

The Star Wishes All Its Readers a Very Merry Christmas!

Heads, Heads, Acres of Heads; Tons of Heads—and Ear Corn Galore!

FRIONA BUSINESS MEN FORGET CHASE OF ELUSIVE DOLLAR LONG ENOUGH TO GREET CUSTOMERS

Practically Every Advertisement in The Star This Week Is Given Over by Merchants to Expressions of Good Will and Thanks Speaks Well for Any Town When Business Men Are Liberal Enough to Forego Profit to Show Holiday Spirit.

Readers of the Star should not fail to read each and every advertisement upon its pages in this issue. This is our last issue before Christmas and our advertisers instead of following the usual custom of crowding their space in an effort to numerate all of the many articles they have on display as suitable Christmas gifts have for the time at least lost sight of the dollar sign and have devoted a part or all of their space to the expression of the true spirit of the Yuletide.

When the business people of the town even for a week lose sight of the desire for wealth or the arduous struggle for a comfortable existence and devote their advertising space to the expression of kind thoughts, good will, happy anticipations and best wishes for the health, peace and prosperity and happiness of their fellow man, it is an unmistakable evidence that that particular town has within itself a blessing which no material wealth can buy.

Read each advertisement, gentle reader, and thus receive your full share of these expressions of good will and best wishes, and thus appreciate the fact that the merchants and other business people of Friona do not think only of self but think rather of the comfort and well being of the neighbor and thus promoting the universal brotherhood of man.

BREEDERS WILL PUT IN EXTRA BIG BROODER

Plan Is To Provide Space for Large Number of Chicks Expected to Be Brought Off Early in Hatching Season.

Some of our citizens who are most deeply interested in the poultry industry are planning the installation of a mammoth brooder to care for their expected large hatches for the coming season.

Just how large this brooder will be has not yet been definitely decided, but it is expected to be big enough to accommodate the hatches of two of our most extensive hatcheries.

Other breeders will make use of this large brooder provided space enough is provided for them, but in case it is not they will install smaller brooders for their individual needs.

VISITED IN PORTALES.

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Baker of this locality spent last Sunday in Portales as guests in the Robert Richardson home.

On their return home they were accompanied by Mrs. Mattie Merrick, Mrs. Baker's aunt, who will visit the Baker family for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Nat Jones and daughter Neva, Mr. Elroy Wilson, Mrs. Eben Osborne, Granville McFarland and M. A. Crum, Mrs. O. C. Jones, Miss Vera Jones and mother, Mrs. Charlie Jones were among those who were in Clovis Tuesday.

GUESTS AT SEARS HOME.

Mrs. J. H. McGee and daughters, Wanda Lou and Bobbie Love, of Celeste, Texas, have returned to their home after having visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Sears.

Messrs. Nolan Morris and son Jack and M. A. Fly of Hugo, Oklahoma, are prospective visitors of John L. Sears.

Mr. Norris is greatly interested in the Plains country and expects to locate here soon.

TO INSTALL LARGER ENGINE.

The Friona Feed and Milling Company has received the large steam engine which will furnish power for the feed mill. Work of installing this engine will be pushed rapidly as possible and the company hopes to begin operations in the near future.

STORK-O-GRAM.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Owens, at their home south of Friona, Thursday morning, December 20, a son, who has been named Louis Calvin.

INFLUENZA HAS AFFECTED FEW IN MILD FORM

No Dangerously Ill From Epidemic Which Seems to Be Sweeping Over Nation; All Afflicted Fast Recovering.

There is still a few cases of illness in Friona and surrounding territory, most of which are attacks of influenza, but largely in mild form. Miss Vera Cunningham, who is staying at the home of Prof. and Mrs. Conway while attending school, has been confined to the house for the past week but is reported improving. Dalton Allen was also afflicted with the complaint and is feeling much improved, returning to school Friday, but was feeling worse again Saturday and after treatment is reported to be again improving.

Two cases of the disease were reported in the J. H. Drager home west of town but they also are improving.

CITY'S STREETS WORKED OVER; IN GOOD SHAPE

Streets in Town and Roads in Rural Sections Improved by Works, and Efforts Will be Continued to Better Roads.

During the past two weeks there has been considerable road and street improvement going on in and near Friona. Two weeks ago Commissioner Jones, assisted by Doc McLellan and L. F. Lillard, graded the road leading north from the east part of town, using a heavy grader drawn by horses, four of the horses belonging to Mr. Jones and six to Mr. Lillard, and representing ten of the best horses in the county. Messrs. Lillard and McLellan did the driving and Mr. Jones managed the grader and a lot of excellent work was accomplished.

Last Friday and Saturday F. W. Reeve tied on to the grader with his 16-20 tractor and graded part of the streets in town, the greater part of this work being done on Euclid Avenue and that part of Sixth street lying between Main and Euclid. That part of the street had become so badly cut into ruts and chuck holes that it was difficult to drive over. Mr. Reeves in charge of the grader soon had it in as good condition as it can be made until it is given a thorough grading and draining.

Mr. Jones has also taken out the old concrete culverts at the junction of Main and Fifth streets, just south of the Friona State Bank and the gutter on the west side of Main has been made ready to receive a concrete dip to take the place of the culvert which has always clogged with various kinds of refuse blown into it by the wind and which caused the water to flow out over the street, washing it badly, it having considerable incline at that point.

Saturday Mr. Reeve went with his engine to some of the roads south to town where he graded some of the worst parts, placing them in good, passable condition again.

The road leading west from town is still said to be in bad shape

YOU ARE INVITED.

People of the Congregational Sunday school extend a cordial invitation to people of the community to attend a Christmas program at the church Monday evening, December 24. The program will consist of a Christmas cantata entitled, "The Message of the Chimes," including singing and instrumental music. The program will also include a tree and liberal treat for the children and younger folk.

