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LIVESTOCK COMMISSION EXPECTED TO CONTINUE

BRUNSON AND HALEY REPRESENTED MIDLAND AT SAN ANTONIO PARLEY

Continuance of the Livestock Sanitary Commission, whose existence was threatened by South Texas objectors seems assured, according to W. W. Brunson and John Haley, representatives of Midland cattlemen who were sent to San Antonio last week to work for the perpetuity of the commission. The Midland men found that about 60 per cent of the cattlemen favor tick eradication, and they say this matter will be one of the biggest to come before the State Legislature the coming session.

Mr. Haley and Mr. Brunson were elected last Saturday at a meeting held in the Chamber of Commerce office and presided over by George



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"Gifts That Last"

Ratliff, president of the Midland Hereford Breeders Association. B. W. Floyd and Don Davis, the finance committee, raised funds from cattlemen and business men to pay the expenses of the representatives. B. N. Aycock, W. W. Brunson and the chairman selected the representatives.

Following are the resolutions passed by the cattlemen's conference as drawn up by Chairman Jas. E. Ferguson and his committee:

1. That the present law, in so far as the same provides for compulsory tick eradication and eradication zones be repealed.

2. All that portion of Texas not released be placed under quarantine.

3. That a law be passed providing for compulsory tick eradication by State appropriation, commencing at the Colorado River and all the counties adjoining said river on the West and South, be first cleaned and released from State and Federal quarantine, and then the next adjoining tier of counties on the West be cleaned and released from State and Federal quarantine, etc., until the Gulf and Rio Grande River be reached.

4. Enact stringent criminal statute prohibiting shipping or driving into or along side of any clean area.

5. Enact stringent criminal statute to prohibit the owners of ticky cattle from drifting or permitting them to go into clean area.

6. Permit cattle to go to State markets for immediate slaughter on one dipping under official inspection, which inspection shall be provided for by law.

7. Permit cattle to be shipped into free State areas, and into quarantined areas doing systematic eradication work, otherwise than to market for immediate slaughter, upon being cleaned of ticks and inspected by an authorized official of the Sanitary Commission, such inspection to be adequately provided for by law.

8. Provide for a system of local option eradication work at county expense in all counties that are at present under quarantine and not required to do compulsory eradication work under State appropriation.

Your Photograph will carry the true sentiment of Christmas. 10-2t

Earl Burns, of Yazoo City, Miss., has come out to Midland with J. H. Burks and is considering locating here.

THE PASSING DAY

By Will H. Mayes, Department of Journalism, University of Texas

Joe J. Taylor, of the Dallas News, made a talk at Austin last week before a meeting to devise means to reduce accidents, his subject being "Automobiles Aint Got Hoss Sense." Joe is too polite to assert boldly that many drivers of automobiles have less sense than a horse, but that is what he had in mind in the selection of his subject. Even a blind horse will hardly attempt to beat a railroad train across a crossing if he knows the crossing is there, and "hoss sense" prompts him to give half the road when he meets or passes anything and to shy at a dangerous object. Not so with the fool automobilist, who flaunts all danger and takes all kinds of risks.

Professor Blaney, the new president of the College of Industrial Arts deprecates the tendency of our educational system to give its energies more and more to training that enables students to make a living, with a consequent lessening of attention to cultural development. The very name of the school over which he presides indicates that the State is trying to meet the demand. In its inception that school was to enable young women to make better housewives and mothers and homes, the cultural arts and higher education being left largely to other institutions. It was established to train young women to take better care of themselves after leaving school and to make those about them happier. A certain amount of collegiate curricula was regarded as necessary to this training, but the central idea was vocational. There are many Texans who still believe that vocational training of a kind to fit students for the practical affairs of life should be correlated with collegiate education.

The hardest lesson to impress upon youth is the necessity for persistent effort in whatever one undertakes. This also seems the first lesson to be forgotten. Nine-tenths of the failures in life are due to the fact that people quit before they succeed. I heard Bishop Dickey of the Methodist church say recently that nine out of ten persons could accomplish anything they are anxious enough to do. If you are not doing all that you should, the fault may be yours and doubtless is. Are you trying as hard as you might try? Are you as resourceful as you might be? Are you a quitter? Success may be long in coming, but eventually it will come to those who work hard enough for it. Possibly it may come in some other way than expected, but it is almost inevitably the reward of constant effort.

There are some merchants who advertise for a week or two, or just before some busy season and then quit until they get in an advertising mood again. This is in spite of the fact that every really successful merchant from Wanamaker down has stated again and again that his success has been built on persistent advertising. The duller business gets the more the wise merchant advertises and the harder effort he makes to get what business is to be had. He knows that the poor merchant stops advertising when business becomes light and that his chance to get the business afloat is increased if only he goes after it with greater diligence. There are dozens of merchants in this country who will tell you that they have built up a business from nothing to hundreds of thousands of dollars through advertising, and there are thousands of failures who will tell you that advertising does not pay. The trouble with the latter class is that they have never really tried it out thoroughly.

There is never a day that business men whose time is valuable do not have to waste some time in waiting for others to keep their engagements. The amount of time one is forced to lose in this way every year will run into days, and often those who are forced to waste it can not afford the loss. If you have an engagement of any kind with another, it is your duty to meet that engagement at the agreed time, even though you may be at great inconvenience in doing so. Your time may be your own, but you have no claim on the time of another unless you are paying for it at an agreed price. Perhaps the world should not be run by the clock but many of us have to work by the clock and live by it whether we like it or not. Be on time in whatever you do, if possible, and especially if your tardiness may cause a loss of time to some one else.

Have your radiator filled with anti-freeze now, at the Ford Garage. 9-1

IDEAL GIFTS FOR EVERYONE FOR CHRISTMAS

Gifts that will please

Choosing Gifts for Men is Made Easy at this Store

So Many Women Hesitate About Selecting Ties, Gloves, etc., for Fear that the Color or the Size Will Not Be Right. If You Will

Permit Us To Help

We are Sure That We Can Be of Assistance To You in Selecting Gifts that Will Please the Men and Young Men

GLOVES

Two men may wear the same size Gloves but one will have to have long fingers, another short. For that reason we stock both kinds. Cadet sizes mean made for a short, broad hand. We have both regulars and Cadets in Men's Dress Gloves, lined and unlined at \$2.85 to \$5.00. Warm Gloves at 50c to \$1.75 the pair.

INTERWOVEN SOX

Lisles and Cottons at 25c and 35c the pair. Silk Mixtures and Wools at 50c. Novelty Wool Mixtures at 75c. Newest Novelties in Silk and Wool Mixtures at \$1.00.

HANDKERCHIEFS

Initial Handkerchiefs, 3 to the box; box 75c. Initial Handkerchiefs, each 25c. Plain Linen Handkerchiefs, each 25c, 35c and 50c. Novelty Bordered Handkerchiefs at 25c and 50c. Novelty Pongee Handkerchiefs at 50c and 75c. Silk Handkerchiefs at 50c to \$2.85.

HICKOCK BELT AND BELT SETS

The finest made, all sizes in Belts at 50c to \$1.50. Initial Belt Sets with German Silver Buckles \$1.50. Initial Belt Sets in Sterling Silver at \$2.50. Belt and Watch Chain Sets in Sterling Silver \$5.00. Shrinker, Blue Lodge and 32nd Degree Sterling Silver Sets \$5.00.

NECKWEAR

Not at any time before has this store been so wonderfully equipped to serve you as this. Men's Ties at 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50. Boys' Four in Hands at 50c.

HOUSE SHOES

Felt Comfy Slippers with leather soles and heels at \$2.50. With Padded Leather soles, cuff pattern at \$2.50. Leather House Shoes at \$3.50.

OVERCOATS, LEATHER COATS

Not before has our stock been so complete. Men's and Young Men's Overcoats at \$16.75 to \$32.50. Men's Leather Coats at \$11.50 to \$24.50. Boys' All Leather Coats, sizes 10 to 18 years, \$9.75. Men's Best Quality Sheep Lined Coats \$11.00.

MILITARY BRUSHES, BATH ROBES, FLANNEL SHIRTS, DRESS SHIRTS, PY-JAMAS, HAND BAGS, SUIT CASES, TRUNKS, SURE-FIT CAPS, STETSON HATS, SWEATERS, SWEATER VESTS, PUTTEES, CUFF LINKS, COLLAR BAGS

HELPING THE MEN FOLKS AT CHRISTMAS TIMES IS A PLEASURE TO OUR SALES FORCE

About the biggest worry the average man has thruout the year is selecting Christmas Gifts. This store is splendidly able to help and will be glad to do so.

