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Holding Up the "Christmas Special"

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 trainsleds, 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 Jed looked at them 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

•E NGINEER JED BROWN stood in snow began to fall, and soon a high the cab of the engine that was to 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."

Christmas Special ar-

rived 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 cabin door and stepped into the snow. Ae he did so, two young men came up from behind the train and asked if they could help him. closely for a moment or so, and then said: "Where did you

come from?" "We've been hitchriding 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

"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.

Engineer Brown was right. When the Ledge mining camp," he said. "If the hungry fury.

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miners don't get that, many of them will go hungry on Christmas Day."

"What do we care?" replied the holdup man. "We'll have a merry Christmas, won't we, Jack?

Jack laughed and put the bag of money in his pocket. Then he opened the door and dropped to the ground. His partner got ready to follow him, and as he took the step downward he called back: "Merry Christmas to you guys!"

cab, closing the door behind them, with a decided slam. "Wolves!" they cried.

George looked out of the window. Running along with the tractor and leaping up against it were more than a dozen large gray wolves! They yelp-"That's the payroll for the Silver ed and snarled, showing their fangs in

> "A whole pack of them!" George gasped, turning to the engineer.

Fear of the wolves h a d disconcerted the hijacker with the pistol and, for a moment, he lowered his weapon as he crawled back into the cab. This was just what Jed Brown had been looking for. Making a quick draw of his own revolver, he "covered" the hijacker and ordered him to drop his gun.

"Pick up that piece of artillery, George," said Jed, "and keep it for future use." With two guns pointed in their direction, the hijackers stood cowering and helpless.

"Put that money back," demanded Brown.

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 let 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 another moment he would have in silence, with Jed glancing at the holdbeen out of sight, but just then the man up men every once in a while. Just be- and good will toward all men."

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?"

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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.

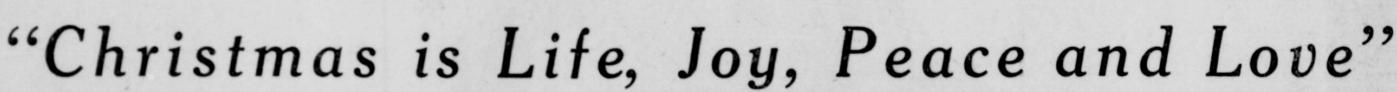
"I want you to have a merry Christ-mas," he said quietly. "And when the New Year comes, maybe you'll make some good resolutions."

"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



By J. H. LOWRY

Home Color Print Co.) (Copyright, 1931, by HRISTMAS, the gladdest, the brightest day of all the year, is soon to be with us again. The around the sun, has brought us again thing that's simple, and something the season of gladness and our hearts that's foolish. The strain and the weariare rejoiced. It's the same Christmas ness imposed by life's heavy obligations 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.

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 earth, in its diurnal journeys do something that's good and some-

for gain. We are beginning to see that frequently heard grown-ups say that he was not able to purchase a car. Christmas trees were obsolete, that peo- And so I have reconsidered and will ple were tired of them and desired a new and more attractive way of enter- card. taining 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 Christ-

send my dear friend a pretty Christmas

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Givers, Take Warning

This Christmas notice friends will heed; I don't have all the socks I need.

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.

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. . . 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 foreverthat 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

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 good 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.

mas 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-

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."

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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-statued 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

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

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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 halycon 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 hill 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 pleasuresregret 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

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 gins 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.



"Who sings a song of gladness"

ceptible to the charms of the Christmas tree as to nothing else, and so the Christmas tree will live until the earth finally rolls up as a scroll, until the Christmas spirit and the Christmas joys bloom perennial on the other shore. The lines of the soldier poet, Joyce Kilmer, "I think that I shall never see a poem lovely as a tree," is echoed in the hearts of the children at Christmas time, and it's either a tree or a cry for the little tots when Christmas Eve comes.

Frequently it is difficult to decide what should be given as a Christmas present, and people should view the matter from every angle before making a decision. It is easy to wound a friend's feelings with a gift, and thus destroy all Christmas pleasure for her or him. The writer has a very dear friend whom he wishes to remember with a holiday gift. I had decided to give him an automobile, but the thought came to me that if I did so the friend might say the gift was a hint at his poverty, since

CURRENT COMMENT

Safety First

UMAN life may aptly be compared to an ocean voyage. He who comes XL. into the world takes ship for another land. As the ship moves toward the other shore it encounters surging seas that eventually wreck it. Whether the voyager is saved or lost

depends upon the provision he has made for the voyage. He may have filled his life-ship with gold and pearls, with splendor and finery and worldly honors, but these are worthless luggage when the frail.barque is wrecked. But if the voyager has been wise and provided a life-boat for the journey he will ride the angry waves with safety and finally open his eyes upon the resplendent glories

of the fairer shore. But alas! many fill their life-ship so full of ambitions for wealth, fame and worldly honors that there is no room for a life-boat. and so become victims of the mighty_ deep when the crash of the ship comes, as come it must.

Twenty years ago a ship left Europe for America. In a way it was the greatest ship that had been built up to that time, and yet, in a way it was one of the weakest. It was the richest ship, in the magnificence of its appointments, ever constructed; yet it was one of the poorest. It was the roomiest palace that ever floated on the bosom of the deep, and could have been the safest boat for travel in the ocean service; but it was not. There was room on the great Titanic for the most goregous parlors known to ocean travel. There was room for cafes, the equal of which could not be found on land; there was room for magnificent bars, for swimming pools, for tennis courts, for billiard halls, and for every diversion that luxury craves or wealth can provide-but alas! There was not room for lifeboats. There were twenty-five hundreds souls aboard, but there were life-boats for only nine hundred. By leaving off a boudoir, where women arranged their finery for the better display of their diamonds, or a bar, where men drank their highballs and wagered their money on poker games, enough room would have been made for life-boats to care for all; but the cry was for luxury, not safety, and sixteen hundred lives were sacrificed to the cruel demand for gaudy splendor and courtly luxury. Room for all that charmed; room for the things which minister to vanity and the desire for ease, but no room for the things that save!

If we are wise we will learn a lesson

lows in bank accounts, in political preferment and in the wisdom of the world; but too frequently there is no room for that which saves.

The surging sea of human life rolls on forever, bearing its mighty freight of human souls toward eternity's shore, but with pale death ever sitting upon

the prow. One day a mighty iceberg will be struck and all will go down in darkness. Wise is the man who asks himself the question, "Have I a life-boat on board?" And wise indeed the man who, finding that too much room is given on the ship of life to unholy ambitions, casts these overboard, that there may be abundant room for that which saves.

Bitter Disappointment

Not so long ago I saw a little boy crying as if his heart would break, because a circus was rained out and could not show. Talk about blasted hopes and golden fruit turning to ashes on the lips -the failure of a cotton crop, the wreck of a fashionable spring bonnet or the postponement of a wedding isn't to be compared to the bitter disappointment of a small boy when a circus is rained out. For weeks the little fellow had stood entranced in front of the flaming show posters, and in his dreams he had seen the elephants and the ponies and the spotted clowns, but right at the hour for the street parade to move, the rain fell in torrents. The old world is filled with sorrows and disappointments, clear through the stretch of years from the cradle to the grave, but from pink toes to tottering age there is no deeper sorrow than that touched into the heart of a lad of tender years by the failure of a circus to perform after he has toiled early and late to earn the price of a ticket.

The great bulk of human worries. human sorrows and human tears grow out of the fact that people don't see things as they should, nor do things the way we want them to. The first fight I ever saw grew out of a quarrel over the important question of whether fresh meat should be salted at night while the animal heat was therein, or the next morning after the meat had cooled. A kinsman of mine was one of the fighters, and the neighborhood in which I lived was so badly divided over the question that it was well-nigh impossible to have a well-attended church service or a respectable dance. If the preacher or the fiddler sided with the "night-salters, the morning salters

the Bible ordinances and join our church, or even come around to our way of believing, we'd all be happy, even though we were in debt and suffered from a touch of the flu. And surely we'd all go into rapturous rapture if we could convince everybody in the community that our family doctor knew more than all the other doctors. But to have a real Heaven on earth we must see all the people enjoying an unbending and unshrinking faith in our family remedies. It tears our heart-strings and harrows our souls to see people suffering from cuts, bruises, corns and colds, and yet refuse to apply the remedies we know will cure them. There can be no unalloyed joy until we get all people into the habit of curing their ills with our remedies, and it's sure enough hades to see a fellow get well without using our formulas.

Human beings show such a determination to have what they can't get or are not permitted to possess, that I am led to believe that if a law should be enacted making it a penal offense to take a dose of castor oil, many men would steal the oil bottle from the sick room or medicine cabinet, strike out for the woods and make a castor oil toddy. Possibly if the Bible and all the other good books were locked up in safes, many men would turn safe-blowers and sit up late at night reading the good literature. . . .

In a certain city of the State in which I live a "Knife and Fork" club has been organized. The name of the club gives the intimation that its members are an aggregation of high-brows who claim perfection in table manners. Doubtless they have mastered the knife and fork. and know which to use as a conveyor when eating peas, pie or pumpkin. Possibly they have all this knowledge, and no doubt they look with contempt upon those who frequently use neither implement as a conveyor. Let them boast of their table etiquette as they will, I am ready to wager all my oil stock that I can eat more fried chicken, back-bone or spareribs in five minutes without the aid of knife or fork than they can shovel into their food receptacles in ten minutes with the implements of which they boast such knowledge in the use.

While all matters of politics are barred from this department, please let me say that I have hopes for the success of my party next year, provided we can harmonize. And it ought to be easy for us to harmonize. There's nothing to do except to harmonize the "wets" with the "drys," the free-traders with the protectionists, the State-Righters with with the Reformers, and the Stand-Patters with the Progressives. If we can do this, the postoffices are "ourn."

to waste their time studying or hunting for new jokes. People will laugh at the old jokes clear through the stretch of years until Heaven's last thunder shakes the world to pieces. A short time since there was a great banquet in a city near which I live, with many speakers furnishing the pyrotechnics. I listened in at the proceedings and heard many jokes I heard when a child, and have heard nearly every year since childhood. Yet the applause was so uproarous that the radios came near being put out of commission.

I frequently wonder why some of the song writers keep up the wasteful practice of putting four verses in their hymns. No third verse of a hymn has been sung in thirty years, where there are four stanzas in the song. It is so well understood by the congregations now that no pastor ever goes to the trouble of announcing "omit the third stanza."

If governors would pick out the criminals they are going to pardon, and pardon them before they are tried, and legislators would have their bills tested for constitutional defects before they are passed, enough would soon be saved to lower the tax rate. Frankly, I don't believe the governor or the law-makers will pay any attention to this suggestion, neither do I believe the tax rate will ever be lowered.

My idea of raising revenue for the government is to tax the people heavily for dancing, hunting, wearing belts and playing golf, but levy no other taxes. I can't dance or hunt, and I won't wear a belt or play golf, so this looks like a taxing plan that would be fair and just to all.

A college education, according to an expert statistician, is worth \$72,000. This being true, I advise some people I know who have college educations to sell out and buy a log-cabin school house education, which, at the same ratio of prices for learning, could be had for about \$4. The men in mind are not going to use any kind of an education, and \$71,996 would pay a lot of bills.

A few years ago a resident of the Fiji Islands visited in this country. At Pittsburg he was robbed of all his money and valuables. His money and valuables gone, he watched the police take the robbers to jail and then talked as follows: "We don't send thieves to jail. We cut their hands off so they can't steal any more. A thief doesn't produce anything, so why pay a guard to watch a thief and thus add another man to the non-productive class? And if you send a man to prison you must pay taxes to the Federalists, the Bill-of-Righters support him. We give a thief a chance to be good, after his hands are cut off. ever the storm king pulled a stunt. And If he isn't good we kill him. We have no police to pay or prisoners to support." Study the plan of the Fiji Islanders a seen me harmonizing and co-operating My advice to all speakers who wish to little and then say whether we have spice their addresses with jokes, is not very much on them in the matter of holding the storm-house door.

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dealing with criminals.

The moving, talking, pictures of the present day are fine, and on the screens we see greater actresses and actors, wearing finer clothes and aided by lovelier scenery than we used to see in the plain old opera houses, yet old-timers cannot help sighing for the good old days that are gone. If Bella Golden should come through playing "East Lynne," or Lizzie Evans should bring "Fogg's Ferry" to us again, or if the shapely girls with few clothes should render the big musical comedy, "Babes in Toyland," we'd be occupying a seat on Baldhead row long before dark.

In my old home-town paper, printed in January, 1925-just seven years ago -I read the following item: "Cotton receipts to date this season, 17,142 bales. Prices continue around 21 cents." As I read this item, two big wonders come into my noggin. I wonder how the "big ones" could have changed things up so terribly in seven years. And I wonder what the people could have done with so much money seven years ago.

An indignant passenger of a Texas railway train has written the Railway Commission demanding that a rule be enacted prohibiting passengers from removing their shoes while on passenger coaches. No such rule should be made. Individual rights have been whittled down until there is hardly such a thing as a person being the author of his own acts or movements, and we should make a final stand and declare that the work of destroying human rights shall go no farther. Some good old-time Democrats simply can't stand shoes when their feet get hot, and they should be guaranteed the constitutional right of pursuing liberty and comfort by removing their shoes to relieve their swelling feet, even though their socks are punctured with holes at toe and heel. People to whom the attar of feet is offensive should provide themselves with gas masks when they travel.

People whose religious views differ widely can work together very harmoniously, if they take a notion to do so. For many years I had as a neighbor a Presbyterian of the "blue stocking" type. We were as far apart as the poles on religious doctrines, and each believed the other nutty on this particular line. I knew that my neighbor was away off on baptism and "final perseverance," and when I attempted to set him right he let me know, by looks, if not by words, that he was confident I was seven kinds of a fool. But this Presbyterian neighbor had a good stormhouse, and he invited me to sit with him whenwhen a cyclone came our way, doing a whirling skirt dance, you should have with that Calvanistic, pedo-Baptist in

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Little David's Dream of Santa Claus

By JOE SAPPINGTON 522 Sedwick Ave., Waco, Texas. (Copyright, 1931, by the Home Color Print Co.)

T was a bright Christmas morning: all the children were happy, for 25 Santa Claus had been fairly gen-

erous in the Cave Creek community. But he had overlooked one child. David Duncan, the little crippled boy who lived in a tumble-down house with old Granny Maples, his grandmother. I was on my way to Aunt Lucy's to show her the things old Santa had brought me, and had to pass David's home. I saw him standing in the doorway, leaning on his crutches. Little David was an orphan and had been a cripple all his life.



bring you?"

Not waiting for a reply, I ran up to him and emptied my pockets at his feet. "Where are your presents," I asked

in childish glee. His lips trembled and tears came into his eyes.

"I didn't get any," he said, in a strained voice. "Granny thinks the dog scared Santa away, as he barked and growled most of the night."

Only a Dream

"Tommie," said David, "I had the strangest dream last night I ever had in my life. I thought Santa Claus brought me a sack full of presents and spread 'em out on the floor right before my eyes. I wish you could a seen 'em, Tommie.

"Look, David," I cried out, "what He brought apples an' oranges an' Santa Claus brought me; what did he candy an' all sorts of nuts, an' I never

They was French harps, glass marbles, fire crackers an' the cutest little fiddle an' bow I ever seen, an' a rockin' horse with long mane an' tail, an' a big picter book an' a music box that turned loose an' played the sweetest tune I ever listened to; then Santa Claus put everything back in the sack an' left it in the corner."

'David looked at me with a smile, sad smile though it was, turned his head so I could not see his tears and, suppressing a sob, said:

"It was only a dream, Tommie. I never want Granny to know it, but I was so certain them presents was real this mornin' when I waked up I forgot my crutches and tried to walk to the place where Santa left the sack, but I fell and crawled all around the floor; I was so weak I lack never to got back in bed."

Aunt Lucy Acts Quickly

After listening to David's dream, I

seen as many toys before in all my life. went on to Aunt Lucy's and displayed all my presents on her clean kitchen floor, for her approval. Of course, she was profuse in her praises.

> "Shut your eyes, Tommy, and count ten real slow and then open your eves.

> When I had counted ten and opened my eyes, right there before me was a big cake, literally covered with raisins and nuts.

"Oh, Aunt Lucy, do you care if I give some of my cake to David, the little crippled boy ?"

I told her then as best I could about David's dream and how he had fallen on the floor that morning trying to reach the dream presents without his crutches.

"Bless your heart, Tommie, for remembering to tell me about that dear little crippled boy. I have another cake just like yours and I want you to go right now and take it to David and stay

there until I come after you in the buggy.

Aunt Lucy was a regular whirl-wind when she got started and David hadn't eaten a third of his cake when she and mother appeared upon the scene with a buggyload of stuff for Granny and David. They didn't lack much of duplicating the things David saw in his Santa Claus dream. Poor Granny wept for pure joy and David tried to thank mother and Aunt Lucy, but he was so overcome with gratitude that his words choked and he could only look at the present; and smile joyfully.

"Just to think," said Aunt Lucy to mother as she drove us home, "if it hadn't been for Tommie we never would have known about David's dream. He is a good little boy and I am glad we took him those presents. I never felt the Christmas spirit more than I do right this minute. 'God moves in mysterious ways His wonders to perform'."

Peary and Scott's Christmas in the Polar Regions

By FITZHUGH GREEN of "Artic Duty" and "Life of Robt. E. Peary."

HE tradition of making festive the anniversary of Christ's birth is so strong among men that neither the cold and ice and biting wind of the polar regions on one hand, nor the absence of friends and comfort and adequate shelter on the other, could dampen the ardor with which Peary and Scott, North and South Pole explorers, celebrated Christmas to the best of their limited resources while at the two

when Peary made his final and successful expedition to the North Pole in 1919 he had become a master of polar technique. It may be therefore assumed that, after a lifetime of arctic work, he had also become a master of celebrating

Christmas "out of the can." Christmas week, 1909, began with Monday, December 21. On the next day the sun, which had been absent since October, reached its farthest point south of the pole. The temperature on that date was 53 degrees below zero. Peary's little ship, the Roosevelt, lay jammed between rocky Grant Land and the polar pack ice. Aboard her were nearly a hundred short, brown Eskimos and bleached-out Americans.

Peary's Christmas celebration began on December 22 when he called all his Eskimo men, women and children on deck about 4 p.m. There, under the flickering beams of the aurora borealis, he pointed toward the southern horizon and said:

"My people, the sun has this minute started back to us."