A CORRECTION.

In last week's issue of the Star it was stated that Mrs. E. M. Sherrieb had sold all the cockerels which were advertised in the Star. This was a mistake and we were laboring under a wrong impression which we are glad to correct. Mrs. Sherrieb's statement follows: Mr. White: There is an error in last week's paper which I wish to correct. I did advertise cockerels but did not sell one of them. We have eaten several but still have a number on hand and will be glad to dispose of them should anyone want them. Yours, Mrs. E. M. Sherrieb.

ELWIN GISCHLER HERE.

The Star office was favored this week by a friendly visit from Elwin Gischler. He is a native Friona boy, who has during the past year traveled through the Eastern states, including a stay in New York City. He has been employed as advance agent and assistant of a young man who makes a business of scaling high perpendicular walls such as the walls of brick buildings many stories high. Mr. Gischler with his wife and small daughter are now located in Plainview and he will bring them over with him to spend the Christmas season with his parents and other relatives in Friona.

V. E. Hart was in Hereford Wednesday.

As are some of the roads south and southwest of town, but our county commissioner expects to continue the work of grading and otherwise improving until all the roads and especially the worst places are again in good condition for traffic.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT SUPREME IN FRIONA; NUMEROUS PROGRAMS PREPARED FOR THIS OCCASION

Churches, Sunday Schools and Other Institutions Have Prepared and Will Render Some Wonderful Programs, and All Will Have Treats for the Children; Busy Week Ahead for Young People and All Who Enter Into Joys of Occasion.

A VISIT AND A GOOD HUNT.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Lillard had as guests at their home northwest of Friona during the greater part of last week Mr. and Mrs. William Benton of Amarillo. The Bentons and Lillards are intimate friends, Mrs. Benton who was formerly Miss Inez Winn, once being a resident of Friona and has many friends here among the older settlers of this locality.

During their stay here Mr. Benton and Mr. Lillard enjoyed a large part of their time hunting, they both being great sportsmen, and were successful in bagging six fine wild geese and a large number of wild ducks at the lakes and in the fields in the locality of the Lillard home.

Their greatest hunting achievement, however, was during their trip to the Gaudeloupe Mountains where they spent several days of the visit and during which time they succeeded in slaying two fine black-tailed bucks. In addition to the two deer taken they also bagged a number of quail.

While they were away on their hunting trip the ladies spent their time looking after the affairs at the Lillard home and visiting friends in and near Friona. In all it was a most pleasant occasion for both the families.

STAR OFFICE REMEMBERED.

The editor of the Star was the grateful recipient one day this week of a Christmas treat, or at least that is what we take it to be since it is wrapped and tied in Christmas paper and tinsel cord and we are saving it until Christmas to open it.

The giver of this bountiful gift for it is a fine sized package was our friend Billy Southern of the Black precinct, and to him goes our expression of gratitude not only for the gift but for the remembrance as well.

Billy says he always feels guilty of neglect at Christmas time if he does not remember with some gift the editor, the preacher and the telegraph operator, so he accordingly prepared and presented gifts for each of these, which included Rev. Beattie and D. W. Hanson.

FRIONA WOMAN'S CLUB

The Friona Woman's Club held its regular meeting November 28 at the home of Mrs. J. C. Wilkinson with Mrs. Warren as assistant hostess. The response was Thanksgiving quotations after which the following program was very interesting:

Scripture reading, Mrs. V. E. Weir.

Psalms 100, by All.

Reading, Mrs. Gischler.

Thanksgiving story, Mrs. Schlenker.

Violin solo, Mrs. M. S. Weir.

Miss Moore, state nurse, was a guest. During the social hour a delightful plate luncheon was served to thirty-three members and guests.

REPORTER.

Homer Williams was in from Homeland Thursday. Mr. Williams has perhaps the largest cotton acreage of any farmer in this locality and this in addition to his big acreage of grain crops. He has a large force of workmen on his farm and has been very busy several weeks getting these crops gathered.

The Christmas spirit is being evidenced this year in Friona by apparently greater efforts on the part of our people than ever before to spread good cheer throughout the community.

Each of the local churches or church schools are making extensive preparations for presenting beautiful programs or treats or both, for members.

The Methodist and Congregational congregations are each preparing to render programs in connection with their trees and treats and are extending broadcast invitations to all who have no special place for attendance to attend and enjoy these programs.

The Baptist Sunday school will distribute a treat to its members at the Sunday morning session, but will render no program unless leaving the members free to accept the invitations of the other schools.

In addition to the Christmas activities of the churches and Sunday schools a large number of our citizens are giving free expression to the Christmas spirit by preparing beautiful tokens of love and esteem which they are sending to relatives and friends either at home or abroad.

The post office force is being taxed to the utmost in despatching and receiving the bags full of parcels and bundles which are passing through the mails bearing the insignia of Santa Claus, which is another emphatic expression of the Christmas spirit.

FRIONA STORES DISPLAY FINE HOLIDAY LINE

Apparently There Is No Need to Go Outside This City to Supply Any Need; Stores Have Extensive Lines Now.

Friona store beyond doubt has the largest stocks and the most beautiful and elaborate displays of holiday goods that has ever been brought here. Each store has laid in a stock of articles in keeping with the line of goods it handles, which makes the variety of gifts one may purchase range from the finest toy to articles of great value.

