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GREAT HERD OF CATTLE SHIPPED OUT TUESDAY

HIGGINBOTHAM CATTLE COMPANY SHIPPING ENTIRE HERD OF CATTLE TO OLD MEXICO

Top Heard was in Midland the first of the week, looking after the shipping of thirty-five cars of the Higginbotham Cattle Company's herd to the state of Durango, Mexico.

This great cattle company that once owned much of the land in the vicinity of Lamesa has sold out its Dawson County holdings, and that land has been cut up into farms. They are giving up all of the old ranch now, and had to look for more pastures.

They have bought 412,000 acres of land in Durango, near the city of Durango, Mexico; and will stock it with the cattle and saddle horses that were sold on the old ranch in Texas.

Top Heard is going to Mexico to run the outfit, and will take with him Con Hood, a veteran at handling Mexican laborers. It is a requirement in Mexico that eighty per cent of the laborers be native Mexicans.

The thirty-five cars shipped last Tuesday comprises only a small part of the total shipment, and many more head of cattle will go through the Midland stock pens to the Mexico ranch.

According to Mr. Heard, a steer will bring more in Mexico City than in Kansas City, and their stuff will probably be marketed there. The ranch is located about 500 miles from El Paso and about 700 miles from Mexico City.

Two rivers furnish the water for the ranch, with many creeks and smaller streams running into the main bodies of water. The range is said to be covered with fine grass, weeds and all sorts of native feed stuffs and will furnish a fine pasture for the cattle.

Thirty or forty more cars of cattle will be shipped about January 1, as soon as Mr. Heard can get back after them.

CATTLE RAISERS DEMAND ERADICATION

OPPOSE FERGUSON PROPOSAL TO LIGHTEN UP ON TICK ERADICATION

In session at Fort Worth this week, the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, presided over by its president H. L. Kokernot, of San Antonio, is opposing the proposed change in the present tick eradication law of Texas.

It is stated that the proposed change would do away with the protection that has been afforded the counties that have exterminated the tick, and that it allows some counties to cease dipping that are not outside the tick area.

Misses Evelyn Scarborough and Lela Mary Heard will arrive Saturday night from Simmons College at Abilene, to spend the holidays with their families.

J. P. Rankin Badly Injured Saturday

J. P. Rankin, prominent ranchman of Upton County, and one of the leading citizens of the town of Rankin, was brought to Midland last Saturday afternoon, said to be suffering from a bullet wound in his upper right arm.

The details of the injury were not determined, but those who have talked to the injured man state that it was due to an accident.

According to his physician, the bone was shattered in the upper right arm, from a short distance below the shoulder almost down to his elbow.

In the event that no infection sets in, it is believed that his arm will be saved and will knit back in place; but there is still danger from infection. The physician believes that the next four or five days will determine the outcome of the injury.

Mr. Rankin, familiarly known as Pearl, has many friends in Midland and the surrounding country, and many people are concerned about his condition.

SCHOOL RECEIVES ONE DOLLAR FROM STATE

TOTAL OF FOUR DOLLARS PER CAPITA HAS BEEN PAID BY DEPT. OF EDUCATION.

The fourth dollar per capita of the fourteen dollars due from the State Department of Education was received this week by the Midland Independent School District, leaving ten dollars per capita to be paid after January 1st.

According to a statement by S. M. N. Marrs, state superintendent, \$1,500,000 has been transferred from the school fund for the purpose of new text books, following the change in the ruling of 1922. However, the condition of the school fund is yet as good as it was in January 1923.

Since September 1, 1924, including the text book purchase, there has been disbursed \$6,786,400 from the state school fund. Mr. Marrs states that this would not have been possible except for the litigation changing the text books.

He believes that if the State Text Book Commission will be conservative in selecting books for 1925-26, the apportionment per capita will not be less than \$15.00.

The remaining \$10.09 per capita for the current year is to be sent to the schools not later than May, 1925, according to Mr. Marrs.

LIONS WILL HEAR DISTRICT GOVERNOR GREEN

R. D. GREEN OF ABILENE WILL SPEAK TO MIDLAND CLUB FRIDAY AT NOON.

Thursday's luncheon of the Lions Club has been postponed to Friday noon, on account of the fact that District Governor R. D. Green will be here, returning from El Paso, where he has made a visit to the Lions Club there.

Every member of the Midland club is expected to attend the luncheon Friday, as this will be the best opportunity to learn more about Lionism that has been afforded since the club was organized.

Lions Club Endorses New School Building

At a called meeting of the Lions Club last Tuesday afternoon, a motion was passed endorsing the passage of a bond issue for the purpose of erecting in Midland a new high school building, with an auditorium that may be used for all civic purposes, with a seating capacity that will adequately handle all public gatherings.

The motion was passed unanimously, and was purely an unselfish desire on the part of the club that is organized for no commercial purpose, to get this matter before the people. It is believed that other organizations will follow with similar endorsements.

Boynton Nominated U. S. District Judge

Charles A. Boynton, of Waco, has been nominated Federal Judge for the West Texas district, by President Coolidge, his nomination having been sent to the senate Wednesday.

Judge Boynton was nominated to succeed Judge William R. Smith, of El Paso, who recently died.

Potash Story Wanted By West Texas C. of C.

"West Texas Today" wants a potash story from Midland for the magazine published in Stamford.

Following is a paragraph of a letter received by the Midland secretary from Porter A. Whaley, manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce:

"You are certainly doing good work out there, and you surely did get us a nice membership, and we are well pleased with it. Your own membership campaign was certainly a record breaker. You are making history. We know of no small city whose work at all equals this."

J. B. Hilliard, of Stamford, was a business visitor to Midland this week.

Merry Christmas



CHRISTMAS is a day of cheer because we make it so. We bestow gifts upon those who are dear to us by ties of blood or friendship, we contribute to the happiness of children and turn kindly thoughts upon the unfortunate. Each year sees a greater tendency to assist these latter with something more substantial than thoughts. In all parts of America, and we assume that the same is true of other portions of the civilized world, there is manifested an increasing desire to help.

Few communities, towns or cities lack organized efforts for the carrying of real Christmas cheer to every destitute family, every hungry wayfarer, and especially to every child of poverty; that the latter, at least, may not regard the day, its symbols and promises as things of empty significance. This is in accordance with the teachings of Him for whom the day was named, and evidences the growth of spirituality in the world.

How little we know of how well off we are! How we magnify the trivial things of life! How prone we are to forget the securities and liberties of American citizenship! How hard it is to realize that the elements of true happiness lie within ourselves and not within what we possess. But we are beginning to know, and the spirit of Christmas is an important element in our teaching. Right sentiments soon crystallize into actions. The phrase, "Merry Christmas," upon all lips is an incentive to make it merry, hence the season becomes a time to forget strife and gloom and to spread peace and joy.

Is the old-fashioned Christmas passing? If so, a better one is taking its place. Modern arrangements may have done away with the yule log, but we still have the holly and the evergreen. They are but symbols. The tender emotions in our hearts count for much more. We can blend our voices and attune our souls to full jubilee on this festive occasion, which commemorates the most important announcement of all time, that of the religion of peace and love. Merry Christmas!

THE PUBLISHERS

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HELP THE PRINTERS TOO

Much is said along about Christmas time about doing the Christmas shopping early to benefit the clerks, mailing packages early to benefit the postal clerks, and all of this is good sound advice.

We want to make one more request. Next week we are going to do our best to get The Reporter out on Wednesday evening, and will appreciate it if all of the news and advertisements will be turned in on Monday and Tuesday.

The printers are working every night to get the papers out in time for the holiday advertising and the news to do its best.

West Texas Ranch Sells For \$208,000

San Angelo, Texas, Dec. 11.—The Val Verde County ranch of the estate of the late J. B. Murrah of San Antonio has been sold to Earl Wilson, who ranches near Juno, according to reports received here. The price was \$6.50 per acre for fifty sections, or \$208,000. The ranch has been under lease to J. B. Brown and Sim Weatherby of San Angelo and Madden B. Reed. — Semi-Weekly Farm News.

Madden B. Reed, who is mentioned in the above clipping as one of the lessees of the ranch, is the son of Rev. Nat B. Reed, former pastor of the Methodist Church here.

Madden has made quite a record as a ranchman since he has lived in the Val Verde country.

Jim Flanigan will come in Saturday morning from Georgetown, and will spend Christmas at home.

MRS. T. L. BEAUCHAMP DIED THURSDAY A. M.

DEATH CAME FROM COMPLICATIONS FOLLOWING TONSILLITIS.

Mrs. T. L. Beauchamp died about 9.30 Thursday morning, as a result of complications that followed a brief case of tonsillitis. She had been ill scarcely more than a week, and few people except her close friends knew of her trouble.

Mrs. Beauchamp was usually a very healthy woman, and the sad news of her death was a great shock.

Mrs. Beauchamp was formerly Miss Ola Mae Barber, a sister of Fred, Jess, and Pat Barber, all of this city. She has two more brothers living elsewhere, and two sisters. Mrs. H. A. Massey, formerly of Midland, is her sister.

She leaves her husband, Lawrence Beauchamp, who is connected with the Midland Hardware Company, and two small children.

Although the exact hour for the funeral has not been set, as we go to press, the services will probably be held Friday, Rev. L. U. Spellmann officiating.

