



Patrons Review 1936; Scan Outlook For New Year

Here In HICO

Having gotten personal with most of the business men of Hico during the past few days, inquiring into their business for the past year, we feel that the News Review should interview its patrons on the matter.

Before you ask us, we're going to tell you that 1936 was a much better year for this particular institution. While several of its predecessors were so bad that they should not be used for comparison, general conditions improved last year to the extent that things seem to be going in the right direction.

As to our prospects for the New Year, we hesitate to cast a prediction. But we do feel encouraged over the general outlook, and if we are not mistaken in our opinions about the class of business men in Hico, we know they are going to make better times for all.

The News Review's business depends, more than that of any other institution, on what the other fellow does. If merchants are on their toes and go out after business, we know they can find no better way of doing so than through advertising in the News Review. If people in this section want to keep up with what is going on around them, we know they will take the home paper. And if business booms, there is bound to be an increase in job printing, so if we can't get our share we should not gripe if it goes elsewhere.

That's the way we look at it. If Hico people are willing to continue their confidence in the News Review to the extent of spending their dollars with it, we're willing to take chances on improved conditions.

We don't mind stating frankly that the paper will necessarily have to get more business in the next few years than it has in the past four or five. But who hasn't? Many items of expense go into the publication of a full-size newspaper. It is possible to cut corners and shave expenses to where a profit can be obtained on even a small volume of business. But we don't believe this is the kind of a paper local people would want to represent them. And we know we wouldn't be satisfied to control the destinies of a wishy-washy sheet that had no particular destiny.

So on the first day of the New Year 1937 we renew our solicitation of the same cooperation that we have enjoyed in the past, at the same time acknowledging our debt of gratitude for the loyalty of our friends during times that were trying, not alone to us, but to them.

Genuine pride is felt in this issue of the paper, not from the fact that it carries a great amount of business, but because we feel that it is new and contains something interesting for everyone in the community.

Extra efforts have been put forth to obtain personal items and news of every description. And this was done in a week when some papers take a vacation, some of them not even putting out a paper between Christmas and New Year's day.

If we have failed to discharge our duty to our subscribers and advertisers, such failure was an oversight, for our best efforts have been put forth.

Happy New Year to you and yours. And let's make 1937 a prosperous one. It won't be unless we make it.

Celebrate Birthdays.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Novitt and daughter, Mildred, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Melowsky of Dublin; Mr. and Mrs. M. I. Novitt of Stephenville; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wieseman and son, Jerry; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hoffman of Comanche; Mr. and Mrs. David Harelik, Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Harelik, Mr. and Mrs. J. Commer and daughter, Esther, of Hamilton were guests here Sunday, Dec. 20th, in the home of Morris Harelik, celebrating the birthday anniversaries of Morris Harelik, Mrs. Haskell Harelik and J. Commer.

Holiday Visitors.

During the holidays the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Burks was a scene of merriment when some of their children visited them, and also visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Blais. Those here were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Malone and daughter, Bobby, Miss Lois Burks, and Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Hays and son, Leland, all of Brady; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Harris of Abilene, and Mrs. Bertie Cox of Stephenville.

Oil Situation In Hamilton County At Critical Stage

"The oil situation has again reached a very interesting stage in Hamilton County," said The Hamilton County News in reviewing the situation this week, "and development is being closely watched." The News continued:

The Walter Gant Drake No. 1, which had a showing of oil in the Marble Falls lime at 3570 feet, went out of this lime at about 3700 feet, into a black shale Tuesday afternoon, the drillers hit another lime at 3790 feet. At time of going to press Wednesday it had not been determined whether or not this was the Ellinger lime.

At the Seaboard Olin-Fairy test a depth of 3531 feet had been reached late Tuesday, it was reported. Drilling in this well is being hindered by water, making the going slow. They expect to reach the Marble Falls lime at any moment.

In a recent article in this paper it was stated that the estimated surface difference of the two wells was something like three hundred feet. This statement was incorrect, as the difference in elevation is only 16 feet, the Fairy location being that much higher.

Plans Discussed For Electrification In Meeting At Fairy

Fairy Valley R. E. A. will be the name of the association formed at Fairy School auditorium Wednesday night, Dec. 30, for the purpose of securing some of the benefits of the Rural Electrification Administration.

A large crowd of enthusiastic farmers and their wives were present in response to a call issued previously. The meeting was presided over by Kai Segrist of Hico and Dallas, assisted by County Agent T. D. Craddock.

After a general discussion it was decided to form the organization, which resulted in election of the following officers: Wm. Horsley, president; C. M. Tinkle, vice-president; M. E. Parks, secretary. Committees were named to perfect organization in each district as follows:

Old Hico: Oscar Longobtham, George Holliday and R. O. Segrest, Fairy Creek: C. W. Russell and Ben Washam.

Fairy: Tom Betts, Price Cox and H. S. Pitts.

Ases: J. L. McCoy, B. F. Driver and R. L. Anderson.

Long Point: Walter Whitson, Coy Parks and H. H. Wolfe.

Mt. Pleasant: Walter Abel, S. N. Akin and J. J. Jones.

Lanham: Ervin Jones, C. M. Broyles and Norman Sellers.

A recent letter received by Kai Segrist from N. L. Hatfield, chief correspondent of the R. E. A., gave much encouragement to the preliminary plans for organization, and it is hoped to get surveys and detailed information ready at an early date so that the plans initiated at the meeting Wednesday night may be brought to successful conclusion soon.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

E. E. Dawson, Pastor. New Year Sunday! Let's take a fresh start and make a new set of resolutions and strive to make the year life's best to this date. He who resolves will make progress, while he who does not resolve will stagnate in his present low estate. So resolve if there is any red blood in your heart and you have any ambitions above the field mice.

Everything in keeping with the New Year next Sunday, The Sunday school will get under way at 10:00 A. M. The worship services will be at 11:00 A. M. and 7:15 P. M. The B. T. U. meets at 6:30.

Officers and teachers of the Sunday school will be duly installed Sunday morning. Every one of them is urged to be on hand for the new start.

Every soul will be given cordial welcome.

Visiting Here From Anton. T. A. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Walker and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McLarty came in Christmas Eve from Anton, and visited the family of Mr. Walker's daughter, Mrs. W. L. Grisham, and other relatives until the following Sunday.

The elder Mr. Walker moved to Anton in December, 1935, after having lived on one place near Hico for 18 years to a day. He likes his new location well, enjoying good health, and says he gets much pleasure from reading the News Review.

Preaching At Old Hico. At 2:30 Sunday afternoon there will be our regular monthly preaching service at Old Hico. All of the community is invited to attend. Lots of singing.

E. E. DAWSON.

Reviewing 1936

by A. B. CHAPIN



New Officials to Assume Duties For Their Coming Terms

(Hamilton County News) Several new faces will be seen at the courthouse beginning Friday, as on this date all county officers, both new and old, will be sworn in, make new bonds and assume the duties of their respective offices.

District Clerk Lon A. Morris, after 18 years of continuous service, relinquishes the office to C. E. Edmiston.

County Treasurer Doll Adams, who has served four years, gives way to Mrs. W. B. Tume.

George D. Leeth becomes Public Weigher, relieving Mrs. J. H. Talley, who filled an unexpired term of her late husband.

A. H. Sumnerford becomes Commissioner of Precinct No. 4, succeeding A. B. Rigney, who served four years and was not a candidate for a third term.

W. N. (Fete) Fuqua, Commissioner Precinct No. 1, is succeeded by F. Waggoner, after serving four years.

J. Manly Head becomes State Senator, the office formerly held by Roy Sandford of Belton.

Harry Flentge of Gatesville becomes District Attorney, relieving H. W. (Bill) Allen of Hamilton.

We also have a new Congressman from this district, Hon. Clyde Garrett, who succeeds Thos. L. Blanton.

Thus we have the following officers who will serve the people of this county for the next two years:

Clyde Garrett, Congressman. J. Manly Head, State Senator. Earl Hinton, State Representative.

R. B. Cross, District Judge. Harry Flentge, District Attorney.

C. E. Edmiston, District Clerk. J. C. Barrow, County Judge. Houston White, Sheriff.

R. J. Riley, Tax Assessor-Collector. J. T. Dempster, County Clerk. Mrs. W. B. Tume, County Treasurer.

Bert C. Patterson, County School Superintendent. F. Waggoner, Commissioner Precinct No. 1.

W. W. Schrank, Commissioner Precinct No. 2. Sam Clark, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3.

A. H. Sumnerford, Commissioner Precinct No. 4. Geo. Leeth, Public Weigher.

More Large Eggs. Although large eggs are more or less a common occurrence among poultry raisers, C. C. Pierce, who lives near town in the Cox-Weaver addition, believes he is getting more than his share of them.

MRS. EDGAR BULLARD DIED MONDAY AT FAMILY HOME

Mrs. Edgar Bullard passed away at her home in the Falls Creek community Monday at the age of 25 years. Burial was made in the Hico cemetery Tuesday afternoon.

Pastor E. E. Dawson of the local Baptist church and Elder O. O. O. Newton of Pottsville holding the service.

Mrs. Bullard, who was formerly Miss Thelma May Smith, gave birth to a child Monday, and she and the little one both failed to survive.

Sympathy is extended to the bereaved ones.

TAKE OVER MANAGEMENT OF HIGHWAY CAFE

Mr. and Mrs. Earl (Squirrel) Patterson have taken over the management of the Highway Cafe, and are already serving many patrons.

They have reduced prices on short orders and invite their friends to visit them at their new place of business.

Mr. and Mrs. Patterson are well known by the citizens of this community, as both of them were employed at Right's Gin during the past ginning season. At one time Mr. Patterson was employed by George Tabor, and Mrs. Patterson at the Hico National Bank.

Enjoy Visit In New Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson had as their Xmas guests, in their beautiful new rock home, Mrs. Terry Thompson, Mrs. Daisy Dankers and Jack of Hico, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Cox and daughter, Evelyn, Mrs. Wilber Wright and son Byron of De Leon, another son, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Wright Jr. of San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Mahon of Dallas, Mrs. Fred Thompson and daughters, Kathryn and Amelia of Houston, Mrs. Gladys Cannon of Waco, Mrs. Thompson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Seago of Hico and Mr. and Mrs. Neison Seago of Clarendon joined the household in the evening for the Xmas tree and carols.

Family Reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Rhoades enjoyed a complete family reunion this Christmas at their lovely new home as all of their children were at home, the first time in twelve years. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. John Alton of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Rhoades of Breckenridge, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Rhoades and children of Cliff ton, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Phillips of Lampasas, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Rhoades and children, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Wren and children, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bass, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shirley all of Hico.

Back From Florida.

Mrs. Odis Mings and two small children returned to Hico last week from Tampa, Florida, where they had been visiting her sister who resides there, and where the baby son was born several weeks ago.

Mr. Mings of Aruba, Dutch West Indies will join his family here in March for an extended stay in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mings.

Next Wednesday to Mark First Monthly Trades Day In 1937

Starting out on another year of profit-sharing with their customers, Hico merchants call attention to regular monthly Trades Day next Wednesday, Jan. 6. The customary gift distribution will be continued during the New Year, it was announced.

In an advertisement in this issue over the signature of the Chamber of Commerce, the fact is brought out that Hico merchants will continue these monthly parties in the face of the fact that other towns have let down in their efforts to offer special inducements to their customers since the Holiday season is closed.

It is also explained that Hico merchants are anxious to serve in every way possible, giving full value for each dollar spent, and in addition make it worthwhile to trade here in many other ways. In fact they are anxious to see their friends as often as possible, and are willing to go more than half way in their determination to do this.

Several unusual bargains will be found in local stores next Wednesday. Make your plans now to be on hand, meet your friends, share in the bargains, and participate in the monthly party, which has proven so popular, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, Jan. 3, 1937. 10 A. M. Bible School. Five classes. Come and let's study the Bible.

11 A. M. Preaching hour. Subject: "A Righteous Choice." 11:45 A. M. The Lord's Supper. 7:15 P. M. Bible Class for all.

8 P. M. Preaching. Subject: "The Foolishness of Preaching." Bro. Stanley Giesecke will do the preaching. Come and hear him. We have more than a welcome for you—a message of life.

In Stephenville Hospital.

George Dudley was taken to Stephenville Hospital last Saturday for examination, and returned Sunday for treatment. His condition became serious, and it was necessary to perform an operation early this week.

Reports from Stephenville on Thursday afternoon were that Mr. Dudley was resting well, and was apparently greatly improved over his previous state.

Preaching At Dry Fork.

Oran Columbus will preach at Dry Fork Sunday, January 3, at 11 A. M. His theme will be "How busy is the devil?" The public is invited to come and hear him. Also Bible study at 10:30 A. M.

Sees Niece Again.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Haden and son, Foy, of Weatherford, and Mrs. Richard Goar of Waco, were here over the week end visiting their niece, Mrs. O. E. Meador and family. Mrs. Goar had not seen her niece in ten or fifteen years, and their visit here was a most enjoyable one.

MOST PEOPLE LOOKING FORWARD TO CONTINUED BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DURING COMING YEAR

In an effort to ascertain the consensus of opinion as to what 1936 brought Hico in the way of improved business conditions, a News Review representative has made an effort to interview each business and professional man on his impressions along this line.

While it was of course impossible to contact each and every individual, the opinions of those interviewed are herewith presented as accurately as possible. Naturally they are not all optimistic, but good or bad they are told just as the parties named gave them to the reporter.

It's our patrons' story. So we won't spoil it with further introduction, explanation or apology. Read 'em, folks.

Mayor Sees Improvement and Hopes For More.

"While business during 1936 was considerably better than during the previous year, holiday trade would have been greatly stimulated by a better price for turkeys," said Mayor H. F. Sellers, who has served local banking interests for many years and always keeps in touch with the pulse of the community.

Mr. Sellers expressed the hope that weather conditions will continue favorable during the New Year, and that this country will not have to suffer the ill effects accompanying drought. He says a very bright outlook for farmers provided their produce will bring what it deserves.

Always a worker for the best interests of Hico, Mr. Sellers hopes many of the obstacles that have hampered the street work and made progress slow will be surmounted, and that the coming months may see consummation of improvements planned during the past year.