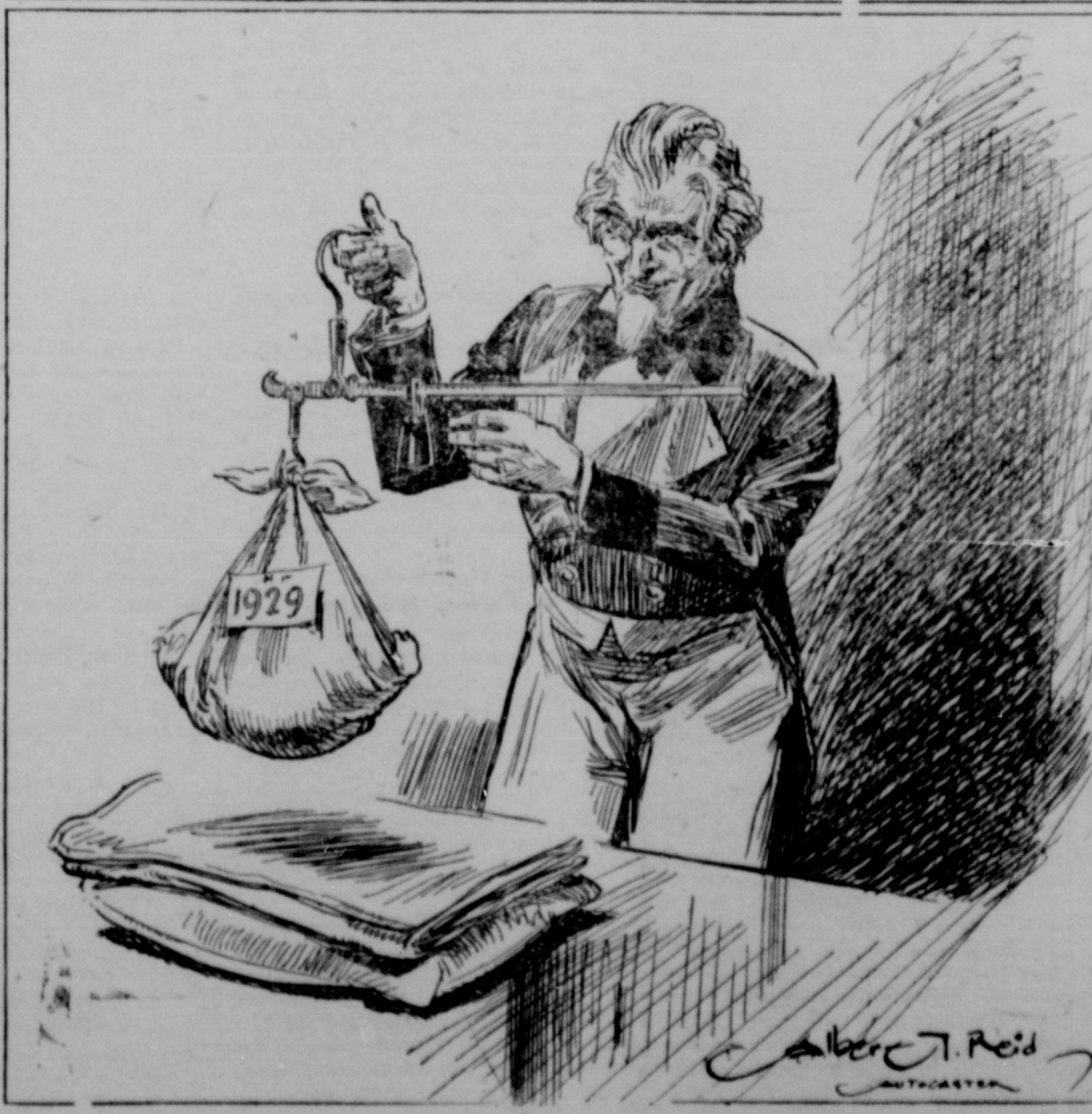
While there may be articles one might wish to buy that cannot be found in this variety, there is no denying that there are many articles of beauty, service and value that will make appropriate gifts for any person, no matter what the age or relation may be.

It is safe to say that very few if any towns equal Friona and very few if any towns of its size will equal in variety, amount, magnificence and value Friona's display of holiday goods.

FRIONA MARKET.

Maize heads	\$16.00
Kafr and hegarl	14.00
Corn, ear	55c
Maize	\$1.05
Kafr	95c
Cane seed	\$1.10
Wheat	1.00
Cotton, 14 to	37c
Coal, 11.50 to	14.00
Heavy hens, lb	16c
Light hens	12c
Butterfat	46c
Eggs	40c

Very Promising By Albert T. Reid



CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE—Southwest quarter of section number 13, of block B, Rhea Brothers subdivision, Capitol Leagues 458 and 459. WRITE C. L. ROBINSON, Aransas Pass, Texas.

WANTED—To run your ad in the Star classified column for anything you may have to sell or want to buy. These ads get the lucre.

WANTED—A good housekeeper, no objections to one child. Address Box 71, Texico, N. M. 1-1p

FOR SALE—I have about 25 early hatched cockerels, high egg-laying strain Barred Rocks, that I will spare you. Come and get yours next week. Priced away below their real value. DR. A. P. McELROY, Friona, Texas. 2t

FOR SALE—Fat hogs for butchering. Butcher and cure your own meat. I have logs in plenty. V. B. WHITLEY, Friona, Texas. 1td

FOR SALE—Make offer for Friona corner business lots. Lots 11 and 12 in Block 49. M. R. WISE, Hotel Ansonia, Broadway and 73rd Street, New York City.

FOR SALE—Practically new Round Oak heater, No. 16, including pipe and zinc. RAY BARBER, Hereford, Texas.

NOTICE TO MY PATRONS.

Will all those who know themselves to be indebted to me please come in and pay what you can and make arrangements to take care of the balance, if any, of your account. This is the time to settle accounts. Please attend to this before the first of the year. DR. A. P. McELROY. 2t

NOTICE—FOR SALE.