Chancellor and Thomas Sell Farm

W. R. Chancellor and Dr. John B. Thomas have recently sold a half section of land south of town to W. E. Long, from Fannin County. Mr. Long will move here with his family at an early date, and will have several children in school.

The land is the old Townsend pasture and is fine for farming.

Personal Cards For Prize Puzzle Solver

As a prize for the first correct solution of this week's cross word puzzle, in the Midland Reporter, 100 personal cards will be given by The Reporter.

If a young lady wins the prize, correct calling cards will be given. If a business man wins, a business card will be given with his desired wording, or a personal card if he prefers it.

Those who compete for the prize are requested to turn in their solutions as early as possible, because the first correct one wins. Numbers are placed on the solutions at the time they arrive they are turned in, and the time is also marked on it. Then when they are compared to the correct solution, which is on file in the office, it is easy to determine which solution gets the cards.

Nobody is barred! The readers of The Reporter are invited to have a try at it, young or old.

Boys Should Obey City Ordinance

One of the officers has called attention to the shooting of fire works in the business section of town. This is a direct violation of the law, and he desires it stopped without making any arrests.

Boys should take their fire works to their homes, or farther from the city streets, and shoot them all they want to.

G. C. Watkins and family have recently moved in to Midland, and Mr. Watkins is closing a deal for a farm near here. He will move his family in town for the present. He comes from Jones County.

RELIEF ASSURED UTILITIES COMPANY

SUPERVISING ENGINEER VISITS MIDLAND THIS WEEK WITH ENGINE SPECIFICATIONS

Following the telegrams sent to the home office of the Southern Ice and Utilities Company, a message was received stating that an engine would be sent here as soon as possible, and that Mr. Williams, the local manager, had been authorized to clear out the old engine for the purpose of installing the new one.

Then to back up this good news, A. D. Martin, supervising engineer of the company, arrived in Midland Wednesday with the complete specifications.

He carried a letter from the Fairbanks Morse people, stating that they had authorized their factories to equip a 365 horse power engine to be sent to Midland, in accordance with the order placed by the Southern Ice and Utilities Company. The letter advised that the machinery should be delivered in two or three weeks.

According to Mr. Martin, the engine should be installed by February 1, and is of a type that can adequately handle the local situation for a long time to come.

He states that the engine is of the latest improved type, and represents an investment of about \$40,000, which makes a total investment here of almost \$200,000, according to his statement.

This news will be gratefully received by the citizens of Midland, as they have been put to considerable inconvenience for the last few weeks. It is hoped that no serious mishaps will come up between now and the time the new engine is installed, and that after that Midland will have the best electric service up and down the road.

The new engine is to be about thirty feet long, consequently it will take a large foundation. Preliminary work on the foundation was begun Thursday morning.

Mr. Martin is very much concerned about the situation in Midland and is doing everything in his power to have the plant put in tip-top condition as soon as possible.

SINGING OF HIGH SCHOOL RECOGNIZED

LETTER COMES FROM COLEMAN HIGH SCHOOL TO LOCAL SUPERINTENDENT.

The fact that Midland High School excels in singing is well established throughout the country. Visitors to the local schools comment at great length on the singing and the readings. These accomplishments, however, are not limited to the high school, because the grammar grades and the primary departments are also well along in both lines.

The latest recognition from a distance is in the form of a letter from the president of the senior class of Coleman High School, and is printed below:

"Coleman, Texas, Dec. 11, 1924.

"Mr. W. W. Lackey,
"Supt. Public Schools,
"Midland, Texas.

"My dear Mr. Lackey:

"It seems to be the consensus of opinion that your school has a widely established reputation for singing, both on account of the enthusiasm that is displayed by the students, and their ability to sing. I would like to receive any suggestions that you should offer in regard to creating an incentive for singing in high school.

"Do you set aside any part of the day for a singing rehearsal? If you do what part of the day do you find most suitable for rehearsal?

"What collection of songs do you use, or recommend?

"Thanking you in advance for any suggestions that you might offer, I remain,

"Sincerely yours,
"Edward Perry,
"President Senior Class,
"Coleman High School."

Mrs. A. J. Calloway, from Bronte, will be in Midland in a few days to spend the Christmas holidays with her sister, Mrs. E. A. Wall.

GIFTS THAT LAST

Beautiful Gifts

OF

Jewelry

Most beautiful of all gifts that you can select, jewelry pleases all and proves a most lasting remembrance of your best Christmas thoughts.

Jewelry Lasts

That is an excellent reason for selecting it for gifts.

Another is the ease with which a successful choice may be arrived at.

A Complete Display

Quality of gifts awaits you here, and will make your Christmas shopping easy.

Open evenings till Christmas.

Articles Bought Here Engraved Free

D. H. ROETTGER

BUCHANAN TO POISON RABBITS ON BIG SCALE

URGES OTHER RANCHMEN AND FARMERS TO BUILD POISON PENS AT ONCE

O. P. Buchanan will build 20 rabbit poison pens on his ranch near Midland. Mr. Buchanan says that since Midland is going into the work of killing rabbits on the wholesale order that the people had as well do it right while they are at it.

It is pointed out that Midland should use the Federal rabbit control chief who will be here the first week in January while he has the opportunity. The county commissioners are giving the poison away free of charge. The City Drug Store and Neblett's Drug Store will act as distributors and will give out strychnine and saccharine when a rancher or farmer produces an order from J. B. Snider, county agent. The poison will be distributed according to the acreage each man has.

Ranchers and farmers should begin building their poison pens at once, so everybody may start poisoning at the same time. This will make the work much more efficient.

Every farmer and rancher in Midland county who fails to co-operate in this poison campaign, not only make his own grass or crops liable to destruction by rabbits, but he endangers the crops of his neighbors.

Ranchers as well as farmers are concerned. Thirty-two rabbits destroy as much grass as one steer. This is by scientific test.

Banker-Farmers Heard Former Midland Man

Byron Gist, now of Amarillo, spoke at the Banker-Farmer Conference held at College Station last Monday and Tuesday, on the subject "Some Points to Be Considered in Efficient Ranch Management."

Three subjects were taken up by the gathering of farmers, livestock men and bankers: Means of increasing farm products, ranch economics, and farm financing and the banker.

W. B. Starr, of Cisco, a former Midland man, spoke on the subject "How to Make a Farm More Productive."

Mr. Gist's speech, a somewhat lengthy one, was read by the editor and several Midland citizens, and we would like to have space in this issue to print it.

A sound foundation for business, efficient management and effort on the part of the ranch operator, care of the health of the herd, proper feeding, good pasture, looking after a good calf crop, culling of inferior stock, profitable marketing, selection of pure bred sires, advertising, and reduction of overhead expense were the chief points discussed in his speech.

Ulmers Give Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Ulmer entertained some of their friends last Monday night with a six o'clock dinner. The best of good eats were enjoyed as well as a pleasant social evening.

The guests were Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Barron, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Clayton and children, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Cowden and children, and Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Neblett.

Moore-Whitson Wedding Last Sunday

Last Sunday morning, at the home of Rev. L. U. Spellmann, Miss Josie Moore was married to Mr. Leroy Whitson.

Both of the young people live in Midland, and are very popular among the young people and older people as well.

Miss Josie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Moore, who have lived in Midland for several years. She attended the local public schools and has grown up to young womanhood here.

Mr. Whitson came here almost two years ago with the Fred Wemphles, and has been connected with the Ever-Ready Filling Station since that time.

He had been here only a short time when the majority of the citizens knew him and liked him. His willing service and smiling disposition have made him practically indispensable in Midland.

The young people will continue to make their home in Midland, and their many friends rejoice with them in their happiness, wishing them much health and prosperity throughout the years to come.

F. P. Barber informed the editor that he had recently taken up the writing of life insurance along with his farming operations.

IDEAL GIFTS FOR EVERYONE FOR CHRISTMAS



Our Best Wishes

We hope you'll have a real good time
We hope your guests have enjoyed you
We hope the things you've wanted soon
Will be piled up around you
Somewhere we wouldn't like the day
The spirit would seem missing
If any wish on earth is made
Should find an empty stocking.

WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

THIS STORE EXTENDS THE SEASON'S GREETINGS
TO EVERYONE AND TRUSTS THE NEW YEAR
WILL PROVE A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS
ONE TO ALL

Christmas Suggestions

THIS STORE CAN HELP YOU SOLVE THE PROBLEM
OF WHAT TO GIVE

- GLOVES**
Two men may wear the same size Gloves but one will have long fingers, another short. For that reason we have stocked 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 a 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 \$1.00
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
Shriner, Blue Lodge and 32nd Degree Sterling Silver Sets at \$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 at \$11.00
- MUNISING AND DOVE SILK UNDERWEAR**
The average man can't 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 \$2.35 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 Fibre 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 ot, the pair 75c
- HANDKERCHIEFS**
We are sure that there is nothing that would 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, BEDSPREADS, IVORY PIECES, SWEATERS, PURSES, BAGS, HAT CASES, COATS, DRESSES, ROBE BLANKETS, BED BLANKETS, DOWN QUILTS, WORK BASKETS**

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR ALL THE FAMILY

THIS AGENCY

Extends to you sincere and cordial wishes for a Very Merry Christmas.

