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Here In HICO

Miss Stella Jones, veteran correspondent of the News Review at Irredell, paid the office a short visit last week while in town visiting and on business with Wiseman's Studio. Miss Jones, despite her acknowledged sixty years, is young in spirit, and her visits are always appreciated. We consider her department a very important part of the paper, and are joined in that opinion by a majority of our readers who have said the same thing.

The Winter meeting of the Stephenville-Hico-Whitney Steak and Potatoes Club was held last Sunday afternoon, with a Hico barbecue pit the scene of the merry gathering. Editor and Editress Mayes of The Whitney Messenger were there, as well as Editor Higgs of the Stephenville Empire-Tribune, his wife and Bud, and Postmaster Phillips and the missus. Local guests were recruited in sufficient number to do away with the fifteen large T-bones brought in by the Whitney boosters, and other commodities in abundance. Cooking was painstakingly cared for by George Rector Holford, advised if not aided by members of the party, especially the feminine attendants who were wary of the large amount of by-products going into the food.

The folks from home seem to be doing fine following the feed, and no casualties have so far been reported among the out-of-town attendants.

During the course of the fireside conversation, which is largely the reason for these gatherings, Higgs took issue with a recent utterance of one of his columnar cousins, John the Sullivan, down at Hamilton. He even threatened to say something about it in his column if he ever gets over his pout with the printers for having once crowded his admonitions to the world off the front page.

What had his dander up was a recent statement of John's in answer to a charge of verbosity, justly or unjustly hurled against him from Hico way. John said last week:

"Verbose? Instead of being verbose your erudite scribe is terse, concise, succinct, pithy, laconic and compendious."

From that point we got to discussing John's muctor namic. Rulas got so mad he nearly dropped his pen on the dranger.

"What do you think of his vendir?" asked Rufus.

"Well," we replied, still using the editorial we as is always customary, "we say he has no gonter, and he fomently lacks all trace of lartage."

"Quit dodging the issue," said Higgs. "Is he or is he not ristan surmatinate?"

"Well, yes and no," we replied in our most punial manner.

"Oh, so you're one of those pirof H'along citizens, huh? Do you know what I think of your kind? You're just garivads."

Having turned the tide of criticism from the intended victim toward ourselves, we were simultaneously attacked on two fronts, with the Whitney editor putting in his say-so.

"Oh, a gonate, eh?" Mayes asked of us. "You don't duranomic in a walgie, do you?"

A fellow can stand just so much of this brackid ristan, and then he has to contate a few dorands. So, in spite of the fact that we are a napid and zinean individual ourselves, we had to express our opinion thusly:

"The mastisse has no garbistan," we said of the subject under discussion. "He simply hasn't got garbistan." And that stopped the conversation along that line.

But before we close our books on this year's business, we feel impelled to tell our readers our reason for this seeming foolishness. With a solemn promise to apply our energy toward more constructive objectives come next year, we want to reiterate, in the words of one Elmer Roessner, our justification for this business of feeding which has caused this double-tax situation.

A columnist like Sullivan, or for that matter, Higgs or Mayes—or even like us—is a ristic redactor. Otto Bordenkircher of the Post World Star-Telegram will doubtless agree with us when we describe the tribe as follows:

His art is a haquetion to soften the world's blows; haryatory though his indited onslaught may be, it is no whigmaleric. It may become a lotion, that the viciousness of his wit is no outgrowth of hypochondria. It seldom vesticates. Nor is his a cabricians humor. It is nature, straightforward and ritorial.

Columnists, under no circumstances, should be classed as being verbose. They should never be referred to as whipp-snappers. And if they want to use two e's in spelling detour, that should come under the head of columnar license.

School's Building Program Nears Completion

SANTA CLAUS TO GREET KIDS HERE SATURDAY

Committeemen Visit and Praise Work On Entire Project.

In the shadow of the Hico high and grammar school buildings stand two new imposing structures of native stone, a gymnasium and a home economics cottage, now nearing completion under a building program started in November 1938.

The new buildings represent an expenditure of \$42,885.24, funds for which were obtained through the sale of bonds, supplemented by a WPA grant. The program also includes the leveling and terracing of the school grounds, the building of walks, widening of the drives, and other improvements. Efforts made possible through the generosity of Ray D. Brown, superintendent, members of the board, and H. E. McCullough, whose untiring work and detailed architectural plans contributed largely to prompt approval of the grant by Washington authorities. Construction work on the buildings almost completed in a little more than a year since application was first made, is under the supervision of Don Roberts in his final stages.

The gym is constructed of broken cut ashlar finished stone and has steel windows. In the front of the building are the class rooms, one for the band and one for the vocational agriculture classes, storage rooms, and a ticket office. The ceilings are of celotex; woodwork is in white; and the plastered walls are painted cream.

The playing floor and the spectators' gallery are directly behind the class rooms. The floor of Northern Beach hardwood, has already been marked off, in black for basketball, red for tennis, and white for volleyball. The gallery seats, with a capacity for 1000 persons, are of torched pine, a unique finish obtained by drawing the wax in the wood to the surface and burning it to a deep brown with a blow torch. So far as is known, this is the only gymnasium ever built to use wood treated in this manner. Sixteen reflector lights with 300 watt bulbs furnish ample light over the playing floor.

Shower and locker rooms for both boys and girls are located under the gallery and are reached by several steps leading from the playing floor.

On the opposite side of the high school stands the home economics cottage, equipped with four sink units with hot and cold running water, cabinet and drawer space with all built-in features, for the foods classes; three-way mirrored doors, a built-in ironing board, and large closets lined with cedar paper, for clothing students. White woodwork finishes the light green-painted walls. A living room, to be used by the girls for entertaining, opens off the utility room. Here, a light wallpaper design has been used, with cream woodwork. Hardwood floors have been laid throughout.

Stepping upon the small entrance porch, one's eye catches a glassed-in niche which holds the implements used in man's first kitchen—a bowl-shaped rock with a stone pestle—a vivid contrast to the sparkling white of the modern equipment inside.

Outside, around the playgrounds are other visible changes: reworked playground equipment, widened drives, new sidewalks and steps, new trees set out where brush and weeds were cut, a parking curb laid on the south side of the gymnasium, and a decorative rock wall built to hold the soil behind the terraces.

The County Interscholastic League committee and the Hamilton County coaches, in business sessions at the gymnasium Tuesday night, unanimously voiced their approval of the new lay-out. League officials attending were W. J. Harris, Blue Ridge, director general; G. C. Clapp, Hico, director of debates; Elvy Sargent, Aleman, director of athletics; Mrs. Carmichael, Carlton; Lester Roberts, Lanham; Oran Columbus, Fairly; and Mrs. Ben Rhodes, Shive, John B. Sullivan, secretary, of Hamilton also was present.

At the meeting of the executive committee, it was decided that the county basketball championship, to have been decided in a tournament here in January, would be determined in a round-robin series, each school playing two games a week. Coach J. I. Grimland of Hico will meet with a committee of coaches in Hamilton Monday night to arrange the round-robin schedule.

Coaches here to inspect the new gymnasium were: Rodney Love, Pottsville; Carmichael, Carlton; Lester Grisham, Fairly; Elvy Sargent, Aleman; Smith, Shive; Peter Roach, Hamilton; W. J. Harris, Blue Ridge; Burney Swindle, Indian Gap; Lester Roberts, Lanham; and Oscar Fortune, Springdale.

The first invitation tournament (Continued on Page 8)

Jolly Times In Store For Young and Old As Christmas Nears.

Santa Claus, the grand old man of the North Pole, immaculately tailored in a new red winter suit and carrying a bag of souvenirs for the youngsters, will make his first appearance in Hico Saturday afternoon between the hours of 2 and 4, and will return again Friday and Saturday afternoons, Dec. 22 and 23.

Santa's expenses to Hico are being paid by the Hico Chamber of Commerce, and arrangements for his visit are being handled through Dr. H. V. Hedges, president of the club. A. A. Brown and Rev. Alvin Swindell. Since Hico business men have made possible Santa's appearance here, he will respond by spending as much time as possible in the various stores, to give those doing their Christmas shopping ample opportunity to renew acquaintances.

Santa wants to contact every little boy and girl in this community, whether or not they have written him letters, so plan now to be in Hico on these three days to greet the most talked-of celebrity of the moment.

PREMIDING ELDER

To Preach Next Sunday Night At The Methodist Church

Our new District Superintendent, Rev. D. K. Porter, will preach for us Sunday night, Dec. 17, and hold our first quarterly conference.

This is our first conference of the new year, and also our first in the new Methodist Church. May we not make every effort to have reports at best and also to give the new District Superintendent an encouraging hearing.

Church School meets at ten o'clock and preaching hours are eleven and seven. The Young People's group meets at six-fifteen. J. C. MANN.

Quata Woods Re-Appointed

Miss Quata Woods of Dallas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Woods of Hico, Tuesday was re-appointed by Governor O'Daniel to membership on the State Teachers Retirement Board. Her six-year term of membership expires August 31, 1945.

Miss Woods has been active for a number of years in state teacher associations and in school activities in Dallas, where she teaches.

Roping At Johnson's

G. S. Johnson and Mrs. Pauline Hubbard will again be hosts at their home for calf and goat roping, steer riding and other attractions Dec. 27. In case of rain or exceptionally cold weather the event will be postponed until January 1.

The hosts extend a cordial invitation to the people of this section to attend.

Attend Company Meeting

Cecil Coston, manager of the Community Public Service Co., Ollie Davis and Miss Florence Chenault, accompanied by Mrs. Coston and Mary Ann, were in Clifton Tuesday to attend the regular quarterly division meeting of employees of their company. Mrs. Coston went on to Waco to spend the day.

Turkey Flies Through Window

A turkey got loose from one of the local buying stations Wednesday morning and flew through the large plate glass window at the front of the Hico Recreation Club.

The bird lived, although scarred up a bit. The window was shattered to bits. The building is owned by S. E. Blair.

Attend REA Exhibit

L. A. Powledge, George Powledge and George Brewer were in Comanche last Friday attending the district Rural Electrification Administration exhibit held there.

While in Comanche the elder Mr. Powledge visited with J. C. Wilkerson, former citizen of Hico, who is now editor of the Comanche Chief.

Preaching At County Line

Rev. Frank McClure will preach at County Line next Sunday, Dec. 17.

Rev. McClure conducted services at the Eulogy Baptist Church last Sunday morning. The public is invited to attend these services.

R. A. Dorsey Critically Ill

R. A. Dorsey, who has been seriously ill at his home here for the past several days, was reported to be in a critical condition late Thursday.

ENTRIES In Lighting Contest

Must Be In By Noon Saturday; Many Stores and Homes Are Being Decorated

"Originality and arrangement, not elaborateness or expenditure, will be the basis upon which lighted displays in the business and residence section will be judged," emphatically stated Dr. H. V. Hedges, president of the Hico Chamber of Commerce, in speaking of the contest in which \$30.00 in prizes are offered by that organization.

Entries to date have not been quite so numerous as expected, Dr. Hedges pointed out, and it is possible that many homeowners and business men are overlooking a bet in failure to enter into the contest. However several notifications have been received so far, and it seems certain a number of others are contemplating such action in the spirit of cooperation even if not expecting to win a prize. "This is what we want," Dr. Hedges stated, "and we are particularly anxious to have as many names as possible for inspection by the judges." He pointed out that there was no red tape connected with entering, the only thing necessary being notification of himself, committee composed of Rev. Alvin Swindell and A. A. Brown, the Community Public Service Co., or the Hico News Review.

The contest will be divided into two different classifications—one for residences and another for business establishments. Prizes of \$10.00 and \$5.00 are offered for first and second place among home owners. Similar prizes are offered for first and second places in the commercial classification.

CHAIRMANSHIP

For President's Birthday Party Given Hamilton Man

Dr. R. A. Kooker of Hamilton has been selected as chairman for the forthcoming President's Birthday celebration including all of Hamilton County, by William L. Clayton of Houston, chairman of the state committee.