Matter of Individual Effort Says C. of C. Secretary.

"Good times are the result not so much of general conditions as of individual effort," stated S. J. Cheek, secretary of the Hico Chamber of Commerce in giving his outlook for the New Year.

Times are changing, he stated, and the fellow who succeeds now is the one who hustles and hustles. He sees a very bright outlook for those in this classification during 1937 and future years, and to prove his point calls attention to the trend which has been so noticeable during the past few years.

"Stay in there and pitch, wherever you are," is his advice to farmers, business men and the public in general.

School Has Made Progress During Past Year.

Improvements in the school system during the past twelve months have been numerous, according to Superintendent C. G. Masterson, although many people might not be aware of them.

An additional 1-2 credits of affiliation were granted during the school year 1935-1936, bringing the total to 3. This year it is expected that another credit on V. A. H. will be granted in the department headed by J. E. Lockhart.

Also expected is an affiliation credit on Home Economics, which department was inaugurated at the beginning of the present school term. This course is attracting many students, and a lot of new equipment has been purchased and paid for, it is reported.

Studio Has Unusual Volume Of Out-of-Town Trade.

Holiday business, while a little late in getting started due to adverse weather conditions, came up to expectations according to R. F. Wiseman, owner of the well-known studio that bears his name.

The volume of business was greater than for years, and one interesting feature was the unusually large amount of trade from neighboring towns. His business 1937 is bound to be a better year.

Christmas Eye Business Was Far Beyond Expectations.

J. W. Richbourg, local manager of the G. M. Carlton Bros. & Co. store, says the store had a fair year during 1936. Christmas was pretty good up to Christmas Eve, and on that day business was far beyond expectations.

During 1937 he predicts that there will be a lot of people on relief, but from a farmer's standpoint he thinks conditions a lot better, since there is so much moisture in the ground.

"Had Better Be Better" Says Grocery Proprietor.

Applied to his own personal business, Lyle Golden believes 1936 to have been a better year than the past one. "Well, 1937 had better be better," he said when asked as to his opinion of the outlook. And he said he believed general conditions over the country to be better at the present time.

Better Luck Next Year, Says Produce Manager.

Due to a number of conditions beyond control of local people, the past year was not so good as 1935 in the opinion of George Tabor, local produce buyer. However he has high hopes for the present year into which we are now entering.

Looks Like Dark Cloud, But Just Wait and See.

"The past year was not so hot," said J. A. Hughes, owner of a service station and auto supply house, "and 1937 looks like a dark cloud." But he says he will just have to wait and see what the year holds for us.

More People Out of Debt On Same Income.

"I know 1935 was much better—and ordinarily general conditions in 1937 should be better," said Roy Welborn, local manager of the Bell Ice & Dairy Products Co.

He based this belief on the fact that more people are out of debt now than for several years on practically the same income they had been receiving.

Wholesale Grocer Optimistic Over Outlook.

Formerly in the retail business in Hico for a number of years, Shirley Campbell recently sold his store to J. V. Lackey and opened a wholesale house which has begun to receive recognition as an up-and-coming business, making it a source of pride to local citizens.

Mr. Campbell is well satisfied with his business, stating that it is increasing all the time. He says 1937 looks like it will be a better year than the past five or six.

"As Much Difference As In Day and Night."

"There was as much difference in business conditions during 1936 and 1935 as there is in day and night," emphatically stated W. E. Petty, who looks forward to an even greater improvement during the New Year.

Mr. Petty stated that the fact that better conditions exist now should make us glad that we live in this community.

Was Easter to Get By During Past Year.

Make Johnson, who spends business hours at his barber shop in Hico, and his spare time in the poultry and light farming business at his place south of town, says he found 1936 a year of opportunities, especially applied to farm products.

He says 1937 should reflect these same conditions for the fellow who tries to get by and is willing to make things better.

Good Holiday Trade Brings Year's Business to End.

During the usual breathing spell following the holiday rush, Morris Harelik, manager of the H. & D. Harelik dry goods store at Hico, found time to express his views between taking stock and waiting on customers.

Mr. Harelik, who keeps up with general conditions over the country, believes that they have improved and that locally 1936 was a better year than its predecessors. Judging from the present outlook, he predicts that 1937 will be even better.

People in Lumber Spirits Says Producer Man.

Tom Pitts, manager of the local branch of Beckley Produce Co., says in some ways 1936 was better than 1935, but the main improvements was in the spirits of the people. He says here's hoping 1937 will be better.

Says Lot of People Will Get Out of Debt In 1937.

"During 1937 a lot of people will get out of debt," said L. L. Hudson, who added that 1936 was a better year than any since 1932 according to his opinion.

Mr. Hudson's forecasts are for a big year in 1937, and he gets his predictions from the "big boys" who are always up on conditions throughout the country. Having made a study of these views through voracious and regular reading, Mr. Hudson's outlook is entirely optimistic.

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We saw W. L. McDowell, Jr. during the holidays who was spending a few days here with his parents. He is a student at West Point in New York. On Christmas Eve Day he was driving his dad's new car down the street with friends, and his uniform attracted quite a lot of attention since Hicoans had not seen a West Point student in uniform in years. One girl remarked that she did not know that the McDowells had a chauffeur now.

One of the happiest persons in Hico on Christmas morning was Miss Louise Blair. She had received all her gifts and was pretty well pleased with the lot. The mail had been received and as far as she was concerned Christmas was at an end for the recipient of gifts. Before noon, Jesse Bobo drove up with a special delivery package for her, which contained a photograph of Jack Owens all dressed up in a band uniform. It came from Marlin where the Frank Owens family reside. Louise then considered her Christmas complete, for she was a very happy person the rest of the time.

During the many years we have lived in Hico, one person we had never seen until last Saturday was Mrs. Will Leeth. We asked her when she came into the office if she was visiting here, as we wanted to get her name on the list of our out-of-town guests. She then told us who she was, and we found her a very pleasant person indeed.

Since the illness of her husband, Mrs. Dale Elkins is opening a self serving laundry in the building formerly occupied by the Keeney Hatcher next door to Ragsdale's Market. The latest of machinery is being installed, and Mrs. Elkins will be prepared to take care of any work in this line, regardless of the size of the job.

Our good friend, J. H. Latham, who resides on Route 3, was in the office for a short chat Saturday. We casually asked him if they had a big Christmas. He said he didn't know what was meant by a big Christmas, but that no one at their place got killed or anything like that. Then he said that just he and his wife were there alone but that his wife cooked a lot more than they could eat. He said at times she seemed that she was hardly able to go, but that he always noticed that when it came time to eat she acted like a well person. He also said she was red-headed and that her disposition was equal to that of any red-head. He said some more things about the delicate size of his wife but that if he wanted Mrs. Latham to know it that he would tell her himself. Since we do not know this good wife, we would not dare to comment on anything he said. But if she is interested in knowing anything else about his remarks, she can see us.

One of the most cherished gifts received during Xmas by Gene Langston was a letter from one of his sisters who resides way out in the State of Oregon. It contained a message of love to her brother and words of encouragement, together with a wish of happiness and prosperity throughout the coming year. We were privileged to read the letter and think it worth much more than a valuable gift.

Mrs. G. C. Keeney, a new lady in the business field of Hico, has joined the list of many others and assists in the G. C. Keeney Hatcher and Feed business. Since going around the place we have learned that she is almost as efficient in the business as her husband, and just as congenial. Both Mr. and Mrs. Keeney are well pleased with their business since locating in Hico several months ago.

From all indications, Kat Segrist, Jr. is following in the footsteps of his father, and now deserves the title of "Cowboy Kat." The young man received boots, spurs, and other cowboy apparel for Christmas, and this week while visiting at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Sue Segrist, it trying out his new paraphernalia. He has also had his first calf-riding experiences this week, and is enjoying his holiday visit very much.

J. J. Leeth said about fifty of their children were here this Christmas and that the other fifty would visit them next Christmas. He says they are a very sympathetic bunch, and would not crowd in on them. He says of course he expects the public to understand that part of the number are grandchildren, and others great grandchildren.

On our rounds the first of the week interviewing the business men, we heard that Zack Barrow, who was visiting here from Lampasas thought 1936 was worse than 1935, that 1937 would be still worse and that by 1938 people would be eating one another.

Mable of the Green Frog got the Christmas spirit the first of last

week and went into the country to chop down a Christmas tree. Her efforts were rewarded about 10 o'clock that night when poison ivy broke out on her right arm. This week the blisters are with her and look like they will continue through 1937. And on Christmas Day she received among the many gifts a nice pair of chifton hose. She put them on that morning and in the afternoon fell at the back steps at her home and tore the instep out of one of them. Outside of that she said she had a very merry Christmas, and was still wearing a smile the middle of this week.

In almost every store we were in this week the clerks and managers were busy invoicing and getting ready for the 1937 business. Most everyone seemed well pleased with the results of last year's efforts put forth and are starting out with vim, vigor and vitality for the coming year. Here's hoping they may receive much more business and be blessed with all the good things of this life. We mean these blessings for not only the business people but for each reader of this column.

Mrs. Maggie Pruitt, Tuesday, had the distinguished Newton brothers of Evans, Texas, as her guests. "Believe it or not" their names are as follows: C. C. C. (Clarence Calno Case) Newton; J. J. J. (Jervey Jersey Jethro) Newton; N. N. N. (Nirra Nury Nucom) Newton; E. E. E. (Esto Estus Estoc) Newton; O. O. O. (Ogro Otley Ote) Newton; I. I. I. (Isaac Igo Imo) Newton; K. K. K. (Kelton Kelsio Kely) Newton; two sisters: Z. Z. Z. (Zole Zephyr Zenobia) Newton; V. V. V. (Veda Virra Veal) Newton.

Fairy By CORRESPONDENTS

(Intended for last week) Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts and 3 daughters of Ireland were visiting Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Cox. Mrs. Robinette is a cousin of Mrs. Cox.

Mesdames C. E. Lester, Herman Rhodes and Alva Poteet of Hico spent Tuesday last week in the home of the former's daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Hershall Richardson. Mr. and Mrs. Bud Licett of near Hamilton are visiting with relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. L. P. Richardson of Hico spent Thursday of last week visiting in the home of her sons, J. O. Richardson and family.

Miss Robilee Allison of Houston, is here for a few days visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Allison and family who is training for a nurse in a Houston hospital. She has many friends here who wish her much success in her future work.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McDowell of Hico, visited Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery Monday night of this week. Lested Betts who is attending A. & M. College at Bryan is at home for the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Betts, and Joe and also his many Fairy friends.

Mrs. Sam Trimmer and daughter, Ima Dee, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Ray Trimmer and son Billy, to their home in San Antonio, where they will remain for a few days visit.

Rev. J. D. Farmer of Cranfills Gap, filled his regular appointment here Sunday morning and evening at the Methodist Church. Mrs. John McGlothlin, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McGlothlin, and Mr. Lon Jones of near Dublin, visited their relatives Mr. and Mrs. Bill McGlothlin and children Sunday.

Miss Wilma Caraway was a guest of Miss Geraldine Rowe of near Cranfills Gap, the past week end. Mrs. Wallace Edwards and daughter, Betty Lou, Mrs. Oran Willeford, and Miss Freda Clayton were in Hamilton Monday afternoon.

Mr. W. L. Jones, Mr. Joe Ables, Wiley Jones and Weynard Allison were Waco visitors Monday. Mr. Toby Byrd of Carlton is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Pitts and family.

Miss Nip Abel of Old Hico visited a few days last week with Miss Lorene Pitts.

Rev. Thurman Rucker of Fort Worth will fill his regular appointment at the Baptist Church here next Saturday evening, Sunday, and Sunday evening. You are invited to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Whitson and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rainwater and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Goynne and daughter, Zell.

Mr. and Mrs. Audie Clark and little daughter, Audine, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ory Marri-son.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Wright and little daughter, La Nelle, visited Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Grant and family Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. John Rainwater visited her mother, Mrs. Stringer of Hamilton Wednesday night. Mrs. Elbert Lambert spent Friday with her sister, Mrs. Haskell Lambert.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rainwater spent Sunday in Hamilton with her mother, Mrs. Stringer.

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Unity By THYRA EARLEY

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor and children Whitney visited Sunday with Mrs. Hooper and Mr. and Mrs. Rance McElroy and children. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor remained for a longer visit with her mother and sister, Mrs. Hooper and Mrs. McElroy.

Mrs. Ada McElroy and children of Stephenville were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McElroy Sunday.

Misses Edna and Addie Lee Connally visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ogle and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Morgan.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Warford of Meridian, Mr. and Mrs. Parmore and daughter of Spring Creek, Mrs. Chanceller and son, Frank, of Iredell were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Tidwell Sunday.

Mr. McElroy and son, Tom, of Grandview were guests in the home of their uncle and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rance McElroy Sunday and Sunday night.

Leroy Hathcock spent Sunday night with Hooper Edwards. Mrs. Earley and daughter, Thyra, visited Monday afternoon with Mrs. Rance McElroy and daughter, Theta, and Mrs. Hooper and Mrs. Joe Taylor.

Tom Pruitt visited Monday evening with John Tidwell. Rance McElroy and son, Mark, were business visitors in Hamilton Tuesday.

Thyra Earley visited Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Ray Morgan and Mrs. Robert Ogle.

Mrs. W. E. Bush and left daughter, Wilma Jean, spent Wednesday morning to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Davis of Eola.

The members of the Mt. Zion Home Demonstration Club entertained their families and friends Wednesday evening with a turkey supper in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Kidd. During the evening Santa Claus called. All enjoyed themselves.

Mrs. Robert Ogle and children spent from Thursday until Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nep Connally.

Mrs. Ray Morgan and baby were guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Earley from Tuesday evening until Friday afternoon.

Robert Lewis, who works in Fort Worth, spent the Christmas holidays at the home of his parents.

Mrs. Newburn Hanshaw and baby were guests in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Rucker Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamp Rucker, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Connally and children, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Word and son, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Connally and children of Comanche, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Connally and children of Greysville, and Mr. and Mrs. Prater and son of Comanche were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Connally and daughters Friday.