MUNISING AND DOVE SILK UNDERWEAR

The average man cannot go wrong when he selects such items for Wife, Mother or sister. Munising Knit Silk Bloomers at \$3.85 and \$4.85. Knit Silk Vests at \$1.65 to \$3.75. Dove Crepe de Chine Teds and Gowns at \$2.85 to \$10.00.

KIMONAS AND DRESSING GOWNS

In Crepes, Corduroy and Quilted Silks at \$2.85 to \$22.50. Philippine Hand Made Gowns and Teds at \$2.50 to \$4.50. Voile Teds and Gowns at \$1.50 to \$3.50.

HOUSE SHOES

A splendid assortment of House Shoes for ladies in all colors. Felts at \$1.35 to \$2.50. Felt lined Leather \$2.35. Quilted Satin at \$1.85.

TOILET SETS

A splendid variety of the very finest Toilet Preparations in Holiday Packages, including Elmo Packages, at \$2.00 to \$5.00. Mavis Sets at \$2.85. Coty's Sets at \$3.50. Lancharies Blue Rose at \$3.50. Vanities at 50c to \$2.85.

SILK STOCKINGS

Nothing is safer for any of the fair sex than Silk Stockings. We are prepared to put every pair in a beautiful Christmas Folder. Finest Sheer Chiffons in black and colors at \$2.50 to \$3.00. All Silk in black and colors at \$1.50 to \$3.00. All Silk and Fiber Mixtures at 75c and \$1.00. Misses Ribbed Silk Hose at the pair, \$1.00 to \$2.25. Boys' and Girls' All Wool Novelty Plaid Top Sox at the pair 75c.

HANDKERCHIEFS

We are sure that there is nothing that will please more than these wonderful Marshall Field Handkerchiefs. Hand Made on Pure Linen at 25c, 35c, 50c and 65c. Voile and Batiste Handkerchiefs at 10c to 65c. Children's Handkerchiefs at 5c to 25c.

TOWEL SETS, BED SPREADS, IVORY PIECES, SWEATERS, PURSES, BAGS, HAT CASES, COATS, DRESSES, ROBE BLANKETS, BED BLANKETS, DOWN QUILTS, WORK BASKETS

THIS STORE WILL GLADLY SEND SUCH MERCHANDISE AS YOU WISH, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL, IF YOU CANNOT COME TO THE STORE

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HAVE YOU PLANNED

YOUR CHRISTMAS DINNER

We are at your service with good Groceries to help you plan and prepare a fine meal.

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CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR ALL THE FAMILY

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Midland raised in the stocker division according to word cattle were bought by Scharbauer Cattle Company exhibited by C. M.

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SEE

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BEFORE YOU BUY

WE ENGRAVE FREE OF CHARGE FOR OUR CUSTOMERS

Jeweler

Optometrist

**MAX BENTLEY TO
FEATURE MIDLAND**

Several farm stories, a cattle story, a story of the Midland school, and a Chamber of Commerce growth story will be written by Max Bentley, staff writer for the Star-Telegram, who was in Midland Saturday gathering material for publicity. Mr. Bentley was startled at the information given him about growth here. He obtained data for his stories from Brack Holt, Elmer Bizzell and the president and secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. He was induced to spend an extra day here to gather additional data.

RABBIT POISON BOUGHT

Midland County Commissioners Tuesday ordered 500 ounces of strychnine and three pounds of sechharine to be distributed free to farmers and ranchers to be used during the rabbit poisoning campaign. Neblett's Drug Store and the City Drug Store have magnanimously agreed to aid in fighting the rabbits by distributing this poison which the county is furnishing free, though it is knocking the drug stores out of business.

The Chamber of Commerce is making preliminary arrangements and has word from L. C. Whitehead, rodent control chief, that he may be here about Dec. 20 to prepare for the poisoning campaign which starts in January.

Letters have been written by the Chamber of Commerce to officials of Martin, Ector, Glasscock and Andrews counties urging them to join with Midland in the war on rabbits. If any farmer or rancher in Midland should be thoughtless enough to fail in fighting the pests, he will not only lose his own grass or crops, but will prevent others from saving their grass and crops. Every farmer and rancher is showing a fine spirit of cooperation.

**IS GLAD TO FIND
COUNTY AGENT HERE**

Elmer Schultz, boy prize winner of Mitchell County, has moved with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Schultz, to Midland County, and the lad wants a county agent here to help him win some more prizes.

Soon after he landed in Midland, he asked about whether the county had an agricultural demonstrator. Learning that the county commissioners and Chamber of Commerce had employed an expert, he declared he wished to help the demonstrator start some farm clubs here at once.

Young Schultz won a free trip to the Dallas Fair last year and he wishes to go from Midland this year. He won three first prizes and four second prizes in Mitchell county on hogs last year. His dad also won prizes last year and is keen for a county demonstrator.

**CHRISTMAS
BAKING**

Is a Big Undertaking, Even For the Most Experienced Cooks

Let us bake your Fruit Cakes, your Special Christmas Cakes, and all of your Pastry for those big family and company dinners.

For making Dressing, for Stuffing the Turkey, and for Table Use, you will find

"Queen of the Harvest"

Bread, Just What You Want.

Patronize Home Industry

Home Bakery

WAYNE COOK, Proprietor

Scharbauer Cattle Won

Midland raised cattle won first prize in the stocker division at the International Stock Show held in Chicago according to word received here. The cattle were bought from the Scharbauer Cattle Company of Midland and exhibited by C. M. Baum.

H. A. Jesse and family motored to Lamesa last Sunday.

Young Lee came over the first of the week from the Clayton ranch in Borden County.

J. E. McAllister and Mrs. McAllister were in from the ranch at Shafter Lake last Saturday.

The most personal of all gifts—Your Photograph. 10-2t

George Ramsey and his son, David, spent last week end in El Paso, returning Sunday night.

Buster Clayton was here the first of the week from the Borden County ranch.

INDIGESTION

Relieved of its poignant distress, flatulent (gas) pains, discomfort after meals, belching, bloating and constipation with
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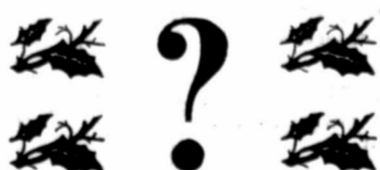
**SCRUGGS DELIVERS
NEW BUICK COUPE**

M. J. Collins, geologist for the Marland interests, who operates in the Big Lake field, received a new Buick four passenger coupe last Saturday, and it is a handsome automobile.

This is the first of the coupes under the new standard six series that Mr. Scruggs has placed here, although several open cars have been sold.



**WHY NOT MAKE IT A "SURE
NUFF" MERRY XMAS**



Give Her a New Set of Fixtures for That Bath Room

Something that will last indefinitely and give happiness every day in the new year and years to come. Health is the first requisite of happiness; sanitation is the first requisite of health. So think about making this a Safe and Sane Xmas.

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Our complete stock will assist you in selecting a practical and acceptable gift for each member of the family and for your friends.

HERE ARE JUST A FEW SUGGESTIONS

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High Grade Perfume Perfume Atomizers Ivory Combs and Brushes Ivory Dresser Sets Manicure Sets Manicure Rolls Cut Glass Electric Irons Kodaks Fountain Pens Gold Pencils King's and Liggett's Candy	Handsome Bill Folds Pipes Ivory Shaving Sets Flash Lights Ever-Sharp Pencils Smoking Sets Thermos Bottles Cigars in Xmas Boxes Fancy Pipes Conklin Fountain Pens Military Sets Smoking Stands

King's and Liggett's Candies

The most attractive variety of Xmas Candy ever shown in Midland. Don't Fail to get a Box.

Toys and Books at Cost

Our stock of Toys and Books will be sold at cost. Come now before these low priced articles are all gone!

City Drug Store

The Rexall Store

"Where You Get the Most Change Back"

Locals—Clay Floyd.
Soprano: Selected—Mrs. Foy Proctor.
"Hail to the New-Born King" from "The Star Divine"—High School.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL
Central Ward
7th Grade Christmas Program, High School Building, 2 o'clock.
Song: "Christmas Carol"—Seventh Grade.

