strong representation in their parliaments and for years endeavors have been made here to start a third party, which, it is said here, would mean the introduction of several more. Western Congressmen already have an unofficial farm bloc that has shown its power at various times and which may be grounded by some legislation into coalescing into a definite party. Such a party, even with only a dozen or so members, would be almost as powerful as either of the two old time parties as it would control the balance of power and be able to dictate legislation.

The situation is not unlike that of the Irish Party in the British parliament years ago which resulted in the granting of Ireland's freedom for the sole purpose of removing the Irish contingent from its position of power in all matters affecting the British Empire and not for the generally accepted purpose of taking the heel of England off Erin's neck.

The Congressional Committee having the Washington Bicentenary in hand is making splendid progress. The celebration will open on February 22 and continue all next year. Already the new Lincoln Memorial Bridge and the new road to Mount Vernon have been opened and visitors to the national capital will have more to see than ever before.

One of the exhibits that will attract much attention will be the Pantheon de la Guerre, a huge painting fifty by 420 feet, depicting the scene on the Western battlefield in 1918. The painting has been acquired by private interests from the French Government, which employed 250 of its best artists to make the picture. It shows the entire front, clear to the Belgian line, and depicts 600 generals' lifelike.

The painting is to be shown in a specially erected building, now nearly ready. The painting was brought to this country four years ago and Madison Square Garden was found to be the only building in this country which could show it. After a successful run it was stored until the Washington promoters got hold of it and decided to show it as part of the Bicentennial Celebration.

Notice To The Public

Having taken over the City Cafe, formerly managed by C. W. Shelton, we take this opportunity to invite you to eat with us when you have occasion to dine in town.

We will endeavor to please you with our cooking and service.

DROP IN ON US ANY TIME
City Cafe
 A. T. LACKEY

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

International Sunday School Lesson for December 20
THE SUPREME GIFT OF LOVE
 I John 4:7-19

Rev. Samuel D. Price, D. D.
 For this Christmas lesson the Supreme Gift is analyzed other than told as an incident. In Luke 2:8-20 you will find the narrative that tells of angels, shepherds, Bethlehem and the Babe. Here is the story, that the world is increasingly eager to hear. Devoutly we will listen to the anthems and then do as did the shepherds—"Go and see that which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us." John 3:16 also sets forth the meaning of this Supreme Gift of mankind.

John, the beloved disciple, was approaching the century mark. It is thought that he was released from Patmos exile and returned to his headquarters church in Ephesus. When he was too infirm to preach he would be carried to the church and would say to the congregation merely, "Little children love one another." For an exposition of this theme read the three epistles of John: together they cover only seven chapters.

Because "God is love" He expresses His divine nature in His special gifts to mankind. Irrespective of our attitude toward the Lord "he loved us and sent His Son to the propitiation for our sins." In the nature and work of

Jesus Christ we have a concrete and understandable expression of the love of the Father. Because of what was taking place in the incarnation, well did the angels sing "Glory to God in the highest." The exhortation of John is that we ought to manifest the spirit of love to others, and there are boundless opportunities. Our Christmas gifts should be love-tokens for the sake of Jesus Christ, and we will, of course, give to some from whom we will receive nothing." The writer takes this occasion for the fourth time in succession to say a hearty "Merry Christmas" to all in this decidedly large Bible class.

Lady Lo de Dah (to daughter, as new hotel guests arrive)—More vulgararians!

New Arrival (to friend)—Did you hear that woman? She takes us for a couple of foreigners.

Dreyden—What did the National Commission on Law Observance prohibition situation in this country?

Wetmore—That the law wasn't being observed and that it should be enforced.

"I can leave my maid alone in the house all day and know exactly what she will be doing until I get back."

"What?"
 "Nothing."

GET READY FOR

The Holidays

Only a few days until Christmas. You'll want your clothes to have that new appearance. We specialize in the finest garments. Try our service.

"We Are Not Satisfied Until You Are Satisfied"

Latham Cleaners

—A—

Merry Christmas

TO ALL

AND REMEMBER—Our well assorted line of Holiday Goods is now on display. In this will be found some very beautiful gifts.

Whether it is a DIAMOND RING, WRIST WATCH, TOILET SET or MANICURE SET, MILITARY SETS, FOUNTAIN PEN, RADIO or many other useful things, it will pay you to see our line before you buy.

Corner Drug Store

E. H. ELKINS, Prop.

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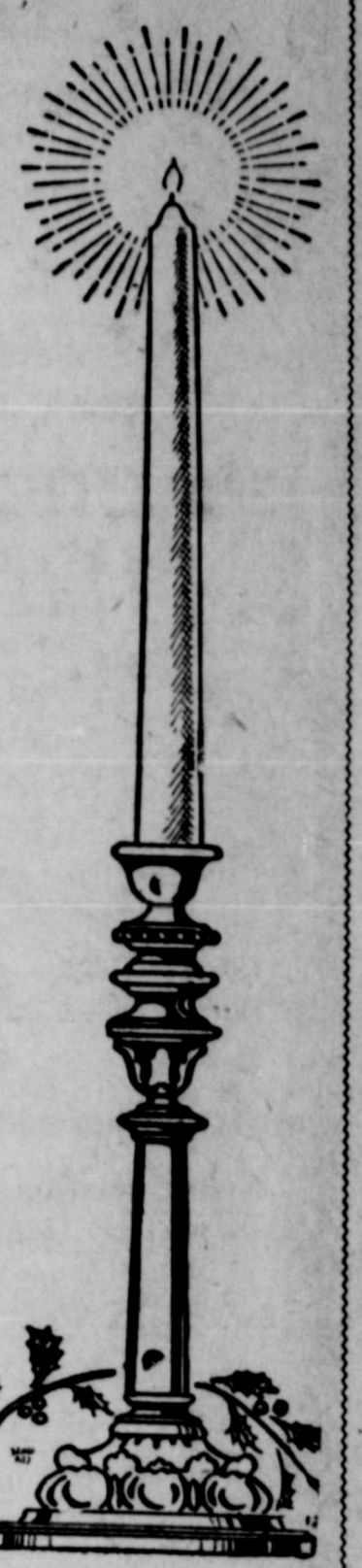
Christmas Joys

TO YOU

Busy as we have been during this glad season of beautiful things and lovely sentiments, we have not forgotten our host of friends and patrons whose visits to us have been a continuous source of pleasure and to whom we are glad to express our sincere gratitude.

Higginbotham Bros. & Co.
 J. C. Barrow, Local Mgr.

Greetings



To wish you Merry Christmas,
 The greeting's old,
 but still —
 Nobody's found a better one,
 Nobody ever will!

W. E. Petty Dry Goods