Because they could not all be present on Christmas Eve night, Santa Claus waited until Friday night to visit the home of Mr. and Mrs. Connally.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Morgan and baby, and Mr. Bush were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earley Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Word and children spent Christmas with relatives near Cleburne.

A number of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pruitt spent Christmas Day at home with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Juline Jones and children visited Friday with relatives in Hico.

Thyra Earley was a dinner guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tidwell Saturday.

Miss Martha Rucker spent the week end in the home of her sister, Mrs. Newburn Hanshaw.

Gordon By MRS. ELLA NEWTON

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Friddy and son Tom Frank of Friddy, spent Xmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Perkins and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Weston Newton and son W. J., of Mt. Zion, spent Xmas Day with his mother and sister and nephew.

Miss Loraine Tidwell of Addick's Texas is visiting her sister, Mrs. Bryan Smith and family.

Mrs. Ella Newton and Mrs. Ima Smith and son Lewis, spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. Weston Newton and family of Mt. Zion.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Smith and family spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tidwell of Iredell. Mrs. Ella Newton and family visited in the W. D. Perkins home a while Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Haught of Jones County, visited her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lester last week.

Lee Friddy and wife of Mill's County were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hanshaw and son, Ernest Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Wince Perkins and children visited Homer Lester and wife Sunday afternoon.

D. E. Caveness and children, Mr. and Mrs. John Tidwell and Miss Loraine Tidwell of Iredell visited Bryan Smith and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Naly Bingham spent the holidays in Dallas visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Montgomery visited their children in Dallas during the holidays.

Jeff Rallsback and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rallsback of McLean, and N. W. Morgan of Gorman, visited in the home of Mrs. S. C. Rallsback last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Cozby and family had as guests Friday, Mr. and Mrs. George Cozby and Miss Mary Jo Alexander of Claiborne.

Mr. and Mrs. Truett Jones of West Texas, spent the week end visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Prater of Stephenville, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Young Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Roy Dove visited his parents in Hamilton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Montgomery and children of Carlton, and Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Montgomery and son of Dallas were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Montgomery and Earl Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Lafevre of Meadow, and Mrs. C. E. Wilhite and Vasta Rose of Carlton visited in the Henry McAnelly and Paul Gibson homes Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Allen of Dallas visited relatives in this community during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks McPherson and children and Mr. and Mrs. Lavill McPherson and little son of Carlton, visited Mr. and Mrs. O. W. McPherson Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Gibson and sons, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stringer and daughter of Carlton, and Mr. and Mrs. Mack Falkner of Dublin, visited Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stringer Friday.

Miss Mary Beth Clifton who is attending J. T. A. C. at Stephenville, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Clifton and Myrl and James Horace.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Wilhite and children and Mrs. J. W. Wilhite and son, J. A., of Tanglewood, spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McAnelly and Glynna.



BIRDS a study Of all of the forms of animal life which I see around my country home, birds always interest me most. There is something fascinating in the facility with which they do what humans can do only with the aid of costly machines—that is to fly. And even the best airplane ever built can't light on the limb of a tree! The trees around my house are populated by a great variety of birds, varying according to season. Just now the blue-jays are the principal tenants. They are not only beautiful to look at, but along among the birds I know they seem to have a sense of humor. At least, they always seem to be laughing, as if at a good joke. I have a friend, Dr. Casey Wood, a famous oculist now retired from practice, whose hobby is the study of bird vision. He tells me the bluejay has keener sight than any other American bird except hawks.

HAWKS an' owls Wild-life experts are saying now that farmers make a mistake when they shoot hawks. The occasional chicken which a hawk may snatch when there is no other food in sight is small pay for his services in keeping down the field mice and other pests which fatten on crops.

The popular notion that owls are especially wise birds is also false, according to Col. H. P. Sheldon of the U. S. Biological Survey. Owls are actually rather stupid, he says. They sit still and say nothing because they don't know enough to do anything else. "The owl is a fool, and you can quote me as saying so," says Col. Sheldon.

I don't imagine that owls are any more foolish than most other birds, however, in the presence of unfamiliar surroundings. A swallow flew in the open window of my bedroom not long ago and didn't have sense enough to go out the same way. He broke his neck trying to fly through the glass of a closed window.

PESTS two named There are two kinds of birds I don't like—nor does anyone else, that I know of. They are the English sparrows and the starlings, also an importation from England. Unlike most of our American birds, neither starlings nor English sparrows migrate in winter.



1937

And Opportunity-

The New Year arrives, bringing opportunities galore, but not necessarily carrying them on a silver tray. Opportunities today, as during all of last year, are everywhere for those who go out and seek them.

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and perhaps because their ancestors have lived for a thousand generation in a densely populated country, they seem to like to stay close to houses.

If they were musical, that might not be so bad, but the only bird noise I know which is more annoying than the chattering of English sparrows is the loud, raucous squawking of a flock of starlings. The worst thing about these imported birds, however, is not so much their noise as the fact that they drive our native birds away wherever they decide to congregate.

SWANS fresh water If not the most beautiful of all birds, the swan comes pretty close to being the most graceful when afloat. On land a swan waddles like a duck, and I have never seen one in flight, but I like to watch them swimming. One of my Pennsylvania neighbors has a swan farm at Yardley, where he not only raises swans but takes them to board in the winter.

A curious fact about swans is that they are such strictly freshwater birds that even a few minutes of swimming in salt water makes them ill, and sometimes kills them. A theatrical producer did not know that put on a show on a raft off Jones' Beach on Long Island last Summer. He borrowed or rented a number of swans, for scenic effect, including some of the rare and valuable black swans. He had to pay the owners from \$50 to \$200 each for the dead and disabled swans which he had tethered to the raft out in the ocean.

SQUIRREL winter Next to the birds, the most friendly and interesting tenants of the trees around my house are the gray squirrels. They are fat and thick-furred just now, which some of my country friends say is a forecast of a hard, cold winter. I have been watching squirrels for a good many years, and it is my belief that their fatness and the thickness of their fur depends entirely and whether they get enough to eat or not.

Since moving from Massachusetts to Pennsylvania I have not seen any of our familiar New England red squirrels. I don't miss them much; they are noisy and quarrelsome. I do, however, miss the little striped ground squirrels or chipmunks, who have to have stone-piles and sandy soil to live in, and which do not flourish in the smooth, clay-loam soil of Bucks County.

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SPORTSMAN FLIES HIGH

by Lawrence A. Keating

Eighth Installment
SNOPSIS: Detective Dan Colwell of the Graber-Vael private detective agency is assigned the job of shadowing lawyer Arthur McDonald whose wife fears gangster enemies are plotting to murder him. McDonald is murdered in spite of Colwell's watchfulness. Now, with McDonald dead the smuggling ring which he led has become disorganized. Colwell risks his life to gather evidence by playing one against another.

"Look out! Hey!" The truck driver careened his vehicle nearer the edge of the road at another mad lunge of her car. "Keep away! Get that thing away from here!" The second man leaned out. "Go on, honey—we don't want an accident," he begged. "Listen, this thing would bust your car to kindling. You too!" He all but pitched at the coupe as it veered at him and his comrade jerked the truck aside. The man shrank back inside the cab.

"—drunk and crazy as—" Colwell heard.
Irita went into a new series of corkscrew lunges and a new series of gestures and calls. The coupe kept edging the big truck nearer and nearer the edge of the road. The driver was increasingly nervous; his companion tensely awaited the crash.

A final reckless swoop brought a harsh scrape of fenders. The truck lurched away to avoid a bad smashup. Its double rear wheels mired in the soft shoulder of the road and the driver abruptly was bereft of strength to get it back. There was a prolonged sucking sound, a series of yells and warnings from both occupants of the truck—then a crash.

One headlamp shattered against a tree. A fender scraped its tire. The big five-ton truck with Acme Carriers, Inc., U. S. Customs Bonded, Permit 229, painted on her side, came to a dead halt. Irita also stopped. Colwell slipped unseen out the far door, a long, keen edged knife in his hand. He hurried to the rear of the truck.

Irita climbed out with the air of a woman scorned and about to do something important. She carried a wrench in one hand. "What d'you mean, runnin' into me?" she demanded shrilly as she went to meet the pair.

"What you talkin' about? Lookit that busted light!" the driver moaned, pointing. "Who's going to pay for that, huh? Damn all drunk-en drivers! A woman, too. Why—"

"Who says I'm a woman? Who says I'm a lady. Thasswhat I am!" She straightened proudly. "I'm a lady. What you mean bendin' my fender? Have you arrested. Terrible driving. Want to kill me? Catcha see where you're going?"

She carried it out with zest, as if she enjoyed it. But it was hard. Hateful work. Irita declaimed, complained, and berated them. She had the men perspiring. They began to think she was right and that they were wholly wrong. Until at length she seemed to lose interest, and turned back to her coupe.

"Teach you a good lesson," she muttered crankily. "Do it again! I'll have you arrested!"

With that she banged the door on her side, started up the motor, and backed gingerly from contact with the truck fender. Colwell, crouched low beside her, waited until they were a mile away from the truck. Then he straightened with a sigh.

"That was a rotten job to ask you to do. But Irita, you did it nobly. And we've got 'em in the rear deck—brushes from Holland. It was right on the edge of the tailgate waiting to be taken!"

They wheeled at a fast pace down the concrete road. "Two hundred and fifty thousand in snow! Irita, that'll put us—"

"Dan!"

Her exclamation was followed by a leap of the coupe that threw his head back. At the same instant she swerved aside. A sedan shot at them through the dark. It bore no light, and Irita, at sight of the thing lunging from nowhere, had to act with split-second precision.

The cars seemed doomed to meet head-on; but at the last possible instant the driver of the sedan twisted aside and Irita's twist gave them a foot between.

Glass tinkled. There was a thin spray on the girl's arm. Again it bubbled as the second orange stab of flame came from the other car. Its tires shrieked on the concrete. The car plunged like a piston to back and turn. The spray of the rear window stung Colwell's cheek.

Irita—step on it—they're turning! I'll give 'em something to chew on, but girl! It's Graber and Quillen and Vael!"

absorbed the day's news. He took the cigar from his mouth, flicked ashes on the floor, and replaced it. Sighing, he turned a page of his paper to read the Around town column.

"Word reached us to day," he read. "That Otto Graber, partner with Horace Vael in a local detective agency, suffered a hunting accident four days ago. Graber and a party of friends were starting from their camp near Ewing, Pennsylvania, early one morning when one of their guns accidentally discharged. Graber suffered a shoulder wound which local doctors pronounced not serious. Otto, well known as an aviation enthusiast, expects to fly his Monogram plane back to be at his desk in the sleuth agency next Monday morning."

Dan puffed interestingly on his cigar as he re-read the item. His eyes squinted at the window. Graber had a neat alibi worked up. Very good. Even to be "accidental" discharged of a gun. But as a matter of fact the "accident" had occurred out on the Telegraph Road when Graber just barely



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missed getting that two hundred fifty thousand dollars worth of snow which Colwell now was offering to sell him for forty thousand.

He tossed the newspaper on his desk. Yawned and stretched. It was tresome waiting. Colwell wished the boys would meet his price and get the thing over. Forty thousand from Graber, forty also from Quillen. Each side acting independently, the same Boston bag of snow sold both parties—if it could be so worked—would net Colwell a sweet eighty grand.

His telephone tinkled. "Graber or Quillen?" Dan asked without a moment's hesitation. "Oh, Lefty! I'm here till I get my price or rot. By the way, it goes up five thousand a day from now on. You fellows have to pay me for all the time I'm wasting. You think I enjoy putting off my little vacation?"

About to replace the ear piece, he listened. A grin overspread his blunt face at the torrent of heated curses. Dan felt gingerly of the adhesive tape crisscross on his head. "Certainly I'll sell to Graber! First come, first served. So you boys fell out again? Yes, yes, I know. Otto is ambitious that way. So it's every man for himself now—and that goes for me too."

He listened a moment. "Never mind threats—ring me up when you're bringing in the cash. Where can you make a buy like this? Sure, I know. But that two hundred and fifty G's wasn't all your money. What about McDonald and Graber and Vael? Probably Catterby too. "No, I'm sitting tight." Of a sudden his eyes kindled as the voice at the other end changed. "What, Okay? This afternoon at three?"

Well, I tell you, Lefty: a special favor, see, I will hold the stuff for you. It's a deal. But not a minute after three! Remember, when you come, come alone. Else you don't get in!"

He hung up. The grin deepened on his face and Dan laughed aloud. So Quillen had given in: he would buy! But he could not raise forty thousand in cash until afternoon, he said. Colwell rubbed his hands with exuberance. On sined up—that was great!

Now to hook Graber. . . . Forty five minutes passed. Dan stirred at the summons of the buzzer. He swung his feet from the desk, felt for his gun in his shoulder holster, and moved for the door. But without touching its knob he stealthily opened a wire wall screen panel. The person outside could not see in, nor would any tiny pinpoints of light suddenly show through yellow kalsomine. But Colwell could see out, and he raised one eyebrow as he recognized Helen Fane.

He thought a moment. Then he unlocked and unbolted the door. "Hello! Come in—if you're alone."

She smiled. As more than once before he was struck by her regal grace and the simple, yet effective costume she wore. The little maroon hat tilted archly over her hazel eyes, matched the rabbit-hair maroon wool dress that showed through her open mink coat. It was chilly out today with the crisp tang of winter. Colwell smiled appreciatively.

He closed and locked the door with care. "Well," he said, "you've tapped my wire and probably have a dictaphone planted, so I'll have to be polite, won't I? Have a chair. The inner office please. Cigarette? I hope you brought a fat wad of Graber's money. Hear you and he are thick again."

She smiled up at him, shrugging. They both were aware that every word said could be heard clearly by Otto. Under a fake name he had rented the next suite south. Helen leaned to the match he cupped, then sat back in her chair and blew a little wrizzling smoke ring.

"Why not be reasonable?" Colwell feigned surprise. "As if I'm not!"

Helen Fane took a tiny memo pad from her purse, and a patented pencil. As she talked she wrote a few words, slowly and carefully. "You're not a very good insurance risk these last few days. After all, fifteen thousand is more than a private detective earns a month. Or year. It's a lot of money. Hard to come by. And you could have it so easily!" Helen purred.