Anyone needing a good red male hog see I. W. Barnhouse, one and a half miles east of the Syndicate Hotel. The hog is for sale or trade at market price, with no dock. Age fifteen months if taken soon. Anyone wanting ground ear corn for their milk cows in town I will have a load in on Saturday. I. W. BARNHOUSE.

11 MILE NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lynch and children of Claude visited Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Lynch Thanksgiving.

Misses Eunita and Estell Williams and brother, Bobby, visited Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Lynch Saturday afternoon.

Wiley Barnes was the guest of Charlie Hoover and family Saturday.

Mrs. Earl Porter left one day last week to spend Christmas with her folks in Santa Rosa.

T. W. Lynch and family motored to Claude Sunday to visit Mrs. Lynch and family.

L. M. Williams and two daughters, Eunita and Estell and Ben Bates were in Hereford Friday.

John Anneu and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Whitson were in Hereford Saturday.

J. T. Guinn was a Hereford visitor Friday.

Earl Porter visited the L. M. Williams home Friday.

Billy Stovall visited in this section one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Gooseman visited their ranch one day first of last week.

Wiley Barnes and another boy are hauling cake for T. W. Lynch and are making two loads a day from Friona.

We had a good shower first of the week and roads have been muddy since.

Charlie Brown and Paul Ramsey visited L. M. Williams one day this week.

Every body come to the Christmas tree at the Valentine school house Saturday night, December 22. You will be welcome.

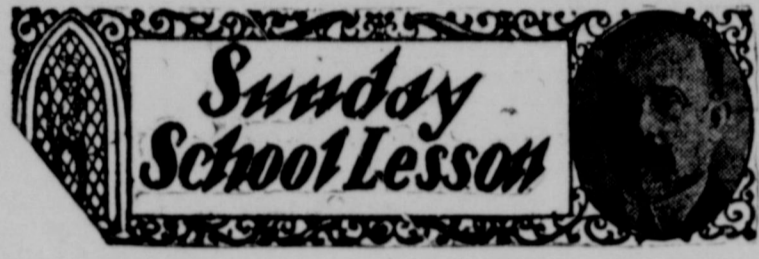
Sam Hines of Hereford and Mr. Burton of Lubbock visited L. M. Williams and family Monday.

GUESS WHO.

Charles Donald, one of the largest range cattle operators in this entire section, released a news item this week that will interest every cattleman in the country. Mr. Donald has purchased 175 head of registered Hereford cows from breeders at Broken Bow, Nebraska, and will place them on his North Ranch, near Hereford.

These fine animals will average from 1500 to 1800 pounds in weight and are said to be the largest, finest bunch of registered stuff that can be found in the country. The entry of this successful range cattleman into the field of registered Hereford cows will be watched with interest by every student of the cattle industry in this section.

THE FUMBLE FAMILY



International Sunday School Lesson For December 23

PAUL'S LAST MESSAGE.

— II Timothy, 4:1-8; 16-18

THE BIRTH OF JESUS Luke 2:8-20

REV. SAMUEL D. PRICE, D. D.

If the entire time is given to the Christmas lesson the closing subject in the Life of Paul should be considered in connection with the Review next Sunday.

After about two years Paul was released from the first Roman imprisonment. It may have been because the accusers in Jerusalem, knowing what a poor case they would have in the Emperor's court, decided not to appear against the man they had already heckled for two years during his confinement in Caesarea. From I Timothy and Titus, which were written during the free time, and from traditions that are well established, it appears that Paul did considerable journeying, going as far east as Spain and westward to Asia Minor again. Then came the second arrest, probably in the region of Macedonia. On reaching Rome the prisoner was placed in the Mamertine prison. The traveler is shown a reputed cell close to the Forum. It is underground, dark and cold.

Tradition says that Paul went home as the sword of the executioner severed the head somewhere on the Ostian Bay, about three miles outside of Rome.

Heaven and earth are closely related. It was while shepherds were caring for their flocks just outside of Bethlehem that the most glorious song of all time had its first rendition for their benefit.

The recitative was given by an angel who bade them "fear not," and supported the command by announcing that the night of waiting for the promised Messiah was over, for their Saviour had been born in Bethlehem. Instead of a Deliverer who would come forth in fullness of strength they would find a Babe, who was the Christ Child. Meanwhile the fields were radiant with a Shekinah glory.

Then the heavenly choir burst forth into the "Gloria in Excelsis." They began by praising "God in the highest," which is always the right way of approaching the Throne. The Pronouncement was a declaration of "peace on earth, good will to men." Though He was King of Kings, He came to establish peace, first between man

and the Father, and then between all mankind.

Wisely the shepherds, as by common agreement, said, "Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass." There they found Him, cradled in a manger. Who, though Very God, had in the incarnation been born of the Virgin. The shepherds became the first evangelists and went forth to tell this good news. We too must listen to learn, come and see, and then tell the world of the Gift of God and the love of Jesus. May Christmas be merry, indeed, for you in Christ!

A NOVEL AND DELICIOUS SALAD

1/2 cup finely chopped nut meats, 1/2 cup chopped celery, 1 tablespoon crystallized ginger, cut fine, 1 cup cut assorted fruits. Pour 1/2 cup boiling water over a package of lemon-flavored gelatin, when dissolved and almost cool add 1 1/2 cups ginger ale; when mixture begins to thicken stir in fruit and mold.

Progressive News

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Beach called in the Cockrell home Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Luke McBryner stayed Saturday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ricketts.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Gentry of Hereford.

Thursday ladies of this community spent the day with Mrs. Jim Blagg and helped her quilt.

A covered dish lunch was served at noon. The ladies gave a shower to Irma, small daughter of Mrs. Blagg. The following ladies were present: Mmes Ricketts, Hershey, Russell, Caldwell, Parks, Ratcliff, Russell, Miles, Boyd, Bray, and Lucille Parks and Olive Perkins.