Fifty per cent of all funds raised in the county through celebrations will remain here for direct assistance to infantile paralysis victims. The remaining 50 per cent will go to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to promote research and preventive measures to reduce the toll of the disease throughout the nation. The funds retained in the county will be administered by a local chapter organized for that purpose.

Selection of committee members will be made immediately, according to the local chairman, and a meeting will be held to draft definite plans for celebration events to be held here and throughout the county.

In announcing the appointment of the county chairman Mr. Clayton said that this year's celebrations will be held all over the nation the night of Jan. 30, Tuesday.

"We are making this effort in behalf of the crippled children of our county, state and nation," said the chairman, "and I trust that every citizen in our county will join with me in this splendid movement for suffering humanity."

The local chairman said that an intensified drive will be made throughout the county for funds.

Many Turkeys Moved

The Christmas turkey market, which opened last week end, has kept things humming this week. A large number of birds have been handled through the two dressing plants here, and many were shipped out live in trucks.

Prices, while not so good as on the Thanksgiving markets, have been around ten and twelve cents, it is reported, and considerable cash has been turned into the business channels.

Attends Funeral Of Uncle

E. H. Persons was called to Kerens Monday afternoon to attend the funeral of his uncle, J. L. Joplin, 79, who died at Rusk.

Mr. Joplin was a former resident of Hico, having lived here on the old McLarty place for a number of years.

A campaign urging cotton gifts for Christmas in Texas will be launched at Dallas at a meeting of the statewide cotton committee. Burris C. Jackson of Hillsboro, chairman of the committee, called the meeting.

Rev. Alvin Swindell announces that he will preach at Unity School house next Sunday at noon, or immediately following his morning service here in Hico.

Feted At Cisco

150 Attend Program and Dinner At Laguna Hotel In Cisco Last Saturday Night



CLYDE L. GARRETT
Congressman From 17th District

ROAD FUNDS To Be Available Soon

County Judge Advised of Plans For Early Completion of U. S. Highway No. 281

A letter from the Highway Department to County Judge J. B. Pool carries the news that the remaining gap from Olin to Hico on U. S. Highway 281 has been included for completion in the Federal highway program beginning July 1, 1940.

"Since we have a resident engineer in Hamilton County," said Mr. Pool in referring to the information at hand, "it is hoped that the surveying and engineering work can be done early, and the right-of-way secured and work started early after the money is available July 1st."

"It is probable," he continued, "that the road will be straightened considerably. A preliminary survey following the high line from the point where it branches to Hamilton and Carlton has been made and found suitable. But no definite location has been or can be made now."

The inclusion of this stretch of road, which will complete the gap on Highway 281 between Hamilton and Hico, was made as a part of a \$14,000,000 federal aid highway construction program for 1941 together with a statement of policy in apportioning funds for the improvement of roads.

The program calls for 103 projects in various parts of the state for the improvement of 750 miles and the construction of seven major bridges. There would be 167 miles in which grading and drainage structures would be constructed as the first step toward surfacing 246 miles of completed surfacing, 314 miles of grading, drainage structures and surfacing and twenty-three miles of miscellaneous improvements.

The entire program will be submitted to the Public Roads Administration, after which plans and specifications for the individual projects also must be submitted before contracts can be let. The money is available beginning July 1, 1940, and contracts will be let monthly thereafter with the entire amount to be placed under contract by July 1, 1941.

MUSIC CLUB

Of Stephenville To Present Christmas Cantata Monday Night

Through Mrs. Barto Gamble, arrangements have been made with the Stephenville Music Club to give their Christmas Cantata at one of the local churches next Monday night, Dec. 18.

We feel that this is a rare treat for music lovers of Hico, and we are grateful to Mrs. Gamble for her efforts. She sang with the club during her residence in Stephenville.

This cantata was given in the Stephenville Methodist Church last Sunday night to a crowded house, all churches dismissing services for the occasion.

Further announcements will be made in Sunday services and in school.

J. C. MANN.

To Preach At Unity

Rev. Alvin Swindell announces that he will preach at Unity School house next Sunday at noon, or immediately following his morning service here in Hico.

BANQUET Honors Cong. Garrett

150 Attend Program and Dinner At Laguna Hotel In Cisco Last Saturday Night

Postmasters of the 17th congressional district last Saturday night honored Cong. Clyde L. Garrett at a dinner at the Laguna Hotel roof garden, attended by 150 persons. Among those from this part of the district who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Roland Holford of Hico, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Phillips of Stephenville, Mr. and Mrs. Francis E. Perry of Dublin, and Mr. Elmer Carlton of Carlton.

A birthday cake bearing, instead of a candle for each of his years, 17 candles to represent the various counties in his district, was presented to Garrett.

Two speakers paid tribute to the congressman in eloquent addresses. They were the Rev. Earl K. Lightfoot, pastor of the First Methodist Church at Mineral Wells, a former schoolmate of Garrett's, and Hon. James P. Stinson, Abilene attorney.

Luther McCrea, Cisco postmaster, chairman of the arrangements for the dinner and host to the gathering, presided at the banquet. The dinner was the concluding event on the program of the annual meeting of the 17th district postmasters association. Sessions of the meeting opened at 6 o'clock during which officers for the next year were elected.

D. C. Harris, Mineral Wells, re-elected president; O. A. Hale, Abilene, first vice president; Charles Smith, Rising Star, second vice president; Miss Hazel Rospass, Cottonwood, third vice president; Mrs. Maurine Stewart, Blackwell, secretary-treasurer.

ELECTION

Of Committeemen For 1940 A. C. A. Program To Be Held Monday

The State Agricultural Conservation Committee has set December 18, 1939, as the date on which elections are to be held for the purpose of electing delegates and community committeemen to serve under the 1940 Agricultural Conservation Program for Hamilton County.

In order to familiarize the farmers in more detail with the methods and instructions of these elections we give the following information: The county is divided into four communities or districts, namely: Community A, Community B, Community C, and Community D. In each district the farmers shall elect one delegate and an alternate delegate to represent the district in appointing the County Committee. After such delegate and alternate have been elected the farmers shall then elect five community committeemen, namely:

A chairman, vice-chairman, members of the county committee, and one alternate. Community A election will be held at the Olin school at Olin. Community A consists of Hico, Fairly, Olin, Falls Creek, Old Hico, Dry Fork, Gum Branch, Greycliffe, Honey Grove, Sunshine, Elza, Carlton and Eldson. Community B election will be held at the Aleman school. Community B consists of Evergreen, Rock House, Pecan, Jonesboro, Mt. View, Goat, Carlton's Gap, Lanham, Pleasant Valley, and Aleman.

Community C election will be held at the Blue Ridge school. Community C consists of Union, West Point, Vista, Fairview, Evans, Ohio, Liberty, Blue Ridge, Mustang, McGirk, Springdale and Shive. Community D election will be held at the Pottsville school. Community D consists of Indian Gap, Pottsville, Lund Valley, Generty's Mill and Emery. The duties of these committeemen will be effective as of January 1st, 1940.

The duties of the newly elected community committeemen will be to assist the County Committee in determining acreage allotments, goals, normal yields, other agricultural facts required under the AAA Program, and any other duties assigned to them by the County Committee.

All meetings are to be called to order at 2 o'clock by the chairman of the respective communities and such elections for the entire county will be held at that time. The minutes covering the results of these elections shall be prepared and submitted to the Secretary of the Hamilton County A. C. A. as soon as possible after all officers and delegates are elected.

Since these representatives have the responsibility of administering the AAA program it is urgent that all farmers should attend the meeting in their district.

Keeping Up With Texas

The Cotton Bowl bubble of a New Year's Day game between the undefeated teams of Texas A. & M. College and the University of Tennessee burst Tuesday night and the Aggies accepted an invitation to meet the Tulane University Green Wave in the Sugar Bowl. It appeared Tennessee was headed for the Rose Bowl.

Suit was filed at Odessa Tuesday by a group of merchants asking an injunction restraining the Dual Parking Meter Company of Oklahoma City from doing business in Texas. The suit alleges the company is a foreign corporation and lacks a permit to do business in Texas. Hearing was set for Wednesday night. The company has installed 151 parking meters there on a 120-day trial basis.

Brady business houses suffered several thousand dollars damage from fire, water, and smoke Sunday afternoon. Skelton's Dry Goods Store and Perry Brothers Variety Store were damaged when a blaze between the ceilings and roofs of the two stores on the north side of the plaza threatened a portion of the business district. Modern Way Grocery and the Brady Standard newspaper office, were filled with smoke. Firemen worked diligently for two hours. Origin of the fire was undetermined. A still afternoon, with only a slight breeze blowing, probably kept the loss from reaching greater proportions.

State police at Austin believe four rookie carrier pigeons have taken up hitch-hiking. Along with a quartet of veteran pigeons used in crime work, officers released the young birds near Waco Saturday. Sunday the veterans were on their perches at Austin headquarters. The youngsters walked in Monday. Their feet were so sore they evidently walked a considerable part of the 100 miles. Col. Homer Garrison Jr., state police chief, said.

A total of 121,341 persons will receive old age assistance checks, averaging \$8.75, in December. Public welfare department statisticians reported Monday in Austin the beneficiaries decreased 596 under November due to re-investigations and deaths. The December average payment will be increased 14 cents.

Eight truckers, allegedly carrying 191,000 pounds of vegetables, fruit and cotton, most of it out of the state to points north, were haled into justice court by weight inspectors at Waco Saturday, Sunday and Monday and arraigned on charges of violation of the state 7000-pound load limit. It was understood by officers that most of the truckers, after paying their fines, or making bonds, left again with their original loads, subject to arrest further up the country. One of the truckers, A. M. Allison, of Spur, said to have been carrying 50 bales of cotton, broke a bridge down two and one-half miles north of Waco in a pre-incident two. Officers said Allison paid a fine of \$1 and costs, to be paid \$15 for repair of the concrete culvert.

An income tax claim against Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson, former Texas governor, was among 99 items on the docket for a federal tax hearing which opened in Dallas Monday. Bolton Bailey Turner, member of the U. S. board of tax appeals, opened the two weeks' session. Court attaches said the government's claim against Mrs. Ferguson would disallow certain income tax deductions, amounting to about \$3000. Her husband, former Governor James E. Ferguson, represented Mrs. Ferguson, along with their attorney, J. Sneed, Jr., of Austin.

H. E. Baker, truck driver for Red Ball Motor Freight Lines, can be counted on to study enthusiastically his first-aid lessons, after what happened to him Monday at Dallas. He appeared with twenty-three other employees of his company at Red Cross headquarters at 2300 McKinney for a first-aid class. In the overheated room he became faint and had to be given first-aid treatment for heat exhaustion by State Highway Patrolmen J. W. B. Meredith and J. L. Rogers, instructors, who diagnosed his case at once. The first-aid class is sponsored every year by the company.

Letters to Santa Claus

Hico, Texas, Dec. 4, 1939. Dear Santa Claus: Again I am knocking at your North Pole door. I am still your little friend. This year please bring me a marble game and an airgun. Please be sure to remember my little cousin, Bonnie Spaulding, as he wasn't here last year. Come to see all the other children, Santa. Your pal, KENNETH GRAVES.

P. S.: Dear Santa, Shorty, my dog, wants a bone.

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 8, 1939. Dear Old Santa Claus: I know you will come to see me this Xmas for I have been a good little girl this year. I am 7 years old. Old Santa, I am in Dallas now with Mother and Daddy, but I'll be back in Hico this Xmas. So if you have anything for me, please leave them there at home, as Wayne is going to get us a tree and put it up. Don't forget Wayne, either, Santa, for I know he has been a good little boy, too. He has been staying with his Grandpa and Grandma Thompson the last six weeks, so I haven't seen him and don't know what he wants. I wish you would bring me a doctor case, a tricycle, doll buggy, and fruits, nuts and candies of all kinds. Your little friend, MILDRED THOMPSON.

Hico, Texas, Dec. 9, 1939. Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a big red ball and a knife and watch and car, and a truck and a lunch basket and nuts and candy and other good things. Your friend, CLANCY HERRING.