"Fifteen is chicken feed. Look

here," he told her earnestly. "I'm boosting the price five thousand a day. Tomorrow, forty-five thousand. Next day, fifty. Take it or leave it. Maybe I'll use the stuff myself." Dan grinned. "Why not? There's enough to last till I'm eighty."

"You'll never live to eighty." Finishing her writing, she handed the slip to Colwell. He read it, tucked the paper away. "How much did you bring?"

"Twenty-five," she said. "Nothing doing. Waste of time. Just out of cussedness. I want forty. You tell Graber I'm not coming down and he can send you my place to shut it off. Built for one suite, you see, but when Mr. McDonald took separate space—"

Colwell considered, frowning. He could rely on Sommers, of course; he had paid the man enough. "Well," he said in some

reluctance, "all right then. Provided you bring him up. I want to see you with him so there's no mistake, but of course you don't need to come in."

Continued Next Issue.

Old Hico

By Miss Margaret Proffitt

Well, here we are after Christmas and we hope you all had a merry Christmas and wish you a happy New Year.

The guest of Mr. and Mrs. Longbotham during the holidays were: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Price of El Paso, Dr. Maudie Longbotham and children of Cross Plains, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Schoffner also of Cross Plains, and J. T. Longbotham of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Shaffer are spending awhile in South Texas with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Proffitt and children spent Christmas Day in the home of Mrs. G. W. Proffitt of Falls Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Busby and children of Morgan and Mr. and Mrs. Whiskey and children of Austin, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rainwater.

Lorraine Blakely spent Friday night with Neal Proffitt.

Mrs. Jess Rainwater entertained the Jolly Neighbors Club with a Christmas tree Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ables spent Christmas with her mother, Mr. and Mrs. Chumley of Evant.

Mr. and Mrs. Jude Massengale and son spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Parker of Greysville.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Massengale spent Sunday in Walnut Springs.

Mr. O. Longbotham is spending the week in Cross Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Proffitt and children spent Sunday with her mother, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Massengale of Hico.

Mr. Curtis Gossitt has returned to Duncan, Arizona, where he will finish his work in the C. C. Camps.

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Greyville

By GLADYS HICKS

Mr. and Mrs. King Brannon and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brannon and daughter of near Carlton, spent Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Ogle and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Alexander of Hog Jaw spent Friday guest of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Alexander and family.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Patterson and daughter and Mrs. Lizzie Herrin and daughter, Estelle, spent Xmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Oall and family of near Hico.

Mr. and Mrs. Deems Smith and son spent Christmas with his parents of Proctor.

The Greysville pupils with the help of the teachers and a few outsiders put on a Christmas program Wednesday night at the Greysville school house. They also had a beautiful Christmas tree and "Old Santa" came.

Those who spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hicks and daughter were: Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hicks and family of Dry Fork, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hendricks of near Hico, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Hicks and family of near Hico, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Johnson and children, Mr. and Mrs. James Hicks both of this community, Ardis Jones of Hico, and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hicks and sons of Buckanan Dam.

Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Lambert and Elbert Lambert of near Fairy, Perry Raby of Waco, and Mr. and Mrs. Lorence Tolver of near Walnut Springs spent Friday guest of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Lambert.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Herrin and family of near Iredell spent Sunday with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Patterson and daughter.

Miss Laura Ogle spent the latter part of the week guest of Miss Valia Brannon of near Carlton.

Raymond Johnson from the Dublin C. C. Camps spent the holidays with home folks.

Misses Nadine and Marie Seay accompanied by Roy Thompson and daughter of near Carlton spent Friday guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Crow of near Fairy.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hicks and family of Buchanan Dam spent Friday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hicks and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Latham of Dry Fork and Mr. Miller of Millerville, spent Sunday in the G. A. Latham home.

Mrs. Opal Hendrix and children of Hico spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Killion.

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Flag Branch

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For their splendid patronage during the past year and we wish to pause here from our business routine to wish you one and all a—



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DEATH ON THE HIGHWAY

While the year's tally of automobile deaths is not yet complete, the figures already available make it clear that the record of 1936 is higher than that of 1935. About 37,000 persons were killed in motor accidents in the twelve months...

Those who have given this subject study agree that the blame for most of these killings lies not with the car nor the road, but with the driver. There are still twenty states in which no license is required to drive a car...

When each individual does all that he is able to do toward avoiding an accident of any kind, then and then only, will our traffic accidents be avoided.

PREVENTION IS CURE AUTO ACCIDENTS

Austin, Dec. 29.—The only way to avoid the useless waste of life due to traffic accidents is to prevent the accident, reads a warning issued by Dr. George W. Cox, State Health Officer.

"It is not a question of who is right and who is wrong after the accident has occurred," he said, "an automobile accident never happens merely because of 'bad luck'—there is a definite cause for every one of them, although it is not possible to determine the precise origin of every mishap."

"Leaders of the safety movement agree that the most fundamental approach to the solution of our national accident problem lies in the education and training of the individual. Safety education includes the training of individuals to avoid accidents to themselves and to prevent accidents to others. It involves the acquisition of a certain fund of information, the ability to apply this information to concrete situations, and the building up of habits, which will make the application of knowledge to situation automatic."

"The dangerous curves and intersections on the highways of this State are distinctly marked, and automobile drivers can assist greatly in the reduction of deaths from automobile accidents by carefully observing these warning signs."

"Some motorists rely too much thinking that if they are obeying traffic rules and regulations, the rules of the road at the same time when an accident occurs, no blame can be attached to them. This is not true. The only man who can consider himself blameless in case of an accident, when he is obeying the rules of the road, is the one who did everything possible to avoid that accident."

"The consequences of an automobile accident are so disastrous, that only when we have done everything in our power to avoid such accidents, can we consider ourselves, or expect others to consider us, blameless in the case of an accident."

"When each individual does all that he is able to do toward avoiding an accident of any kind, then and then only, will our traffic accidents be avoided."

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

by Charles E. Dunn

The Son of God Becomes Man, Lesson for January 3rd, John 1:1-14

Golden Text: John 1:14

"During the first quarter of the new year we shall be studying St. John's gospel which Dr. Cadman called the greatest religious document ever written. Certainly it is the best loved book of the Bible."

John was the youngest of the twelve disciples, and a beloved favorite of his Master. Strong and deep in nature he was called a "son of thunder."

Every once in a while somebody's name will be mentioned and everybody present will say: "He's a good man." But how often are most of us moved to pay that tribute to one of our fellow citizens?

The truth is that good men are scarce. Good men, that is, in the sense of being first-rate workmen at their trades or professions, honest and upright, in all their dealings with others, independent and self-reliant, industrious and sober. The highest tribute one man can pay to another is to say "He's a good man."

Of how many in any community can that be said? How many farmers are really good farmers? How many workers in any trade can be relied upon to do an honest day's work and do everything as well as it can be done?

WEATHER REPORT FOR PAST SEVEN DAYS GIVES LOCAL OBSERVER'S DATA

Table with columns: Date, High, Low, Prec., Day. Rows for Dec 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29.

Total precipitation so far this year, 30.08 inches.

Honey Grove

By CORRESPONDENT

Mrs. Emmet Tinsley visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rhomes of Moran during Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Felery of Hamilton stayed in the J. W. Burden home while they visited in Fort Worth during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tinsley and son, W. H. Jr., visited Mrs. Tinsley's parents at Moran Christmas Day and night.

Sunday, the 27th being the birthday anniversaries of Arthur and Luther Burden, and also their little niece, Melba Jean Proffitt, the following met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Burden to celebrate with a family reunion. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Burden and son, Alton, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Pittman, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Proffitt and daughters, Lucille and Melba Jean of Carlton; Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Weeks and daughter, Maxine, Jackson, Tennessee; Mrs. Lee Petery and children, Norman Lee and Sue Carolyn, of Hamilton; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Burden, Hico; Mr. and Mrs. Luther Burden and children, Mary Louise and Wendell Clark, Carlton; Mr. and Mrs. Owen Burden and twin sons, Junior and Sonnie, Goldsboro; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Proffitt and sons, Bobby Jack, and Dewey Harold, Carlton; Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Vaughn and son, Joe Marshall, Carlton; Mrs. L. P. Richardson, Hico. All brought well filled baskets of turkey, cakes, pies, salads, pickles and everything good to eat. Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Richardson and children, James, Dudley and Charlie, and Mrs. T. L. Betts and sons, Lester and Joe of Fairy came in the afternoon. Everyone seemed to enjoy the day but sad goodbyes were said and all went to their respective homes wishing many more such days to those who it was their birthday.

Popular Fairy Couple Married December 20th

On Sunday, December 20, Miss Ruby Davis became the bride of Mr. Grady Wilson, the sacred marriage vows having been taken at Fort Worth.

After a few days' visit with relatives and friends in Fort Worth, the young couple returned to Fairy where they will make their home, and where the groom will be engaged in farming.

The bride, who is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Davis, is a pretty girl, amiable in disposition and charming in manner. She enjoys the love and admiration of a large circle of friends to whom her new happiness is of affectionate interest.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wilson, and is a young man of many friends. Everyone is extending congratulations on his good fortune in winning for his wife the winsome Miss Ruby Davis.

Their friends wish for them a long life of happiness together, and the blessings and material prosperity that come as a reward of righteous living and industry.

Mt. Pleasant

By S. N. AKIN

Lola Mae and Braxton Edington visited with their father, Walter Edington of Abilene from Wednesday night of last week until Monday of this week.

J. F. Akin and family of Tahoka, visited with his brothers, S. N. Akin of this place and W. H. Akin of the Wilson community in Comanche County from Wednesday until Sunday.

Dalton Akin who had been in West Texas returned with his uncle.

H. M. Allison and wife ate dinner with their children at Fairy Sunday.

Mack Williamson has traded places with a Mr. Robertson of near Jonesboro and both families have been busy moving for several days last week and some of this week.

S. N. Akin spent Saturday night also Sunday and Monday with his brother, W. H. Akin and family of Wilson.

Truman Akin visited with Ray Trimmer and family of San Antonio from Sunday until Tuesday. Juanita and Jocie Mae Parks and Lola Mae Edington, Dalton Akin, Cecil Parks and Braxton Edington visited in the Spring Creek community Tuesday night.

There was a party at R. H. Shepherd's last Wednesday night which was enjoyed by a large crowd.

Grady Wilson and Ruby Davis stole a march on their many friends by driving to Fort Worth several days ago and getting married. We wish them the greatest of happiness.

Buck Bridges of Beaumont visited homefolks during Christmas.

Mrs. S. N. Akin and sons, Norvell and Lloyd, visited in the home of W. H. Akin and family of Wilson while Sunday morning.

Cecil Parks visited in Abilene from Saturday until Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Thomas have been staying in the home of her aunt, Mrs. Walter Houston of Spring Creek.

We wish for the News Review and its many readers a very happy and prosperous New Year.

John L. Wilson Married To Carlton Girl

A marriage of interest to the people of this community was that of John L. Wilson to Miss Mary Francis McClatchy of near Carlton, which occurred Thursday afternoon, Dec. 24, at 2:30 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Martin at his residence at Paris. Miss Ona May McClatchy, sister of the bride, and Warren Heifer of Hico, were the only witnesses to the marriage.

The bride, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McClatchy of near Carlton, was married in a grey suit with navy accessories. She graduated from the Carlton High School, and is very popular with the younger set of her community.

Miss Laryne Hardin Married To Dallas Man Dec. 23rd

Rev. E. E. Dawson read the vows which united in marriage Miss Laryne Hardin and Mr. Alton Moses of Dallas in a ceremony performed at the Baptist parsonage Wednesday evening, December 23, at 8:30 o'clock.

The marriage was witnessed by Mr. and Mrs. Walton Gandy, Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Hardin, Miss Sylvia Harelik and Bill Hall.

The bride, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hardin of Hico, wore a black lace costume with duvrene accessories. She is a graduate of Hico High School.

The groom, a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Moses of Hillsboro, is a graduate of Hillsboro High School. For several years he has been employed by Duncan Coffee Co., and is at present located in Dallas where they will make their home.

Following the wedding a reception was held in the home of the bride's parents.

Congratulations and best wishes are extended the couple by their many friends.

Fairy Ladies Entertained Sun Beam Club Members

Mrs. Pete Parks and Mrs. Johnny Jackson of Fairy were joint hostesses to the members of the Sun Beam Club at a Christmas party at Mrs. Parks' home Friday afternoon of last week.

The home was lovely in its holiday attire with a Christmas tree containing a gift for each guest. After various games were played, refreshments were served to thirty-eight guests.

The club sent a beautiful pot plant to Mrs. Clara Brunson who has been ill for sometime, and who is a faithful member.

W. M. F. Met At Church Monday With Eight Present

The W. M. F. met at the church Monday afternoon at 2:30 with eight ladies present.

Mrs. Aubry Smith gave the devotional. Prayer was given by Mrs. Russell. A short business meeting was then held at which time reports were made for the quarterly meeting to be held at Evant on Thursday of this week.

We meet at the church next Monday at 2:30 in the afternoon in our regular Royal Service program and business meeting. Come! REPORTER.

This purchasing power, plus that derived from direct exports, formerly enabled the people of Texas to command a larger volume and variety of both domestic and foreign goods and hence to enjoy a higher standard of living. To aid in restoring the foreign commerce of the United States, without which a return to prosperous conditions on an enduring basis would be all but impossible, Congress granted to the President, under the Trade Agreements Act of June 12, 1934, authority to negotiate reciprocal trade agreements with foreign countries.

Painting in sand, using the various colors to make her pictures, is a fad with Mrs. Anna W. Brown of Vero Beach, Florida. She has found thirty different shades of sand. Her pictures have been exhibited at the International Exposition in Toronto, the Century of Progress in Chicago, at Rockefeller Center and at the Great Lakes Exposition in Cleveland.

MONUMENTS

In memory of those who have passed, nothing is more fitting than a marker or monument—in granite or marble. Will be glad to call and show you the samples and designs.

FRANK MINGUS

Phone 272 HICO, TEXAS

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Miss Mary McCullough is spending the week in Goldthwaite with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe H. Hill and Mr. and Mrs. W. P. McLaugh.