Poem: "Bells Across the Snow"—Seventh Grade Girls.
Dialogue: "Winter's Children"—Five Boys.
Song: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"—Seventh Grade.
Reading: "A Christmas Thought"—Winston Elkin.
Song: "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"—Seventh Grade.
Story: "The Catchits' Christmas Dinner"—Frank Truex.
Solo: "The Dancing Cascades"—Dorothy Womack.
Reading: "The Russian Santa Claus"—Ford Schrock.
Song: "Jingle Bells"—Seventh Grade.
Dialogue: "Christmas Offerings"—Six Girls.
Poem: "Christmas Hymn"—Seventh Grade Boys.
Reading: "Father Christmas"—Robert Caldwell.
Song: "Holy Night"—Seventh Grade.

Christmas program, December 19, 2 o'clock, Primary Department, Central Ward.
Songs: "The Little Land of Christmas Day"; "Santa Claus So Jolly"—Primary Department.
Poems: "Heaven's Gift"; "Why Do Bells for Christmas Ring"—Primary Department.
Reading: "Christmas Time's a-Comin'."—Murray Fasken.
Exercise: "The Way to Christmas Land"—Annice Johnson, Velton Hampton.
Reading: "Teddie's Lametn"—Anabel Youngblood.
Exercise: "Christmas Stockings"—Dora Lee Pierce, Bessie Dale, Kathleen Scruggs, Edna Mae Elkin.
Songs: "Up on the House Top"; "Santa's Visit"—Primary Department.
Poem: "Christmas"—Primary Department.
Reading: "Bobbie's Letter to Santa"—Jack Prothro.
Exercise: "Candles and Firefly"—Eleven Children.

Reading: "A Christmas Dilemma"—Olga Trammell.
Piano Solo—Beulah Mae Coleman.
Play: "Christmas Eve in the Land of Nod"—By Thirty-one Children of Department.

Christmas Program, South Ward Grammar Department, December 19, 1924, 2 o'clock.
Song: "The Happiest Christmas Day"—Department.
Reading: "Just Past Christmas"—V. R. Dockray Jr.
Reading: "Luke 2:8-14"—Department.
Piano Solo: "Boys' Brigade"—Bush Elkin.
Christmas Story: Selected—Mrs. Roy Parks.
Song: "Goodbye, Old Year"—Six girls.
Piano Solo: "The Little Fortune Teller"—Ruby Pritchett.
Reading: "If Santa Claws Was Pa"—Jack Wilkinson.
Closing Song: "Holy Night"—Department.

Christmas Program, Primary Department, South Ward, 2 o'clock.
Song: "The Christmas Welcome"—1st, 2nd and 3rd Grades.
Monologue: "Through the Telephone"—Louise Greenhill.
Reading: "Repentance"—Ella Mae Newland.
Dialogue: "The Gifts of the Stars"—2nd, Grade.
Music: "Silent Night"—Naneda Hammond.
Reading: "Some Christmas Youngsters"—Billie Frances McCrary.
Reading: "When Santa Comes Knocking"—Kelly Jones.
Song: "Santa Claus"—3rd Grade.
Reading: "If Santa Claus Knew"—Naneda Hammond.
Reading: "Christmas"—Fay Goode.
Song: "Christmas Dollies"—Kitty Carpenter.
Reading: "Virgil"—R. C. Cauble.
Reading: "When I Dit Drowed"—Jack Hammond.
Reading: "Christmas Eve"—Tiny Smith.
Playette: "Christmas Eve in the Land of Nod"—1st, 2nd and 3rd Grades.

Midland People are invited to Mrs. Vickers' Expression Pupils' recital at the Methodist Church Tuesday night, Dec. 16, at 7:30.
11-1t

The gift that is you—your Photograph.
10-2t

CLASSIFIED ADS

FRUIT TREES—Nursery stock of all kinds, suitable to this section. I represent the Ramsey Nursery, of Austin. Let me take your order now for fall delivery.—V. C. Ray, Midland, Texas. 48tf

FOR RENT—Good pasture for 300 head of cattle by Dec. 1st.—J. F. McQuarters, Phone 441. 8-4tp

FOR LAND breaking see Z. T. Reader. 8tf

LOST: On highway between O. Holt's and town, one baloon tire and rim, lock and chain.—W. S. Hill, 9-1

WANTED: Cotton farmers to plant five hundred acres in cotton. Either third and fourth or on halves. 15 miles south of Seminole. Address W. C. Sherrod, 1004 Bluff st., Wichita Falls, Texas. 9-4tp

VALUABLE LAND FOR SALE: Two and one half miles northeast of Midland, an offering 320 acres of as fine cotton land as you will find in West Texas. This half section lays half a mile along the Lamesa highway and is one and one half miles north of the Rice Farm. Will sell for only \$20.00 an acre with a reasonable payment down and a long time on the balance. This well located tract of fine land is a splendid bargain and an investment can not be beat. I believe this land will sell for \$50.00 an acre within the next two or three years. Write R. T. Manuel, Colorado, Texas. 10-2t

FOR SALE: 680 acres in Gaines and Andrews County, section 5A30. Good for stock farming. Well drilled on same.—Eugene Stevens, Box 487, Shipbee, Arizona. 10-8tp

FOR SALE: A few Plymouth Rock Pullets and hens, a typewriter, a heater (coal), a Yale piano, and also would sell my home for \$2750, which is now rented furnished for \$52.50 per month, reserving two rooms.—J. H. Wilhite, Phone 261. 10tf

WANTED: Cotton farmers to plant five hundred acres in cotton. Either third and fourth or halves. 15 miles south of Seminole. Address W. C. Sherrod, 1004 Bluff st., Wichita Falls, Texas. 11-4p

PUBLIC STENOGRAPHER—For stenographic work, see Jerri Edwards at Sparks and Barron's office. 11-tp

RHODE ISLAND—Red Roosters for sale.—E. R. Leonard, Phone 362. 11-4tp

FOR SALE: Hand made gift articles, at Mrs. Jess Shelburne's residence, across Main in front of Midland Merc.—Mrs. W. T. Beauchamp. 11-t

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Cowden were in from the ranch this week.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1924

THE NEW CENSUS

It is reported that many farmers and livestock men are suspicious of the agricultural census that is now being taken throughout the United States.

This attitude is unmistakably wrong, because the census is strictly for the purpose of getting a line on the true value of agricultural and

livestock lands, products, and improvements in the various localities and for the nation as a whole.

The argument has been advanced that it is merely for the purpose of "increasing taxes." Being a nation wide proposition, this is immediately out of the question. Taxes are equalized by local boards and are rendered to local tax assessors. The part that goes to the state governments is based on local renditions.

The agricultural census is not concerned about the assessment or collection of taxes, but is after truth and knowledge. A similar census was taken about the first of the year 1920. In that census, Midland was shown to rate rather low in the number and value of farming and livestock interests.

It has been demonstrated that the numbers of farms and of farmers has increased considerably in the last four or five years. Is it not reasonable that to let the rest of the world know we are advancing will be a credit to us as a community and as in-

dividuals?
Let everybody get in and assist the local census enumerator by giving him a prompt and accurate report of lands and livestock. The fact is that there is a heavy fine to be imposed if it isn't done.

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO HAVE XMAS PROGRAMS

NEXT FRIDAY IS DATE SET FOR ENTERTAINMENTS IN ALL DEPARTMENTS.

Christmas programs have been arranged by each of the departments of the public schools and will be rendered next Friday, December 19th.

A special musical program will be held at the high school, while the grades and primary departments will also observe fitting entertainments. The programs follow:

HIGH SCHOOL
Christmas Musical program, December 19, 1924, two o'clock:
Invocation—Rev. W. B. Blount.
"Winter Song"—High School Chorus.
Reading: Luke 2:8-14—Midland High School.
Reading: "John Alden and Perilly"—Emily Flanigan.
Piano Duet: "Midnight Revels"—Lillie Mae Norwood and Frances Norwood.
Christmas Anthem: "Glad Tidings"—Girls' Choral Club.
Reading: "The Passing of the Year"—K. E. Nutt Jr.
Piano Solo: "The Nightingale"—Jennie Elkin.
"Holy Night"—High School Chorus.
Reading: "As To Christmas Gifts"—Barron Wadley.
Vocal Solo: "Angel of Light, Lead On"—Maggie Snodgrass.
Male Chorus: (a) "Roamin, in the Gloamin"; (b) Anvil Chorus from Il Trovatore—Boys' Glee Club.
Reading: "At the Turn of the Road" (Christmas Story)—Frances Ratiff.
Piano Solo: "Madrilena"—Wallace Wimberly.
Brass Quartet: Selected—R. V. Hyatt, M. P. Baker, Clinton Dungan and Fred Middleton.
Declamation: "The Sad Shepherd"—Kenneth Johnson.

"Not what you get, but what you hold—
Eases life's burden when you are old."