Progressive Sunday school will give a program Christmas Eve and will have a tree, and Santa Claus expects to arrive in time to treat all the children.

Mrs. Ira Ricketts helped serve lunch at the Curtis Sale last Thursday.

The Progressive Canning Club sold their house last week and yet have the canner and sealer for sale.

Jim Ricketts helped his grandfather Ricketts thresh last Tuesday.

Mmes. Jacobs and Baker spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. Blagg.

The community was sorry to learn of the death of Clyde Sharp. His parents formerly lived in the Progressive community and were active in community life and in the Sunday school. Clyde was injured while playing football at Amarillo. He was very popular with his class mates at Vernon and his former friends in Hereford. School was dismissed at Vernon the afternoon of his funeral. He was buried in the cemetery at Vernon. His parents, brothers and sisters have the sympathy of Progressive community.

***** Things You Should Know About Your HEALTH ***** Jno. Jos. Galnes, M. D. *****

SEASONABLE SUGGESTIONS

With the oncoming of colder weather our tendencies are toward heavier diet and more of it. The change from summer fare to winter is fully as important to observe as

changes in clothing. Nobody would put on a heavy winter wrap the first day that the thermometer stays at sixty. No more should we take on a heavy meat and sugar ration the first cool day; it might turn real warm the next day and we would be filled with regrets. Heavy meals don't set well on warm days. Let the change be gradual in food as well as in clothing.

Combinations in dishes prepared should be shunned. I mean that we had best be wary of sausages, mince pies, veal loaf and all preparations made of the many things put together. Plain food—there is no argument against it. If it is not such a stimulant for the appetite all the better. The great American crime is eating too much.

A sweet potato has its rights, same as folks; to over-charge it with grease and sugar robs it of its individuality. A baked sweet potato is healthful—and a little butter is all it needs. Fruits that are treated to the process of preserving are destroyed by the addition of ninety per cent of sugar—as fruits their virtue is destroyed. Jellies are commendable, being pure juices of fruits they represent. Meats have no business to be hashed, loafed or sausageed. Better far to partake of them plain and well done.

Cake has mighty nearly reached the stage of abomination; what with its stripes of coloring, sweetening and coating—it becomes well nigh a gastronomic crime to eat it. Wish I had space to go on. Plain foods lengthen life, taken temperately.

Star Want Ads Get Immediate Resu!

DR. J. W. HENDRIX

CHIROPRACTIC MASSEUR

Residence Phone 463 Hereford, Texas Second Floor Lambert-Buckner Building. FREE CONSULTATION AND ANALYSIS.

"When shoes wear out they're mended new, When men wear out they're men dead, too."

We rejuvenate the "worn out shoes," which goes a long way toward keeping the man from wearing out.

WE LOVE TO SERVE YOU.

ECLIPSE SHOE SHOP

HAPPINESS TO YOU! Peace To Those You Love!

To you, our friends and good neighbors, we extend the greeting of this happy season.

May the Star of Peace shine steadfastly above your home and the spirit of good will dwell in your heart. This is our earnest Christmas wish.

H. P. EBERLING AND COMPANY. PRODUCE

Merry Greetings for a Happy Day

Now comes Christmas, the happiest day of the year. Families are reunited, gifts are exchanged, and there is a spirit in the day that is greater than all the treasures of the earth.

One of the greatest treasures of our business is the good will of our many loyal friends. One of our greatest pleasures is to extend to you this greeting of the season, and to wish for you an unlimited drawing account on the Bank of Good Will, Peace, Prosperity, Health and Happiness.

Please accept these words as a real expression of our feeling.

MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU!

Friona State Bank Friona, Texas

Yuletide Greetings

We are not soliciting your business. We have done that throughout the year. But now, at this Xmas time, we can set aside these business motives and as man to man and friend to friend we wish you our friends and customers, the very happiest and most joyous Yuletide you have ever known. May it find you enjoying perfect health, happiness and gratifying prosperity that will constantly increase as years go by.

Your patronage has made our year a prosperous one, but your friendship has stored up treasures of memory never to be forgotten.

J. A. Blackwell, For Blackwell Hardware & Furniture Company

Permit Me To Suggest

—That you book your Auction Sale at your earliest convenience in order to secure the date you prefer to sell on. I am booking sales over a large territory for this season. The splendid results obtained in recent sales of livestock, farm equipment and real estate has convinced the property owners to sell at auction, the well-known method by which you can convert your property into ready cash in a day and receive full value. My knowledge of values enables me to render an efficient service which means dollars and cents to you the day of your auction Sale. The many satisfied people I have sold for are my best references.

YOURS FOR A REAL SALE.

Ray Barber, Auctioneer

SUPERIOR SALES SERVICE

PHONE 211

HEREFORD, TEXAS

Merry Christmas To All

It is our unbounded hope that Christmas will dawn upon an era of happiness and prosperity for you.

It is a wish straight from our hearts that you and yours may share the victory of "Peace upon earth, good will to man."

You have been the mainstay and strength of our business life, and as Christmas morning looms with its message of peace and good will, we extend to you and yours our heartiest greetings and thanks and our wish for many more Christmas days of peace, prosperity and happiness without end.

Wilkison Chevrolet Co.

CARROLL BOWLIN, Local Representative

Friona

Texas

The Perfect Christmas

by Martha Banning Thomas



CHRISTMAS! What goes to make a perfect Christmas?

First, of course there must be a perfect Christmas eve. There should be green wreaths of holly in all the windows of all the homes everywhere; and candle light shining between them, and back of that the rosy, laughing faces of children. The window shades should be pulled high so that the joy within can be seen and heard even on the street.

There should be the silver chiming of bells from church steeples shaken out on the air by the wind. There should be stars—millions and millions of stars glittering in a dark blue sky.