Mr. and Mrs. George Leeth and children of Hico were here on Christmas Day at the home of Mrs. M. Phillips and Mr. and Mrs. J. Leeth.

Mr. and Mrs. Segrist and son, and Mrs. Louaine and Lucille Segrist, Dallas, were here during holidays visiting their mother, Mrs. Sue Segrist.

Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson spent Christmas Day in Hillsboro, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Siddons and Mrs. Anderson's sisters.

Ray Rider of Junction came up and Christmas with his mother, Mrs. K. Rider, and sister, Mrs. S. Jackson and husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Platt of Waco spent Christmas and the first of the week here visiting their mothers, Ida Porter and Mrs. Willie B.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Duncan and her mother, Mrs. M. C. Curdy of Dallas, and Mrs. S. Jackson and Mrs. W. J. Crump.

Miss Emm Dee Hall of San Angelo, who connected with W. P. A. work district 19, was a holiday guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Holford.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Wolfe of Mansfield, La., spent the latter part last week here with his mother, Mrs. Anna Wolfe, and brother, H. Wolfe and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gray of Thrall spent the Christmas holidays here with her grandfather, Mack Phillips and Miss Grace Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hubbard, daughter and son, Mary and Everett, of Dallas spent Christmas Day here with George Stringer and family and other relatives.

Miss Salee Hudson who is teaching in the Schulenburg schools spent the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Hudson.

Mrs. May Holland of Dallas spent the week end here visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Roland L. Holford and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Freeman and baby, Saura Carroll, and Miss Jewell Gens of Dallas, were Christmas visitors of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Owens.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Rodgers and children and Miss Thoma Rodgers spent last Friday in Waco visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Dinter and son.

Jack Vekrey who is attending the State University at Austin spent the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Vekrey.

Misses Mary Lois Anglin and Martha Johnson left last Wednesday for their homes in Waco to spend the holidays with their parents.

Miss Lela Riley spent Christmas with her parents at Pottsville. Her sister, Charlie who has been here, visiting her returned with her to Pottsville Xmas Eve.

Ismael Firtle of Fort Worth was in Hico during the holidays visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Pirtle and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Golithly and children and Mrs. A. J. Jordan were recent visitors of Mrs. Jordan's brother, J. R. Poston and family at Teague.

Mr. and Mrs. George McKinley and three children of Houston spent the week end here visiting her sister, Mrs. J. W. Fairry and family.

Miss Mattie Lee Goad of Dallas spent the latter part of last week here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Goad. Miss Goad has a nice position in Dallas.

Mrs. Gene Langston and family, Mrs. Lenora Langston and Mr. and Mrs. Will Faggard spent the week end in Moran visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wiley and children.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gage, Mrs. O. L. Guese, Wynson Graves and two sons, Kenney and Wynonne, and Mrs. J. M. Graves visited J. D. Gage at Bertram Sunday.

Dinner guests in the home of Mrs. E. J. Parker on Christmas Day were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Looney of Rising Star, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Looney of Help, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Doty and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Starley.

Miss Dorine McMurray of Brownwood spent the latter part of last week here with her parents east of town, and visited Miss Mayo Hollis a part of the time.

Mrs. M. E. Wood and daughter, Fort Worth, spent Christmas in Fort Worth visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Farmer and daughter. They were met there by Misses Ruby and Tot Wood of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Chenault and son of Waco, and Ben Chenault of Temple were Christmas guests in the home of their parents, Mrs. J. F. Chenault and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Pirtle and Mrs. Sallie Pirtle and daughters, Marie and Peggy, were in Hamilton Christmas day, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Dorgett and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nelson of Clifton were here Sunday visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fairry. Miss Marguerite Fairry accompanied them home to spend a few days.

Bill Johnson and Miss Ruth Lester of Oklahoma City, Okla., were week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tullus Randals. Mr. Johnson is Mrs. Randals' brother.

Dr. O. N. Lackey of Conway, Arkansas, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Lackey of Fort Worth and Dr. Byron Lackey of Pecos were here for Christmas visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Lackey.

Mr. and Mrs. Berry Winn of Waco, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mefford and son of Stephenville, and Mr. and Mrs. John Clark and daughter spent Christmas Day with their mother, Mrs. W. E. Russell.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Knowles of Fort Worth and Tom Powers, Jr. of Bakersfield, California, were here Christmas and over the week end visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Powers.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Brown and daughter, Martha, of Gatesville, and Miss Constance Allen of San Antonio were Christmas visitors of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Finis Clark of Greenville, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark and children of Gainesville, and Miss Mattie Clark of Lubbock, visited their father, S. A. Clark during the holidays.

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Mr. and Mrs. Guy Eakins and children of Austin spent the week end here with his mother, Mrs. Mary Eakins and other relatives also with relatives in the Duffau community.

Grady Slaughter of Breckenridge was here during Xmas visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy French. His mother, Mrs. Zack Barrow, of Lampasas, also visited here.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Harkrider and two daughters of Marshall were here Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Porter and daughter enroute home from Cisco where they visited relatives.

Miss Margaret Ross has returned to Waco where she is attending Nicola School of Beauty Culture, after spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Ross.

Mrs. O. L. Guese and son, Paul, of Dallas were here during the holidays visiting Mrs. J. M. Graves, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gage and Mr. and Mrs. Wynson Graves and children.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bommer and daughter, Barbara Jane, of Dallas were here Monday for a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Holford, enroute home from San Antonio. Mrs. Mary Holland, mother of Mrs. Bommer and Mrs. Holford, who had spent a few days in the Holford home accompanied them to Dallas Monday afternoon.

Wiflie Lee Joiner, who is in the army stationed at Fort Sam Houston, and Mrs. Elva Hastings and daughter, of Waco, were holiday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Joiner.

Miss Mildred Persons, assistant supervisor of the division of employment of W. P. A. of District 19, located at San Angelo, spent the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Persons.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Turbeville and daughter, Dorothy Jean, of Houston spent the holidays here with Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Horton and children. Mrs. Horton and Mrs. Turbeville are sisters.

Lewis S. (Grandpa) Jones celebrated his 86th birthday anniversary on Christmas Day by having two of his three children present. At the dinner table were four generations—the son, grandson, and great grandson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jones had as their guests Christmas Day, Mr. and Mrs. Macel Coleman and children of Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jones and children of Cisco, and Mrs. E. R. Roark and three daughters of Walnut Springs.

D. G. Barrow and son, and Ernest Thompson and son and Dick Grant of Abilene spent the first of the week here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Grady Barrow and daughter, D. G. is Grady's brother and Ernest is his nephew.

Mack Phillips, Miss Grace Phillips and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gray spent Christmas Day in Coleman guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gandy. Mrs. Gandy and children accompanied them to Hico and spent a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Temple Guyton and daughter, Rilla Gayle, of Georgetown, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Powledge and Joe Guyton of Dallas were here for Christmas visiting in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Guyton.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Wiseman went to Coleman the latter part of last week and were accompanied from there by their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Creath, to Abilene where they spent Christmas Day with friends.

L. A. Eubanks of Big Spring, and Mrs. W. E. Page and daughter of Amarillo were here the latter part of last week visiting their mother, Mrs. T. J. Eubanks, and sister, Mrs. Shirley Campbell and Mr. Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Leach and children of Stephenville, Mrs. Estelle Lane of Kansas City, Mo., and Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Allen were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Fewell Sunday. Mrs. Lane who is a sister of Mrs. Leach, also visited in the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Hall.

Mrs. Addie Scales, son Randolph, and daughter, Nell, of Austin, and Mr. and Mrs. Will Newsom and daughter, Christine, of Stephenville were Xmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lane. Mrs. Scales and Mrs. Newsom are sisters of Mrs. Lane.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hooker of Dublin, Mr. and Mrs. Lawton Blackburn and baby of Dallas, and Herbert Smith of Fort Worth were here to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Smith. Mrs. Blackburn and baby remained for a longer visit.

Holiday guests in the O. W. Autrey home were, Mrs. Autrey's sisters and husbands, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. L. New of Whitney, and Mr. and Mrs. F. D. New of Olin, also Mrs. Autrey's nephew, Emory New and little son and daughter, Jerry Windol and Joan, of Lubbock.

Mrs. John Auer of Memphis, Tennessee, came in last week to be with her mother, Mrs. W. M. Cheney who has been ill. She was formerly Miss Louise Cheney of Hico, Mr. and Mrs. Cheney are in Stephenville where Mrs. Cheney is recovering from her illness.

Those who visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Powledge at Christmas time were Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Goar and two children, Orville and Miss Frances Powledge, all of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Nix of Sulphur, Oklahoma, and Mr. and Mrs. John O. Potts and two sons of Gatesville.

Mrs. J. Herman Cox and son of Breckenridge, Mrs. Den McCarty of Ajo, Arizona, and Anderson Gamble of Breckenridge were here the latter part of last week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Will Hardy and daughter. Mr. Gamble is Mrs. Hardy's father, and Mrs. Cox and Mrs. McCarty are sisters.

Rev. and Mrs. P. L. Shuler and two children of Cross Plains, Rev. and Mrs. Hugh Blair and daughter of Cisco, Miss Mattie Lee Goad of Dallas, Miss Rhuey Bingham of Waco, and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Goad were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Barrow and daughter last Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Faggard of Dallas, spent Christmas Day here visiting his sister, Mrs. Lenora Langston, and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Langston and children. Mr. Faggard, who is Mrs. Langston's youngest brother, had not seen his sister in 18 years.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Richbourg went to Dallas last Wednesday after Mrs. F. M. Richbourg and sons, F. M., Jr. and Horace, who spent until last Friday in the Richbourg home. F. M. Richbourg came over Friday from Abilene and spent until Sunday when his wife and children accompanied him home.

Remodels Building. The building which is occupied by the Green Frog is being remodeled. The old awning has been torn from the front and a more modern front will be added. The roof will also be repaired. Mrs. E. J. Parker owns the building.

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Another Year Takes a Bow!

A new head-man steps into the spotlight, takes a bow, and the show is on. The high points or the slow action of the act just ended are soon forgotten... new things are ahead, the new head-man has our full attention. Such is life... and such is business, and dwelling upon these things we pause here to express sincere thanks to all our friends and patrons, who by their generous co-operation, helped to make the closing year very happy for us. May we continue to merit your friendship and patronage. MAY YOUR RESOLUTION be to share your patronage with us during 1937, and in turn OUR RESOLUTION will be to continue with our efforts to give the best of service and satisfaction.

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Happy, Prosperous NEW YEAR

TO OUR THOUSANDS OF FRIENDS THROUGHOUT THIS COMMUNITY

The Hico Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce continuation of Trades Day, with Specials and Awards, in the New Year 1937, in the face of the fact that other towns have withdrawn like inducements since holiday business is over.

Hico merchants appreciate your patronage, and will go more than half way in inducing you to trade here. They will continue to strive, as in the past, to make your visits to Hico pleasant and profitable, and to offer you price, service and courtesy in exchange for your trade.

REMEMBER MONTHLY TRADES DAYS (First Wednesday Following First Monday Each Month) NEXT WEDNESDAY, JAN. 6—BE ON HAND!

HICO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

News Of The World Told In Pictures.



First Tenants Helped to Farm Ownership.
T. H. Scharff family, first of 200 in Texas to be accepted by the Resettlement Administration for its "farm tenant security project." The Scharff's are being helped to buy a farm in Grayson County with annual installments no greater than they were paying as rent on the same farm. In addition, the farm is to be terraced and fenced.

a new house to be built with modern conveniences, surrounded by trees and shrubs. This is made possible by three percent interest and forty years in which to pay. Extension of this plan to a large percent of tenant farmers would be provided under the Bankhead Jones Farm Tenancy Bill, scheduled for action at the coming session of Congress.

The New King . . . The Queen . . . and the Princesses



LONDON . . . Here is the favorite family photograph of England's new Royal family. King George VI, Queen Elizabeth and Princess Elizabeth and Margaret Rose. The new King celebrated his 41st birthday, Queen Elizabeth 14th, two days following his accession to the throne, succeeding Edward VIII, who abdicated "for the woman he loved" and is now in self imposed exile in Switzerland.



Versatile Sammy Baugh, outstanding star of the Texas Christian University's Horned Frogs, here Fort Worth took time out this Fall to visit the International Harvester Company's exhibit at the Texas Centennial Exposition. Here we see Sammy perched comfortably in the seat of a McCormick-Deering Farmall tractor.

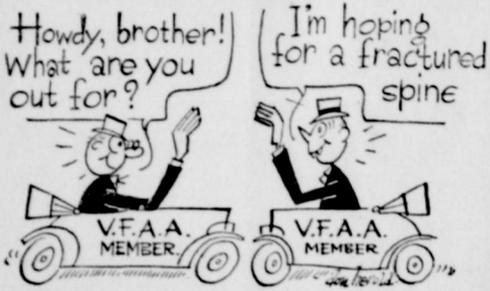
GREETING THE NEW YEAR



Above is pictured but one of America's Queens who will greet the New Year, 1937, from a throne of roses. Miss Nancy Bumpus, college junior of Pasadena, Calif., will rule the realm in the annual Tournament of Roses at Pasadena on New Year's day.

1-MINUTE SAFETY TALKS

By Don Herold



VICTIMS OF FUTURE ACCIDENTS

I'm starting a new club. It's the V. F. A. A.—or Victims of Future Automobile Accidents. Instead of going out and getting hurt haphazardly on a sunny Sunday afternoon and coming home with any old injury, we V. F. A. A. boys will try to name our injury in advance, and we may give medals to members who come nearest to calling their shots. I'm going out for a concussion-of-the-brain ribbon. I've already made arrangements for two months in the hospital and have sent myself some flowers, and have set aside a thousand dollars for expenses. (We V. F. A. A.

members have to pay ourselves out own bonus—and we pay it in advance so it will hurt more.) The whole point is, we think it's smarter to plan our accidents than simply to have accidents as most boys do. All we have to do is to drive carelessly for about 20 seconds on a curve or hill or straightaway. I'm planning to have my accident by passing some cars going up a hill. Want to join? Here's the menu. Take your choice. Last year, according to The Travelers Insurance Company, non-fatal injuries in automobile accidents were as follows:

Injury	Persons Injured
Fractured Skull	12,530
Fractured Spine	1,710
Other Fractures	74,310
Concussion of the Brain	14,320
Severe General Shock with Contusions and Lacerations	138,770
Shock (less severe) and Shakeup	531,800
Internal Injuries	13,410
Other Injuries (Sprains, Dislocations, Wrenches, etc.)	108,330
Total	865,230

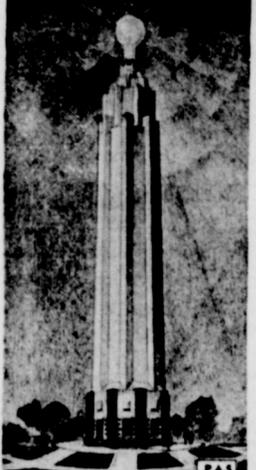
THE TEMPERATURE TELLS.