Money Is Power

If you have "more power" than you can use, bring it in and deposit it; it will make you "more power."
If you are "short off power," come in—we can and will supply your needs.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK
MIDLAND, TEXAS

The Santa Claus Store

At this store you will find a most wonderful array of gifts for Men, Women and Children.

Any attempt to list the many articles to be found here would be a hopeless task. Clothing or wearing apparel is practical and welcome as a gift.

Many Novelties may be found in our complete stock. Our Grocery Department offers suggestions for practical and useful gifts.

Christmas Means Toys

to the Children. Come and see our sturdy Coaster Cars, Doll Buggies and Red Wagons, also a nice selection of Dolls.

"Xmas Packages Cheerfully Wrapped For Mailing"

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People who have that enviable ability to choose appropriate gifts usually select something useful. Useful gifts are sure to please. The Christmas merchandise now on display in our store offers the early shoppers an unusual selection of useful, sensible gifts, appropriate for every member of the family.



Skates—a gift that will bring Christmas happiness to boys and girls

\$1.50 to \$2.50



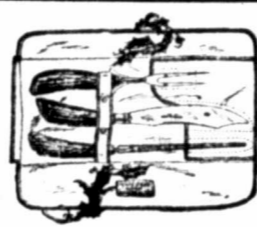
Pocket Knives are just the thing to give a man or boy.

35c to \$4.50



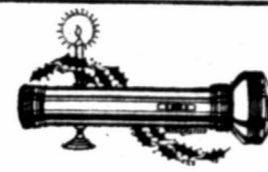
Straight or Safety Razors—used every day in the year.

\$1.00 to \$3.50



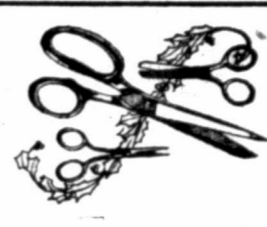
The Aristocrat of Cut-throat goods—A variety of distinctive patterns.

\$3.50 to \$7.50



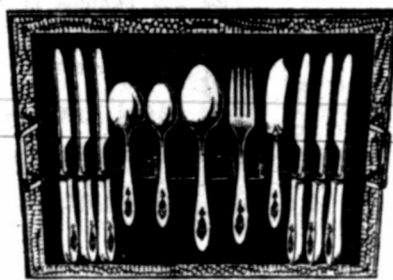
Flash lights make an acceptable gift for men and women.

\$1.00 to \$3.50



Every woman who sews prizes a good pair of scissors or shears.

60c to \$2.50



COMMUNITY SILVER

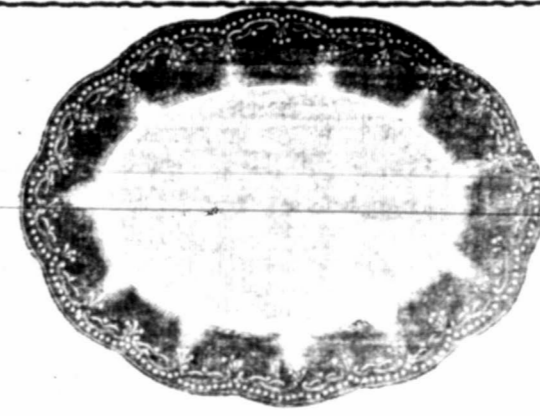
A Gift That Lasts

Start her a set this Christmas

Christmas Morning

What could bring more cheer into the home on that eventful morning than

Gifts of Pretty Furniture?



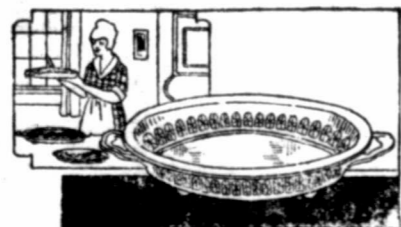
CHINAWARE
A Beautiful Assortment to Select from. Just the thing for the Lady

GIFT SUGGESTIONS IN FURNITURE

FLOOR LAMPS
BRIDGE LAMPS
SMOKING STANDS

LIVING ROOM SUITE
BED ROOM SUITE
A NEW RUG

CONSOLE MIRRORS
PICTURES
CEDAR CHESTS



Electric Appliances--Appropriate Gifts Combining Beauty and Usefulness

Free

A Hoosier Kitchen Cabinet
A Winchester Pump Shotgun
A Ton Coaster Wagon



Midland Hardware Co.

THE WINCHESTER STORE



Remember

Every \$ Paid on Account
Every \$ Cash Purchase
Entitles you to a ticket on the 3
Valuable Gifts

Miss McCormick Postpones Recital

On account of the uncertainty of Bourg Vickers will give an expression recital which was to have been given by the pupils of Miss Leona McCormick tonight has been postponed. It will be given on the night of Thursday, December 18th, of the lights are in good condition by that time.

The recital is to be held at the Methodist Church, and the same program that was planned for tonight will be carried out.

Want to buy your turks between now and Wednesday, the 17—Midland Mercantile. 11-11

The gift that is you—your Photograph. 10-26

WILL GIVE EXPRESSION RECITAL

The pupils of Miss Creola Richbourg Vickers will give an expression recital at the Methodist Church next Tuesday night, December 16, at 7:30, and she has cordially invited the public to attend.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To the Sheriff or Any Constable of Midland County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Marcia A. Rosebrook by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Midland County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Midland, on the first Monday in February, A. D. 1925, the same being the 2nd day of February, A. D. 1925, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 11th day of December, A. D. 1924, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 1720, wherein W. W. Wimberly is plaintiff and Marcia A. Rosebrook is defendant, and said petition alleging that September 1, 1924, plaintiff was lawfully seized and possessed of Lots 1 to 8, Block 113, Southern Addition to the town of Midland, holding the title to same in fee simple. That he and those under whom he claims have held said premises under deeds duly registered, and have had peaceable, continuous and adverse possession of same, cultivating, using and enjoying the same, and paying the taxes thereon, for a period of more than five years next preceding September 1, 1924. That defendant's claim to said premises, though inferior and subordinate to plaintiff's claim, clouds plaintiff's title and disturbs his free use and enjoyment of said premises.

Plaintiff prays for title, possession and full restitution and that defendant's claim be held void and of no force and effect.

Herein fail not but have before said Court, at its aforesaid regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Midland, Texas, on this the 11th day of December, A. D. 1924.

C. B. Dunagan, Clerk.
District Court, Midland County, Texas. 11-4t

Prize Offered For Cross Word Puzzle

S. Dewey Stokes, proprietor of the Elite Confectionery, on hearing that The Reporter was beginning a series of cross word puzzles, states that he will give a box of Whitman's candy to the person who brings in the first correct solution to the puzzle. The solution must be turned in to the office of the Midland Reporter, where the time of receiving it will be marked down, then it will be compared to the correct solution, which is on file in the office.

The name of the winner will appear in next week's paper. Other merchants have signified their desire to offer prizes for subsequent puzzles.

ANNOUNCEMENT

We are Agents for the

Fort Worth Record

It will be on sale beginning

Sunday, Dec. 14

CITY DRUG STORE

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God to remove from among us our beloved brother, Christopher Columbus Johnston, and whereas, we his brethren desire to make some memorial of his life, character and influence amongst us, both for the benefit of our brethren to come and as an expression of our regard to his loved ones left behind him:

And, whereas, our brother was for many years one of the most devoted and consistent members of our fraternity. Until the loss of his beloved wife, several years ago, he was a regular attendant upon his Lodge here and elsewhere, and practiced the teachings of Masonry within and without the Lodge.

He exemplified his daily life, not only to his brethren, but also to those about him the highest and noblest principles of Masonic teaching. One great characteristic of this friend and brother, was his sterling honesty. His great heart, in matters of charity and loving kindness, knew no bounds, and in this field were only limited by his powers to give and to do. He was

slow to anger and to take or give offence and was upright in his dealing toward all mankind.

"What a mystery is life, What troubles and care, We leave it for—we know not where, The "Great Creator" will provide for us there."

We mourn him, not because of an untimely death, for he lived almost his three score years and ten, but because of the loss of his companionship and counsel in matters pertaining to the fraternity. His noble heart never turned away anyone in sorrow or trouble, if it was within his power to help them, financially or otherwise.

Therefore, he it resolved:— That we express our sorrow at his loss and our sincere condolence to the members of his family, and to all his sorrowing friends.

That a copy of this memorial and resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Lodge and a copy furnished his surviving children, and a copy to the local paper for publication.

Respectfully submitted,
W. K. Curtis,
P. J. Mims,
Ray V. Hyatt,
Committee.

