

# The Grapeland Messenger.

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## TRINITY RIVER RIPPLES

Reynard, Dec. 18.—Everything is kinder quiet down this way and all are ready for Christmas. Most all have sold their eggs, killed a hog and are just waiting for the day. To some it will be sad, with others the best they ever had, and thus it ever has been. Let's try to make it pleasant, even if we have to force it.

From the way ropes are being pulled, think several of our boys will take unto themselves a companion for life and start the new year in double harness, yet we know not the day or the hour it will be. It is the best and most serious thing young people ever did, for you know when young folks are in love they haven't a lick of sense and it takes marrying to bring them to their normal mind.

Hogs are fat and ready to kill. The pastures are still green and stock doing well, and it seems likely we will have a rosy Christmas.

The children are all expecting and looking for Santa and the old man would not scare some of the old folks.

Let us all, or as many as can, meet at the school house Friday afternoon and see about putting up a tree and make the necessary arrangements in connection.

Our school is getting along nicely; ten new pupils, all from the Hays Spring school.

We wish all a pleasant Christmas, a good appetite and something good to eat.

## NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

Following the usual custom, there will be no issue of The Messenger next week. To all who have in any way contributed to the success of The Messenger during the past year we sincerely thank you and wish each and every one a Merry Christmas and Happy Year.

A. H. Luker, Editor.

To prevent a Cold, take 666.

## LIBERTY HILL ITEMS

Liberty Hill, Dec. 1h.—A large crowd attended church Sunday to hear our new pastor, Bro. Steward preach his sample sermon. All were very favorably impressed and are hoping for a successful year's work in the church under Bro. Steward's leadership.

Since our last writing our community has under gone some changes. J. B. Young and family having moved to Huntsville, Texas, to make their future home.

Mr. Dube Woodley having bought Mr. Young's farm is now one of our new neighbors.

Tom Johnson formerly of this community has moved near Alto.

Bob Gale and family also Sam Ruby and family have moved into our community. We are very glad to have our new neighbors, but we regret to give up old ones.

Albert Holcomb from Alto visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holcomb last week.

Jack Gale and wife spent the week end with Mr. Gale's son, George.

Sharp McLeod is visiting relatives in Damon Texas this week.

## Card of Thanks

As it will be impossible for us to see each and every one individually we take this method to thank our many friends for kind words spoken and the beautiful floral offerings given as a symbol of love to try and comfort our bleeding hearts, caused by the death of our loved one, Harmon Gray. If you too, should have such sorrow, may we be spared to give you such comfort and love is our prayer.

Mrs. H. W. Gray and children, Mrs. B. S. Gray, Mr. Seth M. Gray and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Adams and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Spence.

WANTED Farm wage hand. Can furnish good house. C. A. Campbell, Salmon.

## ROCK HILL LOCALS

Rock Hill, Dec. 18. This morning we are having some real wintry weather and we believe its trying to make Foster's report true, when he said during the holidays we would have "to stay in and look out." A few have taken advantage of the cold spell and killed a hog.

A. N. Streetman has exchanged one of his farms here for J. W. Cook's farm two miles south of Grapeland. We understand that Mr. Streetman will move to Mr. Cook's place and J. L. Nichols will move to the place now occupied by Mr. Streetman and Mr. Cook will come to his new place.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Martin moved from here to the Antrim community last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Kolb have moved to one of his father's farms.

Quite a number of the young folks attended the singing at Antrim Sunday night.

Mr. Patterson accompanied by his son Ben and son-in-law J. P. Pullin, passed through enroute from Polk county to Tyler last week stopping over night at the home of C. W. Weisinger. They formerly lived here.

Messrs. J. J. Brooks and A. A. Allen, who have been helping on the new residence of R. M. Brooks have returned to their home in Grapeland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Willis and children from Antrim were visitors Sunday at the home of the former's mother, Mrs. Lucy Willis. They were appreciated visitors to our Sunday school in the afternoon.

The teachers and young folks have organized a "Literary Society." They expect to render their first program next Thursday night and extend an invitation to the public to attend. We believe these young folks should have the co-operation of the older ones in this effort of theirs for we realize it helps the intellect and then too, it will greatly help the young folks to overcome "stage fright" when speaking in public.