A prosperous year will be yours also, if the Hartford Fire Insurance Company stands guard over your property.

Be sure that "The Seal of Certainty" is on your policy.

SPARKS & BARRON

Telephone 79

MIDLAND, TEXAS

Mrs. B. N. Aycock returned last week from a visit to Abilene and Sweetwater.

Ford Locomotive Now Being Built

Henry Ford is doing the unusual again.

This time, he is building the largest and most powerful electric locomotive in the world.

This super engine, which is now under construction in the power house of the Highland Park plant of the Ford Motor Company, presents a most important development in the electrification of steam railroads and at the same time a radical departure in locomotive construction.

The locomotive is not only novel in electrical design, but embodies many new and important ideas in mechanical design. In size it will be prodigious. It will weigh 340 tons, will be 117 feet long, fifteen feet high and ten feet wide. What is more interesting still, it will have sixteen 250 horse power motors connected to sixteen pairs of driving wheels and will be capable of hauling a train of 150 or more loaded box cars.

The engine will not be built for speed, the purpose being to use it for freight service exclusively. Its running speed will be 17 miles an hour and its maximum speed 35 miles an hour.

One of the unique features of this great electric motive unit is that it carries its own converter station. This eliminates establishment of substations along the route a practice at present general in railroad electrification.

Through a regenerative breaking system the Ford locomotive will have the ability to develop electric energy at any speed from the maximum to practically a standstill.

Fruit Cake Time

THIS IS THE BIG WEEK FOR

Christmas Cooking

FRUIT CAKES, CRANBERRY SAUCE, SALADS, AND VARIOUS DISHES OF GOOD EATS MUST BE PLANNED AND PREPARED.

LET US FURNISH YOUR

Christmas Groceries

Smith & Stevens

Wholesale and Retail
GROCERIES AND RANCH SUPPLIES
PROVIDE FOR US WE DELIVER

Wadley-Wilson Co.

ONE PRICE—THE LOWEST—FOR CASH

MIDLAND, TEXAS

IDEAL GIFTS FOR EVERYONE FOR CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR ALL THE FAMILY

Phone O. B. P Hudson Coach, \$1560; Essex Co

Miss Ruth B Friday from W attending Bayl will remain at 1 idays.

IF YOU CONSIDER
QUALITY FIRST
AND
PRICE SECOND

IN
"Gifts That Last"

SEE
INMAN
AT THE CITY DRUG STORE
BEFORE YOU BUY

WE ENGRAVE FREE OF CHARGE FOR OUR
CUSTOMERS

Jeweler

Optometrist

Phone O. B. Price, of Colorado, for Hudson Coach, delivered in Midland \$1560; Essex Coach, \$1050. 12tf

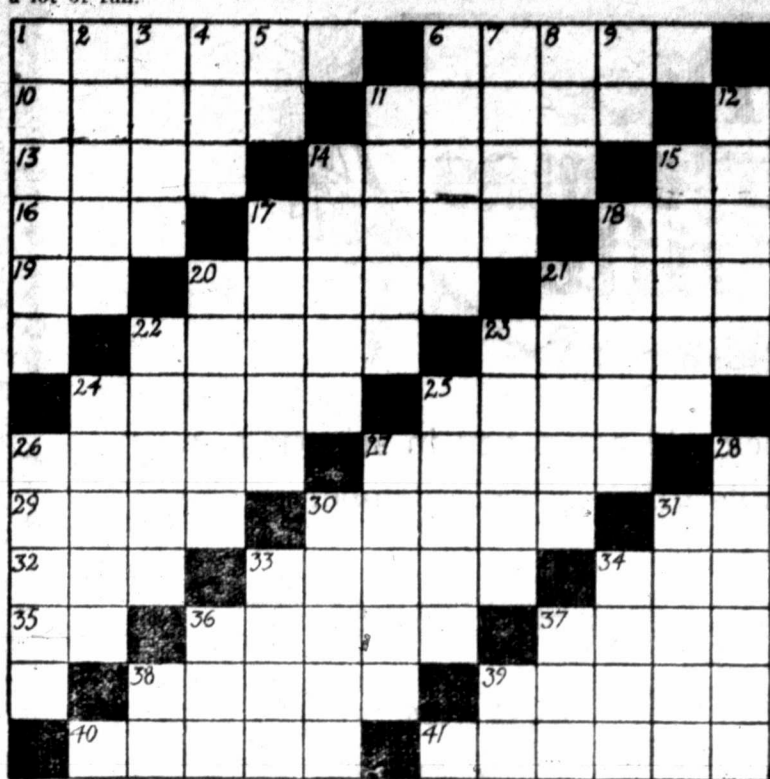
Miss Ruth Blakeney arrived last Friday from Waco, where she is attending Baylor University. She will remain at home during the holidays.

Perry Collins is a new member of the Midland County Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Collins is in charge of the county road work. The City Drug Store was one of the first to join the Chamber of Commerce during the campaign but the name was inadvertently omitted last week.

Byron Gist, formerly of Midland and now living at Amarillo, read a paper on ranching at the Farmer-Banker Conference recently held at A. & M. College. Mr. Gist has a large wheat farm in Oldham County and he is in the real estate business in Amarillo.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No. 2

"THE HEAVENLY STAIRWAY"
You're likely to trip up if you try to ascend or descend too rapidly. Go slow, watch your interlock, and this "cross-word puzzle" will give you a lot of fun.



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| Horizontal: | Vertical: |
| 1-Relating to a hundred | 1-Mystic art |
| 2-The contrabass | 2-Evade |
| 3-Watchful | 3-Roman emperor |
| 4-Nautical instrument | 4-Assay |
| 5-Later | 5-Hy |
| 6-Food containing gelatin | 6-Hauling part |
| 7-Thus | 7-To unite |
| 8-Sit | 8-Crafty |
| 9-Completely | 9-In order that |
| 10-Shelter | 10-Small rooms |
| 11-Definite article (French) | 11-Cook in even |
| 12-Poorly | 12-Magistrate |
| 13-Bodies of water | 13-Closet |
| 14-Substance used medicinally | 14-Hero of a drama by Goethe |
| 15-Distributed | 15-Permits to escape |
| 16-Seed of a fabaceous vine | 16-Burn with iron |
| 17-Looks for | 17-Plants |
| 18-Hope | 18-College supervisors |
| 19-Vehicle on runners | 19-Considers |
| 20-Earth | 20-Flat dish |
| 21-Damn up | 21-Slumber |
| 22-Forward | 22-Vicious mud |
| 23-Belonging to it | 23-To deprive |
| 24-Vernal hours | 24-Anything that satires or comments |
| 25-The sun | 25-Auctions |
| 26-Not you | 26-To tease |
| 27-Spring flower | 27-Filth |
| 28-Noisy | 28-Bartered |
| 29-A muscle | 29-Had together |
| 30-Deceitful | 30-Boy |
| 31-Smells strongly | 31-Exist |
| 32-Crude form of steps | 32-Musical note |
- The solution will appear in next issue.

Solution of Puzzle No. 1.
AZAN F LARD
VAN VIA BOA
OX HARRY TR
W HAS EEL E
METE AWAY
SEA SET
WRAP CESS
F SLY LOO Z
IT TRIOS LA
JAG ERG MEN
IRON E QUAY

DONALD HUTT WON
LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE

The word "Azan" proved to be the undoing of most of the entrants for the prize offered by The Elite Confectionery last week. Donald Hutt was the only one who had the word right, although several entrants would have run for the money if they had used the "Z" instead of "S".

More entrants are wanted for this week's puzzle. Turn in your solution at the Reporter office as early as possible. The first correct solution filed gets the prize.

Mr. Hutt won a handsome box of Whitman's chocolates last week.

Jack Wright and wife were here last Saturday from Monahan's.

Song

JAMES
CHANT me a
And though it
ter, let it be
Wing of the heart
the story of th
Of the echo of child
not die away.
Of the blast of the tase
of the timeless elate
Of the drum that throbs to
squadrons of scampering fa
But, O, let your voice fall fainter, till
blent with a minor tone,
You temper your song with the beauty
of the pity Christ has shown.
And sing one verse for the voiceless;
and yet ere the song be done,
A verse for the care that bear not,
and a verse for the sightless one.
For though it be time for singing a
merry Christmas glee,
Let a low, sweet, voice of pathos run
through the melody.

At first only the Royal households had these lords of mirth, but the custom spread until almost every household had its ruler of the season's revels. But gradually, as time passed, these wild celebrations gave place to festivals none the less joyous, but more befitting the season.

The ceremony of bringing in the Yule log was observed, of decorating the house with holly and mistletoe,



the lighted candle in the window, and the midnight singing of carols.

Still later Christmas became a day marked by bountiful dinners given to the poor by rich landowners, rather than merely a time of feasting and merrymaking.

And slowly the real Christmas spirit is coming more and more into the hearts of humanity, as we grow each year to better understand the song the angels sang that starlit night on the Judean hills. And "on earth peace, good will to men" means more with each recurring year as we open our hearts to the Child of Bethlehem.