As Peary uttered the words Professor Marvin rang the ship's bell; Matt Henson, the negro assistant of the leader, fired six shots from his revolver and George Borup touched off a flashlight,

A Christmas Without Daylight

For a moment all were silent, and only the incessant, whining grind of the pressure ice carried through the darkness. Then, suddenly, one of the young Eskimos broke into cheers and ran toward the land south of the ship for a look from the hilltop to see if what the white man had said was really true: that the sun was coming back. But alas, the native was disappointed. For not until March did the shining orb peep over the horizon.

On Christmas morning Captain Bob Bartlett, of the Roosevelt, and Borup, laid out a race track on the ice, 75 yards long and about ten yards wide. Rough spots were smoothed off and lanterns were hung along the side to mark it. When all was ready the sports began.

There were races for Eskimo men,

for white men, for Eskimo womenwith and without children on their diary. backs-and for children. There was a tug-of-war between the scientific staff and the crew. And there were jumps for those so inclined. As the lanterns swung in the knife-like wind and the aurora paled at times, the records were none too accurate.

Christmas dinner was held in a cabin decorated with the ship's flag. Walrus steaks were set off with dried potatoes. Powdered soups gave smoking hot gravies and there was canned plum pudding for dessert. Dice were shaken for the big prize of the day, a box of cigars or \$5.

The afternoon was spent in boxing and wrestling in the forecastle, until one by one the white men drifted off to their cabins or bunks to read long-saved Christmas letters from wife or sweetheart at home and to make a gently

homesick entry in a much-thumbed

Scott's Last Christmas

The Antarctic (South Pole) Christmas comes in midsummer. This is because the sun is farthest south of the equator on December 22. Temperatures at this time fall as far as 50 below and biting winds blow up to 60 miles an hour.

The Antarctic is a lifeless, icy desert. Therefore game cannot be found; Eskimos are not available; and even the slightest sort of vegetation is absent from the ice-scarred ramparts of the inland mountain peaks.

Scott and Amundsen are the outstanding names to date in that part of the world. Their sufferings and adventures are well known.

Captain Scott's diary contains the following account of how he and his (Continued on Page 4, Column 5)

BRIEF TEXAS NEWS

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 Superinten-dent 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. "he later are counties with a very large Mexican population.

The counties having less than 1 per and represents an in-

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 institu-tion, 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 Vet-

erans 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 clearly defined. is in progress, princi-

pally 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 ine, 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 'e.ding 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.

LAR 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 re-cently 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 circula-tion 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

STATE WARDS AND THEIR COST TEXAS WOMAN SOLD HALF DOL- 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 considerton. The selling is done exclusively by mail.

THE STATE NO LYNCHINGS IN TEXAS THIS

FROM OVER

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.

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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."

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 alway."

"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.

literate 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 bridle 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 bridle is easily handled. The bridle 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.

vestment 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

Rpresentatives 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.

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.

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."

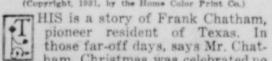
For Christmas dinner, that night, "we able quantity of cot- had four courses. The first, pemmican, full whack, with slices of horse meat (Scott took a few ponies to help in the early months), flavored with onion and curry powder, and thickened with biscuit. Then an arrow root, cocoa and biscuit hoosh, sweetened; then a plum 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."

Texas Christmas Back 70's he in

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pioneer resident of Texas. In those far-off days, says Mr. Chatham, Christmas was celebrated no less joyful than now, but pioneer folks usually had to confine their Christmas gifts to the barest 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 ity, where scattered families had built 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-

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 welcoming 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. Storebought confections were a rarity and could only be afforded at Christmas time.

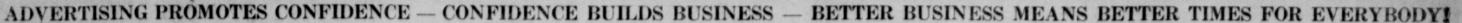
Great Herds of Cattle

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.

Head-of-Elm was on this trail and often, when Red river was at flood stage, great herds of cattle, four or five miles apart, extending a distance of 50 miles, would be held by cowboys, waiting for the river to run down. If the river remained up too long, these herds would be driven to the river bank and forced to swim across to the Indian Territory side. One of the most impressive and beautiful sights that Mr. Chatham can recall, from boyhood memories, were the large herds of cattle swimming abreast across Red river.

Frank Chatham loves the memory of pioneer days and is proud of the part he had in helping to settle northern Texas. He is glad his grandchildren have had an opportunity to live in better times. He has a sympathetic understanding of conditions, as they exist today, but says if people who are out now of work and despondent had but an inkling of the hardships the old pioneers went through they would never cry "hard times," but rejoice that they live in an era of civilized comfort, made possible by the old pioneers who battled with raw lands and rude elements.

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Parachute Jumpby Santa Claus Here Letters to Santa Claus Christmas Market Puts Turbey Total **On Christmas Eve**

Determined to put on the best show for Hico that it is possible to imagine, Santa Claus has an-Will Bo the Longest nounced that he will visit this city next Thursday, Christmas Eve, via airplane. Latest advices from his headquarters state that

stunt, will jump out of the plane and stop over in Hico for some time, finding out what the little co Fire Department it will be the bill on post stunt, will jump out of the plane children from over this section want, and making up his orders

to be filled that night. Hurriedly written wires from the time for the annual firemen's ban-Pole state that Old Santa will quet, according to Fire Chief M. leave his workshop in plenty of A. Smith. time to arrive in Hico as per schedule, but that he will have to jump requested to be present at the out of the plane with a parachute on account of the fact that the plane must make a special trip fur-ther south. Here is a wire received in Hico Thursday from bim: the fact that the the fact is being held a few days earlier than usual. Old heads will

MAYOR, HICO, TEXAS:

GRANTING YOUR URGENT REQUEST HAVE ARRANGED TO COME TO HICO IN PLANE NEXT THURSDAY. WILL FLY OVER CITY AT 3:00 CHRIST-MAS EVE, BUT AS PLANE HAS MOVED WILL AND TO DEOD TO GO WILL HAVE TO DROP OUT IN PARACHUTE. A LIT-TLE RISKY AND UNUSUAL, BUT I AM DETERMINED TO VISIT HICO THAT DAY.

SANTA CLAUS.

Tell your friends and neighbors and remember the date. Plenty of amusement for young and old, and a cordial welcome to everybody.

Yard Beautification **Meet at Hamilton** Friday Afternoon

Mr. Fred Westcourt, Head of the speak on Beautifying your home by proper planting. This meeting will take place next Friday after-noon, December 18th., at 2:30 at the High School auditorium in Hamilton

For Hico Firemen you.

he will fly over the city at 3:00 Tuesday, December 22, accord-o'clock in the afternoon, and after ing to calenders and almanacs, longest.

CHARLETA FAY KIRKLAND. The reason? Why the night of December 22 has been set as the

A. Smith. Members of the Department are requested to be present at the City Hall promptly at 7:15 where Vour little friend, affair is being held a few days earlier than usual. Old heads will not be late in attendance, nor for-ret the date for they remember. I am in the 5th grade. I want you Your little boy,

NORTH POLE, DEC. 17. get the date, for they remember to bring me some candy and toys. from year to year the class of Will appreciate anything you from year to year the class of will appreciate for me. food put out for the smoke-eaters leave for me. Your little friend,

and their invited guests. L. Lynch, Jr., E. G. Horton, H. A Tidwell and R. L. Holford.

Another Dwelling **Consumed by Flames** Saturday Night

A large dwelling, between the business section and the school boy. I am four years old. I want story books, and a game or two. With love. building, owned by R. M. Bowles, an air gun and a knife, a watch, and occupied by Walter William-son and family, was destroyed by fire last Saturday night shortly DAVID KIRKLAND. fire last Saturday night shortly after 7 o'clock.

The south side of the house was gutted by the flames, and while

the fire was kept from spreading girl, six years old. I want a little good, and want you to bring us a Mr. Fred Westcourt, Head of the Rural Arts Department of Texas State College for Women, will structures, the loss was almost complete. The furniture and house-Your little friend, ber our brothers and sisters. Mer-

Hico, Texas Dear Santa Claus: I want you to bring me a big doll, and a child's garden of verses by Robert Lewis Stevenson. I've been study ing about him in school. I have a little new bud. He likes alarm clocks, watches and musical things. So please don't forget bim L also want you to bring my also bring lots of nuts of nuts. That want you to pring my also bring lots of nuts of n

Will Be the Longest big bud, Guy Jr., a set of books, candy. "The Outline of History." Thank Your little friend,

MARY ANNA EAKINS.

Hico, Texas, Dec. 11, 1931.

Hico, Texas, Dec. 11, 1931.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little nuts and fruit. I will try to be a o'clock in the afternoon, and after ing to calenders and almanacs, Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 9 years old. I want a sleepy good little girl, selecting a suitable spot for his will be the shortest day of the girl, nine years old. I want some doll, and fruits and nuts and can-

W. E. BOYD, JR.

fire truck, a little drum and some LLOYD LATHAM.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a brother, Ralph. He wants a little going to be funny. little drum, a green truck, some red wagon. We will be good till The ladies of this club, both fats CECIL KIRKLAND. Hico, Texas, Dec. 12, 1931. | fire works, fruits, candy and nuts. you come.

EMMA SUE CAMPBELL. bed and a

Hico, Texas, Dec. 12, 1931. Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy, nine years old. I go to school and am in the third grade. I mind

Hico, Texas, Dec. 11, 1931.

Hico, Texas, Dec. 11, 1931. twin sisters, three and half years

MILDRED KIRKLAND.

FLOYD LATHAM. Hico, Texas, Rt. 5. Dear Santa Claus: I am a little Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a sleepy doll with hair, a doll town two miles on the Duffau little table, fruits, road, and I want you to bring me candy and nuts. some candy and nuts, apples, some Your little girl, JANE LATHAM. toys, a machine gun and a Zeppelin

plane

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring my teacher and parents. Please me a sleepy doll with hair and a bring me a little wagon, rake, doll bed. I also want a little set of wheelbarrow, car, and lots of dishes and a story book, fruit, candy and nuts.

Your little girl, JOYCE LATHAM.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a pair of roller skates, some

EMOGENE LATHAM.

Duffau, Teas, Dec. 12, 1931 and a set of dishes Dear Santa Claus: We are little

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little old. We are trying to be real ry Xmas

DAISY AND RUTH MARTIN.

wagon?

Puts Turkey Total **Over 20 Carloads** With the dispatch of seven cars

Public Asked to Hico, Texas, Rt. 5, Dec. 15, 1931 Watch for Date of

Dear Santa: I am a little girl 5 years old. I would like for you to bring me a wrist watch, a tele Hico, Texas, Dec. 11, 1931. phone, some crayolas, and candy, A member of the Hico Reivew Club submitted a poem for this week's paper, which is re- before Thanksgiving by freight, Your little friend, TINA ROGERS.

hear

years old, and I, Wilma, am six.

gloves, and lots of good fruit and candy and don't forget our little

and leans Your friends, be a scream.

OPAL AND WILMA JAGGERS. The pitchers are Mrs. Little and figure

Randal

dren bring your dimes

There will be lots of laughs and a general good time.

JONNIE LEWIS BLACKBURN. The money will be used in a wise stated. Whether these will be way

So come, you'll have fun and watch them play. Hico, Texas, Rt. 3. Dear Santa: I am a little girl nearly six years old. Please bring

News Review Plans me a doll with curls, a buggy for the doll, and a set of dishes. Bring plenty of fruit and candy. Your little friend, WYNNELL PARKS. **To Print Early Next**

Fairy, Texas. Dear Santa: I am a little girl 4 years old. I want you to bring me a doll with an unbreakable head, der to reach subscribers before the entire crop however average ELSIE LEE PARKS.

e good, and want you to bring us a I big doll, a rabbit and cart, candy, nuts and fruit, and please remem-ber our brothers and sisters. Mer-ber our brothers and sisters. Mer-ELZIE LEE PARKS. been appreciated to the fullest.

Advertisers realize that when

of dressed turkeys during the past two weeks from Hico dressing Important Event plants, total shipments from Hico mounted to over 20 cars. Eleven cars of dressed turkeys

printed herewith. The poem is two more were sent by express at. self-explanatory, and gives prom- that time, and with the seven cars JUANITA KIRKLAND. Dear Santa: Please bring me a little girls, I, Opal, am eight Listen my children and you shall mas market the total is brought up to twenty. Other shipments Dear Santa Claus: I am a little toy 18 months old. I want some candy and some apples, and a lit-Your little boy. Dear Sonte vears old, and 1, winna, am six. But not this time about Paul But not this time about Paul Revere The Hico Review Club must make a number of birds left in the counsome money Let them tell you their plan, it's as long as there is a supply and

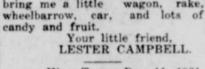
a demand for dressed birds. Prices paid producers for birds sold on the Christmas market Are going to play baseball, it will ranged around twenty cents, some fortunate traders and owners of select birds receiving over that

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy 5 years old. Just moved out of town two miles on the Duffau road and I want you to bring me So grown-ups, bring 15c and chil-While receipts were lighter than marketing period.

There are a number of turkeys left in the country, it is definitely kept for breeding purposes or disposed of a little at a time through the coming months is still a matter of conjecture. This largely depends upon prices offered.

Turkey raisers interviewed are more than pleased with the prices Week for Christmas paid them for their birds on the local market. In view of low prices on other farm products, it As has been the custom for sev- was for a while feared that the Christmas. The forms will close around 18 or 19 cents per pound, Tuesday night. Correspondents which means that a sum close to Fairy. Texas. should have their copy in not later trade territory within the past 40 days.

Two More Candidates Express Intentions of



Hamilton.

Every man, woman, and child in Hamilton County who is interested in making their home and conflagration. yards more beautiful should at-

Mr. Westcourt uses two miniature yards as models, one with loss was partially covered by inplanting properly done and the surance. other with wrong methods used in planting. He has had a vast amount of experience in this work and you will be more than repaid by driving in from farthest section of Hamilton County to hear him. He comes through the cour-tesy of the C. I. A. Extension Department

ON TEXAS FARMS By W. H. Darrow, Extension Service Editor

About 2,000 head of beef cattle are on feed on 30 McLennan county farms this winter in dem-

Syrup Growers Association comadditional farm income.

The cost of producing one bushel of corn by Wharton county 4-H club members this year is reported to be 21.8 cents. Land rental was figured at \$5 per acre, hand labor at 20 cents per hour and horse labor at 10 cents per hour.

A 4-H pantry has cut the grome demonstration club woman in Nueces county.

A 12-pound crooked breast turkey worth only \$1.44 on the market was turned into 40 cans of hot tamales worth \$6 by Mrs. C. M. McCorkle, Bosque county home demonstration club member.

Just because she likes to can, Mrs. Paul Braddock, home demonstration club member in Dickens county, puts up food far in excess of her food budget for the family. and gives much of the surplus away. She has more than 1000 cans of fruits and vegetables.

aged by smoke and water, accord-ing to the owners. The Williamson family was away from home at the time the fire started, and it has not been definitely decided what caused the conflagration. Datas a little tickle toes doll, and a blackboard, a pretty coat, a conflagration. Datas a little tickle toes doll, conflagration. Dat whatever on the house at the sure to go and see all the other candy, a sleeping doll and little

ime of the fire. Mr. Williamson's little boys and girls.

Lovingly yours, DOROTHY GENE ROSS. DORIS JUNE HIGGINBOTHAM. (More Santa Letters on Page 3) iness.

Your friend, AUDIE PARKS.

will give an excellent opportunity nounce at the proper time. for securing extra Christmas bus-

their Christmas shopping, and co and stated that they would an

Lon Morris, who has been District Clerk for the past 13 years, took advantage of Monday being the dual anniversary of his birthday and his induct on into the office he now holds, and paid a visit to his many friends in this section of the county, especially Hico. Mr. Morris was inducted into office the third Monday in Deember, 1918, so has rounded out 3 years of satisfactory service. He was accompanied to Hico by his wife, and they stated that they would come again as often as they could when the campaign opens about the first of the year.

Herbert B. (Buster) Gordon, a

Gordon dropped in at the

very pleasant and aspiring young

don, pioneer resident of the county, together with his mother vis-Hico Monday, While in town,

News Review office, getting ac-

Christmas Decorations and Merchants' Offerings In Hico Are More Attractive than Ever Seen Around Here Before MARKER REALER REALER

Cecil McCary of Clifton and | Criss-crossed Christmas stream-!

Guaranteed pure ribbon cane syrup, honestly made and labelled, which has been added to from time kept so neat and clean, and Christ-syrup, honestly made and labelled. on sale by the Houston County to time by Cecil Coston, local man-yrup Growers Association com-ager of the company, and Miss complete the picture. Claude Phil-forefront in aggressive methods of the company and Miss complete the picture. Claude Philposed of 70 farmers. The Asso-cintion was organized with the aid loyal employees. Lighting effects of the store, and his wife, who is room, which is also graced by col- Clyde Pittman, another employe.

oded dtreamers, Christmas trees in attaining the praiseworthy ef-and tinsel decorations. A most fect apparent to a visitor. greets the visitor's eye, featured by a beautiful General Electric Re-ter, with artificial icicles hanging While perhaps not all dis frigerator with a Christmas bow therefrom were used to form the deserving mention appear in these tied around it. A touch of the wild and a special Porter's Drug Store. A pretty

interest to hunters is added to the tree at the front, and timely dis-display in Blair's Chevrolet Sales plays of gifts in stationery, toilcery bill from \$30 per month to \$10 for Mrs. O. C. Humphries, heads protruding from a mass of ticles in orderly array are evidence stores to appreciate same however.

> ing effects add to the scene. And a variety of accessories in the dis-of the heavy work on this interesta variety of accessories in the dis-play suggest the timeliness of this character of merchandise for the premier gift occasion of the year. S. E. Blair conceived the idea, G. H. Munnerlyn, Bill Blair and Gould

Blair did the heavy work, and Miss has attracted the attention of most institution and rearranging flis- ing of gift goods which embraces

er and cashier, has changed its ap- front show window, and the dis- Christmas note.