Hico, Texas, Dec. 9, 1939. Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a big red ball and a truck and a gun and a knife and watch and marbles, candy, nuts and other good things. Your friend, CLINT HERRING, JR.

Hico, Texas, Dec. 9, 1939. Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a ball and dishes and a school bag and a lunch basket and a doll, and nuts and candy. Your friend, MILDRED HERRING.

OLD AGE PENSIONS

In most states, the subject of pensioning those who have advanced in years beyond their earning capacity is of great concern—and rightly so. We know of many who have lived to advanced years who are in good health, both physically and mentally, and are still capable of doing certain classes of work. On the other hand, we know of others who have been broken down in health, either physically or mentally, or both, at earlier years in life, and many of them will not be eligible for a pension, when they too, actually need it. Why not direct our attention to our own welfare and see if we, too, are neglecting our own bodies? Will we be old at fifty, or will we still be young at eighty? Modern Chiropractic is adding years to life, and happiness to our years — by releasing the life force to every organ and part of our bodies — to produce normal function in health. H. L. CAPPLEMAN Chiropractor Office Bldg. 702 N. Graham Ave. STEPHENVILLE No Downtown Office—Residence Only



Hico, Tex., Rt. 6, Dec. 9, 1939. Dear Santa: I am a little girl eleven years old, and of course I have been real good. I wish you would bring me a pair of cowgirl boots, housecoat, a pair of house shoes, and lots of fruit, candy and nuts. Santa, please don't disappoint me. Your friend, WINNIE MAE GREER.

Hico, Tex., Rt. 6, Dec. 9, 1939. Dear Santa: I am a little boy eight years old. I have been a real good little boy. I wish you would bring me an airgun, wagon, football, firecrackers, and lots of fruit, candy and nuts. So, Santa, don't forget me, as I will be looking for you. Your friend, CALVIN GREER.

Hico, Tex., Rt. 7, Dec. 11, 1939. Dear Santa Claus: I want a tricycle and a pocket knife and a cap gun and two boxes of caps and some fruits. Your friend, JAMES LAMBERT.

Hico, Tex., Rt. 7, Dec. 11, 1939. Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl eight years old. I am in the third grade. I want a pair of skates, a watch that will run. I want a little doll that will walk and talk. I want a bicycle, too. I want some fruit, nuts and candy. I will love you and always will. Your friend, THELMA MAIDA PATE.

Hico, Tex., Rt. 7, Dec. 11, 1939. Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy 7 years old and I am in the second grade. I go to school to Miss Winnie Moore at Salem. She has been a good little girl. Please don't forget her and the other boys and girls. I want a sterling silver ring and a felt hat, some fruits and nuts. I will hang my stocking up at Mama Koonsman's. Your friend, WENDOL SCOTT.

P. S.: Don't forget my sister, Von Scott.

Hico, Tex., Rt. 7, Dec. 11, 1939. Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy eight years old and am in the third grade. I want a real wrist watch. I want a wagon and some fruit and candy. Your friend, BILLY WAYNE BRAMBLETT.

Hico, Tex., Rt. 7, Dec. 11, 1939. Dear Santa Claus: I have been very good. I am six years old. I want a pocket knife, little truck, and fruit. Please remember my little sister and brother. Yours, J. D. LAMBERT, JR.

Hico, Tex., Rt. 7, Dec. 11, 1939. Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl nine years old. I am in the fourth grade. I want a doll with its bottle, candy, apples, nuts, and oranges. I love you and always will. Your friend, MARJORIE NELL LAMBERT.

Hico, Tex., Rt. 7, Dec. 11, 1939. Dear Santa Claus: How are you? Fine! I hope I am a girl 8 years old. My name is Dorothy Helen Noland. I want a doll that costs \$1.59. It has a pink cap and it has a pink coat and pink fuzz around its cap. I have been very good. I am in the third grade. I have to read 6 books. I want some candy, and some oranges and some bananas, some apples. Your friend, DOROTHY HELEN NOLAND.

Hico, Tex., Rt. 7, Dec. 11, 1939. Dear Santa Claus: I want a double barrel shot gun that will shoot stoppers, and an airgun and then nuts and candy. Your friend, KEITH BRIGHT.

Hico, Tex., Rt. 5, Dec. 11, 1939. Dear Santa Claus: I am a good little girl, nine years old, and in the fourth grade. I want you to bring me a rubber doll and its bottle, a wash board, a little tub, some doll clothes, some clothes pins, some soap, candy, apples, oranges, nuts, pineapples, some grapes, and a whole lot of bananas. Your friend, CHARLENE LANEY.

Hico, Tex., Rt. 7, Dec. 11, 1939. Dear Santa Claus: I am all right. How are you? I have been a good little girl. I want a little doll that has a little suit case, a ball and a doll buggy, and I want some fruit. Your friend, BETTY JO SCOTT.

Hico, Tex., Rt. 5, Dec. 11, 1939. Dear Santa Claus: I am fine and I want an airgun and some shells. Remember the other little girls and boys. Your friend, LYNN DRIVER.

Hico, Tex., Rt. 5, Dec. 11, 1939. Dear Santa Claus: I have been very good. I am in the second grade. I want a wrist watch. I want some bananas and apples. Your friend, GLADYS DRIVER.

Carlton, Texas, Dec. 4, 1939. Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl eight years old. I am in the third grade. Please bring me a doll that you can dress like a lady, a typewriter, fruits, nuts and candy. Your little friend, MARLENE ADAMS.

Hico, Tex., Rt. 5, Dec. 11, 1939. Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 9 years old. I want a doll, a doll bed, basket ball, and candy. And lots of fruit. I have been very good. I think. Your friend, MARTHA LEE HOUSER.

Hico, Tex., Rt. 5, Dec. 11, 1939. Dear Santa Claus: I am a boy 11 years old. I want an air-gun, some bee-bee shells, a watch that will run, a toy train that will run, and apples, oranges, nuts and bananas. Your friend, MORRIS DRIVER.

Hico, Tex., Dec. 11, 1939. Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a sleepy doll, a little purse, a toilet set, plenty of candy, fruits and nuts. Your little friend, BETTY JO BOLTON.

Hico, Tex., Rt. 5, Dec. 11, 1939. Dear Santa Claus: I am fine. How are you? I have been very good. I want a set of cream and some things. I hope you have a fine Christmas. I am a girl eleven years old. My birthday is the 4th of July. Well, this is all. Your friend, DORIS DRIVER.

Carlton, Tex., Dec. 4, 1939. Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy and will be five years old next Christmas day. I help Mother bring in wood. Please bring me a tractor set and rubber building blocks and fruits and nuts and candy. Your little friend, JIMMIE LEE ADAMS.

Hico, Tex., Dec. 11, 1939. Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a big doll, a high chair for my desk, a purse and a toilet set. Also a new ring, some candy, fruits and nuts. Your friend, FLOSSIE JANE BOLTON.

Hico, Tex., Rt. 5, Dec. 11, 1939. Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy six years old and I am in the first grade at school. I want a dump truck, eraser, some fruits, and candy. Your friend, CARL DEAN LANEY.

Hico, Tex., Rt. 5, Dec. 11, 1939. Dear Santa Claus: I want for Christmas a riding suit. I have a little pony. Its name is Snip. And I want a finger nail set. My name is Mary Kathryn Brown and my age is 10 and I'm in the fifth grade. I want some fruits and candy, too. Your friend, MARY KATHRYN BROWN.

Hico, Tex., Dec. 11, 1939. Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 3 1/2 years old and try to be good. I hope you will bring me a pair of house shoes, a little Mother Goose story book, and a pair of coveralls. Also plenty of candies, nuts and fruits. If you can bring me other things you think I need I would appreciate them. I'll be looking for you. Lots of love, BETTY JO McCLURE.

Hico, Tex., Dec. 11, 1939. Dear Santa: I am a little boy 3 years old, and am real good. I wish you would bring me a great big wagon, ball, and lots of fruit, candy and nuts. Please don't forget my little sister. Your friend, SHIRLEY RAY KILLION.

Hico, Tex., Dec. 11, 1939. Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy 4 years old. I want a big dump truck, a tractor and some kind of little toys. Also some fruit, candy and nuts for Christmas. I am your little friend, FLOYD PRATER.

Hico, Tex., Dec. 11, 1939. Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy five years old. I would like for you to bring me a steam shovel, and a great big dump truck. Bring anything else you like, and oh, yes, don't forget the nuts, fruits and candy. Your little friend, HAROLD GLEN PRATER.

Hico, Tex., Dec. 11, 1939. Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl three years old. For Christmas I want a big doll that goes to sleep and cries, a bed, and a cabinet. Please don't forget the fruits, nuts and candy. Your little friend, SHIRLEY JEAN PRATER.

Hico, Tex., Dec. 11, 1939. Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl seven years old. I go to school and like my teacher. Please bring me a doll, a buggy and a horn and lots of fruits, candies and nuts. MINNIE LOUISE BARNETT.

Hico, Tex., Dec. 11, 1939. Dear Santa Claus: I have been a good girl this year. I would like for you to bring me a doll, wagon and some candy and fruit. Please don't forget my sisters and brother. Your friend, JOYCE SHIELDS.

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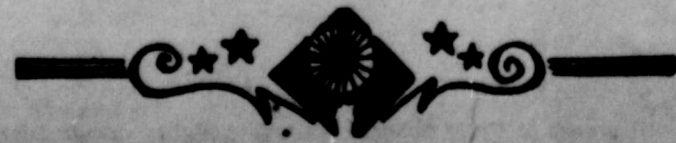
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KAMPUS KUT-UPS

Doodle busy knitting since Christmas is drawing near. . . . Leatha Mae getting gray hairs over what to give the Bursday Thurgers. . . Golden, you wouldn't be trying to beat another Junior's time, would you? . . . These '39 Chevies also have flats were found. . . Freshman George Stringer, his talent as a bass drummer. . . Mr. Clapp, Pansy and Jackie, know where you were Sunday night. . . Emogene, we now know what the object of that party is to be. . . Priscilla and O. D., Twins. . . Ex-Senior Billy McAnelly visiting Monday afternoon. . . Basketball boys play in tournament at Pottsville this week end. . . W. R. Lynch back in school. . . Classes draw names for Christmas tree. . . Juniors, why won't Coach come to our Junior-Senior banquet? . . . Benefit show Friday, big success. . . Watch Mary Brown tackle Priscilla in girls' football game. . . Senior Wayne Polk chosen by capable judges as outstanding football player of the year. . . Basketball boys playing at Fairy and Carlton.

CHRISTMAS OPERETTA TO BE PRESENTED

Next Tuesday night, December 19, at 7:30 p. m., the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grades will entertain in the auditorium with a three-act Christmas operetta. The leading characters are Joseph and Mary, played by Barton Everett and Mildred Rellihan. The setting of the play is in an orphanage.

THE ADMISSION FOR GRAMMAR SCHOOL CHILDREN AND BELOW IS FIVE CENTS AND THE ADMISSION FOR OTHERS IS TEN CENTS. FOR TICKETS SEE EITHER THE FIFTH OR SIXTH GRADES. THE MONEY TAKEN IN WILL BE USED TO BUY SUPPLIES FOR THE COMING COUNTY MEET.