Quick roasting may mean economy in time, but it is actually an extravagance in both meat and fuel, say cookery experts of the state colleges and the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The two rib roasts above show results of experiments which have this point. They are attracting much interest at the International Live Stock Exposition being in Chicago from November 15 to December 5. Two roasts were both cooked rare stage of doneness. The

roast on the right was cooked in a 450° F. oven; the one at the left at 250° F. The first roast lost 4 pounds; the second only 1 1/2 pounds. The ribs roasted at the low temperature were juicier, more uniformly done, and more attractive in appearance. It took more time in the oven at the low temperature, but 50 per cent less gas. A low temperature causes little or no spattering of the oven, such as takes place when the heat is turned on full blast. And so, on all counts, a low temperature in roasting is best.

Edison Memorial



MENLO PARK, N. J. . . . Above is the architectural design of the "Eternal Light" tower which is to be built here as a memorial to the late Thomas Alva Edison, inventor. Edison Pioneers and the Edison Foundation, Inc., sponsor the memorial.

Texan to Study In New Zealand

DENTON.—With a backward glance through the Golden Gate, Miss Winifred Jones, senior student at Texas State College for Women (CIA), will say goodbye to America on Feb. 2 for a year that promises new experiences. The Lancaster, Tex., girl will sail aboard the liner S. S. Monterrey from San Francisco, to spend a year as a foreign exchange student studying nutrition at the University of Otago in Dunedin, New Zealand.

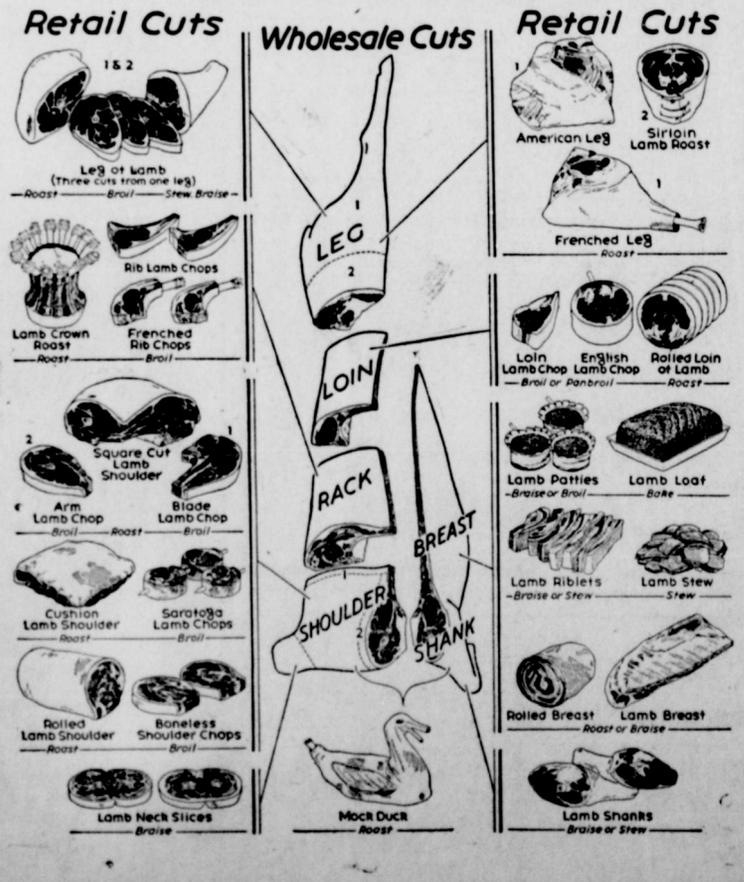
The honor came to Miss Jones in recognition of her outstanding work in the home demonstration field. She will arrive at Auckland, N. Z., two weeks and five days after sailing, and from the capital city of the islands she will go to Dunedin, capital of Otago Province, and begin her work under the fellowship granted in a reciprocal arrangement with the University. Miss Isabel Crowe, New Zealand student, attended the College in 1933 under the same plan.

Ambassador to Russia



WASHINGTON . . . James E. Davies, (above), is the new U. S. Ambassador to Russia. He takes the post vacated by Wm. C. Bullitt who recently was appointed Ambassador to France. Mr. Davies is a former member of the Federal Trade Commission.

Meat Cuts and How to Cook Them LAMB CHART



Housewives in search of new and attractive meat cuts to add variety and flavor to their menus will be interested in the lamb chart shown above. The fact that lamb offers such a wide variety of cuts is a revelation to many who in the past have thought of this meat only in terms of legs and loins. A study of this chart will reveal that there is a lamb cut for every purse and every purpose. In addition to showing the many possibilities in lamb cuts, the chart is an excellent guide for cooking. You will want to keep it for ready reference.

Boy Meets Girl—An Empire Trembles



King Edward VIII of England and Mrs. Wallis Simpson of Baltimore, Md., whose romance brought about the greatest constitutional crisis ever known in the history of the British Empire. The whole world gave full attention to each minor development in the struggle between King and government . . . whether the King could marry the lady of his choice and remain upon the throne.

College Tries Liquorless Night Club



IOWA CITY . . . The newest educational experiment here at the University of Iowa is the liquorless night club. It was inaugurated in late November with a complete floor show of student performers, student waiters and student patrons. The idea upon which it is founded is "that students will have home town entertainment and will remain off dangerous highways over the week-ends." Photo shows the "Silver Shadow" opening night diners.

IREDELL ITEMS

By MISS STELLA JONES, Local Correspondent

Mr. W. W. Conley left Tuesday for Houston to spend the holidays. Mr. Deering and Mr. Ray Tidwell were in Waco Monday.

Miss Doris Helm of Clifton, Arizona, and her sister, Mrs. Beavers and husband and son of Globe, Arizona, came in Tuesday to spend the holidays with their parents.

Wallace McDowell of Tenn., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. McDowell.

Rev. and Mrs. D. D. Tidwell visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Tidwell this week.

Mrs. Jack Noel of Dublin, spent Friday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Gosdin.

Miss Elizabeth Woodal visited relatives in Sweetwater this week. Mrs. W. H. Brashear went there Friday.

Mrs. Pike, Mrs. Cora Little, Mrs. Annie Goodman and Mrs. J. L. Goodman were in Waco Monday.

Hommer Woody was in Stephenville Sunday.

Albert Pike, who is in the University at Austin, spent the holidays here with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Mitchell and sons, spent Thursday night and Friday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Corley of Breckenridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Loader visited relatives here Monday and returned to their home in Dallas Tuesday.

Mr. Bob McDowell is visiting his sister, Mrs. W. R. Gosdin. He lives in New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Williams and daughters of Meadors, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tidwell during the holidays.

Reupert Phillips, who is in the A. M. College, spent the holidays here.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Young of Bryan, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Davis.

Misses Lorraine and Loraine Seibert of Dallas visited their uncle, Mr. McBeath and Mrs. Annie Goodman, their aunt, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Woody and daughter of Lubbock visited relatives here during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Word Main spent Sunday in Dallas with their son, Clifford.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Webb of Overell, visited relatives during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. John Prater and children, visited his parents at Hico Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sawyer of Fort Worth and her mother, Mrs. Thomas and daughter, Mattie Mae, of Walnut spent Monday with her parents.

Miss Lillie Turner, who is in Denton College, spent the holidays at home. She went to Stephenville Monday and had her tonsils removed. She is doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Lunberg of Turnersville, spent the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Blue.

Mrs. Bertha Henderson returned Sunday from Cranfills Gap, where she has been with her son, Everett and wife and young son.

Miss Grace Simpson and her sister, Nancy Christian of Dallas, visited her father, Mr. T. S. Simpson this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Blue of Walnut, spent Friday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Blue.

Mr. W. E. Boyd and his daughter, Mrs. Elmo Heyroth, were in Hico Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harris and children of Houston, spent the week end with his mother and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Washam and son, of Dallas, spent the week end with his sister, Mrs. Frankie Dawson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stevens and children of Gorman, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Oldham.

Mr. J. L. Dawson of Dallas visited relatives here during the holidays.

Basili Oldham of Houston visited relatives here during the holidays.

Miss Lorraine Tidwell, who teaches in Addicks, spent the holidays with her parents.

Mrs. Arnold spent the holidays at her home in Blum.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Cheney and Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Chaney and son of Kansas, visited their grandmother, Mrs. A. H. Chaney, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wyche and children of near Dalhart, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hobbs of Knoxville, Tennessee, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. S. N. Jones and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Allen Jones of Clifton spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heyroth of Dallas, spent Friday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Miller.

Dorothy Jack Weeks of Stephenville spent the week end here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Wilkerson and sons of Dublin spent Friday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kramer.

Paul Patterson has been very ill with chicken pox. Is some better now.

Mrs. Jacob and daughter, Janelle of Beckville and her mother, Mrs. Ledsoe and son Scott Deane Reed of Stephenville, visited here Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Jacob and daughter, are visiting her mother in Stephenville.

Dr. and Mrs. Carter of Eastland spent Friday with his sister, Mrs. Cora Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cunningham of Dallas and Mrs. J. O. Newsom and son of Big Springs visited relatives here during the holidays.

Cecil Patterson spent the week end in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Emily Schumacher and daughter visited relatives in Clifton this week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wingrin and Susie of Burnett, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patterson during the holidays.

Miss Dixie Potter spent the holidays with her parents.

The singing here Sunday afternoon was fine and well attended. Good many singers from close by communities, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd and their two children of Walnut were at the singing. The children sang some songs which was very sweet and was enjoyed by every one. Raydell, the boy is nine and Joyce 5. Their singing was plain. The parents said the children sang some every Sunday. If nothing happens to them they will be great singers for they are sure sweet children.

Mrs. Addie Scales and children of Austin, visited here this week end. Mrs. Willie Scales accompanied them home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Appleby of Meridian, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Appleby of San Angelo, and Mr. and Mrs. Kent Appsbay of Clifton, spent the week end with relatives.

Mrs. Northcutt and her two sons and wives of Gatesville, spent Friday with her daughter, Mrs. Stanley.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Pike of Shamrock and their two daughters, Mrs. May Carr and two sons of Cleburne and Mrs. Nannie Bowen of Dallas, visited their son and brother, Dr. Pike and family this week end.

Mrs. Hugh Sowell and baby of Alexander, spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray and her mother, Mrs. Spitzer of Stephenville, spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tidwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwards and her sister, Miss Ella Thornton of Walnut, spent Xmas Day with their sister, Mrs. Joe Tidwell and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Prater and children, Mr. and Mrs. William Prater and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Prater and children of Hico, spent Xmas Day with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Curtis and baby of Rule, visited relatives here during the holidays.

Mrs. T. J. Cook and two children of De Leon, visited her sister, Mrs. Burson this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hanshaw spent Xmas Day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Mings.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Buckhan of De Leon is visiting her sister, Mrs. Jamie Main.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stroud spent the holidays with his parents in Longview.

Mr. and Mrs. Largent and two children spent Friday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Welborn of near Houston spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Welborn, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Souls and children returned with them to make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Blakley and children and Mrs. Bursen spent Friday in Meridian with Mrs. Bursen's sister, Mrs. Young and daughter, Miss Fay.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers spent last Sunday in Marlin with their daughter, Miss Ama, she is getting along fine.

Messers W. L. Davis and Max Freedwell of Stephenville, visited here during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Basham and baby of Whitney, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hensley. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Basham of Whitney brought them over Friday.

Miss Irene Huckaby of Iredell and Mr. Vernon Gosdin of Blair, Texas, were married here Wednesday night, Dec. 23, by Rev. Lester Jones. Gosdin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Huckaby and is a fine young lady. Is a graduate of the Iredell high school. Has a host of friends here and to know her is to love her. She is an industrious young lady and will make a fine house wife for Vernon. Vernon is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gosdin, who lives in the Flag Branch community. He is a fine boy and is liked by every one. For he is of a friendly turn and is very industrious and sure is a good boy. The happy couple left Friday for their new home in Blair, Texas, where he is in the grocery

business. Their many friends wish for them a long and happy life together.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Henderson and young son of Carlton spent Sunday here with relatives.

"THE WINNING BOY"

By Stella Jones
(Second Installment)

All during the day the mother thought about Henry and the kiss. The first he had given her in a long time.

Alton, I am worried about Henry. She was more worried now than she had been all day.

As the boys were happy on their way home only 1-2 mile from their home, Henry stopped along the roadside and picked some of the pretty flowers. James was ahead of him, a storm cloud was coming up, the thunder could be heard. James called to Henry to hurry. "Oh! James I want to get some flowers." And all at once he made a fatal pick for a rattle snake was coiled up under a bush and stuck its deadly fang in his right hand. "Oh James I am snake bit!" cried the boy. James screamed very loud and as good luck would have it, man came by and Henry was put in the car and the snake was killed. They were soon on the way with the unconscious boy. A doctor was called, his parents were wild with grief. "Oh! Alton, I was afraid something would happen," exclaimed the mother. She kissed her darling on the forehead but he didn't know it. Everything was done for him that could be done, but it was no avail.

The poison was all over the body, while the storm was raging the soul of Henry went to meet the God who gave it. He passed away at 8 o'clock with a smile.

A large funeral was held for him the next day and all were very sad about the tragic death of this manly little boy. He was a Christian and a member of the Methodist Church.

In a few days James was back in school. The children were met in town every afternoon by some one to take them home in a car.