That there will be Christmas Nathan Bryan of Fort Worth, both ers overhead, two miniature trees, cheer in abundance this year is an Christmas spirit through timely pany have been as busy with their onstrations featuring a home-grown feed mixture consisting of mixture consisting of personnel of the Texas-Louisiana ne at the front and one at the rear and a large paper bell around time, for one making the rounds window features Christmas cards, personnel of the store have not corn, oats, sorghums and cotton-seed meal. Power Company's commercial de-partment, visited Hico just before Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co.'s could hardly fail to be impressed are found inside, together with orations up yet. However the

Jack Leeth, aided by others from Lynch Hardware Company im-

The Corner Drug Store imparts | G. M. Carlton Brothers & Com While Hico is always in the Palace Theatre, of which he is al- holidays are here. Especially in quainted with the newspaper folks, the men's department will

of the county agent to furnish are used to advantage in the sales also an employe, were aided by other this year in efforts to out- from the head of the house, his for his neckwear showing that ev strip all past performances. The wife, in making his store as at-result is that everywhere down-tractive as it is for the Yuletide The Ross Shop has a pretty The Ross Shop has a pretty and tinsel decorations. A most feet apparent to a visitor. complete array of electrical gifts Arched streamers from the sides the idea is fast spreading to the other decorations are used to ad-tree and lighting effects adding vantage. The stock is full of attractiveness to its display while perhaps not all displays suggestions for Christmas menus. jewelry gifts. We have been look-eserving mention appear in these The M. Z. Barrow Sandwich ing for Lon Ross to get his can nucleus of the display found at columns this week, some of the Shop, a new institution in Hico, opener to working again and most outstanding are commented fell right in line with the decor- make a Christmas tree out of old on, they being noticed particularly ating program, and is graced by a tin cans, as he has proved himself because they were up early. You banner across the front window a master in this art with his showbearing the time-honored legend, "A Merry Christmas." Other dec-of various descriptions.

Blair did the heavy work, and Miss Flurence Chenault added the fin-ishing touches. The Southern Union Gas Com-pany's office, under the direction of M. D Medford, local manager, and Miss Annie Pierson, bookkeep-and Miss Annie Pierson, bookkeepwhole institution breathes a to those already noticed these will

and stated that he would strive to one make an intelligent clean race for the office of State Representa-**Review Club Gives** Notice of New Books At Public Library

Mr.

There are a number of new books that have been ordered for the library and which have been placed in the shelves recently, ac-

cedar and artificial snow on a background of silver cloth. An elegant Christmas tree and lighting effects add to the scene. And ander and Curtis Fairy, did most It is hoped that in view of the ed Christmas tree in the front an impetus will be given to memwindow, an illuminated Christmas bership.

Those who are members are in-vited to call at the library and inspect the new offerings. The where he will place Christmas who are not new members and dedire to join are invited to do so

> **December Date For Regular Trades Day**

PAGE TWO

NEWS FROM IREDELL COMMUNITY By MISS STELLA JONES

Willie Rhodes of Florida is here | The P. T. A. are going to stage visiting Mr. and Mrs. Gus Jones a play on Saturday evening which who are his wife's parents.

relatves in Grandview.

their son, Oby, of Cleburne, spent see this play for it will be fine, the week end here. December 19th.

Misses Eddie B. Laurence and Irene Davis spent the week end Roy, were in Clifton Monday. here. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Jones attend-

ed the funeral of his nephew, Mr.

Wednesday.

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

spent the week end here.

hogs to kill took advantage of passed away. the day as Monday was a fine hog killing day.

have returned from Fort Worth tian till the day of her death. Her where they have been for some husband being a minister, she

time. Miss Annie McIllheney was in and troubles of a preacher and his Hico Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Collier of and energy in helping him in his Brownwood are visiting his moth- church work for she certainly was er, Mrs. Collier

Miss Doris Helm and her friend, ery day christian and lived up to Miss Ray, spent the week end here. the teachings of the Bible. The They teach the Spring Creek sweet influence that came from

Mrs. Derault of Honolon, who is down in the ages. She was loved visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. and respected by everyone. She Washam of near Fairy spent the was of a jolly disposition and alweek end here with her sister, ways had a smile for everyone. Mrs. Frankie Dawson. She was a great sufferer for some

The band is progressing nicely time but was cheerful all the under the leadership of Mr. Rose time. I have known her for many of Walnut.

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

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 was decorated in their colors which are yellow and white. Mr. Frazier of Stephenville gave a and the

is "On Ione's Trail." This is a fine Miss Katie Locker is visitng play with plenty of comedy, elatves in Grandview. which will make you laugh till Mr. and Mrs. John Chester and your sides hurt. Everyone come to

Mrs. Edd Laurence and son, They took Eddie B. and Irene back

family. She devoted all her time

a church worker. She was an ev-

her consecrated life will live on

J. C. Rodgers

NOTARY PUBLIC

Real Estate, Insurance

HICO, TEXAS

The Iredell people want to thank John Jones at Fairy on Wednes- the Gandy Bros. and Mr. Crabtree day who was killed in a car wreck of Meridian and Mr. A. A. Fewell at Kilgore. of Hido for their aid in the sing-grandchildren and a host of friends Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Harris of ings at the funeral for they are to mourn her loss. She has gone Walnut visited her parents here fine leaders and hope they will to that home where all is peace find it convenient to come every and joy

The funeral was held Sunday afternoon in the Baptist Church, Mrs. Sadie Laswell Stovall where she has been a member for Mrs. Sadie Laswell Stovall was tter now. Mrs. Dalton Estine of Walnut June 4th, 1861. Was 70 years, 6 in charge of her pastor, Rev. months and 8 days old at the time Lester, assisted by Revs. Seals and

Mrs. A. D. Barrow and daugh-ter, Mayme, returned to their home in Marlin on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Gregory and baby spent the week end with her march 1885. To this union four to Stevell of Her death in Iredell, Dec. 12, 1931, at 7 A. M. She was married to Rev. Stovall Aug. 4, 1883 in March 1885. To this union four to the week end with her march 1885. To this union four to the week end with her to be week end week end with her to be week end with her to be week end with her to be week end week end week end with her to be week end week end with her to be week end week en baby spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Stegall of Hico.
Henrry Newsom is on the sick list.
Misses Ina and Esther McElroy and Florence Smith spent Friday in Hico with Mildred Alexander.
March 1885. To this union four ber of the W. M. U. here and some of the members acted as honorary pall bearers and flower 'girls. The living children are: B. T. Stovall of San floral offerings were large and beautiful, most of which were from friends here. She was a of Iredell. Mrs. W. T. Carroll and great lover of flowers. She was so

A norther came Sunday morn- her brother, B. T. Stovall and sweet and good she deserved them ing and Monday several who had wife reached here after she had all. I have visited her in her home and she always gave me a hearty Mrs. Stovall was converted and welcome. The remains were laid Iling day. Mr. and Mrs. Avery Jackson life and lived a consistent chris-by the side of her loved ones.

ROSS SHOP

WATCHMAKER

S. J. Cheek W. M. Cheney

Cheek & Cheney

Reliable Old Line

Legal Reserve

LIFE INSURANCE

We will consider it a pleasure

to talk over your insurance

needs with you.

Office Over Ford Sales and

Service Station.

-Optical Goods HICO, TEXAS

Clock Repairing

The out of town relatives and knew something' about the trials

aid to all in need. She had been a Fort Worth; Mr and Mrs. Tucker,

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. Mr. and Mrs. Ike Smith and dau-ghter, C. M. and Lum Gandy and Dr. Crabtree of Meridian; and Dr. and Mrs. Hays of Hico. 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 Baside

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E. H. Persons ATTORNEY-AT-LAW HICO, TEXAS

Sandwich Shop

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Sandwiches, Hamburgers, Chili, Drinks, Fruits, Coffee

M. Z. BARROW, Proprietor

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time and strength

years and found her to be just the friends who attended the funeral same way every day for she was were: Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Stovali

> OUR CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO FIFTEEN HUNDRED FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS AND A SINCERE WISH FOR A PLEASANT AND PROSPEROUS

1932.

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Egg

Cookers

Boil eggs perfectly

IFTS most appreciated at Christmas J are those that combine beauty with practical utility. That is why electrical appliances are so eagerly welcomed. Scarcely a day goes by that they are not used again and again. Here, in this ad, are suggestions for every member of the family at prices to fit any purse. Make your selections today!

THEY'RE SO USEFUL

Give Something









\$<u>250</u>

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1931



Besides her husband and chil-

a lovable character and did all she of San Angelo; Mrs. W. T. Carcould. Was ever ready to lend her roll of Lamesa; Mrs. Stewart of

dren, she leaves a sister, Mrs. Dearing, and one brother, P. T. Laswell, both of Iredell, and a to mourn her loss. She has gone





FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1931

THE HICO NEWS REVIEW





WE WERE, WE ARE, WE WILL BE



. . . to wish you the Merriest Christmas and Happiest New Year you have ever spent.

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



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

ELIZABETH ANN ALEXANDER

want too.

GIESECKE. P. S. Please bring us a game to Bring him a big colored ball. Bye, ay 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 may not get this letter in time to print it but hope you do. We live boy, five years old. I have tried away out here in New Mexico, so my best to be a good little fellow, you will have to start early, as it and want you to be sure and come sure snows out here. I want you to see me Xmas. Don't forget to

nuts and fruit. With lots of love, BILLIE LOUISE HIGGINBOTHAM.

as. Hope it don't snow Xmas as it

lots of candy, nuts and fruits, also bye. want you to go see our grandpar-ents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Alexander, and Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Hig ginbotham.

Your little friend, DEAN JR, HIGGINBOTHAM.

Hico, Texas, Rt. 5, Dec. 15, 1931. for you to remember me Xmas. I am at Mama Nelms this year. would like a suitcase for my doly's clothes, a color book and crayolas. Bring us all some nuts, can-dy and fruit. I have been a good

ittle girl. Your little friend, LOLA MARIE ANDERSON.

Hico, Texas, Dec. 12, 1931. a doll, and a Dear Santa: I am a little boy please don't ix years of age. I am in the sec-

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.

DWAIN WOLFE.

and have been a good boy, so am expecting you to come to see me. want you to bring me a bicycle. I have a little brother seventeen months old. We call him Doodle. Santa. Your friend, CLYDE GRIMES.

Hico, Texas, Dec. 12, 1931.

in

dishes, and a little teddy bear in also a red ball

LYLE LAVERNE GOLDEN.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little

boy eight years old in the third

grade. I have been studying hard

Your little friend.

Hico, Texas, Dec. 12, 1931

to bring me a sleepy doll, ring, bring me a little airplane and and a set of dishes, lots of candy, tractor, some candy, nuts and fruit. Bye, bye. Your little friend,

WENDELL BRYAN GRIMES.

Hico, Texas, Dec. 12, 1931. Deming, N. Mex., Dec. 13, 1931. Dear Santa Claus: I am a little oy 8 years old. We live 4 miles good little girl at home, so you rom town but think you can find would come to see me. Please bring me a doll and a rocking chair, alhas come three already. I want a so some nuts, fruit and candy, ricycle, dump truck and marbles, Now don't forget me, Santa. Good

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 les-

sons on? I am in the first grade, Dear Santa: I am a little girl, 5 and a half years old, I would like smart. Please bring my 1 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.

Anthn, Texas, Dec. 14, 1931. Dear Santa Claus: I am a little prown 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

forget daddy and my little brothers, mamma and my ond grade. I want an airplane and gun. I want some apples, oran-Your little friend,

JANELLE JORDAN.

Anton, Texas, Dec. 14, 1931. Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy three years old. I live out on

Hico, Texas, Dec. 12, 1931. the plains and it sure gets cola Dear Santa Claus: We are three out here. I want you to bring me 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 WOLFF

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Your Christmas Store

An Endless Number of Choice Gifts for Every Member of Your Family to Be Had Here

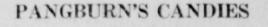
In line with the program of reduced prices on all lines of merchandise we are showing more than our usual quota of choice gifts at prices that will prove more than a surprise. Already we have a large number of packages stored away, awaiting delivery on Christmas that have solved the problem of Christmas gifts for our customers.

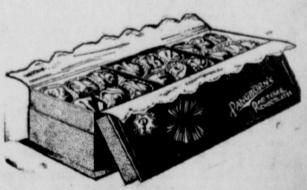
We Are Anxious to Show You Thru Our Store

Come in any day, and let us help you in making the selection. This one feature of our business is a pleasure—a rare pleasure-and we invite you to come in today.

JUST A FEW SUG-**GESTIONS ON** WHAT TO BUY:

Fountain Pen Sets Manicure Sets Key Sets Diamonds Toilet Sets Candies Silverware Leather Goods Bill Folds Watches Perfumes Cigars and Cigarettes





All size boxes, put up in lovely Christmas wrappers. Nothing would make a more appropriate gift.

AND MANY OTHER ITEMS

Porter's Drug Store

E CECELER CECELER CELER CELER CELER (More Santa Letters on Page 4)

GE FOUR

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. Now the same time subscribing for the Dallas Semi-Weekly Farm News it seems that they are really in earnest when they say they want to read the News Review another term, for they are forking over their good cash to pay for it.

Perhaps it was the bad weather which caused slow business in this last week-end for the News Re line last month. Whatever it was, we are thankful that it is over, and Houston Chronicle through us for from the way subscribers have another year to read himself. been coming in, it looks like we That places his reading in good had better begin to mention them up to date, so we will have room to tell about them every week from now on. Look over this list of & G. Chevrolet Company at Hamfriends of yours and ours who lilton, last week ordered the paper consider the News Review worth the subscription price. Then if your name is not on the list, join Hico their home, and like to hear the ranks today. We need you and from these parts. you need us.

T. J. Hughes, Iredell Route 3. to extend the subscription of his daughter's paper, Mrs. R. B. Cunrenewed recently through our Iredell correspondent, Miss Stella period of eight months. Jones. Thanks to both.

Ira Tabor, who reads his papers McFadden, who resides on Route egularly, was recently ordered 5, does not expire until the first regularly, was recently ordered 5, does not expire until the first by the head of the house, his wife, of the year, he came in Saturday to drop in and make arrangements and renewed his subscription, to for the News Review to come out gether with that of his son-in-law

long ago and renewed his sub- year. We told him of the bargain scription

Hon. O. H. Cross orders his he added a little more money and paper forwarded to him at Room 168-A. House Office Building. He said they, like most of the Washington, D. C. By this time other farmers, had raised and sold we'll bet Mr. Cross is right in the middle of action up there, and from reading the daily papers we and seemed well pleased with the suppose he is enjoying with other Democrats the position that party Mrs I enjoys at present, and rejoicing over the prospects for next year.

Ben McAlister, Route 7, Hico,

miss a single copy

Richerson, Fairy, Mrs. J.

his subscription Saturday, taking the ciub 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 and 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 view for his wife, and took the Myers. shape for the coming twelve months

Jim Bingham, employe of the B.

ningham, at Austwell, Texas, for a Smith. and Mrs. G. W. Chaffin.

Although the subscription of W. and Mr. Iredell Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Hanshew of Hico visited in the home of Hom-

W. Chaffin was in Hico Mon G.

turkeys this fall, and that they received 20c for the ones they sold

Mrs. L. J. Chany came in Saturday and sent the News Review to her father, W. C. Paddock on subscribed for the paper recently. and to show our gratitude for same we bought a dollar's worth of his sausage. We hope he gets as much pleasure out of reading the paper as we got out of eating his sansage.

sansage. Miss Charlotte Mingus, who teaches in the English Department of the Abilene High Schools, while on a recent visit here with her parents ordered the News Review intermets ordered the News Review of the teaches in the English Department of the best Christmases you ever saw, then you will say, "O, well, but don't say that until you have parents ordered the News Review intermets ordered the News Review intermets ordered the News Review parents ordered the News Review now live twenty-three miles from tried it. The next fellow you sent to her at 300 Grape Street, Hico and would move in a few meet don't say, "My, my, aren't Abilene, for the duration of the present school term. H. M. Williams, city, and Fred

D. W. Appleby, Route 1, Hico, are not one of that kind. came in Saturday and gave us in-Health of our community his subscrip- after so much cloudy, damp, rainy 14s. paying a bill for classified adver- tion for six months. Said they re- weather. There is not anyone ail-"She says she thinks she

like they were Sunday.

L. P. THOMAS, Pastor.

FLAG BRANCH

BAPTIST CHURCH

GORDON NEWS

December 20, 1931 Sunday School 10 A. M. Mr. and Mrs. Dave Bullock Preaching Service 11 A. M. spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Sawyer

Christmas Gift. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Chaffin B. Y. P. U's.-6:30 to 7:15. spent a few hours Friday with Pastor's evening theme-"When Jesus Comes to Earth Again." and Mrs. Bryant Smith. W. M. S. and Sunbeams Monday 3:30 P. M. Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Smith, Mr. Mrs. G. W. Chaffin, Mrs. Hugh Harris and children, and Teachers' meeting Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Sawyer spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Wence Perkins. evening 7 o'clock. Oh, how we are missing those of you who are not attending the Mrs. Homer Woody spent Tues services of the church. Of course

iay with Mrs. John Hanshew. you couldn't come last Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Smith and on spent a few hours Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lester have rainy days, because you know that gone back to their home at Hico a car that wouldn't make the slick after spending sometime with Homer Lester and family.

Mrs. Louie Strickland spent settles the whole argument. Friday afternoon with Mrs. Newa few of our town folk could make Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lester it to church, and their children too, were in Hico Wednesday.

have to miss school all these rainy Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Sawyer, Mr and Mrs. G. W. Chaffin and Mr week-days. And the business men have to keep their offices, and stores closed, cause it was too Hill visited Abe Myers and mothrainy to walk, and even if they had

Joe T. Collier was in last Friday er and sister recently. o extend the subscription of his W. B. Smith of Black Stump laughter's paper, Mrs. R. B. Cun-spent Saturday night with John D. a car, the streets were too slick

Brother, if it is ever so you can come, we'll be looking for you. and Mrs. Bryant Smith to Mrs. Stovall's funeral at Bye, bye, I'll see you in town, RAIN or SHINE.

er Lester and family Sunday af

for the News Review to come out to their house on Route 1 for the coming twelve months. He did as ordered, and we thank both Mr. and Mrs. Tabor. E. A. Koonsman, Iredell Route 1, always on time with his money for on a few days the past week. Dwain Harlow was the guest of things he wants, dropped in not also be out to that the first of the and Mrs. Wence Perkins. Bill Williams Saturday night.

Several from this place went to the party at Mr. Holly's Saturday rates of the club subscriptions so day. night

MOUNT PLEASANT

It will soon be time for Santa night. will only let him. Try giving some Harlow Sunday. one something. "Oh," you say, Mrs. Mae Williams spent the

"I am not able to buy anyone a present." You may not have a tied with the ribbon of sincerity. ton, counting round as half bales

H. M. Williams, city, and Fred Gordon, Route 3, recently renewed through Miss Jonnie Huchingson at the news stand. E. E. Wimberly, Fairy, sent in a

SANTA LETTERS

(Continued from Page 3)

Pastor's morning theme-The Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a little buggy, a little bottle o. candy, and a little vanity, a little divan for my doll, some little white boots, and a little ball, also a lit-tle rocking chair, not a little chair. guess that's all. BILLY JEAN WILLIAMSON.