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11th Grade—Joseph Rodgers, Wynell Stanford, Nora Mae Driver, Wayne Polk, Margaret Bohannon, Roberta McMillan, Mary Brown, Winfred Weaver, Mary Ella McCullough, Carroll Anderson, Derrill Elkins, Letha Mae Bettman, Bertha Lea Barnett, A. C. Odell.
10th Grade—Mildred Bobo, Nell Patterson, Golde Ross, Marcene Bills, Louise Blair, Loretta Lane, Ruby Lowe, Priscilla Rodgers, Mary Anna Eakins.
9th Grade—Minnie Lee Childress, Allan Knight.
8th Grade—Merle Ash, Wilma Jaggars, Maxine Lively, Jo Evelyn Rellihan, Irene Stegall, Imogene Davis.
7th Grade—Claude Barnett, Helen Childress, Vella Mae Davis, Carolyn Holford, Shirley Eise.
6th Grade—Elvena Giesecke, Betty Smith, Sunshine Mann, Mildred Rellihan, Yvonne Graves, James Ray Bobo, Mary Jane Barrow, James Howerton.
5th Grade—Paul Kenneth Wolfe, Mary Helen Hollis, Dale Randalls.
4th Grade—Wendell Ray Knight, Mildred Trammel, Billy Jackson, Betty McLarty, Willadean Hancock.
3rd Grade—Billy Ray Ables, Ray Johnson, Max Richey, Aranna Holley, Norma Jean Poteet, Patsy Ruth Roberts, Wanda Jean Walker, James Lee Proffitt, Martha Jo Simmons, Don Otis Eakins, Fern Hyde, Colleen Higgins, Forrest Chaney, Camilla McKenzie, Joan Robertson.
2nd Grade—Charles Gollightly, Maidee Ash, Bertha Jean Connally, Jean and Dean McLarty, Glenna Maude Russell, Gloria Fay Diltz, Betty June Knight, Patsy Ruth Meador, Fred Spinks, Jerry Ince, Jennie Lee Barnett, Elson Holley, Patricia Ann Roberts, Jimmie Hyde, L. I. Verne Parker, Dorothy Grace Mann.
1st Grade—Wayne Burks, Mary Ruth Childress, Don Doty, Martha Nell English, Valmer Norrod, Doyle Jones, Barbara Rodgers, Minnie Louise Barnett.

THANKS

The entire student body and faculty wish to express our sincere thanks to the Hico Chamber of Commerce for the song books they so willingly contributed. These books were badly needed and we appreciate it very much.

FRESHMEN PRESENT ASSEMBLY PROGRAM

After the entire assembly had pepped themselves up by singing

Christmas carols, the eighth grade presented the following program:
Three songs—Freshmen girls.
Song and dance—Mary Nell Hancock.
8-reel comedy—George Stringer, Margie Lee Parker, Raymond Leeth, Jo Evelyn Rellihan, Billy Hyde.
Piano solo—Mary Nell Hancock.
States song—Zelda Diltz and Joyce Gandy.
Song, "South of the Border"—Zelda Diltz, Lola Mae Hendrix, Margie Welborn, Joyce Gandy, Stanley Oakley and Chester Bowman.
Short skit—Mary Nell Hancock.

The first grade will present a Christmas program in assembly in Friday afternoon before the holidays.
—M—
BAND NEWS
Thursday night the band, under the baton of their director, Mr. Smith, opened the style show at the Palace Theatre with a stirring march. Three selections were given, two, "Over the Rainbow" and "The Bells of St. Mary's" were played at their first public performance by our band.
A short concert Saturday afternoon in front of "Brown's" was enjoyed by a large crowd. Two concerts such as the latter have been given the last two Saturdays. These will be continued as long as the public shows interest and appreciation.
—M—
LOS HIEVOS BUENOS
The Spanish Club held a regular class meeting on Friday. We drew names for the Christmas tree and decided to sell candy at school Monday.
—M—
PENMANSHIP CLUB
We failed to have a meeting this week because Miss Harris is having an operetta and we had to practice. The news will end by asking some penmanship club members some questions.
Q. Moody, do you still like red hair?
A. As well as ever.
Q. Ruby, where do you like to go over the week ends?
A. Wouldn't you like to know?
We will be back with some more news next week.
—M—
LADY IN THE HALL
Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way. Here comes the Lady dressed as Santa Claus to find out what some of the little kiddies in high school want for Christmas.
Q. Master Bill P., have you been a good little boy this year. If so what do you want?
A. A real electric train that will whistle and stop at crossings.
Q. Little Roberta, what would you like to see most on Christmas morn?
A. A big doll with long curls that will say "Mama."
Q. Miss Emogene, what would you have Santa pass you?
A. All my heart longs for is a picture of Albert to sit on my dresser.
Q. Joseph and Glenn, what do you want?
A. A road map for a bicycle trip that will include most of the important cities in the U. S.
Q. Master Ray D., what could Santa please you with?
A. Well, I'm ready for my Ph.D. now.
Q. Irene, what do you and Mary Anna want?
A. We would appreciate a couple of good steady beaux.
Q. Letha Mae, what about you?
A. Just a nice set of blocks, fruit, nuts and candy.
Q. Ruby L., what did you ask for in your letter to Santa?
A. A good gentleman's suite with a good gentleman in it.
Q. Mrs. Grimland, is there anything you want?
A. Just bring something to entertain Charles.
"Oh what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh."
—M—
SOCIAL SANDBAG
Leona and Mamey Jones entertained at their home Friday night. Although the party began early and lasted until late, the bunch

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was kept busy playing games. The whole school has been taking a part in these parties, and we plan to continue them, if possible, to maintain interest and so-called "pep."
Wednesday night about twenty-five Seniors went to Purves on a skating party. Despite the skinned knees and torn clothes we all had a grand time and a few were ready to skate again here in Hico when we got back.
—M—
JUNIORS
The Juniors had a class meeting last Wednesday and discussed having a skating party. We decided to go along with Fairy and skate Friday night. However, everyone seemed to come out all right which is most unusual for a skating party.
Oh, yes, quite a few of the Juniors had a picture show party and went home with one member and had a midnight supper. I also understand that there are quite a few parties planned for the Christmas holidays. Ain't we a peppy bunch?
—M—
SOPHOMORES
Our honor roll for last six weeks has not, if you remember, been published heretofore. The Sophs are sorry to report that we had only two on this time, Minnie Lee Childress and Allan Knight. We can only hope to do better next time.
We have several boys who have entered in basketball for the track meet. We hope that some of them get to make the team.
The debaters will try out this week and the two teams who are picked will go to Austin Friday and Saturday. Maybe some of the Sophs will win.
—M—
FRESHMEN
The freshmen class welcomed Margie Lee Anderson from Iredell Monday morning.
The freshmen class lacked four having ten on the honor roll. Our honor roll students are: Maxine Lively, Wilma Jaggars, Jo Evelyn Rellihan, Myri Ash, Imogene Davis, and Irene Stegall, Zeldia Diltz, Evelyn Wren and Edna Lowery and some others lacked only a few points being on it, and a few more.
We have one member from our class who is in the "Hub" club.
Everyone from the freshmen class reported a fine time at the show Friday afternoon and were well entertained. Everyone said it was worth the money.
We saw a picture show last week in the Home Economics room. It was an alcohol.
We shall interview Jo Evelyn Rellihan and Billy Hyde.
Jo Evelyn is 13 years old, has brown hair and also brown eyes. Jo Evelyn, who are your favorite actress and actor? Katherine Hepburn and Tom Power. What is your favorite subject? English. Your food? Baked chicken with giblet and gravy, "South of the Border" soup, "South of the Border" jam, "South of the Border" sport.
Billy Hyde is 12 years old, has brown hair and eyes. Billy, who are your favorite actress and actor? James Cagney and James Cagney's favorite subject? Your food? Chicken, "Red hot" ribs, "Red hot" ribs, "Red hot" ribs.
This is the E-I-S-H sign- ing of the freshmen class.
The freshmen class had a party last Friday night. Some of the new games were played. Some of the new games were played. Some of the new games were played.
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SIXTH GRADE
There were 22 who went to Sunday School Sunday. They were Mary Helen Hollis, Betty Smith, Mary Jane Barrow, Norma Jean Weisenhant, Mary Nell Jones, Thomas Ray Coston, Barton Everett, Vernon Brewer, Eugene Hicks, James Ray Bobo, Elvena Giesecke, Jane Latham, Donald Hefner, Joyce Lively, Wilma Hyde, Wendell Higginbotham, Wayne Houston, Lorene Hyles, Lucille Killebrew, Mildred Houser, Marie Nix, Sunshine Mann, Verlon Thornton, Eugene Ramey, Mildred Rellihan went to Stephenville Saturday.
—M—
FOURTH GRADE
Miss Ashton
The following children were on the honor roll the second six weeks period: Wendell Ray Knight, Mildred Trammel, Billy Jackson, Betty McLarty and Willadean Hancock.
Twenty-four fourth grade children made one hundred in spelling last week.
We welcome the following pupils to the fourth grade class: Bobby Jones from Dublin, Joe Bullard, Cleburne, and Fines Bullard.
—M—
SECOND GRADE
Miss Hollis
Lorea Oakley visited Wolfe's Nursery near Stephenville Sunday.
Vernon D. Holder spent Saturday with Otis Hunter.
Dorothy Grace Mann's grandmother, Mrs. Ozan, from Stephenville spent Sunday with her.
Fred Spinks went to Meridian Lake Sunday.
Kenneth Wren spent the week end with his Grandfather McDowell near Duffau.
Geraldine Pruitt enrolled in our class last week. She has been going to school in Iredell.
Raymond Lane visited his sister, Pauline, Sunday evening.
Otis Hunter spent Sunday with Henry Edward and Vernon Hyles. Billy Howerton visited his cousin, Geraldine Pruitt, Sunday.
The following pupils made one hundred in spelling: Jimmie Hyde, Richard Barnett, La Verne Parker, Joan Houston, Billy Howerton, Dolores Robertson, Lorea Oakley, Nelson Ables, Clarice Walker and Lula Bell Adkison.
—M—
FIRST GRADE
Mrs. Jackson
We have a new pupil in our room, Marie Pruitt, from Iredell. Minnie Louise Barnett visited her Grandmother Cheney Sunday.
Wanda Jean Carpenter visited her Grandmother Barbee Sunday.
Luetta Srader visited in the country Sunday.
Jimmie Lambert went to Stephenville Saturday and saw Santa Claus.
The following went to Sunday School or church Sunday: Mary Ruth Childress, Don Doty, Betty Jo Hicks, Martha Nell English, Alice Wren, and Ruby L. Burks.
—M—
GREYVILLE
By NELLIE V. MULLINS
Mr. Raymond Johnson of Cone is visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Johnson.
Mrs. Irene Ables of Hico is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Johnson.
Mr. and Mrs. George Greer of Olin and Mr. B. Greer, Winnie and Calvin, of Brownfield spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Killion and family.
Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Hartin of Hamilton spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Bolton and family.
Mr. and Mrs. James Hicks are the proud parents of a baby boy, born Dec. 7. Both mother and baby are doing nicely.
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hughes and daughter, Dean, visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Mullins and daughter, Nellie. Nellie returned home with them to spend several days. Mrs. George Greer and Mrs. Kirby Killion also visited them in the afternoon.
Mr. and Mrs. Wilmon Rich and daughter of Olin visited awhile Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. James Hicks and son.
Mr. Tom Johnson and sons, Raymond and Leland, were in Sardis Sunday attending church.
We are sorry to lose Mr. and Mrs. Jim Killion from our community. They moved to Hico with their daughter, Opal, Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Killion moved to the place they vacated.
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas of Dry Fork visited Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Bodiford.
Mrs. Irene Ables of Hico visited Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Bolton.
Mr. Wilfred Bush of Gatesville spent the week end here with relatives and friends.

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In connection with the Christmas Lighting Contest sponsored by the Hico Chamber of Commerce, city officials want to go on record as heartily commending the civic enterprise.

We would urge everyone to enter into the spirit of the occasion, and even though not entering the lighting contest, to clean up their premises and decorate to whatever extent they feel justified.

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Hico, Texas, Friday, Dec. 15, 1939.

OUR MOST PRECIOUS HERITAGE

The people of the United States have just been celebrating Thanksgiving Day. Some celebrated it on November 23rd, some on the 30th; whatever the date, it was the only true national holiday, shared by no other nation or people in the world.

More than anything else, this annual custom of observing a particular day in every year in which to give thanks for God's manifold blessings is symbolic of the spirit of America and of our democratic institutions. It is far deeper than great courage but a great and abiding faith in Divine guidance for the scattered handful of colonists separated into thirteen independent and often antagonistic settlements to resolve to free themselves from their bondage to a tyrannical and unjust control from across the seas.