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You can do it if you will take up the world-famous Draughton Training January 1. Ten times as many positions as graduates make it easy to place you at a good salary. Write today for Special Holiday Offer on scholarships good at any time. Draughton's College, Abilene and Wichita Falls, Texas. 12-1p

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El Paso Paper Tells of Rabbit Work Here

The following article appeared recently in The El Paso Times:

A new war is about to be waged. An entire race will be extinguished. The Midland County farmer will triumph. War on rabbits has been declared by the Chamber of Commerce and county commissioners at Midland. L. C. Whitehead, leader of rodent control in Texas for the bureau of biological survey, now in El Paso, will leave soon for Midland to direct the anti-rabbit campaign.

Rabbits are "wise-guys"—they know their stuff, according to Mr. Whitehead. Hence a scientific war against them is being planned.

County commissioners have set aside \$1,000 to finance the rabbit war. Paul T. Vickers, secretary of the Midland County Chamber of Commerce at Midland, is working out plans.

"Death to the rabbit race—they eat our crops," will be the slogan on which the war will be waged and Midland County be made safe for agriculture.

Rabbits Invade Fields

Rabbits, thousands of them—fat rabbits, lean rabbits, shy rabbits and saucy rabbits—have invaded farmers' fields in Midland County. From the open untilled country surrounding the farms the rabbits have appropriated the cultivated farms, the green alfalfa fields, crops of any kind, as their feeding grounds. Dining the rabbits so hospitably is costing the farmers money, for 32 rabbits eat as much as one steer, according to Mr. Whitehead.

Something had to be done. Payment for bounty accomplished no permanent good, county commissioners discovered last year after they had paid out \$1,300, at 5 cents per pair of rabbit ears, in the course of three months.

Mr. Whitehead was called in to direct a scientific campaign, beginning next month.

Rabbit drives will be staged first, and perhaps a poisoning campaign afterward.

Folk from Midland and neighboring towns will be invited to join in the raids against rabbits. Hundreds will come afoot or on horseback, with hounds, carrying sticks, brooms, all sorts of implements with which to beat the bushes and kill the rabbits.

Huge Trap Planned

A pen, sort of a corral, will be erected into which the rabbits will be driven and destroyed. A model pen has already been constructed and is on exhibit at the Midland Chamber of Commerce. Two wings of fence will be stretched out at a wide angle for about two miles from the pen as a nucleus. Closing in this wide triangle, the rabbits' foes will extend back as far as eight or 10 miles into the foothills. Those afoot will be nearest the corral, the equestrians farther out.

Yelling and cheering, making all the noise they can, the enemy will charge toward the rabbit pen, beating bushes as they run or ride, pursuing the fast bunnies over hill and through valley.

Racing blindly into the corral, the rabbits will be knocked on the head, to feast no more on Midland County farmers' fields.

Participants are expected from many miles. There will probably be a barbecue to begin the drive. Women will take part.

A poisoning campaign may follow the drive, Mr. Whitehead said. Two hundred rabbits can be exterminated with one ounce of poison properly used. A poison alfalfa field is fenced in so nothing but rabbits can enter.

"We'll get thousands of rabbits," Mr. Whitehead predicts. "The rabbit population is doomed. Last year there must have been 25,000 rabbits in the vicinity of Midland."

Cleve Baker To Sing For Radio

News has reached Midland that Cleve Baker will broadcast from the Star Telegram radio station Friday night, from 7:30 to 8:30.

Midland people will be especially anxious to tune in on station W. B. A. P. that evening to hear the young singer from Midland.

Cleve is making quite a record among the singers of Fort Worth and has been very much in demand as a soloist there. It is hoped that he will be in Midland before long and will favor the local people with his cultured voice.

Mrs. Paul T. Vickers left Wednesday to spend her Christmas vacation. She will give concerts at Spur and Godley before returning here the first week in January to resume her Midland classes.

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. 42tf

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

FOR SALE: A few Plymouth Rock Pullets and hens, a typewriter, a heater (coal), a Vose plane, 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

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

FOR SALE at all times.—Good Jersey cows or heifers. Also good pigs and shoats. See them at my house.—John Waddell. 12tf

FOR SALE—White Wyandottes for table use.—Mrs. W. H. Spaulding, Phone 372. 12-2tp

WATER WORKS OPERATORS ARE INVITED

An invitation is extended to all water works and filter plant operators to attend the Seventh Annual School for Water Works and Filter Plant Operators to be held in Austin January 26-31 under the auspices of the Texas section of the Southwest Waterworks Association, in cooperation with the Texas State Board of Health, the University of Texas, and the Austin City Water Department. In addition to operators from over Texas, water commissioners from all parts of the state and prominent consulting and designing engineers from other states will be present during the six day session.

One next Monday night, December 22, the Hoover vacuum cleaner is to be given away at the Rialto Theatre.

All people having tickets must be there when the number is drawn in order to get the prize.

A good picture will be shown and everybody is invited. 12-1

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1924

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harrison, of Colorado City, are in Midland, visiting friends and relatives.

COMING THIS WAY

Farmers in search of the ideal place to locate are coming this way.

The fact that Midland is below the early frost line, outside the boll weevil line, in the rain belt, and has a longer growing season, combined with the fact that the land here sells so a man can buy it, is bringing many people here that would otherwise locate farther north.

Quite a number of new people have bought land here in the last few days, and will locate here with their families.

They are not going wrong. More people are needed here and they are welcome.

Post Office Ruling

Acting under orders from the Postmaster General, there will be no mail handled after 11 a. m. on Christmas day.

However, the office will be open from 9 a. m. to 11 a. m. for the delivery of all mail matter. During the holiday rush, it will be absolutely necessary to present at Postoffice all notices for parcels.

The employees of the Midland Post Office will do all in their power to give good service and they in turn ask the co-operation of each patron so that they may do so.

I take this opportunity to wish for all A Merry Christmas.

Mary S. Ray, Postmaster. 12-1t



Groceries for Christmas

Buy everything for your Christmas Dinner from our complete stock of Good Eats.

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Well, we are up and doing a know, there new operator who con nice, tender veal vour, so this is were on the sick goods friends l nice fat veal; a of spare ribs, a used to these de the thing. We our meats heret this "store-bought ministered our However, we wis for these nice n that some day- preciation.

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Breezy News From Odessa

By E. L. Kelly

Well, we are once more able to be up and doing again. For, as you know, there never was a telephone operator who could buy all the good nice, tender veal steak he could devour, so this is the reason that we were on the sick list last week. Our goods friends brought us in some nice fat veal; also two whole sides of spare ribs, and not having been used to these delicacies, we overdone the thing. We have been limiting our meats heretofore, as we only ate this "store-bought sow belly" and administered ourselves in capsules. However, we wish to thank our friend for these nice meats, and only trust that some day we can show our appreciation.

Lost, strayed or stolen—one saddle colored nigger, about 5 feet 6 inches tall, weighing approximately 160 pounds; was headed west to grow up with the country; is wanted by Sheriff Webb. Has his sweetheart's name tattooed on left arm. Just look on arm and if it is there bring him in

dead or alive. Have handcuffs waiting if alive; also shroud reserved if dead.

Glenn Allen shipped ten cars of cows and calves from Metz to Fort Worth last week. Milton Marr accompanied said cattle to the bright lights.

The veil of mystery has been lifted as to how the older people amassed such large fortunes. The following is a bird's-eye glimpse of the different prices of commodities even as late as 1889. The writer, while dismantling an old ranch house for J. L. Johnson last year, came across the following statement used to paper the kitchen with. It was a statement to Henry Cummings from the late P. Nobles, who, on or near the above date, operated a store in Odessa:

2 Bonnet blind bridles, price \$1.00; 50 pounds of bacon, @ 3c, \$1.50; 100 pounds sugar, \$2.90; 50 pounds spuds, \$1.00; 50 pounds lard, \$2.50; 1 gallon syrup, 50c; 2 catch ropes, 85c; 1 girth 50c; 5 sacks salt (2000), \$2.50. There were other articles but it was so torn and defaced as to be not readable. However, at the bottom was a credit for two cow hides which amount was \$16.75. No wonder the old-timers are now reaping the harvest and paying fabulous income

taxes.

John Hardy Smith, also George Webb, are in town for a few days from Best. They report the bringing in of another good oil well near there last week.

Jim Webb and wife, also Horace Dunn, spent Sunday in Odessa from Best.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Francis, a beautiful 7 pound girl to make their fireside and home a happier one. Mother and baby doing nicely.

Col. Jno. M. Gist and wife returned Thursday from the Davis Mountains with his fenders and running boards all decorated with the fatted venison.

John H. Edwards is out at the cows etoin shrd shr shrlduuu Flag ranch, gathering 14 loads of cows that he sold to parties from Hereford at private terms.

Harry Gage and his mother have taken their vacation. Harry said it was a little late, although they expect to be gone two months, visiting friends and relatives up in the extreme north. He said they expected to visit New York City, Niagara Falls, and Washington, D. C. before returning.

John T. McElroy's boss, Mayfield, has been up to Seminole gathering some 400 head of big steers where they have been on the grass, and is bringing them to the railroad to ship to the El Paso Packing Co., of which McElroy is owner.

Tiger Henderson, who has been trapping out at the Schyler ranch 12 miles west of town, reported that he has caught in the neighborhood of 30 wolves within the last two weeks. He left last Monday for Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Our old townsman, Judge Miles C. Buchanan, and wife are here from their ranch north of Kent, visiting relatives. Judge reports the range as being a little dry out with him, however, he has plenty of grass to winter what he has on the pasture. He reported a three inch snow last week which did lots of good.