James made rapid progress in school when he was graduated from grammar school with the highest honors.

The afternoon before he was to finish that night he took one of his class mates home with him. "Oh, Tom, I want you to see my baby later," she is the sweetest and so much like poor little Henry. The baby was a beautiful one, just 6 months old with light curly hair and blue eyes and very fair. Tom said to Henry, "yes she is a sweet baby, it will be a heart breaker some day." The auditorium filled to its capacity with the parents and friends of the 8th grade pupils that went in to high school. Mr. and Mrs. Emerson were there. Mrs. Emerson was the rich lady that gave Henry the 50 cents. Little does James know how much he will help her.

The couple congratulated him on his great success.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryson were there with their darling baby, she seemed to enjoy being there, her name was Gladys, she always seemed glad. James was the valedictorian of the class and his parents were very proud of him.

The school went out the last of May. Most of the boys would go to work in the field, some would play and have a general good time but not with our Winning Boy, for he would work.

A boy came by one day for James to go fishing with him but this afternoon, nothing doing. Some time he would go with the boys fishing and bathing, but very often.

One day he met Mrs. Emerson in town and spoke to her. I haven't forgot you giving me the 50 cents and talking to me about getting a good education. I am going on through high school and then I will go to a business college. I won't have the money but will work my way through. He sure is determined to qualify him self for any kind of work, for he will win. James didn't have the least idea of the help he would get from Mrs. Emerson and her husband.

When school opened in September, we find our boy in the high school ready to learn all he can. His father had got some colored

to pick the cotton so James could start in to school.

At the end of the 4th year, we find the Winning Boy at the head of his class. He sent some announcements out to some friends in the town and some out of town. He could hardly believe his eyes when he received a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Emerson, a check for \$500. He received a large number of presents but he was prouder of this one. This would help him through school. Oh, boy! ain't I tickled to get this. His parents were proud for him.

The building was filled again with friends. There were 12 in the class, 6 boys and 6 girls.

The boy was bound to win out in his education and he went to a business college in Nashville, Tenn. He decided he would learn to be a banker. The first year passed off easy, to be sure his studies were hard but what of that for he would win.

At the end of the second year, only a week till the term would be over. One beautiful moonlight night in June, he had been to a Sunday school social of his Sunday school class, was walking up the street to his home, his parents lived there now.

When out behind a tree appeared a man and said to him, money or your life, the man man now exclaimed to him with an oath. James could not tell who the man was for he had on a mask.

You are just too smart and I am going to get some of it out of you. Just hand me over the money and I will go. James was very badly scared and said to him, "I don't have any money." The evil man brought out another oath and said, "I know you do have money."

When our Winning Boy became conscious a few days later, he found him self in a hospital, with his parents and Gladys at his bedside.

Carlton

By CORRESPONDENT

Mr. Scott Seal and family of Dallas visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Butler Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davis of McGregor spent the week end in the home of Mr. Phillip Davis.

Misses Novis Dyer of Paint Rock and Wayne Dyer of San Saba, spent Xmas in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Dyer.

H. G. Carter and son Carroll, of near Content are spending the week with their sister, Mrs. Bill Grey and family.

Hamilton visitors Saturday were Anita Saylor, and sister, Vel da May, and Roy McDaniel.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Burnett and daughter, Nadine are visiting relatives in Quanah and Lorraine.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton McKeage and daughter, Mamie Joe, of Hico spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. S. C. McKeage and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Bird and family of McCamey, and Mrs. Vida Moore and children of De Leon, visited in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Brimer and Mr. and Mrs. N. Clark last week.

Mrs. Robt. Barrett visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Prater Sunday.

Joe Butler and family of Dallas spent Wednesday night with his mother, Mrs. R. C. Butler, Mr.

Butler and family are on their way to California, as they plan on making that their home.

Harold Beades of Dallas, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Beades.

E. A. Blanchard and wife of Stephenville, visited her mother, Mrs. L. A. Anderson and son, Dan, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Upham and family of West Columbia, and Mr. and Mrs. Marlon Upham and children of Flag Staff, Arizona, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Upham last week.

Dr. Raymond Tull and wife of Abilene, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. J. H. Tull.

Mrs. Runnie Rothrock and daughter, La Rue, of Houston, are spending the holidays with Mrs. Rothrock's mother, Mrs. Callie McKenzie.

Misses Ruth and Nevelyn Geye of and Mrs. Fred Geye last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Y. Smith of McKinney, and Mrs. Ross Styles of West Texas, are spending the week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sim Everett Sr.

Marvin Bell and family of Greebuck, spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bell, and Mrs. Callie McKenzie.

Roy Huffines and wife, of Dallas, and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Diltz and children spent Xmas Day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Pollard.

Christmas passed off quietly here in these "Digins" and far as we've learned no one was injured Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nix of Stamford visited their parents here through the holidays. Roy has a job on the bridge gang on the Wichita R. R. and has had for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Wilks of Lubbock is visiting relatives here the past week.

C. L. Wilks and wife, C. W. Giesecke and wife, and children, Estalita and C. A., left for Texas City, Christmas morning to visit Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Land. They returned Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Beaver and daughter of Ralls, visited Mrs. Beaver's father, J. A. Norrod and her sisters, Misses Myrl and Eva, returning home Saturday.

Lewis Osborne of Mt. Calm visited his mother, Mrs. W. J. Osborne here last week.

Frank Houser, wife and daughter of Houston, spent a few days visiting her father, S. S. McCollum and wife, also Mrs. Houser's brother, S. L. McCollum.

For the Friend
You Overlooked...

We have your negative handy and can make duplicate photographs on short order.

The
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Salem

By MRS. W. C. ROGERS

Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Brown of Salem are entertaining a grandson, born to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Johnson of Seidon. The young gentleman was given the name, Ralph Edgar. Mrs. Johnson will be remembered as Miss Alma Mae Brown.

SELDON MAN FATALLY INJURED CHRISTMAS EVE

Mr. Ira Edgar Albright was fatally injured last Thursday morning, when he fell from a load of baled hay, which he and his son John were hauling from a field near their home, both wagon wheels passed over his body, he died on the way to the Stephenville Hospital, the body was taken to the Higginbotham Funeral Home here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Y. Smith of McKinney, and Mrs. Ross Styles of West Texas, are spending the week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sim Everett Sr.

Marvin Bell and family of Greebuck, spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bell, and Mrs. Callie McKenzie.

Roy Huffines and wife, of Dallas, and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Diltz and children spent Xmas Day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Pollard.

where it was kept until Friday morning when it was brought home to await the funeral hour.

Mr. Albright was born at Iredell, Texas, February 11, 1883, and died Dec. 24, 1936, near Seidon, Texas. He was united with the Methodist church in 1909 at Vera, Texas.

He married Miss Mary Susan Kinney at Georges Creek, Texas on September 2, 1906. To this union four children were born, Cecil, at Stephenville, Mrs. Cecil Graham, at Seidon, John and Violet at home. He is survived by his wife and father and mother at Vera, Texas, and three brothers, Earl, Ernest, and Leslie, all of Vera, Texas, and one grandson, Wyne Graham. All were present except Earl.

Bro. Bays of Stephenville conducted the funeral. Interment was made in the Box Cemetery.

Sympathy is extended from the Seidon and surrounding communities.

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We want to thank our customers for the nice business we enjoyed last year.

We are now equipped to give you the best in Dry Cleaning, and hope to serve you.

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Hico, Texas



HAPPY NEW YEAR

REPEATING the joy that we feel at the turning of the old and the advent of the new year with its promise of better times, we send our hearty greetings to all our fellow citizens of Hico, "Happy New Year!" We thank one and all for their loyal support which we shall ever strive to merit by faithful service.

TO SHOW OUR APPRECIATION, WE OFFER THESE

Specials For DOLLAR DAY

ENTIRE STOCK OF

COATS and DRESSES

AT NEW LOW PRICES

Be sure and see the exceptional bargains we are offering at Special Trades Day Prices.

11—LADIES' FELT HATS—
Regular \$1.00 Values 59c

13—\$1.49 LADIES' FELT HATS—
Look them over at the special price of 89c

G. M. Carlton Bros. & Co.

HICO, TEXAS

Thanks Customers

To those who have been our customers during the short time we have been in business, we wish to express our thanks. We hope to have a share of your patronage during 1937.

May You and Yours Have a Prosperous New Year

Beckley's Produce

TOM PITTS J. B. WOODWARD

REVIEW, OUTLOOK

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Power Company Manager Reports Favorably.

As local manager of the Community Public Service Company, C. P. Coston reports a very satisfactory business during the past twelve months with company interests being advanced along with those of the rest of the country in general.

Judging from the signs apparent to him, he predicts that 1937 will witness better conditions in general than those that prevailed in 1936.

As to opportunities open to Hico and community, Mr. Coston is optimistic, believing that with the proper effort on the part of merchants and citizens much civic improvement is possible.

Looks For Continuation of Improvement in 1937.

John Ellington, grain buyer and operator of a large feed mill in Hico, who keeps up with market conditions in conducting his business, has had a very good year during 1936. His close application to business has enabled him to take advantage of market conditions in the past, and last year he was able to report a sharp improvement in his own business.

Judging from this, Mr. Ellington looks for a continuance of the improvement already noted during the coming year.

Business At Post Office Shows Increase Over 1935.

"While my term as postmaster covers only a period beginning March 12, 1936, records of the office show increased sales and a larger volume of business for the year as a whole," stated Mrs. Jimmie L. Holford.

Mrs. Holford explained that since the past year's business had not been closed out at the time of the interview, detailed reports were not available, but examination of quarterly reports divided the fact that postage sales had increased over the previous year to some extent. Since an office's second-class classification depends on volume of postage sales, Hico people will be pleased to know that they are sufficiently high to assure continuance of the second-class rating locally.

An exceedingly large volume of parcel post and first-class mail was handled during the past holiday season, she reports.

Theatre Business Has Shown Gradual Improvement.

While Fall business was slightly under expectations gained through increased trade during the first six months of last year, E. H. Elkens says that the Palace Theatre has enjoyed a gradual improvement in crowd during the period following the depression.

Some of this improvement he attributes to the popularity of bank nights, a feature which brought out many people not before accustomed to coming regularly to the show. He believes that the future months and years hold much in store for Hico and vicinity.

Sinclair Agent Reports His Progress Satisfactorily.

"While the oil agency business was somewhat new to me when I took over the Sinclair line in September of 1935, my progress has been satisfactory," reported Ben L. Walker. He thinks better times are in sight, pointing out that there is bound to be increased consumption of raw materials, and is optimistic over the prospects of his individual business.

Good Business, But Leap Year Was "The Bank."

"The past year has been as good as the best, and better than the rest," said Grady Hooper, operator of the Hico Service Station, "but as far as Leap Year is concerned, it has been the bank."

Holiday Business Held Its Own, Says Hardware Man.

Leon Rainwater, employee of the C. L. Lynch Hardware, says that 1936 was better than 1935, and that holiday business was just as good if good crops are made, he knows 1937 will be a better year.

Better Produce Prices Would Have Helped Situation.

While not complaining at conditions noted during the past year, N. A. Leeth, owner of an established dealing in groceries, hardware and variety goods, believes that Fall and holiday business would have been a great deal better had turkeys been higher.

He says he believes 1937 will be even better, as we here are looking forward to better conditions. At least he hopes this condition will prevail.

Sees 25 to 50 Per Cent Increase in 1937 Business.

Taken as a whole, Sid H. Carlton, manager of the Hico Poultry & Egg Co., believes the past year has been better than 1935. He thinks 1937 will be at least 25 to 30 per cent better than last year.

Praises Roosevelt and Quotes Authorities On Outlook.

"The best authority is Dan and Bradstreet," said Grady Barrow, proprietor of the furniture concern bearing his name, "and they report last year one-third better than the previous one. However, locally 1936 has not been better than 1935 due largely to a low price for turkeys."

Mr. Barrow believes, however, that 1937 will bring better conditions, but this depends largely on what Congress does. He thinks the greatest man of the day is Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Can't Stand Too Much In Way Of Improvement.

Tom Powers, owner of a garage and welding shop at Hico, says business in 1936 was a thousand per cent better than in 1935. "The way things look now, though, there will be little improvement," he added, "for if conditions improved any I'd be tickled too badly."

Old Resident, New Owner of Business, Is Optimistic.

Having only recently purchased the City Cafe in Hico, T. U. Little might be classed as a newcomer in business circles of the town, but his long residence in this community and his close connection with business interests has given him an insight into business conditions which is deserving of close consideration.

Mr. Little states that this section and the country as a whole have accomplished a lot in 1936, making it the best year for the past four or five, and he believes 1937 will be a lot better.

Business Good in 1936, Even Though Election Year.

"In spite of the fact that an election year is not calculated to help business conditions, 1936 witnessed improved conditions," stated L. J. Teague, owner of a variety store which was opened well over a year ago. He said his holiday business was better during the past season, and expects trade to be much better in 1937.

Comparatively New Citizen Is Enthusiastic.

Norman McAnelly, operator of a Texaco Station in Hico, thinks 1936 better than 1935, and believes 1937 will be a banner year in many ways.

Fall Business Below Normal Says Market Owner.

Fall business was not so good in 1936 as it was in 1935, says J. N. Ragsdale, proprietor of Ragsdale's Market. However, he has hopes that 1937 will see a change in this condition, and steadily increasing business for everyone.

Claims He Is Double-Blank On Conditions.

With a slightly tongue-in-cheek attitude, and the conservatism usually attributed to bankers, E. H. Randals, cashier of the First National Bank at Hico, declined to analyze or predict. "I'm double-blank," he told a reporter when approached for an opinion.

Randals Brothers Enjoy Good Trade During Past Year.

Stating that their business had been very satisfactory, T. A. Randals of the firm of Randals Brothers, believes general conditions improved greatly during 1936.

Taking this as a basis for his viewpoint, Mr. Randals expressed the belief that the New Year would bring a continuance and an increase of this improvement.

1936 Was Better, He Says, And Here's To 1937.

"Oh, it was better," replied Roy French, proprietor of a garage in Hico, when asked as to how his business turned out during the past year.

Mr. French, along with the rest of the business men of the town, is hoping for an even better year in 1937.