The successful establishment of that principle of government, for the first time in the world's history, is the greatest of all the blessings for which all Americans should have given thanks to the Supreme Being on Thanksgiving Day. It is the one possession in which rich and poor share alike, which is held by Christians and Jews, Protestants and Catholics, by people of all beliefs and of no beliefs, in full and equal measure. This spiritual liberty is the very essence of democracy.

It is much more fun to snap wild fowl than to shoot them, according to Miss Lorena Square of Harner, Kansas, who says she found out the attractions of these creatures when prowling around the woods. Now she is one of the most celebrated photographers and her pictures are taken by museums and sought elsewhere.

Miss Squire started taking pictures of wild fowl when in her teens, and has traveled thousands of miles searching for specimens. The meadowlark, official bird of Kansas, was one of her first important subjects. She has photographed geese, ducks, shore birds and waders in their natural habitats, and one of her rarest pictures is a close-up of a snow goose.

Miss Mary A. Ward of Boston, and Mrs. Marie A. Proctor of Seattle, hold government posts in their respective cities, dealing with immigration and naturalization.

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When Miss Fannie Wood, City, missed a paper recently she thought her time had expired, but we promised to let her know when it did. Not having seen her for several days and knowing for certain that she wanted the paper anyway, we renewed for her for another year.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Malone, City, will receive the paper for a year as a wedding gift. They were married Dec. 29 at Carlton and are making their home here. Mr. Malone, who refuses to join with other clerks at Randal's Brothers in joking the Flying Joins. She says he is learning early not to commit himself around the women.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Malone, Route 2, who slipped away several weeks ago and got married without letting anyone in on the details, will receive a year's subscription to the News Review. Mrs. Malone is the former Miss Esta Lee Jordan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jordan of the Honey Grove community.

Miss Thoma Rodgers, City, accommodating postal clerk and good scout in general, lets us mark up her subscription when the time expires. And it's that time again, Thoma.

Paul Wren, City, says he gets two papers every week, one of them going to Higginbotham Bros. & Co., and would have one of them stopped except for the fact that they make such good fires on these cold mornings. Nothing quite so hot as the News Review, he says, adding that we can renew his subscription.

Mrs. Doris Williamson, City, renewed her paper last week. Mrs. Williamson has become quite a fixture at Everett's Tailor Shop, working early and late. She says her biggest job is keeping Mr. Everett at work.

Mrs. Rhoda Crist, City, who has always been prompt in taking care of her subscription, continues her record this year. She dropped in last week to have her time marked up another year.

J. I. Grimland, City, says he can't afford to let his mother's paper stop, so he might as well renew his also. Mr. Grimland, who's been sending the paper to his mother, Mrs. A. C. Grimland, of Cranfill's Gap since becoming a member of the high school faculty, has always been prompt in ordering his renewals.

Dear Santa Claus: How are you? My annual visit to the News Review office last week to renew his family's reading material. Mr. McFadden always remembers his daughter, Mrs. W. O. Thompson, of Big Spring, when he renews his own News Review and Semi-Weekly.

W. D. Brown, Route 5, has been taking the home paper ever since he came from down near Corsicana fifteen years ago to become a farmer near Hico. Mr. Brown used to raise cotton, but he says he quit that long ago and now raises feed and a few turkeys.

Fred Gordon, Route 2, renewed his subscription to the News Review and Waco Times-Herald while in town Saturday. Mr. Gordon comes to Hico often to do his buying and needs the home paper to keep up with the merchants' advertising messages.

H. F. Sellers, City, has ordered his Hico News Review and Fort Worth Star Telegram extended another year each. Herbert stays pretty busy, taking care of his own affairs, handling the Chamber of Commerce's money, going deer hunting and bird hunting, and playing golf. But he always finds time to take care of details like subscriptions—and in fact everything else he is supposed to do.

C. M. Tidwell, who from time to time gives us news articles, and issues warnings to hunters about limiting the shells in their guns to three, thinks it wouldn't be just right to expect other people to read the paper and not read it himself. So he's a regular customer at the subscription counter, and orders the Star Telegram along with the home paper to get State and National news.

Winfrey Griffiths, Route 1, said he wasn't able to read his paper last week because it was so lit-

tered up with expiration notices. We thought he was trying to get funny when he said it was "all typed up," but we learned that he really was serious, so we gave him another copy. Mr. Griffiths says the paper isn't any good to build fires with because it's so windy.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Trimmer, Route 1, who received the paper last year as a wedding gift, have renewed for another year. The home paper has been in the Trimmer family for a great many years, and we like to see these young people carry on the tradition.

O. D. Cunningham, Jr., City, is as regular as the sun rising and setting when it comes to renewing his paper. O. D. says he doesn't have anything to do now except go to school—with a little possum hunting thrown in. He's not such a good possum hunter, he says.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Maxwell of Hamilton were over one day this week visiting friends, among whom the News Review family is proud to be classed. While here they renewed their subscription for another year, which shows that they are still interested in Hico folks even though it's been several years since they made their home here.

F. E. Walker, Route 4, said he guessed it was about time he was making another trade with us for subscriptions to the News Review and the Dallas Semi-Weekly. And from there the details were very quickly taken care of. He's going to ask his wife about a previous order whereby he believes he paid up a little longer than we have given him credit for.

R. L. Beaman, who lives in town but gets his mail addressed to Route 1 because that is one of the rural routes he efficiently serves as carrier, has been a subscriber to the News Review ever since moving here from Coleman several years ago. If the mails continue to go through, he'll get a paper each Friday morning during the coming year, for he recently came by the office and paid up.

Gilmore By MRS. RUBY JOHNSON

Earl Patterson spent the week end in Clifton with his wife, who is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Duke.

Miss Geraldine Brummett of Fairly spent Friday night and Saturday with Lula Mae Coston.

Miss Oletha Blakely of Fairly spent Monday night with Imogene Jameson.

Mr. Leonard McFadden and daughter, Marlene, of Greville, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Tolliver and Frank Johnson, all of this community.

Mr. Sheppard of Dallas is looking after his farming interests in this community.

Mrs. M. H. Johnson and daughter, Nelita Joy, returned Sunday from Fort Worth where they spent the past few days visiting relatives.

We are enjoying this little cool spell and hoping for a real north-easter soon, for everyone is anxious to kill hogs.

Russell and Ray Johnson spent Friday night as guests of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hendricks, near Hico.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Hatcock were business visitors in the vicinity of Clairette Thursday.

Mrs. E. B. Thompson visited her aunt, Mrs. L. J. Jordan, at Hico a while Wednesday afternoon.

Letters to Santa Claus

Fairy, Tex., Dec. 12, 1939. Dear Santa Claus: I have been asking about you every day for several weeks. I am so eager to see you. I love you and I won't be afraid of you if you do have whiskers. Do hurry and come to our house soon. Please bring me a doll with pretty, pretty hair; but don't bring one with old ugly teeth. And I do so want some little cooking things. I do not know what else I want. You bring me a surprise. And my little sister, Ma-linda Lou, who is just eight months old, wants a pretty little rubber doll that can be dressed. I can't understand her little talk very well, so I don't know if she wishes for anything else. But I am sure you will fix things up just right. Your little friend,

WILMA GRACE GOYNE.

Hico, Tex., Dec. 12, 1939. Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy 5 years old and in the fourth grade. I go to school at Fairy. For Christmas I want you to bring me a football, wrist watch, a little tractor, and a truck, also all kinds of candy, fruit and nuts. Don't forget my brother Clovis. Your friend, CHARLES WALLACE GRANT.

Hico, Tex., Dec. 12, 1939. Dear Old Santa: I am a little girl 3 years old. For Christmas I want a doll, a bed, some pillows, quilts and sheets, and a book. Also please bring plenty of candy, nuts and fruit. My little friend, ELVA JEAN GRANT.

Clairette, Tex., Dec. 13, 1939. Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 9 years old. I have been real good. Will you please bring me a jacket, house shoes, and a pair of skates? With love, CHARLENE SHERRARD.

Clairette, Tex., Dec. 13, 1939. Dear Santa Claus: I have been a good little girl. Will you please bring me a doll with hair, tricycle, and a little suit case? With love, MARY ELIZABETH SHERRARD.

Falls Creek By LULA MAE COSTON

James Allen spent Thursday night with Elton Massinill. Sam and David Battershell visited relatives at Burket Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Orville Washam of Fort Worth visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Washam.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Washam and family attended the basketball game Monday at Iredeil.

Miss Geraldine Brummett of Fairly spent Friday night and Saturday with Lula Mae Coston.

Miss Oletha Blakely of Fairly spent Monday night with Imogene Jameson.

Mr. and Mrs. Zed Laws were business visitors in Dublin Saturday afternoon.

Miss Markie Williams spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Thompson, and her children, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Washam and family visited relatives at Dublin and De Leon Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Grimes had a forty-two party Friday night. Those who attended from other communities were Jess White, Charlie Wease, and Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hall and family.

Mrs. May Russell and children, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Hall and son, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Turner and family, and several of our community attended the party.

Misses Lucy Mae and Hazel Connally of Hico visited last week with their cousin, Mrs. Jesse Trantham, and husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Marrell Ables and sons, Nelson, Melvin and Roy Allan, were in Hico Sunday visiting Marrell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Ables.

Carlton By CORRESPONDENT

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Smith and daughter, Mrs. Dock Finley and Mrs. Babe Regsdale were Dublin visitors Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Howerton and son, Mac, of near Sunshine were visiting her sister, Mrs. Sam Butler and children Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Lawrence Birdsong and children of Hamilton are with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ray. Mrs. Birdsong is very sick with the flu at present. We hope she will soon recover.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hyles and children of near Greville and Mr. and Mrs. Rob Lowery and daughter, Silver Lee, of near Wilson spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Massin-gill.

Mrs. Charlie Wilhite and daughters, Misses Elnor and Vasta Rose, also Mrs. Sim Everett, Mrs. Roy Wright and daughter, Gene, were Stephenville shoppers Saturday afternoon.

Bill Grey and Charlie Stephens came in from New Mexico Saturday at noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Burnett left for San Angelo Saturday morning to carry his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Burnett, who have been visiting in their home for the past few weeks. They will now visit their daughter, Mrs. Ed Allen and husband of San Angelo.

Mrs. Ed Powell and son, E. B., of Tyler visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pierce last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Grey and Mr. and Mrs. Welton Chambers were in Dublin Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bacon of Hamilton attended the ball game here Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Littleton of Stephenville spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Dyer and daughter, Wayne.

Mrs. Eunice Caulder of Hico visited in the home of her son, Lawrence Adams, and family last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sim Everett and son, Barton, of Hico spent a while Friday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sim Everett, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Styles and son, Charles. Little Charles has been very sick with pneumonia, but we are glad to report him improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bryan of San Antonio spent Friday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Wilhite and children.

Mrs. Hobby Thompson and children, also Miss Margarette Wright, were Dublin shoppers Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Ruth Self and baby are visiting relatives in Clairette the past few days.

Mrs. Robert Sowell was carried to Temple Monday and was operated on Thursday morning at 8 o'clock for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Zed Laws were business visitors in Dublin Saturday afternoon.

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SANTA CLAUS Three Hundred Years Ago He Was Public Enemy No. 1

About three hundred years ago, when New England was a far-relocated colony of the British Crown, the wife of a village squire in Hadley, Massachusetts, walked across the fields one December day and visited a German lady who was celebrating Christmas.

This German lady had cut down a small pine tree in the forest, dragged it home through the snow, lighted it with candles, and her children were dancing around it, singing Christmas carols. Nothing wrong with that was there?

Yet the grim-faced, Puritan England, who ruled New England then, hauled this woman before a council of village elders, thundered at her, denounced her, and threw her out of the Church, bag and baggage. And back in those days, that was tantamount to social ostracism.

What had she done? She had committed the heathen sin of celebrating Christmas. The old Puritans despised Christmas. With wrathful voices they denounced it from the pulpits. They branded it as an unholy pagan holiday and declared it was an insult to God. They even passed a law which heaped fines and public disgrace upon anyone who attempted to celebrate Christmas.

When the fiery-tempered Cromwell and his singing soldiers climbed up into the seats of the mighty in Merrie England, they too passed laws abolishing the pagan holiday called Christmas.