Buck York is limbering up his new

Coupe, preparatory to visiting Minnie Webb, where he expects to spend the Yuletide with his wife and son, Bobbie.

Mrs. Eva Webb and Mrs. Dewey Kelley were among the Odessaites who were seen shopping in Midland Monday.

Mr. Paul and Mrs. Pauline Slatore were in from Cheyenne the first of the week, doing their Christmas shopping.

Master Kenneth Kyle Kelly, celebrated his third birthday on the 29th ult. The table was decorated with a handsome strawberry shortcake, and it was trangled with three red, white and blue candles. After about four hours of general fun and frolicking, the kiddos were called inside and treated to a generous helping of cake and jello, while their mothers were served with sandwiches and hot chocolate. Those present were Joe Henderson, Billie Wyche, Mary Jo Jenkins, Dorothy Mae Carter, Mary Olive Cross, Jack Ellis, Mary Laura Webb, Jack Coats, Ralph Cross, Garland Wilson, Katherine Jane Cross, Mary Blanche Ellis, Lou Ed Snodgrass, Billy Snodgrass, and Vaughan Kelly of Alpine, who was visiting in Odessa at the time.

BIRTHS AND DEATHS REPORTED TO BUREAU

Births reported to the Bureau of Vital Statistics for October totalled 7,945 and deaths 2,868. In addition 2000 records have been returned to physicians and undertakers for additional information that they failed to secure before forwarding the certificates to the State Board of Health. Midwives reported 712 of these births showing that a large per cent of the mothers of the state are being attended by these women. Texas has 252 counties with 475 registrars compiling these statistics. Of this number some fifty made no report of births or deaths, with many more omitting statistics on one or the other. Texas is one of the few states still outside of the registration area of the U. S. Public Health Service. To be in this area a state must report at least 90 per cent of its births and deaths.

Perry Craddock and wife were here from Andrews last Friday.

Mrs. Glenn Brunson is in from the ranch this week, visiting her relatives and friends.

Mrs. L. L. Wilson, formerly Miss Frances Elkin, is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Woody Elkin.

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SNIDER WELL FITTED FOR AGENT'S WORK HERE

EXPERIENCED IN DRY FARMING, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, POULTRY TREE CULTURE

J. B. Snider, the new county agent, started work the day he arrived here meeting farmers, ranchers and business men and on the second day he rode over the country and talked to various men in order to get first hand information on local conditions.

His study of the situation so far has convinced him that cotton culture is the chief agricultural interest of Midland County. Mr. Snider's past record in work among cotton farmers will be of assistance locally. He was largely responsible for the State-wide cotton contest this year conducted by the Semi-Weekly Farm News and Dallas News, the plan having originated in the county of which he was agent.

Mr. Snider was signally honored by the state of Louisiana. For two consecutive years he was chief judge of the agricultural department of the Louisiana State Fair.

The new agent's experience in dry farming section has specially fitted him to cope with local conditions. His work has also been in a sandy loam section part of the time, which makes him immediately familiar with the general type of soil about Midland.

Mr. Snider did not specialize in agriculture alone, however, he has had animal husbandry, chicken culling, and the growing of fruit trees. He expects to work among farmers, ranchers and chicken raisers.

DO UNTO OTHERS

A serum has about been perfected for the prevention and cure of scarlet fever and children may soon receive this protection. But the main thing is to keep your child away from such disease. Do not expose your child under any circumstances just to "get it over." Watch your youngster for any signs of sore throat and if it looks like scarlet fever keep him at home and call the doctor. Protect your neighbor's child—for one case in a school room can infect the whole community. Practice the Golden Rule and see that your neighbors do likewise.

Fall and winter gardens can be easily had in the Midland country by anyone who wants one. Mrs. J. A. Dowdy raised so many radishes and so much lettuce this fall that her family have grown tired of eating them.

C. B. Dunagan and A. C. Francis made a trip to Amarillo this week where they are attending court as character witnesses for one of the star witnesses of the Hobart-Miller case.

Garrett Synatschek left Wednesday for a visit at his former home in Wilbarger County. He is one of the big Midland boosters, and is taking with him a supply of the Chamber of Commerce literature to distribute among his former neighbors. The darso and red top cane exhibited at the Dallas Fair by Midland County was grown by Mr. Synatschek and his partner and cousin, Mr. Meissener.

TEXANIZING TEXAS

The unique work of "Texanizing Texas" has been set for itself by the Texas Centennial Committee of One Hundred in advance of its meeting at Austin, January 19. At this meeting it is proposed to take steps toward raising a fund of \$100,000 to be employed in educational work in preparation for the Centennial.

To those who entertain surprise as to why there should be such an educational campaign it is suggested that this Centennial thing is not to be the ordinary kind of celebration, even statewide. The vision which first comprehended it has grown until it is planned that the exposition shall be such as to place it among the great fairs of the world.

Texas has the background of historical and commercial significance to justify such plans. Here was fused in the caldron of the primeval wilderness the destiny of a great continent. The period within which Anglo-Saxon civilization in Texas was in the making was in a period of import to North America second only to that of discovery. But one thing is lacking to complete Texas' equipment for making this Centennial as big as it ought to be. That one thing is the thorough understanding and the universal co-operation of the people of Texas.

In this view, the proposal of the Committee of 100 to spend \$100,000 in "Selling Texas to Texans" in advance of any permanent plans for the exposition becomes the height of good business judgment.

There is, fortunately, sufficient time to proceed carefully in maturing the plans for the exposition. The idea of a Centennial does not necessarily apply to any one date. Any time within the period between the first Anglo-American entry into Texas and statehood may be commemorated as well as another.

The chief matter in hand first now is to build up in Texas a public realization of the greatness and importance of the state in the past and in the present. It is to develop a Texan consciousness among Texans. When this is done, the degree of co-operation necessary to insure success of the exposition will be guaranteed. To know Texas history and its historical significance is to realize that here is something for commemorating greater and grander than that which inspired such world fairs at those at Chicago, St. Louis and San Francisco.—Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Mrs. Lenton Bruson will sell home made Christmas Candies Saturday afternoon at Mr. Hobbs' Second Hand Store, next door to White House.

Miss Louise Karkalits arrived last Sunday night from Waco, and will spend the Christmas holidays with her family here. She is attending Baylor University this year. On her way home, she stopped in Fort Worth and Cisco to visit relatives.

B. M. Grafton, State Fire Inspector, was here Tuesday to inspect Midland's fire equipment and to pass on the hazards that affect the town's key rate.

SCHOOL DOLLARS BUYS LESS THAN IN 1913

According to J. L. Tennant, a specialist in rural education for the extension bureau of State University, the increase in the costs of our public schools during recent years receives a partial explanation in the depreciation that has taken place in the purchasing power of the dollar. The United States Department of Labor has carefully collected information concerning prices and has found that it took \$173 in 1923 to buy the same quantity of food, clothing and shelter that \$100 purchased in 1913. So that a teacher in 1923 would have to receive an annual salary of \$1730 in order to live as comfortably as he could in 1913 with an annual salary of \$1000.

It required \$155 in 1923 to secure the same amount of miscellaneous commodities—fuel, classroom equipment, desks, etc., as \$100 would buy in 1913.

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Road North Has Been Grubbed Out

According to O. B. Holt, who has been working on the matter of getting the road north put in better shape, the lane is now grubbed out in both Midland and Martin Counties. Midland County had graded the stretch to the Martin County line, and the same had been done from there north, although the large number of rocks in that section makes it still somewhat hard to travel.

It is believed that sufficient money will be appropriated to remove these rocks at an early date, so that the road will be in good condition to the end of the lane.

Methodists To Have Xmas Musical Program

On Sunday night at seven o'clock, there is to be a musical program at the Methodist Church, given by the regular church choir assisted by several voices from other churches.

The music and songs will feature Christmas and what it signifies, and a magnificent program is promised. The entire public is invited.

There will be no preaching service that evening.

F. C. Stubbe left Tuesday night for Fort Worth, where he will spend the holidays with his family. He will return about January 1.

CHRISTMAS CANDIES

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J. T. McElroy was a business visitor to Midland the first of the week.

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THE PASSING DAY

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

One of the most commendable accomplishments of the Neff administration has been acquisition of a number of State parks throughout the State. This has been brought about as the direct result of Governor Neff's interest in having Texas dotted with beautiful parks. The movement will

amount to but little, though, unless there is some permanent provision made for the upkeep of these parks. If they are neglected and allowed to become mere waste lands they should at once revert to their former owners. A park is attractive and useful only when it is properly cared for. Under neglect it becomes an eyesore.

Texas is too much given to starting things and letting them suffer through neglect. It has spent millions for roads and has failed to keep them up. It has made water surveys and forgotten all about them. It has erected many educational and institutional buildings that have not been kept in proper state of repair. It has spent thousands of dollars for legislative investigations, educational and other surveys and has pigeonholed the reports without ever using them to advantage. Let us hope that the park movement may not be forgotten.