SELF SERVICE

MEANS DOUBLE SERVICE

- (1) By waiting on yourself, you make your own careful selection of what you buy.
- (2) "Self Service" Prices save you money on every item in the store. Our large price cards are in plain sight and demonstrate our lower prices.

VISIT OUR STORE AND MEAT MARKET

CLEAN — SANITARY — INVITING —

THE WHITE HOUSE

F. J. & R. E. Irwin

Clifford & M. R. Hill

HOW DOCTORS TREAT COLDS AND THE FLU

To break up a cold over night or to cut short an attack of gripe, influenza or sore throat, physicians and druggists are now recommending Calotabs, the nausealess Calomel tablet, that is purified from dangerous and sickening effects. Those who have tried it say that it acts like magic, by far more effective and certain than the old style calomel, heretofore recommended by physicians.

One or two Calotabs at bed time with a swallow of water—that's all. No salts, no nausea nor the slightest interference with eating, work or pleasures. Next morning your cold has vanished and your system feels refreshed and purified. Calotabs are sold only in original sealed packages, price ten cents for the vest-pocket size; thirty-five cents for the large family package. Recommended and guaranteed by druggists. Your money back if you are not delighted.—adv.

MAX BENTLEY SPOKE TO DRIVE MEMBERS

Max Bentley, Star-Telegram staff correspondent and recognized as one of the leading newspaper writers of the Southwest, was the principal speaker at dinner given by membership solicitors of the Chamber of Commerce Saturday night. He declared he expected to find a frontier town here, but instead had found a live-wire city.

Dr. J. B. Thomas was toastmaster and he and the secretary highly praised the membership committee who worked so hard and efficiently. Mrs. Vickers said a few words in behalf of J. B. Wilkinson's side in the contest.

MORE MEMBERS BUT LESS MONEY

Final check shows that despite the large increase in membership in the Midland County Chamber of Commerce the money subscriptions are \$1,360 less than last year. All who made pledges of 50 cents a month or any other amount without giving permission to draft through a bank are urged to leave their money at one of the banks or with the secretary this week or the first of next, as all pledges are due by the tenth of each month.

Cowden and Ulmer Make High Score

In a contest between the Ford dealers of this territory, which comprises a large portion of the Panhandle and West Texas, Cowden and Ulmer have won third place for the month of November.

The contest is based not on the number of cars sold, but on the percentage of cars sold according to the number allotted to them. Their percentage was 106, which shows that they have sold their quota and have also sent in for more cars.

This is commendable for the local Ford dealers and is also a mark of the prosperity of the community, showing that the automobile business is better than in many parts of the plains.

Senior Endeavor

Subject: Count and Share your blessings.

Leader: Henry Fleenor.

Songs No. 14 and No. 154.

Prayer.

Song No. 15.

Scripture Reading: Ps. 107: 1-9.

Talk: What are some of the common blessings of life which we are inclined to accept as our right?—Mary Fleenor.

Talk: What are some of the blessings which Christian Endeavorers have that should be shared freely?—Mariam Pemberton.

Piano Solo—Kitta Belle Wolcott.

Talk: The Spirit of Thanksgiving—Mrs. Whitefield.

Talk: The Spirit of Christmas—Rev. W. B. Blount.

Business.

Song.

Benediction.

All members of the S. C. E. please come Sunday and be on time. All visitors are welcome at all times.

LOOK! Exide

BIG REDUCTION IN PRICE

BATTERIES

YOU CAN NOW BUY AN EXIDE BATTERY FOR YOUR

Ford For \$16.00

Give one for a Christmas Present. It is a practical and worthwhile Gift.

ALL MAKES OF BATTERIES SKILLFULLY REPAIRED.

BATTERIES CHARGED, \$1.00

MIDLAND MOTOR CO.

C. E. LANGE, Prop.

Citrons Available For Rabbit Poisoning

Free citrons for farmers to use in poisoning rabbits!

If you don't have your own citrons, T. O. Midkiff will give farmers and ranchers a few samples. W. C. Rayburn and S. H. Gwyn are farmers who have citrons, the latter raising them for his cows. Mr. Gwyn has a car load and will give them free to farmers and ranchers who will poison rabbits.

Mr. Midkiff says the citrons should be split and salt placed on them for a few nights, then, after the rabbits are started, they should have strychnine or arsenic placed on them. He said one farmer in Howard County placed a few poisoned citrons out recently and in one night killed 80 rabbits.

Cows, horses and chickens will eat citrons. When poisoned they must be placed in fields or pens out of reach of stock.

Louie Arrington and wife came over from Merkel Sunday and stayed over night with Mrs. Arrington's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ingham.

Sideache Backache

"I have been taking Cardui," says Mrs. Lillie Bolton, of Lake Providence, La. "I got down in bad health and lost in weight until I only weighed 120 pounds. I had bad pains in my sides and back and my legs hurt me until I couldn't walk. I stayed in bed half the time. I tried all kinds of medicine, but it did me no good. Finally I tried

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

"It seems like it did me good from the very first. After I had taken half a bottle I noticed an improvement. I continued its use and I got better and better. The pains in my legs and sides disappeared and I began to gain in weight until now I weigh 155 pounds and feel better than I ever did in my life. I am perfectly well and strong. I have given it to my girls, too."

Cardui has relieved many kinds of pains and distressing symptoms caused by female trouble. It should help you, too, in the same way. Why not give it a fair trial?

Sold by druggists for over 40 years
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio

BUNDLE FEED FOR SALE

Delivered to Midland in lots of 200 bundles or more, 10c per bundle.

In Field, 7c Per Bundle

HOLLY ROBERTS

PHONE 325-A

COTTON FIRE GETS SIX BALES SATURDAY

Six bales were destroyed or badly damaged by fire last Saturday morning, about two o'clock, when a blaze of uncertain origin was ignited in the local cotton yard.

Three bales belonged to J. E. Hill, one to F. C. Dale and the other two to the Guitier Gin, according to local insurance agents who had covered the Hill and Dale cotton.

Quick work on the part of the neighbors who rushed to the scene and by the fire department prevented any great loss. Hundreds of bales were stored in the yard, and the fire might have been disastrous.

Hall's Catarrh Medicine

will do what we claim for it—rid your system of Catarrh or Deafness caused by Catarrh.

Sold by druggists for over 40 years
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio

MIDLAND

WEEK STARTING

MONDAY, DEC. 22nd

TENT THEATRE
BEAUTIFUL

HILA MORGAN

and her own big

DRAMATIC STOCK CO.

"HILA HERSELF"

ALL NEW PLAYS AND VAUDEVILLE

THE SHOW THAT IS TRULY DIFFERENT

CHILDREN 10 CENTS; ADULTS 25 CENTS

Numbered Reserved Chairs on Sale at The City Drug Store After 9 a. m. Monday, 10c and 25c Extra

The Best Heated Tent Theatre in America

Ladies Free

Monday Night to the 25-Cent Seat Section

OUR PLAYS:

Peg o' My Heart, Mother's Son, East Is West, Smiling Thru, Mary's Ankle, The Haunted House, Etc.



Xmas Gifts

that will be appreciated are on display. Come in and look at our complete stock of

CHRISTMAS GOODS

H. J. NEBLETT

DRUGS

"The Druggist is your best Friend"

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To the Sheriff or Any Constable of Midland County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Midland Building Association, and the unknown stockholders thereof, if a corporation; and the unknown members, if living, but if not, the unknown heirs of the said unknown members of said Midland Building Association, if a firm, partnership, or unincorporated association, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks, previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Midland County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Midland, on the first Monday in February, A. D. 1925, the same being the 2nd day of February, A. D. 1925, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 8th day of December, A. D. 1924, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 1718, wherein Mrs. A. A. Underwood and W. H. Underwood are Plaintiffs, and Midland Building Association et al are Defendants, and said petition alleging that the Plaintiffs on the 1st day of December, 1924, were lawfully seized and possessed of lot 6, Block 32, of the Original Town of Midland, situated in Midland County, Texas, holding the same in fee simple; that the title has long past passed out of the State, and that plaintiffs and those under whom they claim, have held peaceable and adverse possession of said lands, using and enjoying the same, under deeds duly recorded constituting a regular chain of title for

a period of more than 25 years next preceding the filing of said suit. That the defendants are setting up a claim to said lands by virtue of a deed executed by one George A. Knight about Nov. 22, 1884, attempting to convey said lands to Midland Building Association. That the claim of said Midland Building Association, though inferior to plaintiffs' claim, clouds plaintiffs' title and disturbs them in their free use, occupancy and enjoyment of said premises. Plaintiffs pray for judgment for title and for restitution of said premises and that defendants' claim be held for naught, cancelled and annulled.