Next Sunday is Christmas Eve and since there was no other service announced we have decided to meet earlier at Sunday school and have singing and just a regular community get-together good time. We hope to see every one in the community out next Sunday and especially the older ones for naturally we know the young ones will be there. Of all the times of the year this seems to be the one when everybody is filled with the inspiration of making some one else glad and why not? We cannot be truly happy until we have made someone else so. We have found that the most of us judge others by the attitude of our own hearts. For instance, we go some where and some how or other we are just a little cold or reserved. We pass everyone by with a casual "Howdy," not caring hardly to do that. Then every thing over we go home saying, "that's the dullest place, or most selfish bunch I've ever seen." Then again we are just bubbling over with joy. We greet each one with a "Hello John," "Good morning Sue, Glad to see you girls and boys" etc with a hearty hand shake with each one and a few words of warm greeting then we go home feeling that everybody was in a good humor when really it is the attitude of our own heart that has created the difference. So we give every one, not only a cordial invitation but a generous welcome as well to be with us next Sunday at 2 o'clock. Come and let it be one time when we leave our worries and troubles, grudges and strifes

## SERIES OF MEETINGS

Beginning Thursday night, December 28, I will deliver a series of five sermons at Antrim as follows:

Thursday night—The Church of Christ, its origin and mission. Friday night—The Ordinance of Baptism and its purpose in the Church.

Saturday night—The Lord's Supper, its place and design.

Sunday night—The security of the believer.

We feel sure that all who like a frank Bible discussion of these cardinal doctrines will appreciate these services, and you are cordially invited to attend all of them. Night service will begin early and continue 1 hour. The blackboard will be used and personalities will not be indulged in. W. R. Durnell.

## At the Methodist Church

Rev. Frank Luker of Henderson will occupy the pulpit Sunday morning and night at the Methodist church.

I will preach at Percilla at 3 p. m.

I know of no better way to show our appreciation of our Lord's coming than by attending the places of worship and giving praise to His holy name.

B. C. Anderson, Pastor.

Seventy-nine per cent of the growing cotton in the United States last year was destroyed by the boll weevil.

behind and feel the thrill of the angelic message, which was heralded by that Heavenly host many hundred years ago. "Glory to God in the Highest and on Earth Peace, Good Will toward Men."

## T. D. ZACHARY DEAD

News has been received from the Masonic Home at Arlington of the death of Mr. T. D. Zachary who passed away Wednesday morning at 5 o'clock. The body is being forwarded here for interment in the Hays Spring cemetery under the auspices of Grapeland Masonic Lodge, and more complete funeral arrangements will be announced later. Mr. Zachary had been in ill health for some time and about a month ago, went to Arlington to spend the rest of his life in the Masonic Home there. He had been a Mason about 50 years.

## SPECIAL OFFER

The Messenger's special holiday offer of \$1.25 for a year's subscription expires Saturday. You had better hurry and renew.

Tumon Smith left Saturday night for his home at Lamesa, after spending quite awhile with his father at Salmon, who has been real sick. Mr. Smith's condition is improved.

Rev. D. H. Hotchkiss, newly appointed presiding elder of the Navasota district, preached at the Methodist church last Sunday morning and held the first quarterly conference in the afternoon. He also preached at New Prospect at 2 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cook of near Palestine were down last week end visiting relatives. Mr. Cook is recovering from a recent knife wound in the neck, when one of the patrons of his school became enraged because his son had been punished by Mr. Cook, and cut him.

Rub-My-Tism, an antiseptic.



May the day be all that you hope for—may the Christmas spirit reign supreme—and for the manner in which you have supported the policy of our house in the year that is closing, we know of no words in the English language which are stronger, when said, as we say them, sincerely:

WE THANK YOU.

We are the People that Keep the Price Down in Grapeland

Keeland Bros.  
We Want to Buy Your Eggs

# Hurry! Hurry!

It is very necessary that you hurry

if you would take advantage

of our

# Big

# Xmas Sale!

Have you been to town since it started? If you have, you have seen how we have been crowded to our capacity with people from all parts of the county taking advantage of the extremely low prices.

Let's make these last days before Xmas the best days. Help us do it and you will save money.

Buy useful gifts, they are here for every member of the family.

Thanking everyone and wishing a Merry Xmas and Prosperous New Year to you.

McLean & Riall  
DEPENDABLE MERCHANTS  
Grapeland, Texas

# Punchettes



by  
**Rev. M.A. MATTHEWS**  
D.D. LL.D.