Reports Good Year But Makes No Prediction.

W. R. Lynch, cafe manager, says 1936 was better to him in his business than was 1935, but said it is still hard to tell what 1937 might bring.

Impetus Given Building Trade Expected to Increase.

H. E. McCullough, manager of the local lumber yard of Barnes & McCullough, stated that building, repairing and remodeling increased greatly in the past year, due to a large extent to the opportunities provided through government financing. He looks forward to even greater improvement in 1937, when people become aware of the facility and economy of this service, and realize that building prices must advance in future years.

Gas Company Local Manager Sees One-Third Increase.

W. M. Marcum, local manager of the Southern Union Gas Company, believes 1936 to have been a much better year than the past few of its predecessors.

As for the local business of the company which he represents, Mr. Marcum looks forward to at least one-third more business in 1937 than in the year just closed.

Work Program and Seasonable Crops Will Help.

R. A. Herrington, grocer, thinks 1936 was better than 1935, and says if the work program holds out and seasonable crops are raised in the present year, conditions will be better.

Sees Nothing To Keep 1937 From Being Better Year.

J. C. Frater, proprietor of the Midland Barber Shop, believes 1936 to have been a very satisfactory business year, better than 1935, and does not see anything to keep 1937 from being even better.

Believes 1935 Was Better Year Than 1936.

J. L. Goodman, proprietor of the Modern Cleaners, does not believe general business conditions were as good in the past year as they were the year before, but believes things will improve in 1937.

Garage Man Sees Hopes For 1937 Business.

John Arnold, who recently took over the management of an automobile repair business on Highway 67 in town, thinks the past year was a better one in many ways, and has high hopes for 1937.

Finding Oil Near Here Would Solve Problem.

"The best thing that could happen to us would be success of oil operators in locating the pool of oil that must be near Hico," stated H. N. Wolfe, local agent of the Magnolia Petroleum Co. While we can not pin our hopes on being that fortunate, Mr. Wolfe thinks there is a good possibility of this section's receiving great benefit from oil explorations. He expressed the common belief that conditions have improved greatly, and hopes for a continuance of this improvement in 1937.

Attributes Better Business Partly to New Location.

L. J. Cleary, who recently moved his Gulf Filling station to his new location on Highway 66 and 67, says 1936 was a much better year for him than 1935. This may be partly on account of the advantages of the new location, he says, but he believes conditions generally have gotten better.

Conditions Improving All the Time Says Cafe Owner.

S. E. Blair, proprietor of the Buckhorn Cafe recently established in his building at Hico, said that 1936 was a much better year than 1935.

He said that general conditions were improving all the time, and expects 1937 to be a much better year. With that in view he has made many improvements in his business, and plans to keep in step during the New Year.

Would Be Pleased With Trade As Good As In 1936.

"I would be pleased to know my business would be as good during the next twelve months as it has been for the six months since opening my ladies' ready-to-wear shop," said Mrs. B. B. Gamble. She says she has enjoyed a nice trade, and expects an increase in 1937.

Better Crops Will Bring Better Business.

Reporting a better business last Fall than for the past five years, Gene Langston, owner of Gene's Cafe, thinks 1937 will be better.

As a basis for this prediction, Mr. Langston points to the outlook for better crops, which always brings better business.

Beauty Shop Operator Says Business Was Good.

Carmen Shelton, owner and operator of Carmen's Beauty Shop, says 1936 was much better than 1935, and she is making preparations for even greater volume of business during 1937.

M-K-T Agent Says Railroad and Other Business Good.

H. Smith, local agent of the M-K-T Railroad, says that the records show 1936 to have been a much better business year than 1935, and indications point to further improvement in 1937.

Barbers Enjoy Satisfactory Business in 1936.

John Rusk and Will Hardy, barbers who hold forth under the same roof, agreed on the fact that the past year was better than the past few, and expressed the hope that 1937 would be more prosperous.

Better Year In Spite of Slow Fall Business.

All indications are that the past year was better than 1935 in a business way, says Frank Fallis, proprietor of the Hico Recreation Club, although he does not think Fall business locally was quite so good.

He is planning for a better year in 1937.

His Own Business Good, And 1936 As A Whole Better.

Lee Rainwater, who opened a furniture store in Hico several months ago, reports that he enjoyed a nice business during the short time he has been engaged in his enterprise. He thinks 1936 as a whole was better than 1935, and hopes and thinks 1937 will be better.

Much Real Estate Activity And Prospects Good.

Stating that 1936 about held its own, but that prospects for 1937 are a little better, C. W. Shelton says real estate is moving better than for some time. He has been in that line of business for the past few months at Hico.

"You Bet Business in 1936 Was Better."

"You bet business in 1936 was better and 1937 will do even more for us," said Buster Harris who recently took over the operation of the Conoco Service Station in the S. E. Blair corner.

Not Making Any Predictions, But Business Better.

W. P. Lynch, shoe-shop owner, says business was improved in 1936, but hesitated to make any predictions for the coming year.

People Regaining Confidence Since 1929 Crash.

Conditions all around appear better to Roger Bailey, owner of the Green Frog Cafe, who says people are just regaining confidence since the dark days of 1929. He thinks 1937 will show a continuance of the improvements noted during the past year.

Reports Satisfactory Trade, And Looks to Good 1937.

Durward Lane is well satisfied with the business he enjoyed at his Texaco Service Station during the latter months of 1936, and is optimistic over the outlook for the New Year.

Makes Improvements Looking For Better Business.

Having recently added a lot of new machinery at his cleaning and pressing shop in Hico, R. J. Adams hopes for a better business in 1937, at the same time reporting a fair business during the past twelve months.

"Still Kicking Along" And Hopes For the Best.

Leonard Howard says he has been kept busy at his news stand in the post office and looks forward to better times in 1937.

When Farmers Prosper, So Does the Business Man.

"When farmers prosper, business is better," said J. C. Rodgers, veteran insurance man. He thinks crop prospects are good, due to an abundance of moisture, and reports considerable better business in 1936.

Intends to Make New Year A Better One.

Mark Waldrop, local Texaco agent, reports an increased business in 1936 and he intends to make 1937 a better year.

New Year's Destiny Hangs On Seasons and Crops.

Influenced largely in her decision to come to Hico late last year and open a new ready-to-wear business by the local prospects for good crops and good business, Mrs. W. H. Black, formerly of Sherman, thinks 1937 will be a good business year. She points out, however, that this depends on the outcome of crops.

Enjoys Business Experience Of Past Few Months.

The past few months during which she has operated a beauty shop have witnessed a very satisfactory patronage, stated Jane Adams. She predicts a prosperous New Year.

Too Busy To Pop Off, But Says Business Better.

D. R. Proffitt, manager of the Magnolia Service Station, was too busy to talk much when approached for a report on his business, but took time to say 1936 was better than 1935, by quite a lot.

Higginbotham Manager Says 1936 Was Better Year.

As local manager of the lumber yard of Higginbotham Bros. & Co., Paul Wren reports having noted better conditions in the past year. He anticipates further improvement in 1937.

More People Sustaining Themselves.

J. H. Wright, proprietor of the Second-Hand Exchange, says that business in 1936 improved in many ways over 1935. More people are sustaining themselves now, he said, and he believes 1937 will be better because the general public seems to have determined to make it so.

From His Viewpoint Everything Is Rosy.

"Although I wasn't in business for myself all the past year, I am well pleased with the way my garage business has turned out so far," said Raymond Lowe in predicting a better year in 1937.

Without A Doubt Things Have Improved.

"Without a doubt there was a great improvement in business during 1936," said J. D. Jones, local Chrysler-Dodge-Plymouth dealer, who reported comparatively brisk sales of automobiles. He believes the outlook for the New Year to be encouraging.

General Conditions Improve Local Situation Better.

Through efforts put forth by the Chamber of Commerce and individuals for increased trade Hico during the past year, A. A. Brown, of Brown's Ready-to-Wear, thinks much was accomplished. He anticipates further results from similar efforts in the New Year.

Will Say In 1938 What He Thinks About 1937.

Speaking of his own business, Lon Ross, jeweler, stated that he thought the past year had shown improvement over the previous one. "I'd rather say in 1935 what I think about 1937," he hastily added when broached for a prediction on what the future holds.

Individuals Must Work Out Their Own Destiny.

Reporting a very satisfactory business in his drug store for the past year, E. F. Porter said he intended to make 1937 better in matter of sales if possible. He added that each individual has to work out his own plans to make business better.

Hasn't Been In Texas Long Enough to Predict.

Adapting an old saying about the weather to the situation, A. A. Fewell, proprietor of a shoe and harness shop, stated that he hadn't been here long enough to make a prediction on what the New Year will bring. He added, however, that the past year was better than its predecessor.

Will Be Well Satisfied If 1937 Matches 1936.

"Gosh, yes," was the reply of G. C. Keeney when asked if he thought 1936 was better than previous years in a business way.

Mr. Keeney, who last year moved his hatcher business to Hico from Carlton, has noted a steady increase in trade. He says if 1937 business even matches his during 1936 he will be well satisfied, but hopes for even more improvements in the coming months.

Hopes For Continuation of Better Business.

Expressing satisfaction at the reception accorded the Corner Drug Store since its opening a year and a half ago, J. B. Ozle reported that business had come up to and even exceeded the expectations of the owners. He said his firm was making plans to take care of increased business in 1937.

Feed Mill Operator Says 1936 Much Better.

In making the prediction that 1937 would witness improved conditions for farmers and business men alike, Arthur Burden, proprietor of a feed mill, pointed to the improvement made during the past year. He believes business to be on the increase all over the country.

Well Satisfied With Trade Accorded New Firm.

John Lackey, proprietor of Lackey's Grocery, is well pleased with trade accorded his firm since its purchase a few months ago, and hopes for an increase in the New Year.

According to some conditions, Mr. Lackey thinks business will be better, and according to others it might not be so good.

WANT ADS

FURS WANTED—See me before you sell.—Herman Rhodes, Hico. 32-3p

WE HAVE heavy manila paper, suitable for wrapping meat.—Barnes & McCullough. 31-2c

FOR LEASE—80 acre farm, 30 in cultivation; good house, good well, and water; plenty good wood. Also home, 8-room house in Hico for sale. See L. J. Jordan. 32-1p

FOR TRADE—Chevrolet pick-up, '23 model for small team. C. R. Oakley at McCarty place on Highway 66. 32-2tp

SOME WISE BUYER will get a bargain in 387-acre farm located on public road near Fairy, known as old Leeth place, to go at public sale at Hamilton Tuesday, Jan. 5, at court house door. 31-2p

FOR SALE—Teams, Wagon, Harness and Implements. Also wood cook stove. Tom Boone. 32-1tp

Wanted, permanent, reliable renter for my home. Leaving Hico indefinite length of time. See Mrs. W. F. Culbreath or H. N. Wolfe. 31-1fc

FOR SALE—Three Jersey milk cows and calves. See C. M. Broyles, Lanham, Texas. 32-2tp

DON'T SCRATCH! Get Paracide Ointment, the guaranteed Itch and Eczema Remedy. Positively guaranteed to promptly relieve any form of itch, eczema or other itching skin irritation or money refunded. Large Jar 50c at Corner Drug Co. 19-26tc

LOST—In town: Coat to ladies' suit, rust color wool crepe with covered buttons. Reward.—Carmen Shelton. 32-1fc

Your old furniture made modern by an expert. Repairing and upholstering. Will pay cash for old mattresses.—Second Hand Exchange. 28-1p-1fc

When in need of electrical work, delivering service, or repair work of any kind, see Jesse Bobo, phone 75. 6-1fc

FOR SALE—110 acre Farm, 3 1/2 miles South of Hico. See Bill Grisham, Route 3. 32-2p

SORE THROAT—TONSILLITIS! Instantly relieved by Anesthesia Mop, the wonderful new sore throat remedy. A real mop that relieves the pain and checks infection. Positive relief guaranteed or money refunded by Corner Drug Co. 19-26tc

TABOR PRODUCE—Buyers of Poultry, Cream and Eggs. Give us a trial. 42-1fc

NOTICE OF SALE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY

"Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of the Iredell Rural High School has ordered sold the building of the former Camp Branch School District. Anyone interested in buying this property should leave or send their bids to D. E. Cavness, Secretary of Iredell School Board, on or before January 16, 1937." (32-3tc)

NOTICE DELINQUENT TAX PAYERS!

The School Board has voted to invoke the penalty and interest as required by law on all taxes unpaid on January 1st. If your taxes are delinquent, please see regular collector and save this added expense. MRS. MARVIN MARSHALL, Sec. A. H. BURDEN, President. 30-2c



Best Wishes for 1937

During 1937 we wish you a full portion of good luck and bountiful rewards for all of your earnest endeavors. We thank you for your patronage and friendship in the past — and trust that our contacts in the future may continue to be mutually advantageous.

BELOW A FEW DOLLAR DAY

JAN. 6TH 30 \$1.00 Sweaters 69c

Men's \$1.25-\$1.50 Sweaters \$1.00

All Satin Slips \$1.00

Double Blankets \$1.00

21 Pairs Ladies' Shoes, each \$1.00

Vanette Silk Hose \$1.00

Men's Heavy Work Pants \$1.00

Ladies \$1.95 Hats \$1.00

\$3.45-\$3.95 Dresses \$2.95

AT YOUR SERVICE

Petty's

Season's Greetings. We in the telephone organization wish all of our neighbors good health, peace of mind and prosperity. FANNIE WOOD, WILENA PURCELL, OLETA FEWELL, LUCILLE GARTH.

I AM THE OLDEST WHITE LEGHORN BREEDER IN HAMILTON CO. Absolutely have the largest type biggest boned Leghorn on the market. I am giving a discount of 10 per cent on all orders for baby chicks booked before Jan. 18. On Tuesday, Jan. 19, I am giving away some valuable prizes, including 100 of my best grade chicks. Come in and let us explain how you may win one of these prizes. KEENEY'S HATCHERY AND FEED STORE, Hico, Texas Phone 254

THANKS We attribute the success of our business the past year to the loyalty of our patrons, and we wish to thank each one for their patronage. May 1937 be one of happiness for you. ROY FRENCH