Herein fail not but have you before said Court, at its aforesaid regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Midland, on this the 8th day of December, A. D. 1924.

C. B. Dunagan, Clerk,
District Court, Midland County,
Texas. 11-4

Four of S. H. Gwyn's kinsmen know about Midland and they want to come to this section to farm. They want four farms to rent. Another man to whom Mr. Gwyn handed Midland literature while he and Mrs. Gwyn were on a trip to Dallas and to see his land in Hartley County wants to start a creamery station in Midland. Mr. Gwyn handed out scores of pieces of Chamber of Commerce literature and found many people who have been reading about Midland.

WHAT IS THE MOST

PRACTICAL

Christmas Gift

Electrical Appliances

OFFER THE SOLUTION TO MANY SUCH QUESTIONS.

A new Hoover Vacuum Cleaner, an Electric Stove, A Table Stove, A Percolator, an Electric Iron, an Electric Washer, and many other labor saving articles, are ideal gifts.

Come to the office of the Light company when you do your Christmas shopping.

Midland Light Co.

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GIFTS THAT LAST

The King of Gifts

All the splendor of royalty, all the mystery and romance of the Orient, lie in the flawless depth of an exquisitely cut diamond. It is the king of all gifts.

We invite you to see our unusual display of precious stones and jewelry articles for the home or personal adornment.

Diamond Solitaire, Platinum Mounted Setting, Studed with Small Diamonds
Price \$40.00 to \$600.00

For "GIFTS THAT LAST" consult your jeweler

D. H. Roettger

Trying to Get Station S-A-N-T-A



A Christmas Prayer

By ANNA LOUISE STRONG
in Life and Light

SWEET Child of Peace, across the ancient strife
Bringing glad melody of angel psalm,
Our hearts are restless with the care of life—
O, bring to us Thy calm:
Dear Lord of Love, the world is waiting still
The high achievement of Thy gracious plan,
O, grant us Thine all-conquering good will,
Thy loving faith in man!
Master of Death, Thy greatest gift is yet—
To know Thy sacrifice, to share Thy loss,
Lost in the mirth of Christmas we forget
The glory of the Cross.

"Yes, your grandfather came in with six. Peg cooked four, for we were expecting all the kinfolks from both sides of the house. This was the day before, and our kinfolks began coming that evening, for some lived ten miles and it was too far for the oxen to make the trip in time next morning. Oh, yes, we drove oxen—and I much prefer them to these human-killing automobiles of today.

Both Julia and Juanita laughed. "Oh, do go on, grandma!"

"Well, we were to be married at high noon Christmas day, so by ten



o'clock Christmas Eve our feather beds were full. We didn't try to put more than six in one bed—three at the head and three at the foot—beds were made on the floor all over the house, and we slept as soundly as you on your fine box springs of today, and nothing disturbed us only an occasional snore, and that wasn't half as bothersome as the spluttering of these flying machines.

"Well, the next day dawned fair, and I think everybody said 'Happy is the bride the sun shines on.' Peg assured me the cakes were fine and turkey tender. The great, long table was 'set' and we were married under a bough of mistletoe—and your grandfather kissed me for the first time. I'm sure no girl of today can say that. Everybody shook my hand and wished me much joy and we all went to dinner. Your grandfather and I ate at the first table; most of the women waited, for in those times the men always ate first. I suppose it was proper then; anyway, they did.

"The next day we drove over to your grandpa's home for the infare, and had another big dinner, and I had a cheaper calico. I called it my second-day dress. We visited my folks and his folks about a week and then took our belongings in an ox-cart to



our home, four miles away—a one-room log house built by grandpa. Your mother was born there.

"That was a great Christmas, and we were happier in one room than those in mansions today.

"Oh, that was a great day! Yes, it was truly Christ's day and Christ's way. The same Savior reigned then as now, and he has the same message—'I go to prepare a place for you, that where I am there ye may be also.'

"Good night, girls, grandma must retire. Tomorrow is Christmas day, but sixty-seven years ago I received a gift better than any I'll get tomorrow. I'll be with father before another Christmas rolls around and there'll be another great Christmas and the same Christ will reign. Good night, dears."

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

I have moved my furniture store from the Garrett and Brown building to the Moran building, just east of Foy Bell's Cafe, north of T. and P. depot. Come to see me to buy or sell furniture.
11-1t J. V. Hobbs.

Buying Midland Calves

Arthur Letts of Clarendon is in Midland this week to buy 700 to 1000 head of steer calves. He says former experience in buying Hereford calves has shown him the Midland product matures better than from most breeding centers.

The Hutt Cattle Company through W. W. Brunson sold two cars of fancy steer calves to A. M. Baum, northern feeder. Mr. Brunson reports large numbers of canners being shipped to Fort Worth during the past few days.

CHRISTMAS TURKEYS

AND YOUNG CHICKENS

THEY ARE THE BEST OF STOCK AND HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY FATTENED

PHONE YOUR ORDERS TO

Mrs. Terry Elkin

PHONE 27-C

Didn't Spend Much

Pity Ye Poor Ed

A balance of \$34.34 was left over from the fund raised by cattlemen and business men to send John Haley and W. W. Brunson to the cattlemen's meeting in San Antonio. A total of \$169.50 was raised. The balance will be deposited in a bank and will be subject to use for any common interest of Midland cattlemen. There were 35 donors, and the amount to be refunded to each was thought so little that it was decided to deposit the money and have it available for use of the cattlemen when needed.

It is reported that one of the fastidious newly married ladies of this town kneads bread with her gloves on. This incident may be somewhat peculiar, but there are others. The editor of this paper needs bread with his shoes on; he needs bread with his shirt on; he needs bread with his pants on; and unless some of the delinquent subscribers of this "Old Rag of Freedom" pony up before long, he will need bread without a damn thing on, as Wisconsin is no Garden of Eden in the winter time.—Melrose (Wisc.) Chronicle.

City Drug Has

Christmas Look

With the display of Christmas goods, T. A. Fannin and his corps of workers have made a splendid array of Christmas decorations during the last few days. Crepe paper, greenery and other things too numerous to take in at a glance add a strong touch of Christmas.

Exide batteries for Fords reduced to \$16.00. Batteries charged for \$1.00. 10-2t

Ideal Christmas Toy given free with each Dearborn Independent subscription, by the Ford Garage. 3t

White House Decorated

M. R. Hill, manager of the White House grocery department, invited The Reporter's reporter to take a look at his Christmas decorations this week, and the store is certainly attractively arranged with holly and other Christmas greenery. Such decorations make the Christmas spirit felt more keenly by shoppers.

W. C. Moss of Odessa was a business visitor to Midland Wednesday, and subscribed to The Reporter while here.

Many Gifts Displayed By Hardware Store

Gifts of many kinds are being featured by the Midland Hardware Company, both in their advertising and in their store decorations. Midland merchants are doing a great deal to help Christmas shoppers solve their gift problems early.

Geo. D. McCormick, Miss Homerville Whitley and Homer Epley drove over to Big Spring last Sunday evening.

J. S. Hereford of Dallas was a business visitor to Midland Tuesday.

Everybody's Is Santa Claus Store

Santa Claus is hanging out at Everybody's this week, with an attractive display of toys and all kinds of Christmas gifts. Scores of youngsters may be seen gazing in at the show windows every day.

It cost only \$1.00 to have your battery charged at Exide Service Station. 10-2t



Fire Insurance is all important to every property owner. Make sure that your policies are adequate. Come to this agency for advice and help in arranging for proper protection.

This agency represents the Hartford Fire Insurance Company—an institution that has been serving property owners faithfully since 1816.

SPARKS & BARRON

Telephone 79
MIDLAND, TEXAS

No New Suit For Christmas?

PHONE 30

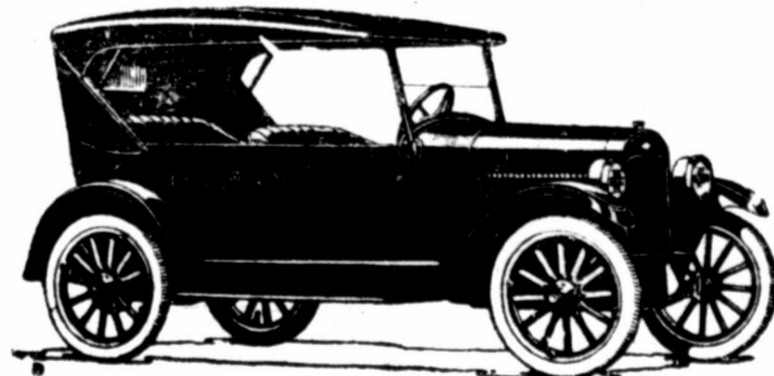
Then have the old one Cleaned and Pressed and step off with that Prosperous Air.