The country is not suffering from bad citizens. No country ever suffered from such. Our country is suffering from the bad citizenship of good citizens. Communities, states, and nations have no better government than the negligent citizen produces. The responsibility for bad government rests upon the negligent citizen, the absentee from the ballot box and the man who is dodging his civic duty.

The business man and the banker use every possible means to escape jury duty. They are traitors to good government. You hear business and professional men say that they are not interested in politics. They are undesirable citizens. It is impossible for a taxpayer, a home owner, an honest man to stay out of politics. Because of his neglect to perform his duty, he increases the taxes of all the people.

What is politics? It is the science of government. The science of good government.

Then every man, woman, and child ought to be forced to study the science of government. And every man ought to be a practical common sense, persistent,

courageous, everlasting politician. When men get so pious, so good, and so busy that they cannot afford to perform their plain political and civic duties they become a curse to society, a menace to government, a burden to the taxpayer and a blight on citizenship.

The average non-active man is a consummate coward and it is his infamous cowardice that has plunged this country into innumerable errors. Out of the cowardice of such laws we have filled the legislatures and the Congress of the United States with spineless men; consequently, we legislate under the whip lash of a party master or we fail to legislate of timidity and cowardice.

The common public is unrepresented and suffers untold burdens because of the bad citizenship of good citizens.

### Notice

I have just opened a barber shop on Second Street and will appreciate a part of your patronage.

H. C. Campbell.

### After Decorations and Found A Still

From Bois d'Arc school house, in the northern part of the county, comes this story: School boys were sent out to get Christmas decorations, and they discovered a still all set up and ready for business. They went back and reported to teacher their find; when the school adjourned and they went down to investigate. Officers were notified. The still was secured. And now arrests are expected to follow.—Palestine Herald.

A remedy that will penetrate is necessary in the treatment of rheumatism. Ballard's Snow Liment goes right through the flesh to the bone and relieves promptly. Three sizes, 30c, 60c and \$1.20 per bottle. Sold by Smith & Ryan.

### How Did Auntie Know?

It was their second Christmas and the young wife was proudly displaying the big Christmas remembrance, an electric washer, from "friend husband" to the relatives gathered when one auntie remarked: "Isn't that just typical of married life—the first Christmas a talking machine and the second Christmas a washing machine!"

Distress after eating is due to bad digestion. Herbine helps the digestion process, clears the system of impurities and restores a feeling of vigor and buoyancy of spirits. Price, 60c. Sold by Smith & Ryan.

### Holiday Rates

Will be in effect on the International-Great Northern Railroad, tickets being on sale Dec. 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 24th inclusive with final return limit Jan. 4th, 1923 to points in Texas and Louisiana. Ask your agent for full information.

### Choosing the Holly

Superstitious people assert that one should be careful about the choice of holly for the decorations. Part should be smooth and part prickly. Then providing both kinds are carried into the house at the same time, all will be well. But should the prickly variety be taken in first, then the husband will rule the household during the coming year; if the smooth is brought in first the wife will be "top dog."

### Slump in Federal Taxes

The Federal Government is not collecting as much money in taxes as it did last year. Tax collections for October amounted to 111 million, forty-two million less than October, 1921. Since July 1 tax collections have decreased more than 408 million as compared with the same period a year ago. The largest decreases are in the income and profits taxes.

666 Cures Bilious fever.

### Uncle John's Josh



While many friends on Christmas Day  
Send Greetings good and true  
Just let us add to all they say—  
Our own sincere "we too."

**J. W. HOWARD**  
Buyer of Produce and Dealer in Feed



## Christmas Greetings

Christmas comes but once a year, but let us try to keep the friendly spirit of Christmas thru every day of the coming year.

I extend the cordial greetings of the season to all the people of this community.

Merry Christmas to one and all.

**C. E. LIVELY**  
Cotton Weigher

## MERRY CHRISTMAS



**HEROD & LEAVERTON**  
Ginners

Extend to their hundreds of friends and patrons

This Christmas Message  
Of Thanks and Good Will  
May Health, Happiness and Contentment be yours, thereby assuring to each and everyone a  
Merry Christmas Day.

## Merry Christmas.



May the blessedness of the Christmas spirit abide with you and the glorious promise of a bounteous New Year be given unto you.