Why all this cry and uproar against the celebration of Christmas? For one thing, the old Puritans knew that Christ was not born on Christmas day.

Scholars were wrangling about the date of Christ's birth less than two hundred years after he died. Some claimed that he was born on May 20th; others contended that the correct date was April 19th. Still others denounced these dates as superstitions and declared he was born on November 17th. Modern scholars confes-

that we haven't the remotest idea about the exact time of the birth of Jesus.

For thousands of years, the Romans, gorged with food, and drunk with wine, celebrated the feast of Saturnalia in December. Saturn was their god of Agriculture, and after they had gathered their crops for the season, they held high festival in his honor, decorating their houses with evergreen and holly, giving dolls to their children and showering gifts upon one another.

Centuries ago, old bald-headed Constantine rose up in the Roman Senate, straightened his gay-colored wig, and decreed that Christianity was the official religion of the Roman Empire. And when he did that he ordered the Christians to celebrate the birth of Christ during the feast of Saturn, so he merged the two festivals into one.

Many curious and colorful superstitions have grown up around Christmas. Old women, pop-eyed with strange beliefs, declare that when the clock strikes midnight on Christmas Eve, the bees sing the 100th Psalm, and they say that the sheep open their mouths and bleat the word "Bethlehem."

One of my secretaries was raised in Louisiana, and she tells me that the negroes taught her that the cows literally get down on their knees and talk to one another on Christmas Eve.

Old Santa Claus, who came down your chimney on Christmas Eve, in his pagan youth was the fire-god of ancient peoples. He brought presents to the children in Rome thousands of years ago—

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Local Happenings

Mrs. Jeff Hanna and daughter of Meridian were business visitors here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McDowell and daughter, Sherry Kay, were Fort Worth visitors Monday.

Jerry Dorsey of Dallas spent the week end in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Dorsey.

Homer Jenkins of Houston was a guest Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Lackey.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Platt of Waco spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Willie Platt.

Mr. and Mrs. James N. Russell are spending this week in Mineral Wells.

Mrs. George Reush and son, Earnest Ivin, of Fort Worth spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. H. C. Connally, and family.

ROSS SHOP, Jewelry, Watch, and Clock Repairing. 14-tfc.

Mrs. James Brown and daughter, Jimmie Gail, of Sweetwater, and Rudolph Brown of Wink came in Saturday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Brown and Mary. They returned home Tuesday.

Hollis Connally was in Cisco Sunday attending a sales meeting held by the West Texas Produce Company.

Mrs. A. J. Bommer and daughter, Barbara Jane, of Dallas were week-end guests of her sister, Mrs. Roland Holford, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Make Johnson of Hamilton were here Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Richbourg and other friends.

Mrs. Maud Tucker of Fullerton, California, is spending a week in the home of Mrs. J. F. Chenault and daughter, Miss Florence.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Boren of Ennis and Miss Gladys Boren of Dallas were Sunday guests of Mrs. J. F. Chenault and Miss Florence.

Mrs. A. A. Brown and daughter, Mary, were in Dallas Friday buying Christmas merchandise for the store.

E. Morrison and daughter, Mary Virginia, of Cleburne were here Sunday visiting R. A. Dorsey, who is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Lary of Granbury spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Richbourg and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Richbourg.

POT PLANTS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS
Your friend will enjoy for many months a blooming pot plant. Special Christmas plants at The Hico Florist's. 27-3c.

Ivan Painter of Wichita Falls was a Sunday guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Massingill and daughter, Katherine.

Mr. and Mrs. Snooks Irving, C. M. Townsley and Howard Bibbey of De Leon were recent visitors in the J. R. Massingill home.

Miss Jane Wolfe of Waco spent the between-terms holidays at Baylor University here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Wolfe.

Mrs. R. M. Hanshaw and son, R. N., left Thursday for Hamilton to visit until Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Haught.

Carl and Miss Ana Loue Moss returned home Tuesday afternoon from a visit with Joe E. Moss and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Handy and daughter, Ernestine, and friends in Tomball and Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Chenault and son, John, of Waco spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. J. F. Chenault, and her mother, Mrs. J. H. Cox.

Mrs. Reece Jones and son, Doyle, and J. D. Jones were in Dallas last Wednesday where Doyle underwent a routine examination at the Scottish Rite hospital.

MEMORIAL WREATHS, SPRAYS 50c to \$5.00
Fresh for a long time, material preserved to keep their natural beauty. Many beautiful combinations will be found at the Hico Florist's. 27-3c.

Rev. Alvin Swindell, C. C. Simmons and A. A. Fewell were in the Flag Branch community Sunday afternoon to attend ceremonies for the ordination of Henry Burks as a deacon of the church there.

Jack Meador returned last week from Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, where he has been enlisted in the U. S. Army. He and Mrs. Meador, the former Miss June Lackey, have an apartment at the home of Mrs. Sallie Purdon.

IT'S "OPEN HOUSE" AT THE HICO FLORIST
From now until Christmas belongs to visitors. Every flower lover accept this invitation to see the many beautiful blooming plants, no obligation, no sales—just come by and enjoy the colorful spectacle. 23-2c.

JOTS....
Jokes & Jingles
-BY-
JENNIE MAE

Anyone wishing to know the nature of the terrain of the old Blair Ranch somewhere in the general direction of Duffau is asked to get in touch with Miss Wilena Purcell, who covered, she thinks, every acre of ground on the place last Sunday looking for her glasses, carelessly cast aside during a picnic lunch.

Those who attended the opening of Bag and Wag, the new helpfully grocery—and there were quite a few according to Dale Elkins, who estimated the store served 600 customers from opening until closing time Saturday—know what an attractive, modern store J. N. Ragsdale and Mr. Elkins are operating. Coffee was served to the visitors Saturday, and Mr. Elkins stated that one thousand dozen oranges were purchased by customers during the day.

Sandy Ogle, Jim Jameson, Bill McGlothlin and H. N. Wolfe were the local employees of the Magnolia Petroleum Co. who received certificates of merit upon completion of the course of service station operation three days of last week at the Russell Hotel. Others from out of town also awarded certificates were Foster Plummer, Iredell; R. O. Driver; Fairy; Napoleon Vaughn, Walnut Springs; Roy Archer, Kopperl; Sam Sheppard and Bob Arthur, Morgan; Ole Streyer and Milton Gromotsky, Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bramblett of Amherst arrived this week for a visit with her mother, Mrs. W. L. Malone, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Bramblett. Mrs. Bramblett, the former Miss Rubilee Malone, walked into Hudson's "great Santa." I am a little girl, 10 years old and I am in the fourth grade. I am a good girl. Will you bring me a book bag and a lunch basket and a sewing set and candy and nuts and other good things? Your friend,
ALLENE HERRING.



MISS RHEUY BINGHAM

Former Hico Girl To Marry Wacoan
Mrs. J. W. Bingham of Hewitt has announced the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Rhuey, to Mr. Sam Cluck of Houston. Nuptials will be performed Dec. 25.

Miss Bingham is a graduate of Hico High School and Baylor University, and for the past two years has been a teacher in the Hewitt public schools. She is being complimented with a series of parties including a dinner, a breakfast and a shower.

Rev. Mr. Cluck is attending Baylor University and is educational director of the North Waco Baptist Church.

Flag Branch
By
HAZEL COOPER

Mrs. Jerine Graves and son, Doyle, and Mrs. Mollie Graves spent a while with Mrs. Beatrice Ford Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Ola Mings spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Nina Mings and little daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess McCoy visited his parents, John McCoy and wife, Wednesday.

Miss Ida Moore visited Mrs. Beatrice Ford Friday.

Hunter Newman and family of Black Stump spent last Thursday morning with Aubrey Pruitt and family.

F. D. Craig and family visited J. D. Craig and family Sunday.

Bud Dotson and family spent Sunday afternoon with Bob Moore and family.

Hugh Graves made a business trip to Meridian Monday.

Marlin Laney spent Thursday evening with Aubrey Pruitt.

Carl Campbell has been spending a few days with his mother, Howard Campbell, of Edrell.

Will Fnanary visited in the J. M. Cooper home Sunday.

Charles Burden, who is enlisted in the U. S. Navy and has been stationed for the past month at San Diego, California, came in early this week for a short visit with his mother, Mrs. Mayme Burden, and family. He was accompanied by Howard Jordan, who is visiting relatives and friends at Cranfill's Gap, his home. The two young men expect to be assigned to ship duty upon their return next week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Platt and son, Robert, of Stephenville were here last week visiting his mother, Mrs. Willie Platt.

E. H. Persons
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MAKE A SPECIAL GIFT OF

Christmas is here. Santa will come. We hope he will leave socks full.

First and Second Grade News
The First and Second Grades have their room decorated for Christmas. It is certainly a lovely sight to see.
We will start working on our program this week. We hope it is a great success, and we believe it will be.

(Intended For Last Week)
Senior News
The Seniors are presenting a play soon entitled, "Hillbilly Courtship." The characters are: Fay Duncan, Billie Dea Blakley, Whit Whitson, Gene Tinkle, Estell Edmondson, Jossie Mae Parks, Carl Patterson, Hazel Russell, Oran Jacobs, Mavis Simpson, Mildred Shepherd. Mildred and Mavis play the leading parts.
Be sure to look for further notice, to find out when the play will be staged.
The ones making the highest grades in History were: Mildred Shepherd, J. T. Lemond, Estell Edmondson, Mavis Simpson.
The ones making the highest

Mary Alice Jackson went to Belton Friday. She reported a very nice time.

Third and Fourth Grade News
We had our Thanksgiving programs last week on Wednesday, in chapel. We hope everyone had a very nice Thanksgiving.

First and Second Grade News
The first and second grades are back at school this morning, reporting a very enjoyable time on Thanksgiving. We are now looking forward to Christmas, for it is just around the corner. We are going to decorate our room for Christmas this week. We are going to paste Christmas trees and other things on our windows.

Hico, Texas, Dec. 9, 1939.
Dear Santa: I am a little boy 8 years old. I am in the third grade. For Christmas I want you to please bring me an air rifle, a basket ball, a Chinese checker game, a fountain pen, a tool set, and some fruits, nuts and candy. Your little friend,
TOMMY JOE ARNOLD.
Hico, Texas, Route 4.

On Your Gift List

* Grandmother * Dad * Uncle Jim
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Mince Meat REGULAR 9 OZ. PACKAGE—EACH 7c

DATES NEW CROP PITTED—LB. 15c

COFFEE BLISS—ONE LB. VACUUM TIN 19c

Champ Dog Food 6 FULL 16 OZ. CANS 25c

Large Size OXYDOL 19c

Tomatoes HAND PACKED 2 NO. 2 CANS 15c

Market Specials

Pure Pork Sausage lb. 13c

STEAK SIRLOIN AND T-BONE lb. 20c

ROUND STEAK lb. 25c

SEVEN STEAK lb. 15c

Fresh Pk. Chops LEAN AND TENDER lb. 20c

HAM STEAK lb. 20c

Veal Loaf Meat lb. 15c

RIB ROAST AND STEW MEAT lb. 15c

CONNALLY'S GROCERY AND MARKET

Salem
By MRS. W. C. ROGERS

The weather seems more like getting ready to plant gardens than hunting Christmas trees. How about a white Christmas for a change?

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Vincent and Mrs. H. G. Driver have been on the sick list but all of them seem to be much better Monday. We all hope they will be able to fix a fine dinner Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Koonsman spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Scott and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Hillary Driver and daughters, Misses Willa Dean and Erlene, of Stephenville spent Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Driver and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roberson of Eastland were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Roberson and Miss Leota Roberson.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Koonsman and son, H. W., and Alex Hawkins of Carlton and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Howerton and son, James, of Millerville spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Koonsman.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moore of Dallas were week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Brown and daughter, Mary Katherine.

Those visiting in the home of Mrs. T. E. Laney Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Cunningham of Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Phelps and children and Mr. Berley Abbott, all of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott and son, W. L., of Graham, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Scott and sons last Sunday week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Noland and children of Selden were Sunday evening guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Driver and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Scott and daughter, Betty Jo, spent Friday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Moore and sons at Clairette.