A small amount of Cleaning and Pressing will make a wonderful difference in your personal Appearance.

IF IT CAN BE DONE, WE CAN DO IT

WE CALL FOR AND DELIVER CALL US. WE'LL CALL.

Middleton Tailor Shop



WHEN YOU LOOK FOR GIFTS DON'T FORGET THE AUTOMOBILE

A New Car

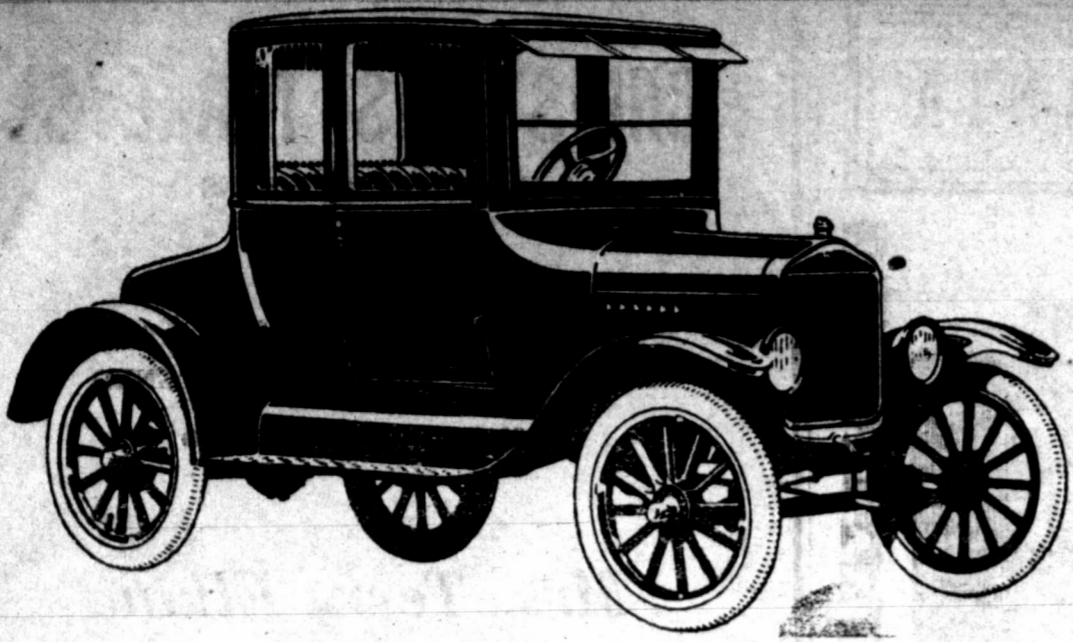
OR AUTOMOBILE ACCESSORIES WILL MAKE A MERRY CHRISTMAS

A FEW SUGGESTIONS:

- Windshield Wipers
- Flash Lights
- Glass Wings
- New Tires
- Luggage Carriers
- Cigar Lighters
- Motor Meters
- Heaters
- Stop Signals
- Spot Lights
- Step Plates
- Mirrors
- Mud Chains
- Bumpers
- Motor Horn
- Lock Steering Wheel
- Sun Visors
- Tire Locks



Western Auto Supply Co.



A NEW FORD

will make a Joyful Christmas for the entire family

SELECT FROM THESE MODELS

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| FORDOR SEDAN | COUPE | TOURING CAR |
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Gift Suggestions for the Ford Owner

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| Bumpers | Windshield Wiper | A New Heater |
| New Tires | Fender Braces | "Henry's Pants" |
| Motor Meter | Dash Light | Spare Tire Lock |
| Pedal Pads | Rear Vision Mirror | Balloon Tires |
| Step Plates | Speedometer | Lock Steering Wheel |
| Curtains | Rainbow Cap | Shock Absorbers |

COWDEN & ULMER

LINCOLN FORD FORDSON

Breezy News From Odessa

By E. L. Kelly

KELLY TO KANSAS WITH KEYSTONE KATLE COMPANY'S KALVES.

John H. Edwards, aware of the fact that my father used to drive an oxen to mill, centered on me as being the most qualified to accompany these cattle to market—to keep them all in their ears and to accompany them from getting away. Well after getting out from Fort Worth some hundred and twenty five miles we crossed the other wonderful state of Oklahoma, where bank robbing is taught in the public schools quite successfully. The first stop—we guess it was to rest. Anyways, the engine was about half a mile north and east of the city proper, and this left the caboose right up in town, so we noticed an airplane pulling off stars for the citizens. He was doing air stunts of looping the loop and cutting the pigeon wing. This was to attract their attention while we, or possibly two, of his confederates was over at the bank having the usual do the flea hop at the point of a high powered automatic. So, on arriving at the next station up the road we learned that the bank had been held up and "the woods was full of men formed to capture the bandits.

Well, I had another experience that is quite interesting—staying all night in one of those Piggly-Wiggly hotels. We had seen Piggly-Wiggly stores but this was our first hotel to be run on this plan so we decided

to give them our trade and vice versa as much as possible. At recess dinner on us when the Piggly-Wiggly part came in into the next morning. We noticed that when we retired we have seemingly plenty of cover. It is awakening next morning we noticed that we were covered with a bed sheet and an old rug that was on the floor the night before, and some one had Piggly-Wigglyed into our room and gotten our clothes.

One of our stops was at a small place called El Reno. It has been so long since we studied Latin that we have really forgotten how to translate this language. But after visiting the beanery it was plain what the name signified. I was YOU KNOW WE CAN'T MAKE COFFEE. Was it Abe Lincoln or Tennyson who told the fellow at St. Louis above the drake carrying the grain of coffee under his feathered wing all the way down the Mississippi to New Orleans and having better coffee all his trip than they served in the beaneries now a days?

I see where Kansas is going to repeal the cigarette law. Looks like they would work on their Jim Crow line first. Were you ever in Kansas? If not you should make a short visit, for there you are allowed the Texas denied privilege of eating and riding in the same coach with the African. We stopped at another town in Kansas which was indelibly impressed on our mind for it was named in honor of one of my old college friends, Caldwell. We even saw the wagon tracks of "The Covered Wagon", which started out to California in '49. The tracks are still there, and unless Congress comes to Kansas' aid they have a good chance of staying there immovable.

One of the conductors on the line

was s-o-m-e conductor. He at one time was an old cow puncher, himself, but on account of the high cost of living soon graduated and was looking for something more lucrative, so he went to railroading. He was asked by one of the shippers how much money he turned in to the company after making a run, so he proceeded to relate how he arrived at the company's percent. He said if a passenger paid him in paper money he always gave it a toss in the air and if it hung on the bellcord it belonged to the company. If they paid him in gold he would immediately roll the coin down the length of the car and if it stood up it belonged to the company. But one time when the coin rolled up against a seat and stopped he thought it nothing but right that he give it another roll. He told us that the bank robbers and hi-jacker's had become so numerous in Kansas City that they had to wear badges to distinguish one from another so they wouldn't be victims of their own trade. He told us of going home one night and being held up. The hi-jacker, after going through his pockets and finding only 2 bucks, gave it back to him and also handed him a 5-spot and told him to keep it on his person as he—the hi-jacker—had a brother out that night on the same job, and if he had run across him he would have shot him for not having as much as \$5.00.

See Mrs. Lange's hand made gift articles on sale at Midland Motor Company. 10-21

Talking Dolls Selling Fast

Addison Wadley states that his talking, walking and singing dolls are really going to make a lot of Midland kiddies happy, as his sales have been very good. His store is decorated inside and out with Christmas goods and colors.

Work on the Leon Bryant home six miles south of Midland is about finished, according to carpenters who have been on the job. The house and garage are handsome buildings.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Eiland were over from Stanton Wednesday.

W. H. Tucker made a trip up in the Lamesa country the first of the week.

Mercantile Has Santa Claus Stock

With red wagons, doll buggies and other conveyances on display, in the very latest of models, the Midland Mercantile is helping to make Christmas a joyful time for the little tots, and is also looking out for the grown people with other gifts.