There should be people of all ages and kinds singing carols—jolly carols, sweet carols, wistful carols, beautiful carols which once more create the magic spirit of the First Christmas eve.

There should be fragrant-smelling pines in every house; trees hung with garlands of popcorn, strings of red cranberries; green boughs weighed down with gifts for everyone, not forgetting Kitty, nor Hector, the pup.

There should be secrets, vast and numberless secrets whispered behind doors, in coal cellars, in closets and behind the barn after dark; secrets to be revealed on Christmas morning. Knitted mufflers for fathers [a few stitches dropped, but what of it?]. Pincushions for mothers [just a little bit lopsided, but very strong!] and a great many hand-made calendars, sewing bags and boxes for other members of the family.

And then after Christmas eve comes Christmas day! Merry cousins and uncles and aunts arriving from all directions to share the dinner with the family. There should be a twinkling-eyed grandfather and a grandmother with a tremendous reputation for doughnuts.

There should be puddings, thousands upon thousands of puddings spread in steaming invitation on tables from one end of the country to the other. There should be turkey and roast goose and mince pies and raisins and fruit. And humble blessings said with bowed heads.

All these things go to make a perfect Christmas. But if we can have only a few of them, or even none of them, we can have a new peace in our hearts, and prayers that the children of the land may be loved and cared for even as the Christ Child was loved and cared for by His mother Mary, that night long, long ago when He lay in a manger in Bethlehem!

JUST HOD, BUT WORTH WHILE

(By D. J. Walsh.)

The lids opened rapidly. Jim Stanley... and sidw... knowledge is...

To be sure, Hod's was only the inside of a cheap boarding-house; but that was something, and he talked with his fellow boarders, and had good eyes and a pretty sound heart and a mind behind them. Even though all he wanted was Lizbut, he soon realized that she could expect more than could be got for \$500, which he had planned to earn for the wedding.

Up in the mountains she had been a beauty, the object of all unattached men until Hod came between.

Down here she was a beauty still, even among the greater number and more adorned. Hod was not surprised, but he felt worried that admirers...

By this time Lizbut was coming into her own. Close questioning of her parents disclosed the fact that her true name was Elizabeth, and that a La had been dropped by her father as superfluous. He even hunted up an old letter, after which she signed herself "Elizabeth Latrobe" in the crude hand that a night school was improving.

A light burst directly overhead which sent its glare down into the trench. Heads that were reconnoitering above the bank dropped quickly to escape the distant fire of the enemy. Hod had turned his face up and the glare fell upon it. His companion uttered a surprised exclamation.

"Houghton Burrows! I've been looking for you." "For me?" Hod tried to peer into the other's face. But after the bright glare the darkness was blacker than ever.

"I'm Harnet—the floorwalker, you know. You talked with me—about Elizabeth—and—" "Harnet! Then why are you here?" harshly. "There are enough of us others for this work. Why'd you leave her? Did she know it? Did she let you come?"

"Told me to—but I was coming, anyhow. It was a mistake—on your part. I was merely a little dot in her friendship. You are the whole world in her love. Of course, she didn't hint that, but I could see. Nor did she suggest I try to find you. I took that on myself. And—if you had been there Elizabeth would have sent you, if you didn't start yourself. She is that way now, full of patriotism. She has grown very fast. She even gives talks in the Red Cross society. But through it all, under it all, beyond it all, she is looking for you. I know.

And Burrows," an insistent earnestness in his voice, "I may come out of this and I may not—I think I shall, to do another bit, as you say. But whether I do or not, I want you to promise to go back to Elizabeth when they no longer need you here. I feel that I have done you both wrong, unconsciously, and I want to do a little toward making it right. You'll go back?"

A terrific storm of shell came from the enemy's batteries, seeking out what the search rockets had revealed. Big chunks of bank were crumbled here and there, half filling adjoining trenches. One shell burst over a store of ammunition and was followed by a deafening explosion, with dirt hurled fifty feet into the air. When it settled down there was no trench below.

Hod was beneath a crumbling bank, but not so deep but that he worked from under. Then he dug out his companion. For half an hour the uproar went on, then came a lull. The enemy was about to make a dash to complete what the shelling had left. Hod bent his mouth to Harnet's ear. "If I get through it," he promised, "I will go home. And I will tell her about you. Now clench your teeth again, but I must lift you up on the bank and then throw you across my shoulders. In ten minutes the butchers will be here to kill whatever is alive."

The next day Intrepid Red Cross men found them and they were taken to a hospital. More shell was in them and Hod lost an arm. Harnet, recovered, with the use of all his limbs, and returned to the front. Captain Hod was sent home—to Elizabeth.

Marvelous Showing of Insensibility to Pain Silver hooks, to which were attached small weights, were thrust into the flesh of Indian religious devotees at a recent manifestation of mortification of the flesh at Umbilo temple. One man had 8,000 hooks thrust into his back, chest, and legs.

No sign of pain was shown, and when the people were examined the next morning there were no marks where the hooks had been inserted. Some men skewered their tongues with long silver pins; others wore sandals in which the feet rested on hundreds of sharp inverted nails.

No blood flowed when the pins and hooks were withdrawn, and when the devotees threw off their trance-like state they became smiling, normal Indians again. The trance is achieved by fasting for a number of days, with introspection and prayer.—London Tit-Bits.

Without hesitation Hod grasped and sung the form across his shoulders,

Fails in Her Swim



Mercedes Gleitz, London stenographer and channel swimmer, failed in her attempt to swim the Irish channel. She was forced from the water when the sea suddenly roughened and made further progress impossible. Miss Gleitz had covered 10 of the 22 miles of cold channel water in three and one-half hours when she was forced to abandon her attempt.