George Johnson of Stephenville spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lambert and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Pate and daughter, Maida, spent Saturday night in Stephenville visiting Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pate.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Noland and children of Hico, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Noland and children of Selden, and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Noland and children were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Noland and daughter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Burnett of Stephenville spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Bramblett and children.

The Salem basketball teams won over Pony Creek Friday afternoon. The scores were 19 to 17 for the girls and 19 to 9 for the boys. The outside boys won 10 to 3. Clairette will play here Friday afternoon.

The quilting club met at the home of Mrs. H. Koonsman last Thursday. Those present were Mrs. Walter Wolfe of Indian Creek, Mrs. Ezra Edwards and Mrs. Jewell Wolfe of Clairette, Mrs. N. H. Connally and Miss Edna Connally of Hico, Mrs. A. H. Moss of Johnsonville, and Mrs. J. W. Scott, Mrs. H. G. Driver, Mrs. I. P. Jacobs, Mrs. R. H. Savage, Mrs. E. S. Farrell, Mrs. P. H. Mayfield, Mrs. Everett Scott, Mrs. J. A. McEntire, Mrs. Eber Ray, Mrs. W. C. Rogers, Mrs. Hugh Koonsman, Miss Mary Koonsman and the hostess. Everyone had an enjoyable time and almost finished the quilt. The next quilting will be on Thursday afternoon of this week at the home of Mrs. I. P. Jacobs.

Letters to Santa Claus

Hico, Tex., Dec. 15, 1939.
Dear Santa: I am a little girl three years of age. I want you to please bring me a tricycle, doll buggy, a Negro doll and house shoes. Be sure and don't forget the fruits, nuts and candies. Lovingly yours,
DORRIS MARLENE McLENDON.

Hico, Tex., Dec. 11, 1939.
Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 5 years old. I would like for you to bring me a writing desk and chair, a cabinet, doll and a high chair for my doll. Your friend,
SHIRLEY CAROL ROSS.

Hico, Tex., Dec. 10, 1939.
Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy five years old. I try to be good. Please bring me a tractor, a gun and holster, and a cattle truck. Also lots of candies, nuts, and fruits. Your friend,
GRADIE DEAN BARNETT.

Hico, Tex., Dec. 10, 1939.
Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy who will be three years old Christmas Eve. Please bring me a caterpillar tractor, maintainer, a drill for my tractor, and a trailer truck. Bring me some Milky Way, some apples, oranges, and bananas. I have a little baby sister. Please bring her a rubber doll. Don't forget Mother and Daddy. With love,
RUFUS MILTON McFARLIN.

Hico, Tex., Rt. 3, Dec. 13, 1939.
Dear Santa Claus: I am a very anxious little boy to see you. I will be three years old the 19th of this month. I have been good, Santa, and I want you to bring me a big coaster wagon, a knife with a chain, a necktie like Daddy's, a little pair of gloves and some apples, oranges, nuts and candy. Santa, don't forget my Mama, Papa Hicks, Mama, Papa Tudor or Mother and Daddy. We shall be waiting for you with our tree all trimmed and lighted Christmas night. Your little friend,
CARLTON TUDOR.

Hico, Tex., Dec. 11, 1939.
Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a bicycle, a Gene Autry gun and a pair of skates. Also some fruit, nuts and candy. Yours truly,
BILLY RAY ABLES.

Hico, Tex., Dec. 11, 1939.
Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a tricycle, rocking chair, a wheel barrow, hoe, rake, and shovel, and lots of candy. Yours truly,
HAROLD DWAYNE ABLES.

Hico, Tex., Dec. 12, 1939.
Dear Santa Claus: I am a boy 8 years old. I want you to please bring me a scooter, pearl-handled gun with holster, cowboy suit, Mickey Mouse watch that will run, fireworks and story book. Lots of love,
BOBBY JACK RAINWATER.

Hico, Tex., Dec. 11, 1939.
Dear Santa Claus: We try to be good little girls and will you please bring us a little doll and bottle apiece and a little blackboard apiece, and some nuts and candies? And remember all little girls and boys. I, Patty Lou, am 5 years old, and I, Mary Ann, am almost 3 years old. Your little friends,
BETTY LOU AND MARY ANN NOLAND.

Hico, Tex., Dec. 11, 1939.
Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl. I have been good and help my mother, so I want you to bring me a doll, a doll blanket, broom, lots of apples, oranges, bananas, and candy. Please don't forget my little brother, Don L. He wants a dog, a little car, a ball. Please bring him a doll so he won't want mine all the time. Your little friend,
LA NELLE WRIGHT.

Hico, Tex., Dec. 10, 1939.
Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy eight years old and am in the third grade. For Christmas I want you to bring me a teddy bear, a basket for my tricycle, a football, a xylophone, some games, and some story books, a tractor, and some little cars. Thank you, Santa.
JAMES LEE PROFFITT.

Iredell, Tex., Dec. 11, 1939.
Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a truck, tractor, and a big ball. Also I want lots of fruit and candy. I've been a real good little boy. Yours truly,
RICHARD BUTLER.

P. S.: Oh, yes, Santa, the twins and I want a little toy shot-gun.

Iredell, Tex., Dec. 11, 1939.
Dear Santa Claus: We've been good twins, so will you please bring us each a dump truck, a shovel, and a ball. Also bring us lots of fruit and candy. Yours truly,
DONALD AND RONALD BUTLER.

CHRISTMAS WARNING
Refer to Page 100, Article 480, Revised Criminal Statutes of Texas; you will find this language: "Any person who discharges any gun, pistol or firearm of any kind, or discharges any cannon, cracker or torpedo on or across any public square, street or alley of any town or city within one hundred yards of any business house in this State shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars."
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MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. McCullough were in Goldthraite Saturday visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. McCullough and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Frizzell.

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By ROBERT H. HARPER

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13:3-8, 31-33, 44-46.
den Text: Isaiah 55: 3.

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Dry Fork
By O. L. DRIVER

Misses Lucy Mae and Hazel Connolly of Hico visited last week with their cousin, Mrs. Jesse Trantham, and husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Murrell Ables and sons, Nelson, Melvin and Roy Allan, were in Hico Sunday visiting Murrell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Ables.

Several persons from this community attended the forty-two party Saturday night given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Needham of Olin.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker of Sunshine, and Mr. and Mrs. Truman Lowery and daughter, Lou Ellen, of Olin spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Box and Dorothy.

J. E. Gordon of Olin visited in the G. C. Driver home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Burns of Pottsville are visiting this week with their son, Joe Burns and family.

Mrs. Wright of Hico visited her daughter, Mrs. Jesse Trantham, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Ables of Hico spent Wednesday and Wednesday night in the home of their son, Murrell and family.

Quite a number of persons are killing hogs this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Murrell Ables and family and Opal Driver were visitors in Hamilton awhile Saturday.

place. They must seek first the kingdom of God.

So good men should have a sense of proportion. They must set first things first. And if inordinate affections make anything into an idol, the would-be disciple should say, in the language of one of the hymns: "The dearest idol I have known, whate'er it be, help me to tear it from Thy throne, and worship only Thee."

Unity
By MRS. L. A. COLE

Mr. Charles B. McInnis from Washington, D. C., spent last week in Fort Worth on business. A friend of his accompanied him to Hico for the week end and spent it with J. L. J. Kidd and family. McInnis is a son-in-law of Mr. Kidd.

Carl Walker and wife made a trip to Blackwell last week.

Mr. M. A. Cole spent Sunday night a week ago with Luther Cole and family.

Mark McElroy spent the week end with home folks. Miss Theda McElroy was at home. Mr. and Mrs. Rance McElroy had as dinner guests Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lewis and children, Mr. Hooper Edwards and wife, Lee Roy Hatcock, who visited his parents, also. Miss Myrtle Gaines and mother of Bangs were recent guests of Miss Stella Ross.

Delwyn Koonsman and Charlie Izell were honored with a birthday party on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 9, by the mother of Delwyn, Mrs. Lawrence Koonsman.

The children enjoyed various games and were then called to the dining room where two beautiful cakes were lighted with candles. After the candles were blown out, the cakes were cut and served with hot chocolate. The following enjoyed the party and brought gifts to the honorees: Elaine Hall, Franklin D. Hall, Margaret Boyd, Bernice Izell, Paul Izell, Doyle Harris, Billy Lynn Hipp, W. J. Newton and Joy Ann Griffis. The grown-ups present were Mrs. Hipp, Mrs. Newton, Mrs. Griffis and the hostess. All had a lot of fun and wish for Delwyn and Charlie many more happy birthdays.

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SCHOOL NEWS

The Fairies

Editor-in-Chief, Mildred Shepherd. Assistant Editor, Estell Edmondson. Boys' Sports Reporter, Gene Tinkle. Girls' Sports Reporter, Jossie Mae Parks.

Senior News As the reporter doesn't know anything to write, we will just interview each one in the class each time. First, I will interview Fay Duncan.

Pay is a very popular girl in our class. She is five feet, three inches tall, with blonde hair and blue eyes. For food she likes macaroni and cheese, for dessert, ice cream and cake. Her favorite sport is basketball. Favorite actor and actress are Joe E. Brown and Martha Raye.

Junior News The Juniors skated last Wednesday night. Most of the students were beginners, but we managed to entertain ourselves. We certainly enjoyed the trip. Two of our students visited the Hico High School. They certainly enjoyed visiting the Chemistry class.

Girls' Sport News Tuesday night the girls played Cranfill's Gap at Fairy. We started off in a winning way, but before the game was over, they were five points ahead. The scores were 32 to 37 in their favor.

Saturday we entered a tournament at Cranfill's Gap. We played Kopperl and they defeated us by several points. As we were very proud of ourselves, as we played in our new suits Saturday morning. Everyone seems to be thrilled over them. Maybe we will win some games now. We played Cranfill's Gap Saturday night, but we were defeated.

Boys' Sport News We played Cranfill's Gap here last Tuesday night and defeated them 23 to 10. Jonesboro beat us 28 to 18 at the Cranfill's Gap tournament. We believe we would have won if two of our best players had not fouled out, these being J. T. Leonard and Billie D. Blakley.

Sophomore News All we "Sophs" are getting ready for Christmas and we hope Old Santa won't forget us this year. After all, we have been pretty good. The other evening we saw Ed sitting by the fire knitting and we couldn't imagine what he could be knitting on until this morning, when he hinted that he hoped he got a lot for Christmas. You know we all have seen red-knitted stockings hanging over chimneys.

Freshman News The ones who made the highest grades in Junior Business were: David Battershell, 100; and Cecil Trantham, 100. David and Cecil also made highest in Arithmetic, each making 100.

Seventh Grade News The seventh grade received their report cards, and I think we all made good grades.

Fifth and Sixth Grade News The Fifth and Sixth Grades are looking forward to Christmas very much. We hope Old Santa will be good to us, and remember that we still like toys.

Third and Fourth Grade News We are going to have some Christmas plays. We hope Old Santa will come. We hope he will have socks full.

First and Second Grade News The First and Second Grades have their room decorated for Christmas. It is certainly a lovely sight to see.

We will start working on our program this week. We hope it is a great success, and we believe it will be.

(Intended For Last Week) Senior News The Seniors are presenting a play soon entitled, "Hillbilly Courtship." The characters are: Fay Duncan, Billie Dea Blakley, Whit Whitson, Gene Tinkle, Estell Edmondson, Jossie Mae Parks, Carl Patterson, Hazel Russell, Orland Jacobs, Marv Simpson, Mildred Shepherd, Mildred and Marv play the leading parts. Be sure to look for further notice, to find out when the play will be staged. The ones making the highest grades in History were: Mildred Shepherd, J. T. Lemond, Estell Edmondson, Marv Simpson. The ones making the highest

grades in Math were: Joe Betts, Marv Simpson, Mildred Shepherd, Russell Lee Anderson, Buster Blount, Billie Dea Blakley, Hazel Russell, Fay Duncan, Dale Garner, and Vernon Hughes.