THE CLOWN'S CHRISTMAS

By Mary Graham Bonner

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FOR YEARS he had been funny. For years he had painted his face, worn funny clothes and had made jokes. He had traveled first of all in this country with a road circus. Then, when the road circus was going out of business, more or less, he joined a road circus abroad. And now he was very old. But every afternoon and every night for ten months of the year he made jokes. He was in a small circus, too, so sometimes he had to take other parts.

The performing fox terriers acted with him. They were his pets. And how he loved them. How could some people be unkind to their pets? Not the old clown.

There was the donkey, too. When he paid too much attention to the dogs the donkey came along and gave him a push to tell him that the donkey, too, wanted some attention.

And now he had planned to have a holiday. A long holiday. He would take a little place and with his donkey and his fox terriers they would rest after their work.

They would not join the circus another year. They were all old. How tired he had become after some of the performances that year. He had washed his face in the basin of cold water outside his wagon and had not even bothered to get off all the makeup.

The water was cold. It was hard to heat water after the performance was over, and only a little of the paint came off—only a little cold-looking pink water was at the bottom of the basin.

But the dogs didn't mind. They slept on the end or by the side of his cot in his wagon. They jumped in after him each evening, and they each kissed him good night. They didn't mind paint. They were used to it.

Oh, yes, he would take a long, long holiday. He would rest on the little he had managed to save. It would be enough for him and his pets.

But as the days passed along he seemed to feel rested and the dogs seemed to have new vigor and strength. It was splendid to feel rested again. A family had invited him to Christmas dinner—and he had accepted and he had asked, too, if he could come with his donkey and bring his dogs along. They, he said, would help put on a little show for the children.

It was all agreed.

But when Christmas afternoon came and the Christmas dinner was over, and the old clown was beginning his show for the children, he knew then that he could never take more than a few months' holiday from being a clown.

The laughter and the delight and the shrieks and the cries of joy from the children were things the old clown could not get along without.

This Christmas had shown him that!



"Mother, does Santa Claus love my nursemaid, too?"
"I guess so, Thomas. Why?"
"Well last Christmas I saw Santa holding her on his lap."

For Christmas this year send Photographs. 10-21

Toyland Featured

Chas. G. Morrison continues to make his "Toyland" feature appeal to the children this week, and reports many letters to Santa Claus going through the mail box in his store.

Ideal Christmas Toy given free with each Dearborn Independent subscription, by the Ford Garage. 9-1



TOYLAND IS BOOMING

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF J. T. POOLE, DECEASED:

Notice is hereby given that original letters of administration upon the estate of J. T. Poole, deceased, were granted to me, the undersigned, on the 19th day of November, A. D. 1924, by the County Court of Midland County, Texas. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to me within the time prescribed by law. My residence and post office address is Midland, Midland County, Texas.

Mrs. James T. Poole, Administratrix of the estate of J. T. Poole, Deceased. 8-41

Mrs. Paul Brown is here this week from Eastland, visiting in the home of her sister, Mrs. Newnie Ellis.

E. R. Bryan returned Monday night after a trip to the Grand Lodge of Mosans which met in Waco last week.

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Send your name and address plainly written, together with 5 cents (and this slip) to Chamberlain Medicine Co., Des Moines, Iowa, and receive in return a trial package containing CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY for coughs, colds, croup, bronchitis, "flu" and whooping coughs, and tickling throat; CHAMBERLAIN'S TABLETS for stomach troubles, indigestion, gas, pains that crowd the heart, biliousness and constipation; also CHAMBERLAIN'S SALVE, needed in every family for burns, scalds, wounds, piles and skin affections; these valued family medicines for only 5 cents. Don't miss it.

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B. W. Floyd has moved his real estate office up over the First National Bank, having formerly been located in the Basham and Shepherd building.

COUNTY MAKES RECORD IN C. OF C. MEMBERSHIP

DRIVE FOR MEMBERS NETTED 491 ACTIVE WORKERS

Four hundred and ninety-one members! That's the actual number signed up for the Midland County Chamber of Commerce and there are ten to fifteen old members not yet seen.

In other words, more than half of the voters of Midland County are members of the Chamber of Commerce. It is believed that not another county in the United States can show such a record. It will give Midland national publicity, for this will be sent to the Associated Press and Newspaper Enterprise Association.

Midland has long been known throughout Texas as a liberal live-wire, whole hearted city. This campaign forever proves it. This campaign will be the envy of every Chamber of Commerce in Texas.

Mrs. Homer Rowe, member of Dr. J. B. Thomas' committee, was the grand champion solicitor. She alone obtained 136, and started a half day after the campaign was formally opened. Mrs. J. E. Hill was the runner up among the women. Frank C. Dale led the first few days on J. B. Wilkinson's side, and this captain led till Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Bizzell and Mr. Dale piled up a huge membership among the farmers.

The Midland County Chamber of Commerce belongs to the more than 400 members who joined up. The organization feels keenly the confidence reposed in it by the extraordinary response to the membership campaign, and though the amount of money subscribed is about the same, or perhaps even a little less than last year due to the loss of one \$500 subscription last year, the Chamber of Commerce hopes and

plans to serve Midland County in every honest way possible and in the most efficient and economical way possible. All members should feel free to make any suggestions for the public good, for one member has as much right as another.

Those who joined without making their pledges payable monthly through one of the banks are asked to pay their pledges promptly before the tenth of each month. Thus the man who pledged 50 cents a month for the ensuing year of 14 months, now owes his first month's dues. The money should be left at either bank or with the secretary. There is no collector, hence, the only way for the members who don't pay through the bank draft plan, is to pay the pledges in person.

Only three or four classes are included in those whose names do not appear on this honor roll: Those whose husband's represent wife as well, those who are financially unable, the very few who were out of town and haven't been seen yet, and the inconsiderable few who don't believe in their own home town, who prefer to be knockers instead of boosters and who want to reap the benefit of work done while the other fellow pays for it.

The Members

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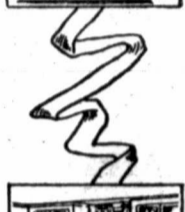
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Wool Shirts \$3.00 to	\$6.00
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Hand Bags \$6.50 to	\$20.00
House Shoes \$1.50 to	\$3.50
Leather Coats \$10.00 to	\$13.50
Stetson Hats \$7.00 to	\$15.00

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Handkerchiefs 25c to	\$1.00
Hand Bags \$3.50 to	\$12.50
Hat Boxes \$4.50 to	\$7.50
Purses \$1.50 to	\$12.50
Silk Hosiery: Silk Underwear, Beads, Novelty Combs, Vanities and Compacts, Towels, Linens, Dresses, Coats, Furs.	

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We are in receipt of many beautiful Dresses from Mitchell Bros., of Chicago, in new spring colors and styles. All are copies of French imports and show the very latest tendencies. Priced from

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Elite Confectionery Is Well Dressed Up

Christmas holly and crepe paper have not been spared at the Elite Confectionery and Floral Shop, and its proprietor, S. D. Stokes, is making a strong display of Christmas candy.

For Christmas this year send Photographs. 10-2t

Neblett's Store Observing Xmas

H. J. Neblett's drug store is featuring Christmas goods this week, and his stock has been arranged to make shopping easy for gift buyers. His decorations are tastefully arranged.

Railroad Offers Holiday Reduction

Holiday rates are offered by the T. and P. rail road, beginning December 19 and ending December 24, with a final return date of January 25.

They are offering round trip tickets at one and a half fare, to points in Texas and Louisiana, according to the station agent, J. J. Hamlett.

Good Spex for bad eyes at Inman's. 3t

Roettger Suggests Jewelry For Gifts

D. H. Roettger is featuring jewelry and silverware for Christmas gifts and is displaying a neat stock of these articles to his shopping visitors.

Guy Cowden and wife have been in town this week after a visit to the M. O. Means ranch near Valentine.

Next to a personal visit, send Photographs. 10-2t

Mr. Bryans, of Vian, Okla., arrived with his family Monday and will make Midland his home.

Will buy all your turkeys between now and Wednesday, the 17.—Midland Mercantile. 11-1t

Next to a personal visit, send Photographs. 10-2t

According to officials in the post office, the morning mail will not be put up by eight o'clock on the mornings when the lights do not burn at an early hour. They state that the mail will be put up by nine o'clock on such mornings.

Have your battery filled with pure distilled water at Exide Service Station. Free! 10-2t

MARKET SATURDAY

The women of the Baptist Church will have a bazaar and market in the Garrett and Brown building just north of the White House Saturday afternoon, December 13.

Editor Robertson of the Stanton Reporter was a business visitor to Midland Wednesday.

Your Photograph will carry the true sentiment of Christmas. 10-2t

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