Hico, Texas. Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy seven years old. I go to school cause it rained, and you couldn't and I try to be a good boy. I want drive your car over those slick you to bring me a football and lots

roads, and that means that your of candy, fruit and nuts. children can't get to school these Your little friend,

roads on Sunday, wouldn't make it on a rainy week-day, and that 16th St., Temple, Texas. I. Ina It rained here in town too. Just Ruth, want a set of doll dishes, a sewing set. I, Russell, want game called, "Rook." some fruits, nuts and candy. Will ask you not to forget the little orphan chil-

RUSSELL AND INA RUTH SMITH.

Well, it can't be helped, but Hico, Texas, Dec. 15, 1931. 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. want you to bring me a kimena and some house shoes, a mattress for my doll bed, a little girl doll and a little boy doll. Don't forget

Your little friend,

toys. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gosdin visited gun ida wants some gloves. From-MERIDA AND ERVIN AND EDMUN BARNETT *

week end at Walnut Springs. Maryette Graves was the guest of Iva Hanshew Sunday evening. COTTON REPORT

There were 12,075 bales of cot-Very Respectfully, HENRY C. SIMPSON,

Special Agent.

Lecturer-Allow me before I close to repeat the words of the

Angus—I hear Donald Mactight ot quite a kick out of calling on Source's daughter the

Sandy-Yes, he showed me the blace. Her father must wear No.

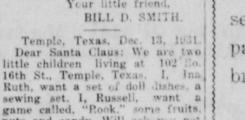
TO OUR CUSTOMERS!

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 Christmas and the New Year bring you happiness and success.

WATT M. ROSS







dren. We are, Your little friends,

Miss Iva Hanshew visited with the cord for my kimona and the Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Davis and fruits, nuts and candy.

MARY JANE BARROW.

Meridian, Tex., Dec. 14, 1931. Dear Santa Claus: I want four Ervin wants a knife and a and a ball. Merida wants a in the Bill Helm home Saturday knife and a little football and a ball and a drum and Edmun wants Claus to visit everybody again. Now somebody is saying, "well he won't visit me." He will if you Ray Hanshew was the guest of a little dog and a ball and a truck. Chester Gosdin visited T. C. ida wants some gloves. From-

We have just learned of the ar-rival of a little daughter in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Holladay in Austin, who made her appearance on Thanksgiving day. e has been given the Margaret Ann. Mr. and Mrs. Hol-

while in the office a few days ago structions to renew tisement, ordered the paper sent ceived the last issue this past week ing that we know of. to them.

have his time marked up another family enjoy the paper to the full-

J. R. Massingill, city water su-

Stanley Giesecke, Route 5, Hico. to has been receiving the paper at the same time to order

saying that he believed it was this week for Stamford to make been sending in any news for some time. Thanks, Mr. Giesecke, both spirit that helps build up newspa- a Hico resident for so long, but

Hico, told us some time ago to new home start the paper to his address, but in some way we forgot to do so. Then he told a friend of his. who is also a good friend of ours, that he was not getting the paper but would like to. So we have everything fixed up now, and are a cold spell would come. glad to enter his name on our Albert Polnack and fi

Mrs. Annie L. Newman is credited with another year's time on her paper going to Fairy, since same was ordered by W. E. Goyne, postmaster at that thriving little Bana, came too. center.

Huchingson.

J. Patterson, Route 6, Hico, while Saturday night. A. J. Patterson, Route of exactly ind offer on the News Review and night. Star Telegram. He endorsed the

nd as is his custom wouldn't wait a minute to pay us, but grabbed Friday night a rheck and filled it out for the Miss Esta

J. J. Doyle, Route 6, Hico, whose me has been out for a few sited his parents Friday. onths. renewed last week, say- Doris Adkison visited

paper any longer. ad orders from home to start the

er coming there again, he staed, so came by and made the roper arrangements last week. J. C. Laney, Route 5, renewed ten home,

A few from here attended the learn to love me. and did not wish to miss a copy. H. M. Wieser, manager of the We like to see people who are infuneral of John Jones at Fairy Hamilton Mill & Elevator Com-pany, sent a check last week to munity, and hope Mr. Appleby and Nellie Hill of Monday.

H. H. Ramage, well-known and erintendent, dropped in a few well-thought-of storekeeper at Duf days ago to have his time ex-tended another year.

est extent.

order for some job printing and hi some time for services render- time to the paper marked up anone of our correspondents, other year. Thanks, Mr. Ramage, decided to pay a dollar for the and may your business thrive. about time he paid as he had not their home, and Mr. Newsom cautioned us to be sure to change his address. It won't look right for for the money and for the fair- "Uncle Joe's" name to appear on news of your decision. Yours is the the Stamford list, as he has been the best wishes of their many

Frank Owen, Texaco agent in friends will follow them to their

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Well, it is surely raining plenty. People would be glad Albert Polnack and family of Tist. Our oversight, and please Dallas visited his parents Satur-pardon us, Mr. Owen. Dallas Sunday.

Mr. Martin of Cleburne visited

H. L. McKinzie and family, A. D. H. McMurray, city, renewed F. Polnack and family, Albert his subscription for another year fast week at the news Miss Opal. Oleta and Vera Dunstand conducted by Miss Jonnie can and Miss Esta Lee Jordan were in the G. D. Adkison home a

Gilbert Newton visited his bro-

Joe Harris and family. Star Telegram. He endorsed the check over to us, and is now in good standing for a full year for both the above-mentioned papers. C. L. Woodward, city, took us up last week on our club offer,

children were in the Duncan home

Miss Esta Jordan visited Miss Mable Polnack Saturday night. Claude Sullivan and family pent Friday in the G. D. Adkison e have in dealing with Lamp is Claude Sullivan and family that his time expires only once a spent Friday in the G. D. Adkison nome

Weston Newton and family vi-Doris Adkison visited in the G.

that they couldn't do without D. Adkison home Thursday night. J. C. Duncan and sisters and W. Bingham, Route 6, Hico., Mr. Garsen Lumberg and wife spent Sunday in the A. F Polnack

> Claude Sullivan and family spent Saturday night in the

-"Yet you do not look happy." ast Wednesday. Nellie Hill of Cranfills Gap vis-Had her to the theatre last night, ited in the P. C. Clark home with a little supper afterward. The first lesson cost me \$25.'

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.

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GREETINGS

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HICO, TEXAS

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DAY. DECEMBER 18, 1931



Pirtle of Hamilton was a visitor here Tuesday.

H. Elkins was a business vi-Waco last Friday.

ss Oleta Hughes was a busvisitor in Stephenville Satham.

ss Imo Duncan of Fort Worth fore returning home. week end guest of Miss Ar-

ping and visiting old friends.

ed Homer Lester and family be present. Iredell Sunday.

Saralee and Lucy, were visi-in Waco Saturday. Mrs. Waechter went on to Austin of the lesson to visit Mr. Waechter. They re-During the

rs. H. F. Sellers and Mrs. C dward were visitors in Fort th Thursday.

guests of her mother, Stegall

r. and Mrs. A. A. Brown were Dallas Tuesday buying mer-dise for Brown's Ready-To-Mrs and Mrs. R. W. Shoppe

ristmas Memorial Wreaths, Fort Worth Sunday afternoon. \$5. Cut flowers for all occa--Mrs. Lawrence N: Lane, English teacher in Hico Florist.

sses Ina and Esther McElroy Florence Smith of Iredell here Sunday, guests of Mr. Mrs. Albert Alexander.

r, and Mrs. H. J. Leach and ren of Stephenville were here ay visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jno. day and Monday of this week, Mr. day and Monday of this week. Mr. Green, who is manager of a numand children.

ber of suburban stores and ice. and Mrs. Homer Lester of stations of the Southland Ice Com Iredell were here the first pany, reports that his business is week visiting Mr. and Mrs. c Lester. satisfied. He commented on the

condition of Hico and territory, Helen Frances Miss stating that apparently the outof Brownwood is here look in this section is brighter few days in the home than in any other part of the coun-Ir. and Mrs. Penn Blair. try.

a Ardis Cole is spending a days in Dallas with friends. tian University, Fort Worth that on Copeland took her as far Miss Doris Sellers, a junior in Texas Chrstian University, will ort Worth Wednesday.

and Mrs. S. W. Autman of leave Saturday, Dec. 19, to spend ne were here Sunday visit-the chrstmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Sell-ers of Hico. Miss Sellers is a ma-

Saturday.

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rooms which formed a scene of and have invited the singers there again for the fifth Sunday in Mrs. Shirley Campbell and Miss Emma Dee Hall were visitors in Mrs. Make Johnson was winner January and for an all-day session. of high score. Waco Tuesday.

Refreshments of tuna fish salad, olives, saltine flakes, heavenly Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bailey of Abilene were week-end guests of hash and hot coffee were served to Mesdames S. E. Blair, A. I. Pirtle, Make Johnson, Clifford Tin-kle, Frank Owen, J. P. Rodgers, J. T. Collier and C. D. Cunning-They left Tuesday morning for Palestine, and will go from there to points in South Texas be-Jr., Marvin Marshall and Miss Pauline Driskell.

Although not a member of the

The Hico Singing Class will Hico Review Club 'meet at the Pentecostal Church Hold Regular Meeting E. W. Mackey and son of next Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock The Hico Review Club held its Iredell, were here Saturday and the entire public is invited to regular meeting Saturday afterbe present and hear some good noon at the home of Mrs. Roland singing. A number of visitors from L. Holford. Fifteen members resand Mrs. R. N. Hanshew neighboring towns are expected to ponded to roll call on "A Woman of the Bible." This being Bible

Iredell Sunday. ss Annie McIllheney of Ire-was a visitor in Hico sday Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Masterson and daughter, Martha, and Mrs. sday Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Masterson and daughter, Martha, and Mrs. sday Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Masterson and claughter, Martha, and Mrs. sday Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Masterson and claughter, Martha, and Mrs. sday Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Masterson and claughter, Martha, and Mrs. sday Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Masterson and claughter, Martha, and Mrs. sday Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Masterson and claughter, Martha, and Mrs. sday Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Masterson and claughter, Martha, and Mrs. sday Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Masterson and claughter, Martha, and Mrs. sday Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Masterson and claughter, Martha, and Mrs. stater No. Wolfe, P. G. Hays, and Miss Oleta Hughes. Mrs. T. U. Little Mr. N. Wolfe, P. G. Hays, and Miss Oleta Hughes. Mrs. T. U. Little to visit relatives. The Mastersons gave a book review based on the s. L. L. Hudson and daugh- remained in Georgetown while Bible. Mrs. L. N. Lane was leader

During the business session the turned to Hico Sunday afternoon. club decided to stage a baseball game at an early date between the Miss Ardis Cole and Carlton fats and leans of the club, pro-Copeland went to Fort Worth last ceeds of which will be used for flowers for the blonde at the Bilt-Friday after Miss Johnnie Cope- the library. They also decided to more Plaza-flashes through ho-

and Mrs. T. O. Gregory and land, who is a student of Drau- sell boxes of home made Christmas tel rooms with lingered models of Iredell were here over the ghon's Business College. Miss candy, receipts to also be used for helping the tired salesmen forget Copeland was a week end guest library funds. here of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Copeland, who took her back This was their last regular meet

ing until after the holidays. Watch next week's News Re- bands," which is to be shown at view for the date and line-up of the Palace Theatre next Monday,

the baseball game. Mrs and Mrs. R. W. Copeland and Miss Rubye Malone, accom-panied Miss Johnnie Copeland to E. H., Lusk and T. A. Randals iniscent of "The Front Page" in left Wednesday morning for La- sky rocket action, the inkimate keteers. Miss Copeland is employed as an mesa in response to a message stating that their older brother, the wife back home never I Jim Randals, had died suddenly at of, but often worries about. Brantley-28-2tp. Draughon Business College, where

bis home there. Jim Randals was through Hico last Friday enroute to Scott & White Sanitarium in she is also studying a secretarial course. She has been with this into Scott & White Sanitarium in Shreveport, La., are here visiting tion," "Ben Hur," "The Big Par-Temple for treatment for heart his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. ade," "The Merry Widow," "The stitution since the first of October and a recent report on her work is very favorable. trouble.

with his brothers, and sister, Mrs. is expected home Hattie Norton, and the message also spend the holidays with her came as a shock to his relatives parents and friends here. Mr. Randals has made his home in Lamesa for

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lester have numbers of years. His body was returned home from near Iredell, laid to rest in the Lamesa ceme- where they have been visiting Mr. growing and that he is very well tery Wednesday afternoon. and Mrs. Homer Lester

Make Your Money

Go Farther

HICO SINGING CLASS AGAIN WINS BANNER AT SPURLIN MEETING

Using lovely autumn cut flowers as the room decorations, Mrs. Wallace Petty very charmingly enterther, the singing at Spurlin was a tained the members of the Wedsuccess last Sunday, although the nesday Bridge Club at her home people of that community are not 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, of ives, fruit cake and coffee was served.



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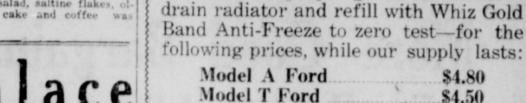
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He came back through Clark. Miss Mattie Clark, who is Champ" and others yet to be anhere Sunday and spent the day teaching in the Lubbock Schools, nounced. Don't miss these big at-Saturday to tractions.



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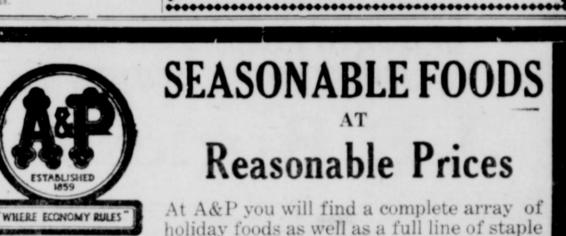


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THE HICO NEWS REVIEW

In spite of the inclement wea-

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hendrix and

business was transacted that

Miss Christine Fewell went to

Spurlin on Saturday night to at-

tend the business meeting, and all

night so the entire day Sunday

represented Sunday, also classes

from Fairy, Pleasant Grove and Spurlin. Hico won the banner

again. On account of people ar-

riving late on Sunday, a supper

As the Spurlin people are won-

derful entertainers, people from this section are looking forward to

the January meeting at that place.

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

their business-the morning after

with a heavy head and a big order

to land. That's "Traveling Hus-

Tuesday and Wednesday nights;

baring in whizzing sequences, rem-

'TRAVELING HUSBANDS'

was served to those present in

stead of the noon meal

could be devoted to singing. The entire class of Hico was

Mrs. Wallace Petty Entertains All Members of Club.



ext few days to the D. L. future. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Marhouse, formerly occupied by helton family. shall and family have moved to the home vacated by the New-soms. Mr. Newsom, who has been

T. Lackey this week closed a a resident of Hico for so long that with C. W. Shelton whereby the memory of man runneth not his wife and daughter have to the contrary, and whose public-

sit with his parents.

Fred Wyley and two chil-w Fred Wyley and two chil-

Word came from Texas Chris-

returned to their home in bumper, being thrown considerable the first of the week after distance, and receiving injuries ing the past few weeks here which for a time were considered her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ike serious. The car continued crawSIGISISISISISISISISISISI

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WERE SEE Keep the Home Fires Burning" SEE SEE

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A hard shower of rain accompanied by hail fell here Sunday morning. Our community was saddened by the passing of Mr. John Jones, former resident of this place, who was laid to rest here Wednes-day afternoon amidst a large con-course of friends, and neighbors. He and his family were well known and highly esteemed by all who knew them. Our heartfelt sympa-thy is extended to the bereaved relatives. 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 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, Au-die Parks and Billie Jack Blakley visited Lester and Ive Betts Saturday afternoon. Those from here attending the singing at Spurlin Sunday were: Earnest Brummett and family. Oscar Graves and sister, Miss Ar-vice, Mrs. B. A. Grimes and son, Henry, and Mrs. J. O. Richardson. Several Fairy's took advantage of the cool spell to kill hogs Mon-day. Those killing were: Messrs. G. W. Licett, T. L. Betts, A. J. Miller and Guy Hartgraves Mrs. Loy Jones has been on the ick list the past week with a evere cold, also Eugene Jones is sick list the past week with a severe cold, also Eugene Jones is uffering with a cold Mrs. Arthur Burden has been ill with a sore throat. Mrs. Josie Blakley and little granddaughters of Fort GOODYEAR 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 How-erton Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Bramblett and son visited Mr. Bramblett's mother of Salem last Sunday afernoon Rev. D. D. Tidwell filled his regular appointment at the Bapist Church here this week end, A very good number was present at

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FAIRY ITEMS

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We Deliver

service to hear his good ser-The Senior B. Y. P. ave a play last Friday night at he school auditorium entitled, The Clay's the Thing," for the senefit of B. Y. P. U. expenses Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Cavitt and FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1931



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.

Pathfinder



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.

MARARE CARRELE C

"Where the Price Is Right"

Phone 248

Tuesday o Mr. Elkin's house in Duffau ich was vacated sometime ago Mr. and Mrs. Thea Mayfield. The women of the et at Mrs. J. E. Arnold's home n Wednesday afternoon to quilt quilt which is to be sent as a 'hristmas offering to Buckner's rphans' Home at Dallas. Mrs. Williams of Hico is visitg her daughter, Mrs. Hood How-

SALEM NEWS

Clear and cool first ice of the ason, fine on the fresh meat. Miss Faye Koonsman has been ery sick the past week. We hope he will soon be well. Mrs. Marian Roberson is able to be about after a bad spell last

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week. Herman Koonsman of Iredell spent last week with his grand-parents, W. E. Koonsman and amily 前前

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

Lawrence Koonstnan and wife R of Duffau spent one night with his parents, H. Koonsman and amily Mrs. Myrt Lambert and children

pent Friday night with her mothrr, Mrs. Tom Lanoy, and family. Dorothy Rovers spent Friday hight with Moude and Lillian ambert.

Mr and Mrs, Carlie Trimble of Duffau spent Sunday with her par nts, 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 John Edwards and his parents. amily of Girard.

Mr. Summerall of Chalk Moun-tain 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 maried life

Miss Jessie Roberson spent Sunlay with her brother, Crentie berson and family. Miss Evelyn Anderson and Miss

teachers of Salem Rilla Loden. pent the week end with homefolks near and in Hico. McElroy

Those visiting in the 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 Giaffrey Rogers. Loeta Roberson spent Sunda with Estel Jones of Duffau,

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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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.