At the meeting of the hotel keepers in Austin last week a resolution was introduced in opposition to the public camping ground that have become so popular throughout the country. I do not know whether the resolution was adopted, but let us hope that it was not, for it probably originated in a spirit of selfishness and without regard to public interest. If it did not, the public still thinks that the opposition of hotel proprietors to public camp grounds comes from a feeling that such camping places may keep the hotels from getting a few dollars, and not from any concern about the welfare of the people. The automobile and the camping ground ensue many thousands to have profitable and enjoyable vacation who cannot afford railway trips and high-price hotels. The hotel keepers cannot stop progress through resolutions. They had just as well condemn the railroads for running more than one train a day as to deplore the use of the automobile and the camp ground.

Getting back to the subject of parks why can't the counties and towns of Texas follow the State's example and establish parks everywhere they are needed? There is hardly a city in Texas with enough well-kept parks, and very few county site towns and other small places have any parks whatever. Places that have maintained parks and playgrounds agree that the money spent for them is a splendid investment in good citizenship, provided, again, that provision is made for keeping them attractive. Austin has one small park that is visited by thousands and admired by every one. It has another that could be made a place of wonderful beauty, but that looks more like an abandoned cow pasture than a public park. How does your town compare with Austin in this respect?

Every once in a while Congressman Blanton says something that needs to be said, even if he does often say too much. He made a statement in Congress recently in line with the thought of the great majority of Texas citizens when he said that our public highways should not be used to furnish publicity at public expense to any living individual. Just because a man happens to be governor or justice of the peace or to hold some other position temporarily his name should not be emblazoned on every bridge and culvert on every highway in the State as though he were a state benefactor and had given the highways, the bridges and the culverts to the public. It is exceedingly bad taste to do so. Flowers for the living, but memorials only for the dead.

That is a nice tribute that Dallas and other friends are proposing to the late Col. W. G. Sterrett in the suggestion that the Fish Hatchery in

Dallas, established when he was fish and oyster commissioner of Texas, be named for him and that a memorial be erected to his memory at the entrance to the hatchery. Col. Sterrett was a great newspaper man and did a great work for Texas, and his useful life should be suitably memorialized.

FORMER PASTOR CONGRATULATES WADLEY

Addison Wadley has received the following congratulatory letter from Rev. W. A. Smith, former pastor of the Methodist Church:

"Dear Friend Addison: I read with a great deal of interest in the Reporter that you were showing some dolls that could actually pray. I want to congratulate you because I am sure that a praying member of the firm is quite a distinction and a surprise to many of our friends out there, but I am happy you have one even if its prayers are like so many of some Preacher's I have heard rather mechanical. Of course I am not including myself in this group though might do so. We are happy and working night and day. Remember us to the family and tell that young son of yours I hope he will not give up his public speaking. Kindest regards to all.

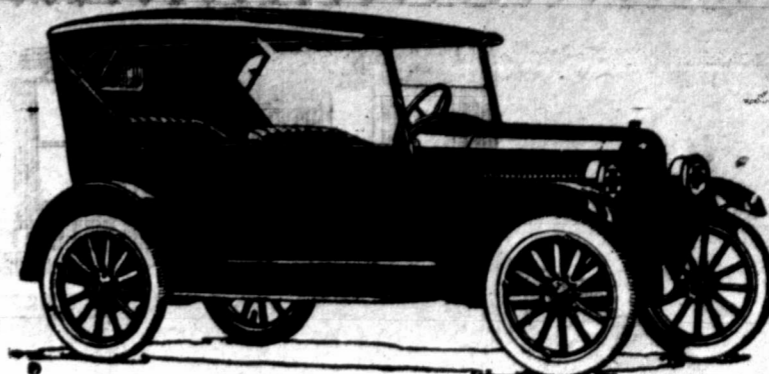
Sincerely,
W. Angie Smith."

STOKES TO PLANT PECANS ON RANCH

J. V. Stokes will set out about 100 pecan trees this year on his large ranch southeast of Midland. Mr. Stokes says one of the "draws" running through his place is sub-irrigated 20 feet below the surface. He will water the pecans from two wells which together produce 500 gallons a minute, until the trees get started. The roots will go 20 feet to the water. J. B. Snider, new county agent, says pecans will grow far underground when the tap root is seeking water, as they will above ground. The Chamber of Commerce has some more free pecan tree literature to distribute.

S. B. Carr and wife arrived in the car from their home in New Mexico last Sunday, to spend a few days with relatives and friends.

Hugh Goggan and family motored over to Big Spring last Sunday.



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Mr. and Mrs. S. R. McKinney were over from Odessa last Monday.

Peter Tom was a business visitor from Stanton last Monday.

Mrs. John Edwards was over from Odessa last Monday on a shopping trip.

Will Crier was here from Abilene the first of the week.

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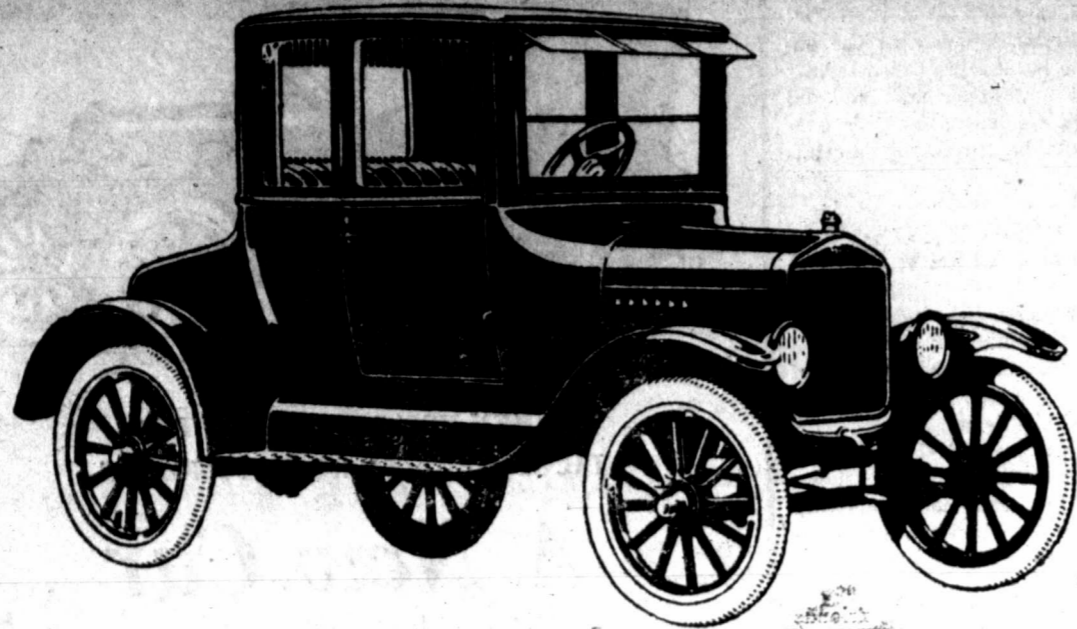
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS,

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 there, 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 to 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 11th day of December, A. D. 1924. C. B. Dunagan, Clerk. District Court, Midland County, Texas, 11-4

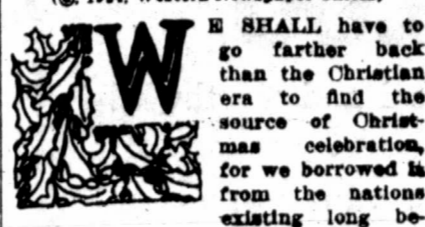
CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To the Sheriff or Any Constable of Midland County—Greeting: You are hereby commanded to summon 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 8th day of December, A. D. 1924. C. B. Dunagan, Clerk. District Court, Midland County, Texas, 11-4

C. A. McClintic and W. C. Holloway made a business trip to Stanton the first of the week. Tom Burks is a business visitor to Midland this week.

Celebrating Christmas

By ANNA DEMING GRAU



Christmas came from early Egyptian civilization, from the Teutonic barbarians, or the pagan Greek and Roman nations—or perhaps from all of them. But in the days of the early Christians Christmas ceased to be observed merely as a day of merrymaking and feasting. They celebrated it as a day of good will and kindness, the bestowing of gifts, and a time of peace, but they considered it a holy festival and too filled with solemnity and sacred joy to be made a time of hilarity and boisterous jollity.

That the very date is uncertain makes little real difference. In those early days of the Christians they thought it following the heathenish customs to observe birthdays. We cannot wonder at this when we remember that every god and goddess, every noted man, and every animal considered sacred, must each have a special day of feasting and festivity. It is not strange that they should have come to a time when they put the whole custom aside, and celebrated none at all, not even the birthday of the Child of Bethlehem.



It was not until four hundred years later, not until Christianity had triumphed and become a recognized factor in the world that they even began to question the real date of Christ's birth. The Western empire had accepted December 25 as the date, and the Eastern churches celebrated January 6, while other dates from September 29 to May 20 were observed, and each of these with some good reason for its selection. It was Pope Julius who finally settled the controversy.

accepting the policy of the Western church and establishing December 25, and by the middle of the fourth century this date was generally recognized. In the pagan nations this had been the time when a festival of joy took place, because it was then that the sun was supposed to begin to recede from the equator. They celebrated the 21st of December by all manner of licentious revels and heathen debauchery, and even



after the coming of Christianity it was centuries before these pagan customs and practices were eliminated. And it was not until after the Middle Ages that the meaning and the significance of the season began to dawn upon the minds and hearts of men.