## Norman's Garage

J. C. Norman, Proprietor



What's sure to come is Christmas cheer  
And sure are our wishes too:  
That all that's sure in joy and cheer  
Will surely come to you.

**WILL SELKIRK**  
Drayman and Truck Line

## YOUR STORE! THE PEOPLES' STORE!



We believe in friendly business and no other—we hope you will continue to look upon this as your store—and sincerely thank you for your generous approval of our merchandising policy.

May yours—all thru—be—

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
**S. E. HOWARD**

**A Christmas Message**

Once let a considerable portion of the people become animated by a desperate desire for a new spirit of good will and justice and peace on earth, then see how quickly the puny and parasitical politicians and hypocritical reformers will scurry out of the way. Let us at least be honest with ourselves. We are not doing the great things as Christians

and patriots, which are our duty, simply because we do not care. One thing that palsies our generation is a lack of eager earnestness. We have slumped into a mood of indifference—seeming to have forgotten how to hate wrong and to be ardent for the right. We do not love one another as sincerely as we should, we preach unselfishness, talk a great deal about political abuses, yet we are too selfish and self-

centered to remedy these ills. On election day good men stay away from the polls, and then abuse the government because inefficient and dishonest men are elected to office. The Good Shepherd's kindness and sincerity are sorely needed—the healer as well as the teacher. Jesus taught and healed at the same time, and was beloved by the multitude. One of the most vivid and beautiful passages in the biography of the Master describes this scene:

"And when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with diverse diseases brought them unto Him, and He laid His hands upon every one of them and healed them."—By William T. Ellis.

**Americans Are A Success At Toy Building**

America's remarkable success at toy making is not entirely due to quantity production. American inventive ability and ingenuity are largely responsible, also. While the foreign toys still dominated all American markets, that is, before our toy makers developed true quantity production, inventive rather than manufacturing skill was in demand, for we were striving to create a new line of toys—toys that would be of real value to the child.

666 cures Dengue Fever.

**The Mail Carrier**

For many years, in good weather or bad, day after day, he had followed his chosen job faithful and well. He had carried many, many Christmas presents in his day, too. This year one of the families he had served so regularly prepared a Christmas box for him and his wife and for his children.

"It is the first Christmas box I ever received from one of my families," he said. "Wasn't it thoughtful of them to have remembered their mail carrier?"

But the people were saying, "To think that we haven't done something of this sort every year. The mail carrier does so much for us and we, at times, almost seem to forget he's even human!"

A modern discovery for the rapid healing of flesh wounds, cuts, burns, bruises, sores and scalds is Liquid Borozone. It is a clear, colorless liquid possessing marvelous healing power. Price, 30c, 60c and \$1.20. Sold by Smith & Ryan.

**Christmas Spirit Needed**

None of us can have too much of the Christmas spirit.

666 Cures Malarial fever.

**Use of Christmas Stocking**

The custom of hanging up stockings on Christmas Eve comes to us from a land far across the ocean—from sunny Italy.

In the city of Padua, long ago, good old St. Nicholas used to go about the streets after dark and throw through the windows of the homes of the poor people long knitted purses, tied at both ends, and containing much needed coins. These purses were made of yarn, and when untied looked not unlike a footless stocking.

Finally, as time went on, the poor people, hoping thus to remind the more fortunate of their needs, used to hang these empty purses out of the windows on the night before Christmas, so that a gift might be placed in them.

In the north country, where the weather is cold at Christmas time, the purses were hung by the chimney place in the hope that St. Nicholas would drop his offering down the chimney.

When the purses went out of fashion stockings as the thing most like them were used in their stead, and that is why we today still observe the practice and the custom.

Irregularity in the bowel movements makes you feel uncomfortable and leads to a constipated habit which is bad. Herbine is the remedy you need. It restores healthy regularity. Price, 60c. Sold by Smith & Ryan.



**OUR APPRECIATION**

The special charm of Christmas is in the assurance it brings that we live in the memory of our friends.

We trust we have left no stone unturned toward making this

Your Merriest Christmas

And we thank you for all you've done for us

**GRAPELAND DRUG CO**  
D. N. Leaverton, Manager.

**WISE MEN**



HE Christmas season annually brings to mankind the thoughtful hour of serious retrospection and the importance of governing their affairs in a manner befitting wise men.

The Spirit of Christmas is the ideal in the absolute, but quite often it carries with it hardships to men of families and brings them face to face with their own shortcomings and failures to substantially build structures of supply for those they love.