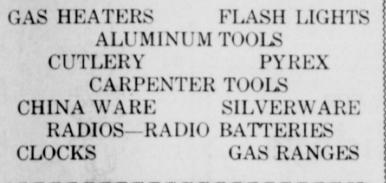
For the children there is an array of toys for your selection that will make them happy indeed, and at the same time the reasonable prices will please indulgent fathers and mothers who want to get the children what they want at the smallest cash outlay possible.

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



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

THERE COULD BE NO BETTER TIME FOR US TO EXTEND OUR VERY BEST WISH-ES 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.

The Mirror Published Weekly by Students of the HICO HIGH SCHOOL

Editor-In-Chief -Mary Smith Associate Editor Horace Ross

part in winning some contest for

-MRS. SEGREST.

Pep Squad Adds to Fund

still pepping, although football eason has closed. We are working

Girl's Basketball

Norwood. We did not go into any

play it well. So be prepared to

victories this year.

The pep squad, it seems,

this school.

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girls win.

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THE COUNTY MEET | dred Ross and Arveta Barnett. Our boys have closed a success- and the Christmas tree.

The pupils drew names for gifts ul season of football. for the tree. Each pupil drew It will be only a short time until the contestants from the someone's name, and he will give schools of Hamilton County will this person a gift.

Refreshments will be served to meet at the county seat to do their club members as usual.

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Campus Clatter

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The pupils of the Hico Public We wonder if the youngest Schools are already looking for-ward to the meet. A number of them have expressed a desire to sophomore boy ever took a girl to the show. The sophs would also like to know if cousins ever had a enter some contest. These pupils crush on each other. Two persons of Hico High won-

der why it is that Marie and Eu-

material for "Campus Clatter" reports this week that there has not been much of anything of in-Hamilton to see our boys and terest going on among the student body this week, but that he has hopes of getting lots of news dur-

is always a good season for his kind of business. Look for it.

GREYVILLE

towards a goal of thirty-eight dollars so that we may be able to Christmas is just around the get sweaters, also when the boys corner. Another year will have are given theirs. Friday, we sold are given theirs. Friday, we sold soon passed. We can hardly real-hot chocolate and sandwiches in ize it for time seems to have gone both school buildings at lunch. by so quickly. For some it is go Saturday, we made a big success ing to be a very joyous occasion of selling pies. We ran out of pies Saturday morning so we sold can-dy that afternoon. We still lack will be a lot to be thankful for. some on our fund but are confi- however, if we will just stop and dent that we will soon make the think, tesides being thankful most of all for the blessed One whose

birthday we are to celebrate. I hope that Santa won't miss not The girls who are coming out for basketball assembled yester-day under the direction of Miss working at Ha

的最高的高品品 Arthur Hendricks, who has been working at Hamilton, returned

Norwood. We did not go into any of the rules yesterday, but elect-ed a captain and a co-captain, Oda Davis and Jennie Mae McDowell, respectively. We will not begin outside practice until after Christ-mas, 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 Lucille Garth spent Saturday see us carrying off a great many night with her aunt, Mrs. S. A. 50

Smith of Hico. J. B. Doty and son, Vernon. Brother Perry Speaks Hico, visited his daughter, Mrs. C The assembly, last Wednesday A. Russell and husband Thursday

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 person-al introduction. He talked in such a way that made each of us want

ALL **CHRISTMAS JOY**

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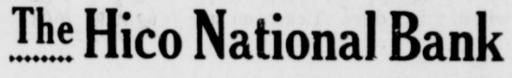
To Our Many Friends and Patrons With Whom We Have Had so Many Pleasant Dealings:-

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.

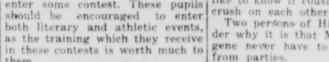


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REELER CONTRACTOR CONTRA

in these contests is worth much to gene never have to walk to and The little bird that furnishes 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 ing the Christmas holidays which





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 employes.

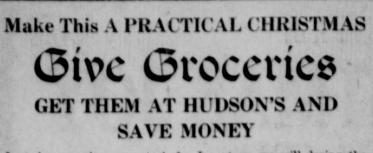
YOURS FOR BETTER SERVICE, HICO POULTRY & EGG CO. **DELLIS SEAGO**, Local Manager

"Where the Weight Is Right"

Phone 218

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In order to reduce our stock for Inventory, we will during the doming 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. SUGAL	2 -		\$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 COMPAR-ISON of QUALITY & PRICE.

TRADE WITH US We Appreciate and Need Your Business Hudson'sHokusPokus **GROCERY & MARKET**

REDUCED RATES VIA M-K-T

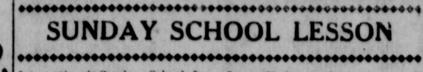
Go anywhere in Texas, one and one-third fare for the round trip. Limited to return within thirty days. Tickets on sale daily.

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



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Sunday School Les-| Jesus Christ we have a concrete son for December 20 and understandable expression of THE SUPREME GIFT OF LOVE the love of the Father. Because of what was taking place in the incarnation, well did the angels sing "Glory to God in the high-est." The exhortation of John is I John 4:7-19

upreme Gift is analyzed other that we ought to manifest the

Rev. Samuel D. Price, D. D. For this Christmas lesson the

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 Demo-i and then do as did the shorther that tells of angels, shepherds, the story, that the world is in-creasingly eager to hear. Devout-give to some from whom we will receive nothing." The writer takes 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 rebuilt batteries.-Lee Priddy res-idence, Iredell, Texas. 29-1p. and legislation enacted of an un-

PARTIES WANTING gravel from Mrs. A. C. Petty's place, phone 51, Miss Irene Franks. 28-7tp. | delegation, which 28-7tp. delegation, which likes the high tariff, may trade votes with the form Patmos exile and returned to his headquarters church in Eph-FOR SALE or TRADE—Fordson Republican minority for its sup-tractor and horses.—Farm Implethemselves more in sympathy with preach he would be carried to the the Hoover followers than with GOOD STRAW and baler to go with it to anyone who will bale it on halves. You furnish wire.-L. cast. All that can be foreseen is A Powledge 28.2c that there will be lots of verbal FOR LEASE-Good farms and fireworks and the best spell-bindranches in Erath and Hamilton ers will attract the greatest am-

Counties. Also Farms, Ranches & ount of attention. type that is better at pulling the Son to the propitiation for our WANTED A BUYER—Second hand weather boarding, windows, doors and cases. See V. H. Bird. 24-tfc. country will watch with keen in-

posted terest how the new Speaker hanagainst trespassing, hunting and pecan gathering.-V. H. Bird. dles the members, particularly those of the other party. (19-tfc)

Already Congress has shown igns 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 ever 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 repwhich will! resentation in their parliaments be good all winter, of wearing and for years endeavors have been matching collar and muffs, will made here to start a third party our hands far which, it is said here, would mean more comfortable than they have the introduction of several more been for a long time, without Western Congressmen already the maneuvering of past winters have an unofficial farm bloc that when we tucked them in sleeves has shown its power at various

times and which may be goaded Many of the muffs of this by some legislation into coalesc-ing into a definite party. Such a ear have deep capes to match. party, even with only a dozen or

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and coat edge.



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CHRISTMAS CARDS in nice box

assortments of 12 cards with two envelopes. Blank, \$1.00 per box; with name printed, \$1.50 per box.

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BATTERY CHARGING, 75c, also

GOOD STRAW and baler to go

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nd 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

the sins." In the nature and

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

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.

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Greetings

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To wish you Merry

The greeting's old,

Nobody's found a

Nobody ever will!

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Petty Dry Goods

Christmas,

but still -

better one.

you hear that woman? She takes to his headquarters church in Eph- us for a couple of foreigners.

Drevden-What did the Nation church and would say to the con-gregation merely, "Little children love one another." For an ex-country,? al Commission on Law Observance situation in

position of this theme read the Wetmore-That the law wasn't three epistles of John: together being observed and that it should they cover only seven chapters. be enforced.

Because "God is love" He expresses His divine nature in His "I can leave my maid alone in City Property for sale, lease or The present Congress is likely special gifts to mankind. Irres-trade—A. D. FULBRIGHT REAL-TY CO., Stephenville, Tex. 27-1c seat, if he happens to be of the "Nothing."

Lady Lo de Dah (to daughter, as new hotel guests arrive)-More vulgarians! New Arrival (to friend)-Did

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'L Sevice 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 Christmases.

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



fortable. A shaped cape over the houlders and a nice little muff ver the fingers.

fairly small, many of them mel-on shaped. They are made in all The painting is best with their style and nearly ready. The painting was brought to this country four years shape.

might for such a set, which could 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 sur-Was all his science and his only Our knowledge is a torch of smoky pine That lights the pathway but one step shead Across a coid of mystery and dread. Bid, then, the tender light of faith By which alone the mortal heart the thinking of the thought

to dictate legislation. The situation is not unlike that of the Jrish Party in the British parliament years ago which re-

powerful as either of the two old

parliament years ago which resulted in the granting of Ireland's removing the Irish contigent from its position of power in all mat-ters 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, depict. ing the scene on the Western bat tlefront 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 Most of the new muffs are the Belgian line, and depicts 600

The painting is to be shown in furs, but the short-haired furs fit a specially erected building, now

It may be that you have on hand | ago and Madison Square Garden fur enough for a muff and col- was found to be the only building lar set. The collar need not be large-capes are not essential. Just an ascot or boa-shaped col-stored until the Washington pro-lar. And the little muffs don't moters got hold of it and decided take much fur, either. An old coat to show it as part of the Bicen yield enough unworn fur tennial 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 Cate

A. T. LACKEY

Merry Christmas

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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.

ALL **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.



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NEGRESS DIED AT AGE OF 125

Without doubt the oldest person in Texas passed away few weeks ago when Aunt Mary Humphries, a colored woman, breathed her last at her little home in the Durgin community of Rusk county. That this venerable negress was born in 1805 is a fact well established by records. The place of her birth was near Memphis, Tennessee. She was born a slave and remained a slave until freed by the proclamation of President Abraham Lincoln in 1865, following the great struggle between the armies of the North and the armies of the South.

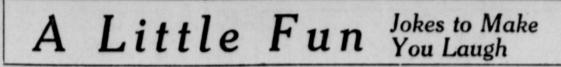
Her first owner was named Ware, whose property she was until she was nearly grown. But one day she suddenly found herself the property of another. Her original owner had financial difficulties and finally secured his debtors against loss by giving a mortgage on his earthly possessions. Like so many of the present day, he found himself unable to lift the mortgage when the notes became due, and so his property SUSPENSIONS IN TEXAS at sheriff's sale. She was de-Although Texas has more livered, with her relatives, to than six per cent of the total her new owner, a man named number of banks in the Unit- Trammel, who a short time ed States, the number of bank later moved his family and

the first eight months of the The Trammel family moved current year were less than to Texas in 1836, bringing three per cent of the number Mary Ware, a grown woman, of failures in the entire coun- with them. The old negress try, according to figures in remembered the trip to Texthe Federal Reserve Bulletin, as, which was made in an ox issued at Washington, D. C. wagon, very well. Friends We have not the figures for frequently gathered round the eleven months of the her to hear from her lips the year, but perhaps the same stories of hardships and pleasratio would hold good for the ures incident to the long and tedious trek across several other months. The 27 banks closed in Tex- States to the great wilderness

as during the first eight which was eventually to be-months of the present year come the empire State of the had only a little more than greatest republic of the world. one per cent of the total de-| She lived with the Trammel posits in banks closed in the family so long that she had no desire to leave, even when United States.

Illinois led the States in the slavery was abolished and she number of banks closed with became a free human being. 117. Iowa came next with 82, author of her own movements and Ohio was third with 62. and empowered to work out Minnesota had 50, Missouri her own destiny without let 49, Indiana 47, and Michigan or hindrance. Seeing that she 53. Mississippi led the South- | was determined to remain, her former master told her to ern States with 37.

The following States had go to the saw mill, get some no bank failures during the lumber and have her a home period mentioned: Maine, built, which she did. On the New Hampshire, Vermont, spot selected for her home Rhode Island, Connecticut, she remained until death, although it became necessary



Same Old Trouble

When Noah sailed the waters blue, He had troubles, same as you, For forty days he drove the Ark Before he found a place to park.

Supporting Two Wives

"You say you are supporting two wives? Aren't you afraid of arrest?" "Not at all-one is mine and one is my son's."

"How far do you live from town?" "Exactly ten gas stations, twelve hot dog stands, eight sandwich shacks and 239 billboards."

One Run, No Hits

Judge-Now, sir, please tell the court what passed between you and your wife during the quarrel.

Defendant-A flatiron, a rolling pin, six plates and a kettle.

Knew Best

Hard-Boiled Grocer-No, sir; no checks. I wouldn't cash a check for my own brother.

Disappointed Customer - Well, of course, you know your family better than I do.

Howizzie?

Bill Jones started home in his lizzie, All liquored and feeling dizzy. On the highway, somehow, he ran

into a cow; Now his friends are all asking

howizzie?

Wanted a Change

Homesteader-"Gimme a slab o' bacon.

Butcher-"How big?"

Homesteader-"Biggest yo got, so's it'll last a long time. I've eaten so many jackrabbits that every time I hear a dog bark I run under the porch and hide."

Contradistinction

Mrs. Reed (with newspaper)-It says here that a woman in Omaha has just cremated her third husband.

Miss Willing-Heigho! Isnt' that just the way? Some of us can't get one and other women have husbands to burn.

Sidestepping His Guilt

"Meouw-owr-owr," wailed the cat in terror. "I'm sorry to have to do this," said

Johnny, as he spread the jam on the cat's face, "but I can't have suspicion pointing its finger at me."

Union Rules

The maid spoke sharply through the door:

"No, I can't give you anything; you'll have to come back after five

She's Learning "Does your bride know anything about cooking?"

"Well, I heard her telephoning her mother inquiring if she had to use soft water for soft-boiled eggs and hard water for hard-boiled ones.

Overlooked the Pictures

Bride: "You did splendidly with the wall-papering, darling. But what are those lumps' Groom: "Good heavens! I forgot to

take down the pictures."

Happy Marriage

"So you and your wife share alike in the work of getting breakfast?" "Yeah. She burns the toast and I

The Bunk

"All this talk about back-seat driving is the bunk. I've driven a car for ten years and I've never had a word from "What sort of car?"

"A hearse."

scrape it."

behind.

How old are you, my little man? I don't know, sir. Mother was 26

Not Born Officially

A little Swedish boy presented himself before his new school teacher. "What is your name?" she asked. "Yonny Olsen," he replied. "How old are you?" "Ay not know how old Ay bane." "Well, then when were you born?" "Ay not born at all; Ay got stepmother.

A farmer was hauling a load of manure past an insane asylum. Several of the inmates yelled, "Hey, what you got

"What you goin' to do with it?" asked the inmates.

"Oh, put in on my rhubarb," said he. "Well, that's funny," shouted one inmate. "We put sugar on ours, and they

when you can afford only one car?"

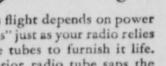
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in the navy handed the pastor of a

his wife desires the prayers of the congregation for his safety. The minister glanced over it hurried-

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conduit, but is lowered from The Interstate Commerce a revolving spool, the earth being excavated immediately Commission has granted anahead and replaced imme- other year for the Waco, diately behind, the process Beaumont, Trinity and Sabbeing not unlike the placing ine River Railway to comof an oceanic cable. Economy plete two authorized extenand speed of construction are sions. One of the extensions the chief points of superior- will run from Livingston to ity over the older cable sys- Port Arthur, and the other tem, which is relatively new from Weldon to Waco. When completed the extensions will

The new cable is not merely give a one-line haul from

when I was born, but now she's only 24. A 1,035-MILE CABLE

> connects with the under-Difference of Opinion connections with Chicago, Kansas City, Detroit, Cleve-

there? "A load of manure," said the farmer.

think we're crazy.'

"Why do you build a two-car garage "Oh, I want it wide enough so my wife can back in."

The wife of a man who had enlisted church the following note:

"Peter Bowers, having gone to sea,

itself. ly and announced: "Peter Bowers, hav- a long underground telephone Waco to the Gulf port, offering gone to see his wife, desires the line; it is a thing of great sig- ing competition with the lines by wires or cables strung on Christi and New Orleans.

as well.

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URAL GAS

deepest wells in the world.

and ashes. (Gen. 18:27.)

ground cable to New York,

and there are underground

land, Pittsburg and other large centers. The St. Louis-

Cisco line is being laid by the Southwestern Bell Telephone

Company, and while some un-

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named Humphries, but she L. L. Rice, of Roswell, New did not remember the date of Mexico, recently brought to her marriage. She is survived Dallas an automobile that is by four children, all of whom 29 years old. The old auto was were born in slavery. The exhibited at the California youngest of her children is 78. Carnival at Los Angeles, and

house

was an interesting feature of FARM CANNING ESTIthe carnival. Mr. Rice bought MATED AT 50,000,000 the venerable vehicle some Indications at present are years ago from a tourist camp that the number of containers owner in New Mexico, who of vegetables, meats and had kept the vehicle in stor- fruits put up on Texas farms will be about four times that The car is a two-cylinder of last year. A survey of the

chain-driven Sommer. The 112 counties in which there motor is cranked from the left are demonstration agents side. The old car wheezes shows this to be true. along under its own power.

Last year the number of containers used on Texas farms was placed at 11,271,-198. A check up shows that the number this year will reach approximately 50,000,-000.

Aunt Mary's husband was

Indications are that Texas farmers go into the winter this year not only with greater supplies of feedstuff than for a long time, but also with much greater supplies for their families, which will enable them to live better and have a better chance to save some of the cash income derived from the sale of commercial crops.

This year 45,955 beeves and lambs were canned, compared with 24,232 last season. Estimates are that approximately 338,000 hogs will be cured on Texas farms, compared with 272,5562 last season, in the 112 counties reporting.

MARRIED 66 YEARS

garding Fares, Routes and Schedules to any point fill in and mail Coupon below to Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Telford. of Abilene, observed the 66th anniversary of their wedding a few weeks ago. The couple began their romance 72 years ago when they were en route from their native State, Missouri, to Texas. Mr. Telford is a Confederate veteran and is 94 years old. Mrs. Telford is ninety.

> Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life. (1 Tim. 6:12.)

o'clock when the madam is here." some years ago to rebuild the

beggar. "My hours are only eight to safety." four."

The News That Thrills

The story is current that a traveling man, nervously pacing up and down the depot platform for the news that both worries and thrills, received the following telegram:

"Charlotte Gave Birth to Baby Girl This Morning Stop Baby and Mother Well and Happy.

On the corner of the envelope containing the message was this label:

"When you want a boy, ring Western Union."