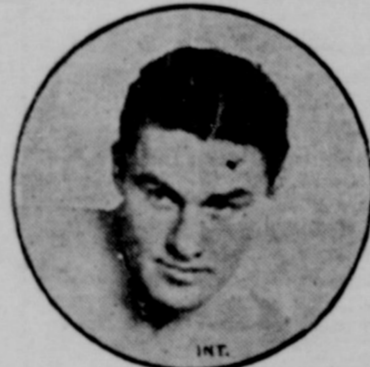
Farm Aid by Radio Is Welcome Innovation

Radio's biggest innovation in the field of agricultural broadcasting is heard daily throughout the nation by rural and urban listeners alike. This "Farm and Home Hour," sponsored by Montgomery Ward and company, is broadcast at noon from the Chicago studios of the National Broadcasting company through an extensive network of stations. Each program begins daily except Saturday and Sunday, at 1 p. m., eastern standard time. The broadcast consists of observations by nationally recognized farm leaders, alternating with musical novelties. The "Farm and Home Hour" stands by at 1:15 for the NBC's daily 15-minute farm broadcast by the United States Department of Agriculture from Washington, and resumes at 1:30.

Tommy Loughran Is Ambitious

TOMMY LOUGHRAN is out to gain a name as the "fightingest" champion these modern days of few bouts and big purses have produced.

When Loughran took on Leo Lomski at Madison Square garden, January 6, he set something of a record as well as a good example for his fellow pugilists in winning a title and defending it twice against logical contenders, all in the space of three months.



Tommy Loughran.

Loughran won his light heavy-weight crown—then somewhat synthetic—by beating Old Michael McTigue, on whose head the New York flistic officials set it when Jack Delaney gave it up to hunt among the heavyweights.

That championship scrap took place October 7 and just a little more than two months later, December 12, Loughran was making good his claim by outpointing Jimmy Slattery, the pretender to the throne, who was backed by the National Boxing association.

Between those fights, Loughran found time to polish off Pat McCarthy of Boston in ten rounds, but didn't even bother to count that.

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Gave Blackburne for Ray Schalk

Seventeen years ago Charles Comiskey, owner of the Chicago White Sox, precipitated a mild sensation by trading a dependable infielder to Milwaukee for a flashy young catcher, heralded as the "kid wonder."

In the midst of a pennant race last season the "kid wonder," Ray Schalk, stepped down as manager of the Sox and the infielder, "Lena" Blackburne, took the helm.

When Blackburne, whose full moniker is Russell Aubrey Blackburne, became manager of the Sox the team was stumbling along far down in the second division. "Lena" called his gang together on the eve of an Eastern invasion, told them he intended to be "boss" and reminded them that to win ball games one big inning only is necessary.

The team started that day and a month later the Sox were in the first division, and "cocky" enough to divide a series with the chesty Yankees. But a line on "Lena." He is forty, but as full of pep and enthusiasm as a collegian. He hustles and inspires his hands to hustle. And he's known as a fighter.

"There's been lots of gossip about nobody being able to boss the Sox," he

told the players the day he assumed control. "But here's one manager who'll be boss."

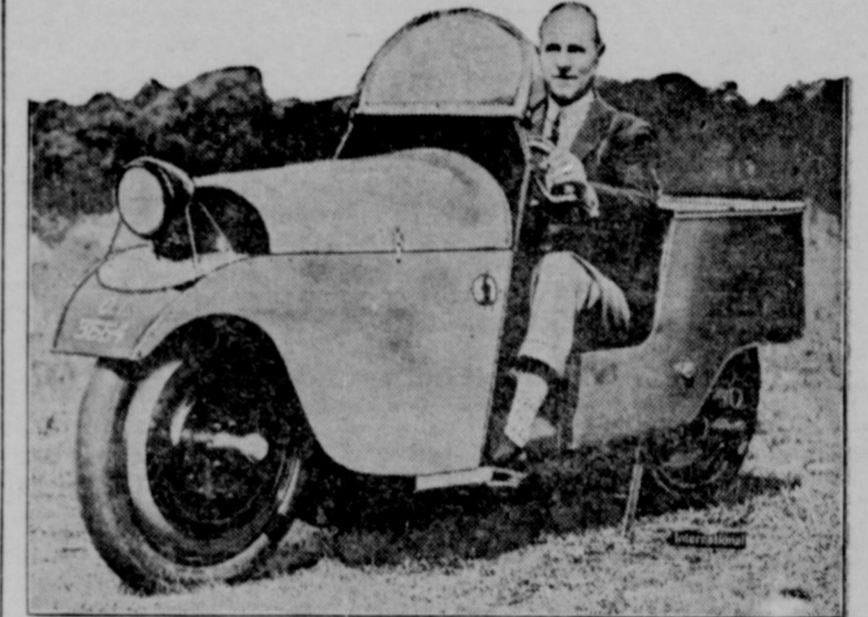
One day last year Chicago was playing Cleveland and an early lead that the Indians had piled up had been reduced to one run by the time the ninth inning rolled around. Two Sox were on bases and two were out. "Lena" elected to bat. Shaute, hurling for the Indians, grew careless, probably thinking "this old guy can't hit it." Blackburne smacked a single to left and a run was in. A few seconds later another Sox singled and "Lena" came home from second. He ached for weeks after, he said, but he had won the game.

"Lena" started in baseball with his father's semi-pro team at Palmyra at the unusual late semi-pro age of twenty-four. He has played with the Athletics in addition to the Sox. He gets the "Lena" from his leanness. It first was "Lean," and eventually "Lena."

Women Weep at Wedding Broadcast by Pittsburgh

Emotional response to radio programs is almost beyond comprehension, according to Miss Marie K. Neff who helps plan women's features at the Chicago studios of the NBC. She recalls an incident of her early radio experience at KDKA, Pittsburgh. A phantasy wedding was broadcast wherein the vows of the bride and groom were heard in a musical setting. In the fan letters received in the next few days many women declared that they had cried during the program just as much as they would have wept at a real wedding.