In old England Christmas became a time of feasting, drinking and hilarious merrymaking—not a very advanced conception, but a step beyond the pagan idea. Later the spirit of Puritanism began to influence English customs and public zeal ran so high that all gayety and all festivity came to be considered sinful.

All observances of special days were declared designed by the "devil," and the famous Roundhead parliament set aside the celebration of Christmas, Easter and Whitsuntide.

For twelve years no special days were observed in England, and when they were once more taken back into favor the result was what might have been expected, for the Christmas season became a time of feasting, drinking, dancing and wild revel, lasting for twelve days and nights. The lord of misrule came into existence—this was the chosen master of festivities, into whose hands the keys of the house were given and whose word was law while the revel lasted. The days and nights were full of "all manner of hilarity, and a most wild and merry time was had," we are told.

GOT GOOD WELL

C. A. McClintic states that he and William Skeen have just completed drilling a good well of water on the new farm of E. R. Bauman, a mile and a half west of town. The well is about 100 feet deep, and was drilled clear through the clay. Mr. Brunson has a good house and barn on the place, and is adding more improvements. He came from Lorraine.

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SUPERPOWER IN RADIO

The nation is awaiting the granting of the first license for the use of 5,000 watts by a radio broadcasting station. A limit of 1000 watts has been maintained heretofore.

The principal objection advanced in opposition to superpower stations has been that they will cause interference, and that long-distance reception in the vicinity of the stations using from 1500 to 5000 watts will be difficult. Against this point is the fact that many people who now have only the poorest sort of reception since they live far from sending stations, will be able to hear the best of the programs from the larger cities. Static is one of the greatest interferences in radio reception, particularly during the warm months. Superpower, by a greatly increased signal strength, will eliminate much of this.

Of course, interference should not be encouraged. However, this condition can be changed, and doubtless will be, and in the meantime the greatest service to the largest number of people should be encouraged in broadcasting. Listeners near such stations should remember that, even though they may be unable to cut through and get distant stations, some little farmhouse or lonely woodsman's cabin, miles away from anywhere, has a happy, eager group of listeners who are deeply grateful for the good that superpower has brought to them.

E. R. Crews arrived last Sunday from Memphis to spend a few days in Midland. His family is now in Memphis, and he has cattle south of there, near Matador.

R. C. Harlan was here from Rankin last Monday.

HOW DOCTORS TREAT COLDS AND THE FLU

To break up a cold over night or to cut short an attack of grippe, influenza or sore throat, physicians and druggists are now recommending Calotabs, the nausealess Calomet 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 calomet, 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.

IT PAYS TO BE HONEST

Recently the American Telephone and Telegraph Company was advised by the United States District Attorney that an employe had received \$3,000 for showing favoritism in the Special Wire Service Department.

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Business Is Better

One Midland merchant states that business is good at this time in comparison to recent years, although the heavy business now is needed to make it average up as it should. The recent cotton crop has assisted materially in bringing in new money.

THOUSANDS OF WOMEN LIVE IN SILENT MISERY

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MIDLAND COUNTY GETS MORE RECOGNITION

Midland is so thoroughly establishing herself in the minds of the people as a wide-awake progressive section that even the editorial writers use this city as an example for others. Witness the following editorial from the Abilene Reporter:

What Of The West

What of the West—that is, West Texas?

She's doing very well, thank you. Read the newspapers, and find out just what West Texas is doing. She's always busy, and generally worthwhile things.

We learn that Midland County Chamber of Commerce has a membership equal to half the county's voting strength, having with the nonchalance of a cow eating the neighbor's cabbage increased its membership over four hundred percent in two or three days. It could happen no where but in West Texas. They don't let any grass grow under their feet around Midland. They pitched right in and hired a county demonstration agent—chamber of commerce county commissioners and Uncle Sam co-operating. When the post-war depression knocked the bottom out of the cattle market, Midland was pretty hard hit. It was a cow town, if there ever was one. Did the Midlanders sit around and bemoan their fate? Please note the opening sentence of this particular paragraph, and decide for yourself. Midland county is well on the road to that glittering goal every West Texas county is reaching for with say-memay hands. She's fast becoming an agricultural empire all by her lonesome.

Up north of Midland a piece is Dawson county where Lamesa is throwing off its swaddling clothes and making the welkin ring. Consider Lamesa. So far she has ginned 20,000 bales of cotton this year and will get a lot more before she quits gathering it. Dawson also has a county liked his work so well it gave him an agent. Has had one for years, and automobile or a house and lot, or something of the kind, not long ago. Little things like mopping up with the balance of the state in matters of agricultural exhibits are but mere episodes in the lusty young lives of Midland and Dawson.

And what of Lubbock and Hockley and Lamb and Scurry and Mitchell and all the rest? Why don't you read the papers? They're doing things, those counties are—building towns and slicing up whacking big ranches and welcoming the nestor with a bow and scrape, as polite as a basket of chips. The nestor use to be about as popular out there as a snoring traveling salesman on a pullman car stalled in the snow at the peak of the Continental Divide. Just about.

Today he's the whole cheese, is the nestor. He's the fair-haired boy, come to rescue the beautiful maiden. He can buy land for a song, pay for it when he wants to and get a house and a span of mules thrown in for good measure. In another year or two you couldn't yank him out of West Texas with a log chain and caterpillar tractor. Once he sticks, he sticks.

That's where West Texans shine. They stick. You can remove a postage stamp by holding it over a steaming kettle, but you could place all the fire of Avernus under a typical West Texan and he wouldn't budge an inch. He likes the country and doesn't care a hoot who knows it. Maybe he goes farther West in time, but he never retreats toward the rising sun.

Bankhead Highway Is In Good Repair

Midland County's section of the Bankhead Highway is in exceptionally good repair, considering the dry weather that has held on for a long time.

The tractor-grader that is operated daily by A. J. Norwood keeps the surface smooth, and the truck loads of gravel that are constantly being added keep the holes well filled up.

On account of the fact that no good rains have fallen for some time to allow proper packing of the surface of the road, it is natural that some loose rocks and dirt are in evidence; but the road is fine for traveling.

Bert Stringer Was Recently Married

Bert Stringer surprised his family and friends a few days ago by coming to Midland with his bride. He was married on December 6, to Miss Donnie Mae Brogden of Throckmorton, but kept the secret till he made his people a visit.

They returned to Throckmorton Wednesday, where they expect to make their home. Their many friends wish them the best of prosperity and happiness.

Henry Rhodes was a business visitor from Odessa last Saturday.

S. C. E. Program

Subject: The Christmas Story in Poetry and Song.

Leader: Mariam Pemberton.
Song: Joy to the World—No. 75.
Prayer.

Song: It Came Upon the Midnight.
Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8-16.

Talk: How can we keep the Christmas spirit in our lives, in our homes, in our church, in our community, in our nation, in the world.—Mrs. Golden Donovan.

A Christmas Story: The Turn of the Road—Frances Ratliff.

Roundtable Talk: What Christmas means to me.—Society.

Business.

Song: Angel Voices, Ever Singing—No. 238.

Benediction.

Missionary Society To Hold Last Meeting

On next Monday afternoon, at three o'clock, the Methodist Missionary Society will hold its last meeting of the year. It will be a business meeting, and all business of the year's work is to be brought to a close.

It is hoped that every member will attend this important meeting.

Reporter

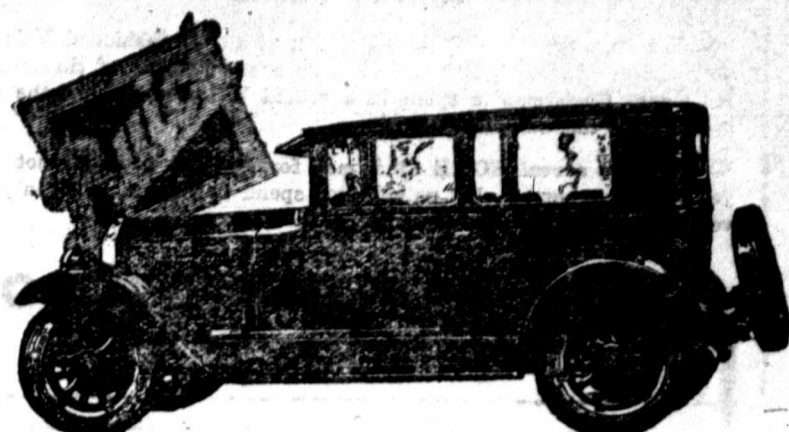
Sick Headache

"I have used Black-Draught when needed for the past 25 years," says Mrs. Emma Grimes, of Forbes, Mo. "I began taking it for a bad case of constipation. I would get constipated and feel just miserable—sluggish, tired, a bad taste in my mouth, . . . and soon my head would begin hurting and I would have a severe sick headache. I don't know just who started me to taking

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but it did the work. It just seemed to cleanse the liver. Very soon I felt like new. When I found Black-Draught so easy to take and easy-acting, I began to use it in time and would not have sick headaches." Constipation causes the system to re-absorb poisons that may cause great pain and much danger to you health. Take Theford's Black-Draught. It will stimulate the liver and help to drive out the poisons. Sold by all dealers. Costs only one cent a dose. E-104



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Lee Heard Lane Being Improved

Work is being done by the county officials on a part of the old Lee Heard lane. The dump in the old lake down the lane is being thrown up so that the road will not be under water during heavy rains.