He: "This dining-room table goes back to Louis Fourteenth.'

ting-room suite goes back to Pears-Roeruck on the fifteenth."

He Didn't Believe Them

A man whose orchard is near a school for boys was annoyed by the depredations of the youngsters. Finding two boys helping themselves to his apples, he escorted them off the premises, giving each a parting kick at the gateway. Next day the boys were loitering near his orchard again.

here for?" he shouted. "I told you yesterday what you would get if I caught you here again."

"Yes, sir, we remember," said one of the boys. "We haven't come for apples this time. We came to ask you to join our football team!"

America's First Christmas

Christmas dinner aboard the attempts at celebration the Massachu-Mayflower. Lack of space notwithstanding, a barrel full of ivy, holly and laurel had been brought aboard. With the greens of the homeland the plucky women decorated the dining table, and managed to prepare a dinner of salt fish, bacon, brussels sprouts, gooseberry tarts and English plum pudding for the homesick voyagers.

That Christmas dinner aboard the Mayflower was their last for many years. The Massachusetts Colony which settled around Boston believed that the divine Christmas mission upon earth was too serious to be celebrated with anything but prayer. To these righteous men the merry old customs were turkey and mince pie in America.

"I'm sorry, lady, I can't," said the prayers of the congregation for his nificance in the development bringing West Texas prod-

Devotion

Even when the fighting was hottest the colonel of an Irish regiment noticed that one of the privates was following him everywhere, with apparently much devotion. At length he called the man to him and said:

"You've stuck to me well this day, Private Rooney!"

"Yis, sor," replied Rooney, saluting smartly. "Me ould mother sez to me, 'Patrick, me boy, stick to the colonel, and ye'll be all right; thim colonels niver get hurt!"

Politician-That was a fine speech She: "That's nothing, my whole sit- our candidate made on the farming question, wasn't it? Farmer-It was'nt so bad; but a

night's good rain would have done a sight more good.

Some Line

A new minister in a Georgia church was delivering his first sermon. The janitor was a critical listener from a back corner of the church. The minister's sermon was eloquent, and his prayers seemed to cover the whole category "What are you scamps hangin' round of human wants. After the service, one of the deacons asked the old janitor what he thought of the new minister. "Don't you think he offers up a good prayer, Joe?"

"Ah mos' subtaintly does, boss. Why dat man axed de Lawd fo' things that de odder preacher didn't know He had."

whose citizens recently applied for a charter for a \$50,-CCORDING to history the first heathenish, and the day was derisively Massachusetts colonists had called Pope's Day. To finally repress all 000 municipal gas plant. setts General Court enacted a law in

> 1659 which declared: "That whosoever shall be found observing any such day as Christmas or the like, either by forbearing of labor, feasting or any other way, upon any such account as aforesaid, shall be subjected to a fine of five shillings."

> But in spite of temporary prohibition, and all the worry and the work, Christmas has survived. Women all over the world are still trimming trees, wrapping up presents and preparing Strasburg pie and snails in France, pfeffer-kuchen in Germany, eels in Italy, plum pudding in England and

of rapid communication. Elec- ucts to other port cities, tric communication, whether Houston, Galveston, Corpus poles, or by air, has always The entire project involves

been subject to the onslaught 300 miles of work, probably of the elements. As a result, costing in the neighborhood long-distance communication of \$6,000,000. Work already has customarily been inter- is in progress on the route rupted during periods when from Livingston.

its was most needed --- when The road received authority flood, hurricane or blizzard for the new construction in had wrought desolation. Par- 1927, but with the financial ticularly during the winters condition of the country in the North is commerce in- strained there was a postterrupted, and sometimes ap- ponement. One extension of peals for aid for suffering is time was granted until Dehindered by heavy snow cember, 1931, and this extenstorms. The new type of cable sion is the second. The comlies snug under the ground misson also gave the road auwhile snow, wind and flood thority to retain all of the rage, and it would take a pow- earnings for a period of ten erful earthquake to break the years. Under the terms of the elastic roll of copper and lead. transportation act a railroad The modern telephone cable may earn and keep no more will carry about two hundred than 5 3-4 per cent, any earnand fifty telephone conversa- ing over that amount going tions at once and transmit to the government under the some 300 telegraph messages recapture clause.

A GREAT DAM FOR THE VALLEY SOUGHT

From Harlingen comes the announcement that with the The Texas Public Service formation of the Lower Rio Company has planned the erection of a \$100,000 plant Grande Valley Water Conserat Texon to remove sulphur vation Association, that section is now preparing to ask from gas produced by the the next United States Con-Reagan county oil fields, the gress for an appropriation of from \$40,000 to \$80,000, de-Gas refined in the plant pending on the engineer's eswould be used to furnish fuel timates, for the construction for the city of Big Lake, of a giant system of storage and flood control dams on the Rio Grande. The association will attempt to carry out the work planned for the Valley

And Abaham answered and Master Irrigation District. said, Behold now, I have The Rio Grande project will taken upon me to speak unto become comparable in many the Lord, which am but dust respects to the giant Boulder dam project, it is said.



Youngstown, Ohio



The fall season's first Science says fastidious- Joe Cross, an Archer Reports from the county carload of green beans was ness may cheat the apple county farmer, planted red agent in Taylor county are community, Franklin county, tion recently completed, 28 shipped out of the Lower eater. "Don't peel 'em," it top cane on his eleven ter- that the cotton grown in that has 345 hens that averaged Poland China pigs gained a Rio Grande Valley this warns, because the peeling raced acres. Not one of his county this year from certi- 12.9 eggs per hen for the year on October 24, opening is one of the best parts of terraces broke, and from fied seed produced from 1-16 month of September. The the fall vegetable shipping the apple from a health the terrace crop he cut 800 to 1-8 inch better staple and eggs sold for \$70.11, the feed days at a cost of \$58.69 for season.

tists report that the

Probably the largest wa- amount of vitamin C in the termelon ever grown was peeling is six times greater of cotton twine will be rereceived in Dallas during than in the flesh nearer the ceived by the Post Office the month of October. The core. huge melon was grown by

Eaglebarger Brothers, near pounds and 10 ounces.

clip of 9,250,000 pounds ex- big cattle and sheep ranchceeded all expectations and es and the truck patches of States Department of Ag- acre of ground. was considerably larger as much as three acres. The riculture. The cotton industhan last fall. Through the precise figure given is 395,- try has indicated that a cot-Texas Warehouse Associa- 106 cotton farms out of a ton twine can be made that Alief community, Harris terest created by the move-Marketing Corporation got ranches of all kinds in the will compare lavorably county, preserved seven hun- ment has resulted in all major crops this year, 7,750,000 nounds of the State and kinds in the with jute as to price, qual- dred jars of strawberries last adults feeding calves and while it contributed to the 7,750,000 pounds of the State. According to the ity and usefulness.

persons living in Texas on has been adjudged the would seem that 1,875,000 cultural schools of the had many orders that she The home demonstration highest milk producing persons live on cotton United States, the Univer-Eleven registered Guern- more than 32 per cent of University of Illinois, are titles of strawberries, sey cows owned by Robert the total population. In using Texas bred calves in ries and blackberries. Roemer, who lives near other words, one family in their experimental work Fort Collins, produced an every three in Texas lives this year. The calves were average of 11,614 pounds on a cotton farm and de- obtained from the Schar- Red Springs community, Bay- and meats have been canned of milk each, containing pends upon cotton-growing beur Cattle Company of lor county, tried the experi-582.1 pounds of butterfat for a living. Incidentally, Midland, one of the best ment of planting blackeyed year. More than one million during the year.

grow cotton. per cent of the total poul-

try and eggs produced in in East Texas. Recent cording to the report of the pounds. All of them were bureau of Census. Of the dehorned. years have seen rapid de- 495,489 farms in the State, velopment of the poultry

standpoint. English scien- bales of bright fine hay.

Department to replace the jute twine formerly used chant of Wortham, lays claim

approximately 1,430,000 known herds in West Tex- peas between corn rows on jars and tins were purchased persons live on tenant as, and the order for the ten acres of land this year and in the county this year, and

The total number of Worth. The University of hundred and thirty quarts seven steam-pressure canners Texas annually, the statis-chickens over three months Missouri got one load of 52 were canned, 100 pounds were and 84 sealers were sold in tical department of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce estimates. Two per cent of all eggs in the United States are produced United States are produced cording to the report of the report of the report of the report of the context of the report of the re

industry in the East Texas approximately 18.3 per Mrs. J. N. Walling, of industry in the East Texas section, with an increasing section, with an increasing 1930, compared with about 1930, compare

before, so reports the Bu- 3.7 chickens per capita as \$30.08; Irish potatoes, reau of Agricultural Eco- compared with nearly 3.9 \$387.74; sweet potato slips.

Texas Farm News they canned 300.

M. A. Riley, a local mer- of twenty-four bales.

Cotton is grown on more in tying packages of let- to being the champion sweet A feeding program is being Hugo. It weighed 179 than 79 per cent of Texas ters. For this purpose the potato grower of Texas. He carried out in Jones county, pounds of meal was consumed farms, according to fig- department uses about 3,- recently had on display four this being the first attempt. during the entire time, howures recently published by 000,000 pounds of twine sweet potatoes that averaged Thirty-four calves have been ever. A complete accounting The Texas fall mohair in g among the farms all the specify cotton twine at the specify request of the United of potatoes on one-eighth for the spring shows. These profit of \$86.96.

> Mrs. E. N. Hastings, of grew their own feed. The intire lot at fair prices in Texas preparations to do the same. Two of the leading agri- and four other States, and

one million containers of Texas Live Stock Market- ly. Their total returns from number of containers carried

The "hogging down" dem-

The county agent of Van E. M. Ewen and son, of Hall Zandt county reports that the county, have demonstrated farmers of that county butch- that one and two-third cents beeves this year. Last year worth of grain will produce one pound of pork when fed to hogs on good alfalfa pas-

D. J. Elliott, of Hagansport ture. In a feeding demonstratotal of 3510 pounds in 77 that it took from 75 to 125 cost was \$17.60, leaving a net grain. The pigs were kept in pounds less to turn out a bale profit of \$52.51. Mr. Elliott a three-acre pasture of alfal-Bids for 1,300,000 pounds than that grown from ordi- says that at present prices fa lawn, and one and one-half tons of hay were cut off the this would be equal on a year's basis to a cotton crop patch during this time. Three self-feeders were kept full of crushed wheat and tankage, and in one compartment cot-

boys began January 1st with

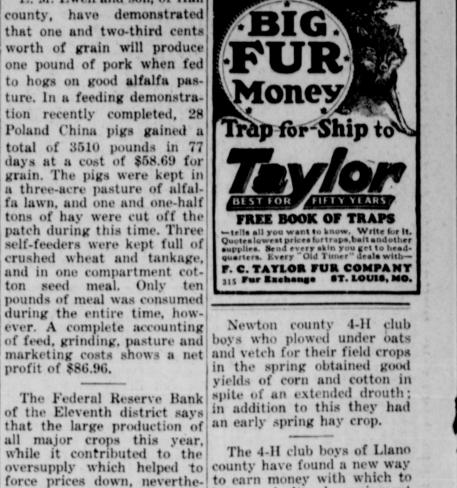
a crop demonstration and tion pool the National Wool total of 495,489 farms and will compare favorably county, preserved seven hun- ment has resulted in five all major erops this woon the seven his resulted in five all major erops this woon the seven his resulted in five all major erops this woon the seven his resulted in five all major erops this woon the seven his resulted in five all major erops this woon the seven his resulted in five all major erops this woon the seven his resulted in five all major erops this woon the seven his resulted in five all major erops this woon the seven his resulted in five all major erops this woon the seven his resulted in five all major erops this woon the seven his resulted in five all major erops this woon the seven his resulted in five all major erops this woon the seven his resulted in five all major erops this woon the seven his resulted in five all major erops this woon the seven his resulted in five all major erops this woon the seven his resulted in five all major erops the model of the seven his resulted in five all major erops the seven his resulted in five all major erops the model of the seven his resulted in five all major erops the model of the seven his resulted in five all major erops the model of the seven his resulted in five all major erops the model of the seven his resulted in five all major erops the seven his resulted in five all major erops the seven his resulted in five all major erops the seven his resulted in five all major erops the seven his resulted in five all major erops the seven his resulted in five all major erops the seven his resulted in five all major erops the seven his resulted in five all major erops the seven his resulted in five all major erops the seven his resulted in five all major erops the seven his resulted in five all major erops the seven his resulted in five all major erops the seven his resulted in five all major erops the seven his resulted in five all major erops the seven his resulted in five all major erops the seven his resulted in five all ma

season. She has sold the en- eight or ten others making while it contributed to the oversupply which helped to county have found a new way force prices down, neverthe- to earn money with which to less has strengthened the buy agricultural equipment farmers' position for next and uniforms. The boys earnyear, while the abundance of ed more than \$50 the past highest milk producing persons live on cotton onted states, the Univer-herd in the United States, farms in the State. That is sity of Missouri and the tities of strawberries deuber the canning in that could feed production has tended to summer killing out ant beds tities of strawberries, dewber- the canning in that county, multiply food animals and for farmers at 10 cents per and finds that far more than fowls on the farms. The result hill.

is certain to be better times Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Anderon Southwestern farms next year. Commenting on this son of Guadalupe county tried statement one of the leading out a year-around garden and

journals of Texas says the are enthusiastic over the refarm prospects in the South- sults. From a garden of two west lacks a great deal of be- acres they have a net profit East Texas produces 45 farms, and most of them calves was placed by the found that it paid handsome-Texas produces 45 farms, and most of them calves was placed by the found that it paid handsome-number of containers carried ing bleak. Low prices for the of \$394.30, besides having major crops this year have vegetables in abundance for ing Association of Fort the peas were \$164.30. Four over from last year. Seventy- indeed impaired the farmers' their own table throughout ability to pay off debts and the year. Mrs. Anderson repurchase additional articles, ports that in January and but this entry on the debit February they had four green side of the ledger has been vegetables each month and in Under the new cotton acre- balanced in some degree at July and August they had age law of Texas, of the 229 least by the greater economy five each month. These were With 500,261 chickens on cotton-raising counties, 165 in harvesting and marketing the poorest months. During farms in the county in 1930, must decrease their acreage which was forced by low some of the other months Fayette county led all Texas from this year, 54 may make prices. Farmers this year they had fourteen different counties in poultry popula- a slight increase in acreage hired less outside labor in the varieties of vegetables growtion. The number of chickens and ten will not be affected harvest than ever before, for ing at the same time.

The question most Texas hatcheries and poultry and egg plants located there. Farm wages on October 1 were the lowest since 1916, and were 113 per cent from 1920 to 1930, 1916, and were 113 p 1916, and were 113 per cent from 1920 to 1930, was from cotton. Her books show revenue derived from the various crops as fol-compared with 150 a year were less than before so reports the Bu-2.7 chickens per capita as 4000. William-the various crops as fol-before so reports the Bu-2.7 chickens per capita as 4000. William-the various crops as fol-before so reports the Bu-2.7 chickens per capita as 40000. We was from cotton. Her books show revenue derived from the various crops as fol-before so reports the Bu-2.7 chickens per capita as 40000. We was from cotton. Her books show revenue derived from the various crops as fol-lows: Cotton, \$40; cabbage, 60.3 chickens per farm. as much as 100,000. Thousands of farm house- helpful to read the following wives, confronted at the be- observation recently submit- $\begin{array}{c} \text{reasonal trend from Jan-$ uary to October has beenreversed this year, the in- $points from January 1. \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} \text{finite average hum-}\\ \text{fin$ melons, \$4.66; sweet pota- county agent. One hundred cents worth of additional feed turned to canning these prod- and home demonstrations toes, \$240.20. It took 13 and twenty hogs and pigs is required, is explained by ucts for the farm table. More are employed, no farmer need acres to produce the \$40 were placed on eight acres of the Poultry Producers' Asso- stuff has been preserved for go farther than ten miles to labor is 113 per cent of nor-substitute for cotton seed worth of cotton and 27 corn, with cowpeas planted in ciation of Texas. A poor food on Texas farms this year find the answer written in worth of cotton and 27 corn, with cowpeas planted in ciation of Texas. A poor food on Texas farms this year find the answer written in the domand is 69 mal and the demand is 69 meal as a source of protein of cotton and 27 every third row, and gained range-fed tom, weighing 15 than in any half-dozen years the form of demonstrations per cent of normal. The de-or for grain as a source of \$848.10 in vegetables. eight acres was estimated at bring seven cents per pound vegetables, but meats of all dairy cows, poultry, hogs, 250 bushels. With hogs at five less than the same turkey kinds, have been canned in beef cattle or sheep have paid but slightly more pro- service of the National Reports of more hog cents per pound, the gain was weighing 20 pounds and grad- community canneries, many their owners substantial nounced for day labor with Cotton Seed Products As- cholera this year in a third \$331.50. This was equivalent ing No. 1, it is pointed out. of them established by co- prices for home-grown feeds board than for other sociation warns. Contain- of the principal hog-pro- to \$1 per bushel for the corn, Supplementing of grains by operation of farm agencies, and pasture. A drastic reducing all these elements in a ducing States, including and \$10.19 per acre for the milk or meat scraps to pro- farmers and business men of tion in cotton acreage means digestible form, cotton seed Texas, has caused Dr. U. G. peas. The hogs were turned duce flesh and bone-meal to the agricultural communities. a shift to other crops in 1932, F. E. Moore, a poultry meal is the most valuable Houck, in charge of control into this field of corn July 26. grow bones is urged. A sugspecialist of the North Da- feed available to Southern work for the United States The 30 heaviest hogs were gested ration for a four- tain to be not only provision these are bound to be feed kota Agricultural Exten- farmers. Farmers will get Department of Agriculture, taken out and put on the lot weeks feeding period previous of food this winter for farm crops. Such crops have seldom sion Service, says he has the most from their efforts to cite the special need for to finish on August 23. The to marketing is 60 pounds of families, but a shaving down paid in the past when sold for outlined how poultrymen by selling or exchanging precautionary measure's other 90 hogs were left in corn meal or milo, feterita or of the expenditures which cash, and there is no indicacan meet the demands of their seed for cotton seed this year. States in which until the field was cleaned up hegari; 20 pounds of ground farmers must make for sup- tion that they will prove profthe fastidious egg eaters meal and hulls. While two an increase in cholera as on August 30th, and then wheat or shorts, ten pounds port of their families while itable sold that way next who demand eggs with and one-fifth tons of seed compared with last year is were transferred to another of meat scraps, four pounds the next crops are coming to year. Sold through various light-colored yolks. When will make one of meal, one reported are Texas, Color- field. The 30 heaviest hogs, of bone meal and one pound harvest. What is likely to kinds of livestock, however, eggs are candled, Mr. pound of the meal will fur- ado, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, which averaged 100 pounds of salt, or milk can be substi- prove of even more perma- feed crops have paid well, Moore says, it is difficult nish as much protein as Kentucky, Michigan, Mon- weight when turned into the tuted for the meat scraps. nent importance in improving even this year. Demonstration to tell whether the dark three pounds of cotton tana. Ohio, Oregon and corn, averaged a daily gain of These mashes should be avail- the position of the Southwest- records show that pigs are yolk has been caused by seed. Hulls make an excel- Virginia. Hog cholera 2 1-3 pounds for the 29 days able at all times, with a plen- ern farmer is the greatly aug- paying from 50 cents to one they were there. Thirty other tiful supply of grains at mented production of feed dollar per bushel for corn, been exposed to heat. His grain feeds. One hundred mately 85 per cent of the hogs, averaging 74 pounds on night. Warning against fill- crops. Abundance of feed de- grain sorghums and wheat; observation is that city pounds of cotton seed hulls animals affected. Owners July 26, made a daily gain of ing the birds' crops with corn mands livestock and poultry that beef cattle paid from egg-eaters have become are equal to 99 pounds of of susceptible swine are 1 11-12 pounds. Thirty pigs and grain just before market- on the farm, and the lack of eight to ten dollars per ton suspicious of the dark-yolk Johnson grass hay, 270 cautioned to watch their averaging 51 pounds on July ing is given. Turkeys should these long has loomed as one for feed in a bad season last egg and buyers are de- pounds of corn silage, or herds closely and to call a 26 had a daily gain of 1 2-3 be given all the feed they will of the chief things that are year; that dairy cows use manding the light yolk. 151 pounds of sorghum veterinarian at the first pounds, and 30 June pigs av- eat the night before market- wrong with Southwestern ag- grain and cheap-grown rough-Chickens should be fed silage. In dairy production sign of danger. Outbreaks eraging 26 pounds on July 26 ing, but no water; in the riculture. There will be more ages and pastures at prices wheat, oats, white corn quality of butter is better are not alarming this year made a gain of 5-7 pounds. morning they should have wa- dairy cattle, more brood sows, double and treble the cash and buckwheat if the light when meal and hulls are and losses are expected to Mr. Matthey took the hogs ter but no feed. In this way more chickens and turkeys on grain market; and that each yolk is wanted, advised Mr. used instead of cotton seed, be less than during the out of the field as they got to they will reach the market in Texas farms next year be-Moore. He said green feed as the excess oil in the large outbreak of 1926, due weighing around 170 pounds good condition, with an empty cause of the large feed crops ket ranging from 50 cents to and yellow corn produce seeds makes the butter partially to the larger sup-eggs of the dark yolk. hard and tallowy. plies of serum available. lot. as if filled with feed. good."