Girls' Sport News We went to Kopperl again last Tuesday night, but we were defeated by a few points. We played Aleman at Fairy last Friday night. We won by two points, but we sure did have to play hard, after Mildred and Estell fouled out. We are going to attend a tournament at the Gap this week. We will bring back the trophies (maybe).

Mrs. Swindle took some of the girls to Hamilton last Wednesday to try on our new suits. Oh, boy! They were certainly pretty. Maybe they will help us win some more games.

Boys' Sport News The boys went to Jonesboro last Tuesday night. They had a very good game, and after a long and hard fight they defeated Jonesboro by a score of 17 to 15. It was a very hard game, because Jonesboro has some good players, too. We defeated Aleman here last Friday night. It was a very interesting game. We defeated them by a score of 28 to 13. The boys are sure improving. They are all working hard to win games for their school.

We are playing Cranfill's Gap here Tuesday night, Dec. 5. We are in hopes that we can keep up the good record and defeat them.

Sophomore News We have just finished our second six weeks tests, and we are hoping we all passed. There were some rather good grades made, from what our teachers told us. We hope to do good all through this year's work.

Freshman News Wonder Why: Lola Mae likes to play basket ball, Millie Fay likes to go to Hico; Cecil goes to all of the ball games; Ila Ruth says, "Let's go to Hamilton."

Junior News We enjoyed Thanksgiving very much, and hope to enjoy Christmas twice as much.

The ones making highest grades in our class were: Elbert Akin, Travis Simpson, Darwin Hoover, and Wynwone Arrant.

Wonder Why— Eugene missed the bus Saturday. Lola Mae likes to skate.

Seventh Grade News We are glad to have Dan Ray Harrison as a new pupil in our class. We all reported a very nice Thanksgiving.

With Christmas just around the corner, we hope Santa Claus doesn't get caught in the chimney. We have a favorite song each: Onita: South of the Border. Charlene: I'll Keep On Loving You. Jimmie Ruth: I'll Keep On Loving You. Dorothy: Just As the Sun Went Down. Cleo: Bury Me Not On the Lone Prairie. Charles: I'll Keep On Loving You. E. T. Mexicali Rose. Cecil: Gold Mine In the Sky. Elsie: South of the Border. Elzie: Beer Barrel Polka. Altha: South of the Border. Don Ray: Cowboy Jack.

Fifth and Sixth Grade News The Thanksgiving holidays are gone, and some say they were sick after the dinner. We will hardly get through enjoying this holiday until Christmas will be here. Mary Alice Jackson went to Belton Friday. She reported a very nice time.

Third and Fourth Grade News We had our Thanksgiving programs last week on Wednesday, in chapel. We hope everyone had a very nice Thanksgiving.

First and Second Grade News The first and second grades are back at school this morning, reporting a very enjoyable time on Thanksgiving. We are now looking forward to Christmas, for it is just around the corner. We are going to decorate our room for Christmas this week. We are going to paste Christmas trees and other things on our windows.

Hico, Texas, Dec. 9, 1939. Dear Santa: I am a little boy 8 years old. I am in the third grade. For Christmas I want you to please bring me an air rifle, a basket ball, a Chinese checker game, a fountain pen, a tool set, and some fruits, nuts and candy. Your little friend, TOMMY JOE ARNOLD, Hico, Texas, Route 4.

Clairette

By NILA MARIE ALEXANDER

Brother Jones filled his regular appointment Sunday. Misses Vita and Rita Roberson spent Monday night with Miss Virginia Ponder in Alexander. Mr. and Mrs. Alton Partain have moved in with Mrs. Rissie Salmon. Mr. and Mrs. Burette Stamford of Decatur visited friends and relatives here Sunday.

The Clairette boys' and girls' basketball teams entered a tournament at Alexander Friday and Saturday, but lost. Mr. W. Little of Dublin is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Joe Mayfield this week.

This community is saddened by the news that Yvonne Christian passed away Monday, December 11th. The community quilted three quilts for the Methodist Orphans home last Tuesday. Miss Faith Elliott's mother is visiting her this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John East visited in Bunyan Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Sherrard, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Head, Nila Marie Alexander and Charlene Sherrard attended the show at Hico Saturday night. Mr. Cleo Mayfield and daughter, Marie, made a business trip to Fort Worth last Tuesday.

The Busy Bee Sewing Club met with Mrs. Hub Alexander Thursday. Miss Vera Duncan of Fort Worth visited friends and relatives here last week. Mrs. W. Z. Carter visited her mother and brother-in-law in Spur last week.

Mrs. Ollie Duncan visited her sister in Stamford last week. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roberson and daughters, Vita and Rita, were guests in the Lee Havens home Sunday afternoon. Grandmother Wolfe spent last Friday with Mrs. Sam Johnson.

Mr. I. E. Durham and Bullet East returned Saturday from South Texas where they had been on a fishing trip.

Altman

By MRS. J. H. McANALLY

Mr. and Mrs. Coward of Pan-cake spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hyles. Mr. and Mrs. Ira Brown and little son were Dublin visitors Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cozby and baby, Wayne, of near Carlton visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Cozby, and family Sunday. The Bluebonnet Club met on Wednesday, Dec. 6, with Mrs. O. R. Clifton for an all day quilting. One quilt was almost finished. There were nine members present and Mrs. Boyd Ballard and two sons were visitors. Each one carried a covered dish. A good dinner and pleasant day was enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. C. E. Wilhite and Elnor and Vasta of Carlton visited Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McAnally and Glynna Sunday evening. Homer Robertson was a Dublin visitor Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Queen moved their household goods to Winters last week where they will make their home. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Koonsman and children of Duffau spent Saturday night visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Cozby, and family.

Hico, Texas, Dec. 9, 1939. Dear Santa: I am a little girl, 10 years old and I am in the fourth grade. I am a good girl. Will you bring me a book bag and a lunch basket and a sewing set and candy and nuts and other good things? Your friend, ALLENE HERRING.

IREDELL ITEMS

By MISS STELLA JONES, Local Correspondent

Theo Wilkinson, who is a student in Weatherford College, spent last Sunday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Kraemer. Mrs. Ratliff spent the past week end in Glen Rose with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Millon. Mr. Oley Chester and his mother of Cleburne spent the week end here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Milam of Sanatorium came in Monday, Dec. 4, and visited relatives here until Wednesday, Dec. 13. Her sister, Nellie Dunlap, accompanied her home for a visit. Miss Dorothy Stevens was in Waco Saturday.

Mr. Boling spent the week end in Dallas. W. R. Myers left Saturday for San Antonio, where he will work. Mrs. Arnold spent the week end in Blum.

Misses Johnnie Gregory and Charlene Conley modeled in the style show that was held at the theater at Hico, Johnnie modeled for Richbourg's, wearing a blue gown and a robe of pink silk. Charlene modeled a street dress for Mrs. A. A. Brown. These young ladies looked beautiful in their costumes.

Mr. Dearing has been ill this week with pleurisy. He is some better. The girls and boys won two games of basketball at Cranfill's Gap Friday night. "Hurrah for them."

Mr. and Mrs. Little, who live east of town, spent Monday with her mother, Mrs. Stacy, in Stephenville. Merle and Ralph Phillips of Hico were here Saturday helping in the variety store.

The spirit of Christmas has struck Iredell and the spirit is spreading. Some evergreen was stretched across the street and pretty colored lights were put in and it sure is pretty. Some of the stores are beautifully decorated on the outside. The windows are being decorated up also, on the outside and are pretty.

Mr. S. E. Baggett, who visited among his relatives, visited his niece, Mrs. Eva Gregory, on Sunday of last week. He was accompanied by another niece, Mrs. Tarver, of Walnut.

Kathryn Harris, who was brought home two weeks ago from Stephenville Hospital, is able to be around of which her friends are glad to know. Tom Conley is also able to go around. Both of these young people got along fine with their operations and their friends are glad.

Byron Loader and Lamvine Fuller spent the week end with Jessie Smith. Mrs. Thomas and son of Hico visited her mother, Mrs. Eoff, and also her aunt, Mrs. Emma Houston, on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Sadler and son of Dallas spent Wednesday and Thursday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bryan and his brother, Walter Sadler.

Mr. W. R. Gosdin was taken to Stephenville Hospital Tuesday and one eye was operated on. He is doing very well. Mrs. Gosdin spent the week end with him. Miss Wilna Blue visited in Walnut this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lawrence and son left Sunday for a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ellis, of Tahoka. Miss Faye Russell was in Hamilton this week.

The turkey market has opened up and the pickers have started again to pick turkeys for the Christmas market. Mr. and Mrs. Markham of Spur visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Johnson Saturday. Were en route to Waco. Dorothy Nell Jaehne, who keeps house for Mr. and Mrs. Grimland of Hico, spent the week end with her parents.

Mrs. Mary Squires left Wednesday for a visit to relatives at Crystal City. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Rhodes of Cranfill's Gap spent the week end here with their parents.

Several from here attended the style show at Hico Thursday night. Mr. Virgil Huckaby who works with the bridge crew, spent the week end with his family. Donald Ray Prater spent the week with his aunt, Mrs. Clifford Daves.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Appleby, who live west of town, visited Mr. and Mrs. Patterson Saturday night. Adrian Burden, who is in the Navy and stationed at California, is here visiting his sister, Mrs. Graham Appleby, and other relatives.

Mrs. T. M. Collier returned Sunday from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Joe Loader, of Walnut Springs. Mrs. Loader brought her home and spent the day Sunday.

Mrs. Ellen Harris, who has been ill for some time, was taken to the Stephenville Hospital Sunday by her son, Emmett, of Walnut Springs. The friends of Mrs. Harris hope for her a speedy recovery. She returned Sunday.

Mrs. Will Fouts and daughter, Miss Pearl, of Duffau, spent Sunday in the home of Mrs. Fouts. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Brown of Hico, en route home from Waco where they spent the week end with their son, Leo, visited Miss Stella Jones for a short time Sunday afternoon.

Misses Evelyn Levissey and Marie Fouts took the following girls on a hike Sunday afternoon: Dorothy Rae Clepper, Wilma Chaffin, Faye Hensley, and Peggy June Tidwell. They went to see the bright things that God hath hidden away.

Mr. John Miller was in Clifton Monday. Peggy June Tidwell and Dorothy Rae Clepper spent the week end with George Ella Harris. Mr. and Mrs. John Appleby of Meridian spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Harris.

Rev. Bennett delivered a fine sermon Sunday morning. His text was from the last clause of John 21-4. The disciples knew not that it was Jesus. Simon Peter and some of the other disciples were fishing in the sea of Galilee and Jesus came to them. They had toiled all night and no fish were caught. They were so interested in their work that they did not know Jesus. Like so many Christians these days, when they are so interested in other things they do not know Him. Jesus told the disciples to cast their net on the other side of the boat and they caught so many that the net was broken. Jesus made a fire and cooked the fish for them. Jesus knew they were hungry. When the

disciples obeyed Jesus they knew him and we as Christians are this way. When we are indifferent we don't know Jesus, but when we do our duty we know Him in all His loveliness and are happy with Him. The sermon at the evening hour was also fine and large crowds attended both services.

Miss Kathryn Harris started back to school Monday. She was operated on for appendicitis about three weeks ago. Mrs. Gann was in Stephenville Sunday.

Mrs. Ralph Bradley will entertain the W. M. S. at her home Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. All the Methodist ladies are urged to attend. Each one bring a gift of some kind that does not cost over 15 cents. The gifts will be put on a Christmas tree and all will be numbered and the numbers will decide who gets what present. So come and have a "big time" December 19 at 2 p. m. Mrs. Paxton Smith will assist her.

Waco, Tex., Nov. 21, 1939. Dear Santa: I am a little boy 5 years old, and have been a good boy this year. Since I have a good football, I want a football helmet, horse racer, cowboy boots, and some books. Don't forget my little 2 1/2 year old sister, Sue. Bring her a doll, table and chairs, dishes, and a tricycle. Remember my Mamie Meador and Buck Shot. Your little friend,

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