Motor Cycle Is Like an Auto



Mr. A. V. Roe, the famous airplane designer and pilot, seated in his unique motor cycle which has all the comforts of an automobile. It has a three-horse-power Villiers engine, is shaft driven and can attain a speed of 60 miles per hour. The steering is similar to that of an automobile and the driver sits on an upholstered seat and back.

"Short Sales" of Fuel for Motors

Although motorists spent \$2,350,000,000 for gasoline and oil in 1927, only eight states have taken action to protect car owners from short measures," Charles M. Hayes, president of the Chicago Motor club announces.

"A recent survey by the American Automobile association revealed that the motoring public is fleeced of approximately \$20,000,000 a year through 'short sales' of motor fuels," Mr. Hayes pointed out. "It is deplorable that so few states have made provision for checking the sales of 317,000 gas stations and 604,000 pumps that were in operation last year.

"The eight states that check these sales are California, Indiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York and Ohio. Illinois is one of twenty-five commonwealths which have passed protective legislation but are without sufficient appropriations with which to enforce those laws.

"The principal recommendations of the national motoring body are, first, immediate adoption of new legislation on weights and measures by those states wherein there is no law of this sort or the existing legislation is inadequate; secondly, the creation of state and local enforcement organizations with an efficient personnel; thirdly, sufficient appropriations by the legislatures to enable the organizations to operate efficiently every day of the year."

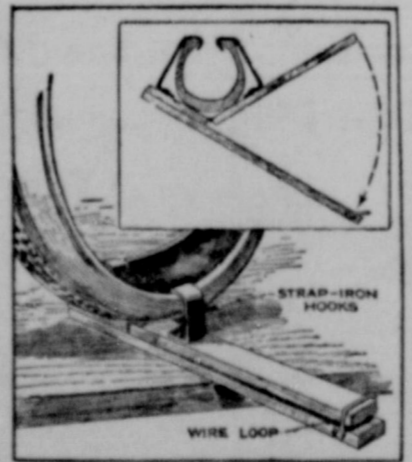
Fuchs Also Manager



Judge Fuchs himself, new manager of the Braves, succeeding Roger Hornsby, who goes to the Chicago Cubs for the trife of \$100,000 cash and trade of five players. The Judge, shown in the uniform and looking like business, is ready to catch something. He will continue as president of the Wigwam club.

Homemade Tire Spreader of Considerable Utility

To make inspection of the inside of tires, the homemade spreader shown in the drawing will be found of considerable utility. It consists of two strap-iron hooks, cut and bent to the



Simple Tire Spreader for the Small Garage Proves Satisfactory.

shape indicated and attached to wooden arms, which are hinged together, as shown. When the arms are brought together and locked in that position by a wire loop, the walls of the tire will be held apart, enabling the workman to examine the inside.—Lowell R. Butcher, Des Moines Iowa, in Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Interesting Little Sport Items

Reading has been in baseball ten seasons and has had eight managers in that time.

In Pittsburgh the fans respect the Cards and still think they are great. The Cards beat the Pirates 15 out of 22.

Karl Swanson, Rock Island second sacker, led the Mississippi Valley league in base stealing, frisking 58 sacks.

The New York Yankees recently purchased the Chambersburg Blue Ridge league club for use as a baseball farm.

Hockey rules are the same as last season's, it still being unethical to carve your initials in the opposition, with skates.

Seven of sixteen big league ball clubs either have changed or are thinking of changing managers for the season of 1929.

All attendance records for the Missouri valley were broken when 32,000 paid their way to see the Nebraska-Missouri game.

This is Knute Rockne's twelfth year as gridiron coach at Notre Dame and up to the beginning of the current season his teams had lost only nine games.

The Perfect Christmas

by Martha Banning Thomas



CHRISTMAS! What goes to make a perfect Christmas?

First, of course there must be a perfect Christmas eve. There should be green wreaths of holly in all the windows of all the homes everywhere; and candle light shining between them, and back of that the rosy, laughing faces of children. The window shades should be pulled high so that the joy within can be seen and heard even on the street.

There should be the silver chiming of bells from church steeples shaken out on the air by the wind. There should be stars—millions and millions of stars glittering in a dark blue sky.

There should be people of all ages and kinds singing carols—jolly carols, sweet carols, wistful carols, beautiful carols which once more create the magic spirit of the First Christmas eve.

There should be fragrant-smelling pines in every house; trees hung with garlands of popcorn, strings of red cranberries; green boughs weighed down with gifts for everyone, not forgetting Kitty, nor Hector, the pup.

There should be secrets, vast and numberless secrets whispered behind doors, in coal cellars, in closets and behind the barn after dark; secrets to be revealed on Christmas morning. Knitted mufflers for fathers [a few stitches dropped, but what of it?]. Pincushions for mothers [just a little bit lopsided, but very strong!] and a great many hand-made calendars, sewing bags and boxes for other members of the family.

And then after Christmas eve comes Christmas day! Merry cousins and uncles and aunts arriving from all directions to share the dinner with the family. There should be a twinkling-eyed grandfather and a grandmother with a tremendous reputation for doughnuts.

There should be puddings, thousands upon thousands of puddings spread in steaming invitation on tables from one end of the country to the other. There should be turkey and roast goose and mince pies and raisins and fruit. And humble blessings said with bowed heads.

All these things go to make a perfect Christmas. But if we can have only a few of them, or even none of them, we can have a new peace in our hearts, and prayers that the children of the land may be loved and cared for even as the Christ Child was loved and cared for by His mother Mary, that night long, long ago when He lay in a manger in Bethlehem!