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Cotton seed is a costly per cent of normal. The de- or for grain as a source of \$848.10 in vegetables. cline in wages is general in fats in livestock feeding, a all classes of farm work, bulletin of the educational classes.

Kind of Toys a Factor in Growth of Youngster

aunts and other persons, including Santa Claus, are now pondering this weighty question. As modern psychology has shown that toys play a definite part in character building, the thoughtful giver will use discrimination in his or her selection. To aid the Christmas shopper, the extension service of Iowa State College, at Ames, Iowa, in a pamphlet on play outlines standards for desirable toys.

1. Toys must be safe. There must be no tacks or small bells and buttons that can be pulled off and swallowed by the child. Baby's toys should be washable

HAT shall we give the children since he puts practically everything in this Christmas? Parents, uncles, his mouth. Hair on dolls and dogs, which becomes dirty with use, may be a source of danger. Guns may be dangerous and they foster carelessness in the use of firearms. Toys that create the spirit of destructiveness and foster callousness toward the value of human life should be discouraged. For small children avoid toys that make startling noises and sudden movements.

2. Toys must be durable in material and workmanship. Any toy that pulls to pieces is a poor purchase. Since such toys are too flimsy for proper care and repair, they encourage extravagance, while the toys that resist wear and tear

encourage thrift and conservation of property.

3. Toys should be artistic in color, form and expression. The child's appreciation of artistic qualities and his attitude toward things and people are greatly affected by his earliest toys. Avoid poorly proportioned and ugly shapes, simpering expressions, (as on dolls), inharmonious colors and harsh, jangling noises. Harsh sounds from toys are not only unpleasant for the family. but they have an unwholesome effect on the child. Toy musical instruments should be chosen for their pleasing sounds. If these do not produce the notes in a fairly true manner, leave

them in the shop if you value the child's development of musical appreciation, advises the author of the pamphlet.

4. Toys should be adapted to the age and continued use of the child. Blocks are the best example of play material that adapts itself to the successive stages of the child's development. As a tiny infant he enjoys grasping and staring at bright colored blocks. Later he gets much pleasure from handling, putting them in a basket and dumping them out again.

When the baby is two years old he can fit his blocks together in a box, and make trains and houses of several of them. From three to six years he be- experimentation is splendid.

gins to arrange them in simple designs, while blocks of various sizes and shapes will be used to build imaginative trains, towers and bridges. Dolls, clay crayons and blackboard, colored beads and tinker toys are playthings that hold the child's interest as he grows older.

Older children should have toys that satisfy their love of activity and their desire for sports and and games. Girls will enjoy dolls and housekeeping toys, but they should be encouraged in sharing outdoor or athletic interests with boys. In buying sports material, buy only things of good quality. Equipment that encourages interest in scientific

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The honors for introducing the Christmas tree are about equally divided. Martin Luther is said to have brought the first one into his home little fir tree, on which he hung candles. But it was a woman, the Duchess Helena of Orleans, who imported the pretty custom into France. Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg introduced it into England, but his home-loving consort, Queen Victoria, was its chief sponsor. The Christmas tree and Santa Claus (St. Nicholas) arrived simultaneously in New York with the Dutch colonists. And it is safe to say that if some jolly Dutch burgher cut down the first family fir tree it was his good frau who trimmed it.

Most of our Christmas customs originated in Germany. The Germans inaugurated the mysterious closed room into which for days nobody but mother was admitted. Except that their early Christmas trees were decorated with paper roses, apples, sweetmeats and wafers instead of elaborately colored electric light bulbs, and the presents laid out on a nearby table were simpler.

TEXAS LEADS IN SHEEP

With an increase of 89 per cent in sheep population from 1923 to 1930, Texas had approximately 55,550,000 head, or 11 per cent of the sheep in the United States.

More than 95 per cent of the sheep in Texas are Rambouillet and Delaine. Ninetenths of the sheep production is found in the Edwards Plateau region of the State. More than 70,000 sheep

were marketed from Texas farms and ranches annually during the six-year period, 1923 to 1928. Approximately 62 per cent of the total was marketed in other States than Texas, while the other third was slaughtered in Texas.

OUR FOREIGN POPULA-TION

Texas foreign population, those who were born in foreign lands or unto parents who were foreign born, is as follows, according to the government census taken last vear.

English, 19,603; Scotch, 8,068; North Ireland, 4,256; Irish Free State, 18,665; Norway, 5,543; Sweden, 14,365;



DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS:

Do you know, I am hoping that dear old Santa Claus will fill each stocking brimming to the top? In fact, I sent him a special mes-sage for the members of the Shut-In Club. Santa is such a busy fellow, has so many homes to visit, so many things to do, I am sure it will make him very happy if we would help him out a bit and send some Christmas cheer to our Shut-In friends.

Nan went into a grocery store nearby and bought some milk and asked the clerk if she might have a paper dish to feed her kitten in. While the kitten lapped eagerly at the milk, Nan told the store manager how and where she had found the little thing. "I wonder if you will keep him for me until I return from towr" she sked. The man told her he would I want to thank all members and friends of this page for the loyal and wonderful way they have served the club the past year. The blessings this little club brings to homes that are darkened with sorrow, saddened with pain, and afflicted with cares, are greater than we

shall ever know. One boy wrote me: "You have no idea of the great influence of this club." Think of it, boys and girls, and all other friends, the great good we can do for the Christ whose birth we shall celebrate in a few days. That was the mission and the cause for the

coming of the Son of God nineteen hundred years ago. Don't forget the reason behind Christmas day when you are having a good time. Remember the reason why He came and pattern your life after His.

Our little club should try to follow the teachings of the Master, who said, "In my Father's house there are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." (John XIV.2). That is our mission, making ready for the second coming of Christ, by helping the sick, the poor and the afflicted; that is the work He bade us do. What more beautiful work could little hands and hearts do than to bring happiness to others ?

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a most Happy New Year. Thank you for your help, and may the richest blessings of the Christmas Christ-Child be yours.

As, ever, with love, AUNT MARY.

A CHRISTMAS STORY

One night, near Thanksgiving time, I awakened suddenly in the still small hours of the night. As I lay in bed, looking up at the lovely moon, a sweet story unfolded itself before me like a real screen play. It makes me very happy, even now, to think of it and I just wondered if it might not make you happy to hear it? I have called it "The Christmas Spirit.

One cold, rainy afternoon, near Christmas, Nan stood with her nose pressed against the window pane and looked out on the street. wishing the rain would stop, so she might go outside. Nan was about sixteen years old, rather tall for her age, with curling brown hair, very fair skin and lovely deep blue eyes.

"I'm so sick of this old rain," she said to Tommy, her older brother, who was seated by the fireside reading a book. "I wish would stop, don't

you?" "It suits me well enough," returned her brother, looking up annoyed at being interrupted in his reading.

"How could it suit snapped nvone

SHUT-IN LIST FOR CHRISTMAS Here is the list for Christmas.

These are the names of the Shut-Ins that were sent in on time to get on the list for this month. If some Shut-In name does not ap-pear here it is because the name was not on my desk when the paper had to go to press.

would like to suggest that I believe it would be appropriate for all the members to write each Shut-In a short letter and enclose a story, a picture, or a simple gift in each letter. If you will start to write these letters at once you can easily write all of them. If you do not have time for this won't you send each one a Christmas card? I am asking this so that each Shut-In will receive a real shower of Christmas cheer. Come on-over the top-for a Merry, Merry Christmas! Shut-In List Iris Flatt, Canton, Texas. believe it would be appropriate for all the members to write each show in the start to write these letters at once you can easily write all of them. If you do not have time for this won't you send each one a Christmas card? I am asking this so that each Shut-In will receive a real shower of Christmas cheer. Come on-over the top-for a Merry, Merry Christmas! Iris Flatt, Canton, Texas. believe it would be appropriate for

Iris Flatt, Canton, Texas. Miss Lena Minica, Floresville, Texas. General Delivery, care Mrs. H. C. Burrier.

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Miss Beulah E. Lamb, Route 1, Box 9, Hazel, Ky. R. C. Shaw, Route 3, Box 96, Madill, Okla.

GOLD AND FRANKIN-

GOLD AND FRANKIN-CENSE Many centuries ago they said that the humble shep-herds of Judea and the wise Kings of Persia came to a manyer to worship the infort manger to worship the infant Jesus. They also said that the FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE shepherds sang of peace and FOR SALE OR TRADE-800 acres fine

shepherds sang of peace and good will, and of love that binds man to man; and that the wise Kings laid gold and frankincense at the feet of frankincense at the feet of the Blessed Babe.

Today we children of the REAUTIFUL California Spanish apartvast yesterday come to a manger, which is in truth our solitude; each one of us a shepherd who would have peace in the pasture of his thoughts, and the good will of all the other shepherds—and each one of us a King of his all the other shepherds—and each one of us a King of his own destiny, who would lay gold and frankincense at the feet of his greater self; gold for peace and frankincense for good will. Angeles, California. Photo on request. To TRADE—A prominent down-town cor-sery yard and greenhouse, a good business and a home cheap. Address P. O. Box 718, San Angelo, Texas, a nur-sery yard and greenhouse, a good business and a home cheap. Address P. O. Box 718, San Angelo, Texas. FOR SALE—In San Angelo, Texas, a nur-sery yard and greenhouse, a good business and a home cheap. Address P. O. Box 718, San Angelo, Texas. FOR SALE—General merchandise, store building, fixtures, stock, at Fields, N. M. If interested write M. C. FIRESTONS, Boute A. Melrose, N. M. ELECTRIC bakery-mest market-grocery in The General on bighways 12 and 714

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will window shop a little," she thought. "I'll be better able to make a choice. I don't have all the ten dolleft, but there is still plenty to get myself something very nice. It is really getting colder."

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Tou poor little creature," cried Nan, sweep-ing the kitten into her arms and snugling it against her warm coat. "You must be almost frozen, to say nothing of being starved to death. Who ever owns you must be very cruel —or perhaps you are only lost. Either way, I'm going to have you fed right now."

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Nan walked from window to window; each one seemed more attractive than the other. "I'll never be able to choose. There are so many nice things. Oh, there in that window is something very lovely! Look at that warm sweater and that ducky cap to match—and of all things look at those perfectly darling shoes," she said aloud. Nan had been so busy wondering how she would look in a lovely set of knitted things she had not seen a small girl standing close to the window. Still talking to herself, aloud, she said, "Look at those per-fectly darling shoes." The little child looked up and, thinking Nan was speaking to her,

answered: "Yes, they make you feel so comfortable-when you have no shoes to wear Nan looked at the little girl and could hardly believe her eyes-that on a cold, rainy day

like this a child could be so thinly dressed. "Goodness, child, what are you doing out on

such a cold day with such thin clothes "This is all I have to wear,' the girl replied.

"I have to be out-I sell newspapers, but a big boy took all of mine away and I don't have any money to buy more. I'm afraid to go home —I hate to tell ma I lost the papers." Tears came into the little girl's eyes. "Do you have a father?" asked Nan.

"Yes, I have a pa, but he is out of work and has been for a long time. Buddy sold the papers before I began selling; the other boys can't take his papers from him-he's awful strong, but he broke his leg, a car hit him," the child replied.

"Are there any more in the family? What is your name?" asked Nan.

'My name is Allie McRoberts. Yes, there are three kids smaller than me-I'm eleven years old-some folks say I don't look it." Nan's heart was sad when she noticed two

thin blue hands dangling out of a thin coat that did not fit. The

child's feet were bare and bleeding. Putting her arm around the child, she drew her into the store, where she bought her a pair of shoes and warm stockings, a sweater and a warm knit cap. The store manager, a kindly man, gave the

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There will be a lot of interesting letters next month. Watch for solar data and fair improvements. Address owner, Hox 183, Estancia, N. M.

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mas being the one pre-eminently devoted to the spirit of the home, women have always done a large share of the work connected with the celebration. In good King Alfred's day the womenfolk roasted the boar's head and brewed the mead that made the Saxon Christmas such a merry occasion. Today, they are the ones who hang up the children's stockings, trim the house, wrap up presents and attend to the preparations for the family Christmas dinner.

And Joseph said unto them, Do not interpretations belong to God? (Gen. 40:8.)



on Texas Special and Bluebonnet.

ASK KATY AGENT OR WRITE F. B. GRIFFIN, G.P.A. M.R.T. R.R., Dollas, Texas.

Nan. "It just makes ma furious. How can anyone have the Christmas spirit with such rotten weather? I'm just sick of everything. I am not

feeling like mother says she did when she was a girl my age. Wish I could have a good time

like she is always telling us about." "Oh, hush up, sis, will you?" demanded Tommy. "Can't you see I am reading? You make me sick with all your complaining. Why, gee whiz, you have a thousand times more fun than mother. Maybe the old Christmas spirit doesn't live FOR YOU because it has to BE IN YOU. Better read this book the new minister gave to me; it surely is great. I never suposed this kind of book could be so interesting. Please be still."

"What is your old book, anyway?" retorted Nan. "I think the new minister is a mess; al-ways preaching for us to be less selfish and that sort of stuff."

swered, impatiently, "This book is called, "The Kingdom of God Is Within;' sure wish you would read it when I am through. It would do you a lot of good. If you say another word, though, I'll throw it at you. I want to read and "Well, old smarty, I don't care," replied Nan, as she flung herself out of the room. "It

has stopped raining and I am going down town and spend that ten dollars Uncle John sent me

"Mother, I am going out for a while. Can I do anything for you?"

you to be sure and make the candy," answered

her mother. The Brown family lived in the "old aristo-cratic" part of Yorktown. The forefathers of Nan and Tommy had lived there since it was a tiny village beside the muddy stream called "The River." Nan had been reared in the stately old home and all of her girlhood had been spent in Yorktown, now a thriving city. She was like thousands of other American She was like thousands of other American girls with all she needed but never all she wanted.

that scarf and purse to match-('The Kingdom of God Is Within')-No, I believe I'll eat all the ice cream I want and spend the rest for shows-somehow I can't forget Tom-my." Thus ran on her thoughts, first on one

thing—then another, as she held her money tightly in her hand, which was plunged deep into a lovely fur coat. But through it all ran the thoughts of the book her

Nan was so deep in her own thoughts that she scarcely noticed the scenes around her. After walking several blocks rapidly, she After waiking several blocks rapidly, she slowed down at a crossing for an automobile to pass; as she did so she heard a pitiful "Meow, Meow," behind her. She turned to look and there close at her heels was a tiny, thin little kitten, shivering in the cold. The kitten looked up at Nan with large, sad eyes, and meowed



Tommy looked at Nan with a sigh and an-

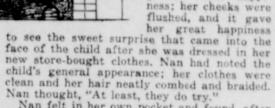
to buy myself a Christmas present." In the front hall Nan pulled on her coat and new hat. Passing the kitchen she called,

"Only hurry back, dear, there are so many things to be done before Christmas and I want

As Nan walked along the wide street, leading to town, her thoughts were very confus-ing. She kept thinking. "I believe I will buy

brother was reading, and the title, "The King-dom of God Is Within."

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Nan thought, "At least, they do try." Nan felt in her own pocket and found, after paying the bill, that she had a fifty-cent piece and a dime left. She slipped the fifty-cent piece in the child's hand and said: "Buy some more papers. Will you meet me here tomorrow at two o'clock? I would like to talk to Santa;

ac two o'clock? I would like to talk to Santa; perhaps he will give me a basket for your family's Christmas dinner?" "Yes," answered little Allie, "I'll be here at two o'clock. Ma would be so proud to have you come to our home—I know she would."

"That is just what I should like to do-visit your home. Run along now, Allie, and meet me here again tomorrow."