J. R. Arnett was in from the Clubber Hill ranch the first of the week.

Error Made In Last Week's Paper

In mentioning the holiday rates on the T. and P. railroad, last week's paper stated that the return date would be as late as January 25, whereas it should have been January 5th.

Henry Peprues was a business visitor from Odessa last Saturday.

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Mrs. Curtis Honored

The following clipping from the society columns of The Galveston News will be of interest to Mrs. W. K. Curtis' many Midland friends:

Medical Dames

The Medical Dames were delightfully entertained yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Curtis Johnson, when the following new members were initiated: Mrs. Felix Butte, Mrs. D. D. Calvin, Mrs. J. T. Robison, Mrs. William V. Maxwell, Mrs. Dee Foster, Mrs. W. S. Pence and Mrs. W. K. Curtis.

The home was decorated in Christmas colors, bright poinsettia and lace fern being the happy mediums. A delicious ice course was served at the conclusion of the afternoon.

A Japanese dance in costume by little Miss Anna Mae Reynolds was an entertainment feature of the afternoon. The hostess was assisted in entertaining by Mrs. Butte, Mrs. Boen Swinney and Mrs. C. A. Poindexter.

Good Spex for bad eyes at Inman's, 3tf

Pence Wadley of Dallas and Jim Wadley of Norman, Oklahoma, arrived by automobile Tuesday night to spend a few days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Wadley. Pence makes a visit or two each year, but this is the first trip Jim has made to Midland in a long time.

Phone O. B. Price, of Colorado, for Hudson Coach, delivered in Midland \$1560; Essex Coach, \$1050. 12tf

W. W. Brunson is in Fort Worth this week, and will probably stay there till after the holidays. Some of his friends are seeking to have him placed on the livestock sanitary commission during the next gubernatorial administration.

Hayden Miles and wife were in from Andrews this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Barnes came in from Andrews this week and visited Mrs. E. R. Thomas.

J. M. L. Brown and family left Thursday evening for Troup, in Smith County, where they will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives.

Henry Barrow and sons were in from the ranch near Odessa Wednesday.

Mrs. Shorty Spires and Mrs. Hunter Irwin were in this week from Andrews.

Perry Craddock was in Midland Wednesday on business, from Andrews.

WANTED

A good second hand bicycle. Must be a bargain for cash. See INMAN at the City Drug Store. 12-1

Miss Margaret Caldwell and Miss Leola Bigham are expected to arrive Saturday from Denton, to spend the holidays with their families.

Richard Waddell, proprietor of the Odessa Mercantile Company, was a business visitor to Midland Thursday.

Robert Rankin spent a few days here last week, hunting, returning to his home in Abilene last Sunday evening.

Miss Mildred Blewett is expected to return home Friday or Saturday, after spending three weeks in Gordon and Dallas, visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. F. E. Rankin arrived Tuesday from Hillsboro, where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Barcus, for several weeks.

A. Q. Cooper was over from Odessa Tuesday and Wednesday.

Miss Elsie Wolcott returned Tuesday from Denton, where she is attending the College of Industrial Arts. She will remain here through the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Houston and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Houston have come back to Midland to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Cardwell will remain with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Houston, until after Christmas.

H. C. Cardwell has been sick for three or four weeks on account of typhoid fever, but is doing nicely now.

Miss Thelma Harrison, of Colorado Christmas holidays with Miss Jon-Christmas holidays with Miss Jonnie May Wilson.

Misses Ruth Whitmire and Ruby Dean Bledsoe spent the week end in Colorado City visiting friends and relatives.

Badger Taylor, Hugh Elliott, Johnie Cooper and Audy Doss, of Colorado City, were in Midland Monday on their way to the Davis Mountains.

Alton Blount was in Big Spring on Business Wednesday.

Bryan Estes is in from Rankin this week end.

Traffic Heavier Over T. and P.

According to an official in the general offices of the T. and P. railroad, at Big Spring, traffic has picked up considerably during the last few weeks.

Many people believe that the new train that has been put on each way to Big Spring is just an extension of the extra train that has been running to Sweetwater all the time, but this is a mistake.

There are four trains per day each way in and out of Sweetwater, in addition to their other lines.

Cotton Picking Machine Is Invented

J. T. McGee, farmer, V. R. Ridgers, a machine shop operator, and W. E. and Ed Boyd, business men, of Plainview, have invented a cotton picking machine that has demonstrated its ability to pull from three to five bales in a day.

Orders for several of the machines are reported to have been turned in to the local machine shop.

The machine is operated by one man and a team of mules, and costs less than \$30.00 to build.

The younger set gave a dance in the old Basham-Shepherd building Wednesday. An orchestra from Waco furnished the music.

Guy Anderson and family were in from Odessa Thursday, doing their Christmas shopping.

Lester Beauchamp is in town this week from the W. W. Brunson ranch.

Gilbert Brunson and family have been in this week, shopping for Christmas.

Miss Carolyn Caldwell is expected to arrive Sunday from El Paso, where she teaches in the city schools. She will spend the Christmas holidays with her family.

Mrs. C. I. Kuykendall is here from O'Donnell to spend the Christmas holidays with her family the Ben Ethridges. "Jack" is expected to come later. He is the Ford dealer in O'Donnell now, and is in a fast growing town.

O. D. Cook was in Midland Thursday, from his ranch near Florey. Mr. Cook is one of the Andrews County commissioners.

Pernie and Miss Mary Ethel Hill were in the first of the week from the ranch.

H. M. Hill was in from the Andrews County ranch Thursday.

Ben Kelton was in from the Scharbauer Cattle Company's "Five Wells" ranch Thursday.

Sam Nolley was in town this week from his farms near Florey.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

Influenza, with 396 cases, ranks first among the communicable diseases in Texas for the past week as reported by Dr. M. Malone and reported by Dr. Malone Duggan, State Health Officer, to Hugh S. Cummings, Surgeon General of the U. S. Public Health Service. Chickenpox with 141 cases, tuberculosis with 120, and pneumonia with 50 come second, third and fourth.



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METHODIST CHURCH

Saturday, 7 p. m.—Quarterly Conference conducted by Rev. H. E. Draper, the newly appointed elder of this district. Let all official members be present with proper reports.

Sunday, 9:45—Sunday School.

Sunday 11 a. m.—Preaching by Rev. H. E. Draper. Regular annual offering for the Methodist Home for orphan children. Send your offering if you are not able to come.

Sunday, 7 p. m.—A program of Christmas music and song by the choir, assisted by other community talent. This should be one of the most enjoyable services of the holiday season.

You are cordially invited to attend all our meetings.

L. U. Spelmann.

Claims Against T. & P. Granted Extension

The following traffic item is sent out by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, and will be of interest to those having any claim against the former receivers of the Texas and Pacific Railway Company:

Texas and Pacific Receivership Claims Through agreement of counsel representing the Texas and Pacific Railway, extension of the time within which claims for damages arising during the receivership of the Texas and Pacific Railway may be filed against the new corporation has been extended from January 1, 1924, to January 1, 1925. This will give sufficient time for those having claims against the receivers of the Texas and Pacific Railway to have them passed on by the Interstate Commerce Commission and properly presented for payment prior to the time when limitation expires.

Porter Rankin returned Wednesday from Breckenridge, where he has been for several days on a business trip.

Billie Barron, of Albuquerque, N. M., passed through Midland Thursday en route to Tyler, where he will spend the holidays with his mother. He is traveling in a car.

J. B. Snider, new county agent, is one of the latest to join the Chamber of Commerce.

Edgar Williams has been in this week from the W. W. Brunson ranch.

Sun Eclipse Expected In January

According to a statement issued by Prof. E. W. Brown, of Yale University, the sun will be in eclipse for a few moments on January 24, when the moon passes between the earth and the sun. It will be visible in the United States.

Ladies

For last minute Christmas Gifts Mrs. Wemple has many pieces of fancy work in her gift shop at Mrs. Frank Ingham's. Call and see them. 12-1t

Billie Rankin is in this week from the ranch near Rankin.



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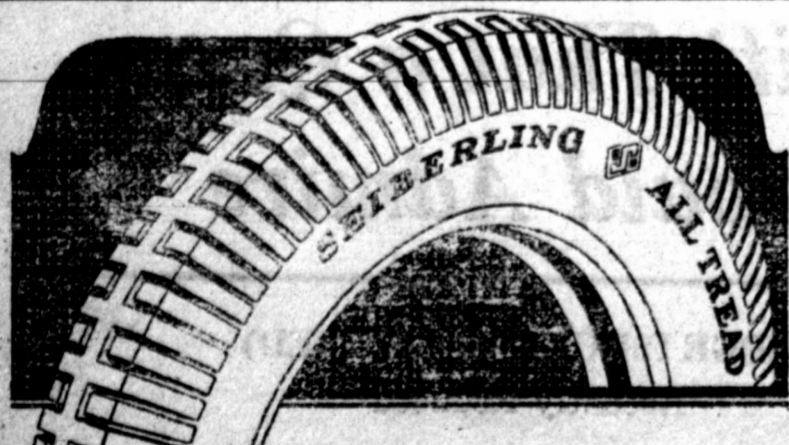
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