Allie went racing down the street and Nan turned her steps toward home. How happy she was-Oh! she must hurry-this walking was all too slow. Why, of course, she would take a trolley and ride home on her last dime. Nan rushed into the front room, nearly knocking her father over, who was in the front hall, removing his wraps. Her mother stood near by, with her happy face, smiling as usual, when father was home. Tommy was just coming out of the living room, his book in his hand.

"Mother! Dad! Oh! I've had a glorious time --the best time in my whole life," cried Nan, almost out of breath from running the two blocks from the trolley.

"Wait a minute, dear, until you get your breath and then tell us all about it. Come into the living room," said mother.

All of the family went in before the fire and Nan told them how she had spent Uncle John's ten dollars, adding at the last, "And to think, I only spent a dime on myself for a trolley ride—when I had planned to get so many things—and, best of all, I enjoyed doing just what I did." "Gee whiz, sis, that is just like the story I have been reading. The Kingdom of God Is

have been reading, 'The Kingdom of God Is Within'," said Tommy.

"Yes, dear, it is the way of life; some of us read it and others have to live it to make it real. We will all fix a basket for that family," added mother, in her outer way her quiet way.

"Why not go in the car tomorrow and the whole family play Santa?" ask-

ed dad. "We will!" they all cried together. And the Kingdom of God came to dwell in that home.

SAD NEWS

We are saddened at this time to tell you of the passing of one of our dear Shut-Ins, Frances Johnson, She was loved by all who knew her. We send her family our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy. Her smile will be missed in our little circle—but we are glad to know that it will shine among the stars around the

Throne of Glory, Next month we will publish the lovely letter from her daughter.

Rev. and Mrs. George B. Ely celebrated the 70th anniversary of their marriage at Clyde, Texas, in October. Mr. Ely is 91 years old and Mrs. Ely will be 90 next January.

The couple was married Oc-The couple was married Oc-tober 17, 1861, in Marion county, Arkansas, where Mr. Ely was visiting after an In-dian scouting trip into West Texas as a ranger. They moved to Texas in 1887 and Chicaso. II. came west with the Texas & ---Pacific Railway in the early eighties, Mr. Ely preaching MONUMENT TO CYNTHIA as a Baptist minister. He was

On Armistice Day a monuactively engaged in the ministry for more than 60 years. | ment was dedicated at Fort The venerable couple still Park, near Groesbeck, in maintain a home at Clyde, Limestone county, where Cyn-Mrs. Ely doing her own house- thia Ann Parker was kidnap-Cypress Tanks-Mill-Gin and Contractors' work. They have reared ped by the Indians in 1836. FORT WORTH WELL MACHINERY & eleven children, six of whom The old fort is about two miles northwest of Groesare living.

DON SHORT LINE cation.

The Texas & New Orleans Railroad Company has been SITE FOR U. S. HOSPITAL

authorized by the Interstate Commerce Commission to The United States governabandon approximately 12 miles of its Beaumont-Sabine acres of land for a quarantine studio, P. O. Bex 615, Plainview, Texas. branch in Jefferson county, station at Sabine Pass. The Texas. The abandoned portion cost of the land was \$25,000. consists of two sections, one It is believed that plans and RURNED-OUT motors rewound in 8 to 24 approximately two miles long, specifications for the station, CENTRAL ELECTRIC CO., Fort Worth. from West Port Arthur to an which is to cost \$375,000, will engineer's staton known as soon be completed and bids FEMALE HELP WANTED 1053, and approximately ten for construction called for. miles from this station to

Population of the territory SITE FOR TYLER POST-Sabine. along the line is estimated at 350 persons. Revenues have been such during recent years ton acquired land for the new that the company has sustain- Federal building in Tyler. The ed heavy losses.

TEXAS' BEST BOY COTTON eral building and it is said the GROWER

Sam B. Gillet, Jr., has been declared the best boy cotton soon. grower in Texas. Young Gillett lives at Canutillo, near El

Paso. He grew 2.955 bales of cotton per acre on seven acres One of the officers of Swift JEF. Box 1828, Fort Worth, Texas. this year. In honor of his & Company has announced work his expenses were paid that a modern cheese plant to the National 4-H club con- will be installed in Yoakum ference at Chicago, which was early in 1932. Sweet milk in in session from November 27 the surrounding territory will to December 55.

And there came two angels to Sodom at even. (Gen. the Lord? (Gen. 18:14.) 19:1.)

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XMAS Money. Cash for gold teeth. High-est prices. Southwest Gold & Silver Com-pany, Dept, 12SM, Fort Worth, Texas.

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FIRST TEXAS BOOK IN ENGLISH TO BE ISSUED IN REPRINT

The West South Book Club, the founding of which was recently announced, has given out the information that its first book to appear will be the first book ever written about Texas in English.

This book, originally titled, "Texas," is a series of letters written in December, 1831, by Mary Austin Holley, a kinswoman of Stephen F. Austin, who was visiting in Austin's colony and became so interested in the possibilities of Texas that she wrote this series of letters to let people actly what prospects the un- Can't harm your in the United States know exknown land in the Southwest held out to homeseekers.

Mrs. Holley's book was popular in her day and is written with such vividness and enthusiasm that it played a historic part in bringing some of the best early settlers to the new country, but in the 100 years the book has nearly dropped from print, and the few copies that remain are almost fabulous in price.

With the original volume will be printed a biographical sketch of Mrs. Holley by Mattie Austin Hatcher, archivist at the University of Texas, and also a kinswoman of the Austins. Mrs. Hatcher has based her sketch on 125 hitherto unknown letters by Mrs. Holley written on her travels all over the United States.

The reprint of "Texas," with Mrs. Hatcher's biography, which the West South Book Club will issue, will appear under the name of "Mary Austin Holley-Letters of an Early American Traveler."

the life of Mary Austin Holley regard her as one of the



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Historians familiar with TRADEMARK FOR TEXAS MEATS WANTED

Woman's Christmas Page

DEAR FRIENDS:

For many years I have been coming into your homes each month trying to bring you a little more happiness, a little more love, and to make your work a little easier. I often sit at my desk and try to picture in my mind the many, many kinds of homes that I am going to visit. Some are happy, some are sad, some are ringing with the laughter of little chil-dren; in others I am sure there is the vacant chair. As the

happy Christmas time approaches, I wish that I might visit each of you and say, oh! so very many things; but most of all I want to say, Merry, Merry Christmas. I hope this Christmas will be indeed a truly happy one for YOU. We have on every hand the cry of hard times. I wonder if most of the hard times are only just in our minds-and do not really exist? Oh, but you say, so and so lost his job, and he had held it for 20 years. Yes, I know that but So and So died other day, and he had held to life for 80

leen Norris, that great woman writer for women, is right when she says, "Rid your souls of fear, it is the basis of this depression." Your friend. Don't you think that is the rule in life gener-

us to give practical gifts. There is on the market so many practical things that are just

of the toys and nicknacks so dear to the heart

of the child, but for the older members of the

family study your list of names and choose

beautiful but practical gifts. I have listed a

few that might help you in your selections. They can be found in almost any up-to-date

store. Buy from your local merchants when

possible-they are the builders of your com-

munity, they keep your money at home and

help you pay the taxes. The local merchant is

entitled to your business and I am sure if there is anything that he does not carry, he

ally? We fear a thing until we can realy make it happen. Now is a good time to rid our souls of that fear. Christmas times gives to us a new hope; a new faith for the good and truth-ful things of life. If there is nothing that I might give to the world except courage and faith, I should be happy. As my Christmas message to you I would like to hold your hand in mine and say, "Have courage, sister-have faith, and above all have love.

We will see that God has been very good to us if we but look at our blessings and forget to talk so much about our hardships. Give the world a smile and a smile will come back to you; give the world love and you will receive love in return. I am sure many times that the bread we cast upon the waters seems lost to us forever; but only be patient-"God works in wondrous ways his mercies to perform."

Again I wish you a hope that in some way I have made your life a little brighter, and that

(Signed) MRS. MARGARET STUTE.

GIVE PRACTICAL GIFTS

"Silent night, holy night!

Guiding star, lend thy light!"

This year as never before it is necessary for will be glad to order it for you-provided you make your list early enough to give him time to do so. Here are a few things that are lovely beautiful and that any man, woman or child would love. Of course I am sure all of us will feel that we should give our little ones some and yet useful: Electric reamer for squeezing fruit juices.

Set of graters, each for a different purpose. Double boiler in many bright colors. Individual casseroles.

Electric waffle sets, including syrup pitcher and mixing bowl.

- A lovely colored kitchen clock that will keep accurate time.
- Pretty kitchen scales which give quantities terms of weight. Attractive heat-proof casseroles in pretty
- Electric mixers, where one has electricity, is a great saver.

DRESS THE HOUSE FOR CHRISTMAS

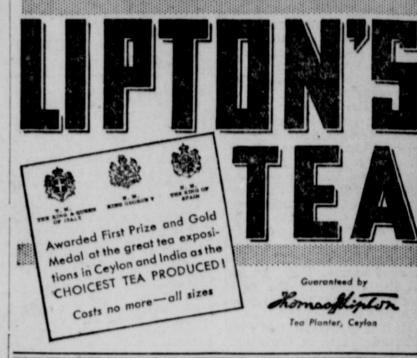
Next to trimming the Christmas tree, what is the most Christmas fun? Dolling up the house, of course. Really, it's lots and lots of fun if you will just plan a little. I'll tell you what we did ast Christmas, and I am sure you will like the idea so well you will want to try it yourself.

and neither did anyone else that I know of. I think one of the best things in life is to pass on an idea and then watch it grow. Yes, it will really do that; just grow and grow and the tiny in-fant idea you had will become a full grown idea just by being passed on. Lots of folks think that is only true

scar the molding. On each end of the second step we placed an evergreen tree that was potted for the occasion, and trimmed with indestructible Christmas ornaments. That was our first attempt at outdoor decorations, and this year we are planning on making it even better.

Of course, you know, we planted the evergreen trees in our yard after the holi-days and they both are doing well.

Here are a few ideas that that might fit your plan better. Some used only one evergreen tree by the door and had it lighted with tiny Christmas tree lights. Others used four trees-and



MONUMENT TO OLD GLASS PLANT REORGAN-TRAIL DRIVERS IZED

The Texas Glass Company At the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of Wilbarger county on the 22nd of Octo-be reorganized and its capital per, the old trail drivers of stock of \$100,000 doubled, the State unveiled the monu- making it the largest glass ment which is being erected plant in the State. at Doans, where the old west-

The plant specializes in ern trail crossed the river into milk bottles, and can make what has since become the 52,000 bottles a day. Gas is State of Oklahoma. available at a very low rate

There were thousands of and plenty of labor to operate. visitors, including many who The glass sand is obtained went up the trail to Dodge from Santa Anna mountain, City, Kansas, in the days which is three miles long. The when cattle drivers were nu- sand is hidden in a small rim of rock, and is one of the AD

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Mrs. Bertha Doan Ross, The voice is Jacob's voice, daughter of the late C. F. Doan, first man to bring his family to Wilbarger county of Esau. (Gen. 27:22.) family to Wilbarger county, and founder of the Doan



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SPENDING \$300,000 ON CITRUS PLANTS

An expenditure of approxi-Grande Valley's citrus industry, according to a survey recently made.

The biggest construction program is being carried out by the Texas Citrus Fruit contest is open to everybody. Growers' Exchange, with the approximately \$60,000 each ing built there by the Garrick Burns Produce Company. A \$25,000 concentration shed is also planned by the Valley Vegetable Co-operative Company. Sheds and packing plants are also being built at LaFeria, McAllen and Edinburg.



The West Texas Chambe most remarkable personalities of Commerce is offering a of her time, and those who prize for a trade mark or have seen the manuscript of trade name to be used in adthis volume prophesy that vertising Texas meats, not with its appearance an im- only to Texas, but to the portant and fascinating pio- world. The principal object of neer figure will be added not this campaign is to further only to Texas, but to the the consumption in Texas of

Texas-grown meats. The name or mark may be

a word, several words or a symbol. The requirements are that it be effective for the mately \$300,000 is being demand for Texas meats. It purpose-that of stimulating made in the Lower Rio must be original, distinctive and easy to reproduce in any one of several mediums, such

as newspaper and poster advertising, branding, etc. The It is a lamentable fact that building of new plants to cost a great part of the meat consumed on Texas tables still at San Carlos and Harlingen, other States, in many inand the doubling of their stances Texas-bred animals main plant at Sharyland. Ap- having been shipped to other proximately \$75,000 is being States for finishing and then spent at Edcough for packing shipped back. The Feeder-Breeder movement, which has Company and a \$15,000 plant breeding of fine meat aniis being built by the Joe mals, but finishing them here for market, it is hoped will correct much of this suicidal practice and lift Texas to the status in the meat industry it ought to occupy

Texas annually raises millions of steers, calves and lambs, a large portion of which are shipped to the other States for finishing. With this palpable economic error corrected, by finishing Texas cattle in Texas, not only to supply Texas tables, but also the tables of other States, Texas would soon become the leading meat State from a finished product standpoint, just as it has been for generations the leading % pound candied orange meat State from a raw material standpoint. The trademark plan for Texas meats is designed to further this im-

And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of 306 COMMERCE ST DALLAS TEXAS fire, to give them light; to go by day and night. (Ex.) 13:21.)

portant project.

gossip, but it is more true of good ideas-try it and see

Last Christmas we decided that we would share our Christmas with the wide, wide world. Our home was just brimming full of Christmas cheer and we just knew it would burst unless we let some of it outside. So we decided to decorate the outside as well as the inside, and this is what we did. First we hung a large green wreath on the

front door and tied it with a lovely red bow. We then festooned red crepe paper over the top and down the sides of the door, catching it here and there with bits of mistletoes or evergreen; we tacked it very lightly with brass-headed tacks which were easily removed and did not

CHRISTMAS GOODIES

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I am sure most of us feel that we should save a little if not a whole lot this Yuletide season and yet we are anxious to give our families that little extra treat so desirable to insure the holiday touch.

We can achieve that special touch if we will give our menu time and thought.

Candied Apple Salad

Select the desired number of apples and place them in roasting pan after they have been thoroughly washed and the cores removed. Fill the holes of the apples with either tiny red candies, brown sugar, or white sugar in which has been dropped three drops of red vegetable coloring to each apple; sprinkle apples generously with sugar and then lightly with nutmeg and cinnamon; add three tablespoons butter for each dozen apples and two tablespoons water; cover and let cook until tender in a moderate oven. Remove apples from juice to a deep dish; add four to six tablespoons sugar to the juice; set on top of stove and boil until it spins a thread from spoon; pour over apples and set to cool. When ready to serve the apples should be well glazed

with the juice. Lift each apple carefully onto a leaf of lettuce and serve with mayonnaise topped with whipped cream.

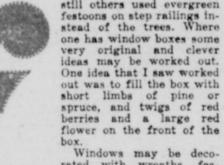
Fruit Candy Roll pounds seeded dates. b pound of raisins. pound dried figs. % pound candied lemon peel

peel 16 pound candied citron.

cup candied or maras-34 chine cherries. Candied pineapple or any other dried fruit may be added, also nuts.

Force the ingredients through the food chopper. Mix thoroughly and mold into two rolls measuring

about one inch in diameter. Roll in powdered sugar, graham cracker, cocoanut or ground nut meats. Store in a cool place for 24 hours. Slice and serve, or each piece may be wrapped in heavy waxed paper.



rated with wreaths, festoons of green and red lighted candles or, better still, electric candles. Colored lghts strung through hedges are very pretty and give a cheerful and welcome

Inside decorations can be used according to taste and means.

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Doughnuts

There is nothing that will quite take the place of the old-time doughnuts in cold weather whether it is for school lunches, afternoon lunch with milk, or just dessert. They look lovely on the Christmas tree, too; just try it. Here is a really delicious and easy recipe:

1 egg, 1 cup sweet milk, 1 cup honey, 2 tablespoons shortening, 1 teaspoon cream of tartar, 1/2 teaspoon soda, 2 teaspoons baking powder, 1/4 teaspoon salt. Flour enough to make a thick ugh easy to roll.

Mix ingredients in order named. Make your dough thick enough to roll easily, cut into doughnuts and fry in deep hot fat. When frying doughnuts turn each one as soon as it rises to the top and then brown both sides nicely; drain on brown paper and roll in sugar after they are cool.

Salmi of Duck

For ten or twelve persons use two cold roast ducks, one can mushrooms, 18 stoned olives, one pint of Spanish sauce, 1/2 pint beef clear stock, 1 tablespoon lemon juice, 1 teaspoon salt, a little cayenne pepper and 12 triangular

lices toasted bread, fried in butter. Cut the duck in nice joints, sprinkle with salt and pepper, put in a stew pan and pour the stock over it; heat slowly to the boiling point; now put the olives and mush-rooms in and boil for five minutes; add the Spanish sauce and heat again until boils, then add the lemon juice and cook one minute longer. Heap the duck on a warm plate, arrange the mushrooms and olives around the base and finish the border with the bread. Pour the sauce over the salm! and serve very hot. This is a very delicious and different [MASIO dish. Follow directions carefully and you may be warm praises from your

assured of many family and guests

Goldfish thrive if a teaspoonful of salt is added to their water once a week.

neath the plaque is the in-scription, "In honor of the trail drivers who freed Texas from the yoke of debt and despair by their trails to the markets of the far North."

Crossing store, which outfit-

ted trail drivers and Indians

for years. The monument

stands on the site of the orig-

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stands on the old Doan farm.

Red river. The river bluffs

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82,000 TO BE GIVEN WORK IN TEXAS The

announcement has been made by the chairman of the State Highway Commission that the Texas highway program for 1932 will involve an expenditure of about \$50,-000,000, exclusive of lateral roads. The department will put up at least \$30,000,000 in new contracts, together with county aid, and the remainder will be made up in maintenance costs.

The program goes farther than road construction. The expenditures will have the effect of taking care of more than 300,000 persons, provid- this generous offer is still in ing a livelihood at a time most effect. Visit our showroom and needed, for contractors will employ 75,000 and the department itself 7,000. The chairman of the commission figures that each employe will have four dependents on the average, while in addition more railroad workers will be needed, due to the highway

program. 'Texas is in mighty fine shape as to the department and highway finances," the chairman said. He believes we are better off in this respect than any other State in the Union. The highway department has assisted other State funds to the extent of \$3,000. 000, taking over warrants be cause a deficit existed in the general revenue fund.

VETERANS' HOSPITAL NEARS COMPLETION

The work of constructing the United States Veterans' Hospital at Waco is about 70 per cent completed. It is expected that all of the buildings will be ready for occupancy by April 1, 1932, unless unforeseen delays are had.

The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be. (Gen. 49:10.)



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