Maybe such hours have been yours—and maybe right at this moment you realize the necessity of changing your course. It is never too late, you know.

If so, we feel we are conferring a service in again calling your attention to the fundamentals of peace and plenty which, briefly, are Vision and Thrift.

Vision is the understanding that all is well with our ever-progressing world. Thrift is a common sense conservation of our talents—which may be labor or money.

After all, money is only stored-up labor. So to save money is to intelligently store up labor—to distribute or equalize it over the span of life.

The New Year is at hand—not to dissipate on idle resolutions which will never be kept. On the other hand,—a sincere desire to build up an independence for your loved ones and your own old age, will be its own resolution.

This institution wishes you success in such resolves and stands in Grapeland ready to serve you in fulfillment of such worthy endeavor.

**Farmers & Merchants**

**State Bank**

W. D. GRANBERRY, Cashier



**HOMELY PHILOSOPHY**  
for 1922

THIS is the season when the joy of giving comes home to everyone, when everyone's wondering what to give and where to give it. A million dollars to give away. Think of that. Homes made happy, smilin' faces—cares lifted from the backs of the weary—old folks as well as kiddies changed into joyous humans, their hearts aglow with thankfulness.

Blessed is he that giveth—which reminds us. Maybe we'd better start at the startin' point an' get a move on or we won't get that surplus million. Well, if we don't we can still do something for somebody. We can give our time. That's it. We could give quite a lot of it if we didn't throw so much of it away. Then maybe the world would be a bit the better because we passed through it.

**ABSTRACTS**

You cannot sell your land without an Abstract showing perfect title. Why not have your lands abstracted and your titles perfected? We have the

Only complete up-to-date Abstract Land Titles of Houston County.

**J. W. YOUNG**  
Crockett, Texas

**JOHN SPENCE**  
Lawyer  
CROCKETT, TEXAS

Office up stairs over Millar & Berry's Store

**Dr. A. M. FISHER**

Successor to Dr. Pelt  
DENTIST

(Kennedy Bros. Building)  
Your Patronage Solicited  
Grapeland, Texas

# Society

## Long—Mangum

Reagan Long and Miss Alice Belle Mangum were married last Friday afternoon. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's brother at Weldon, where she was visiting. After the ceremony they went to Galveston, returning to Grapeland Sunday night and went to Augusta where Mr. Long is teaching school.

The bride's home is in Mississippi, but she is well known here, having visited relatives here on several occasions. Mr. Long is one of our best liked young men and prominent in the teaching profession.

The Messenger joins their numerous friends in best wishes.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Darsey, Mrs. Lowe Stowe, Misses Ora Gainey, Rena Ross Richards, Mabel Boykin and Esther, Lucindy and Dorothy Darsey, Messrs. Speer, George E. Jr. and M. E. Darsey of this city and Mrs. Leon Anderson of Paris were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Crook of Crockett last Friday evening at a 6 o'clock dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Leaverton entertained with a sumptuous dinner Sunday in honor of their sister, Mrs. Joe Kellam of Sherman. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leaverton and children, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Leaverton, J. H. Leaverton and Mrs. Oryx McConico and son of Crockett.

## To the Tax Payers of Houston County

I have received all supplies for the 1923 automobile registrations and am now ready to issue the new number plates. The law directs that all automobiles be registered by Jan. 1st.

Mrs. C. W. Butler Jr.,  
Tax Collector.

## Notice—For Sale

I have a big six year old jack that I want to sell; will take some trade. For price and terms see or write

Hub Starkey,  
3t Grapeland, Route 1.

## Chicken Market Flooded

To our customers: Owing to the chicken market being overstocked with chickens, we recommend holding your chickens until after Christmas.

George E. Darsey & Co.

## Pay Your School Tax

I am now collecting tax for the Grapeland school district. See me and pay yours—the school needs the money.

Jno. A. Davis.

## Notice—Posted

I am not going to allow any more hunting, fishing or trapping on any of my premises. Please take notice and stay out.

George Calhoun.

## Singing at Oak Grove

There will be an all day singing at Oak Grove next Sunday. All singers and lovers of music are invited. We will have Sunday school at 10 o'clock and B. Y. P. U. late in the afternoon. Come and bring your Christmas dinner, or if you prefer, fruits, nuts and candy, which go well and give a fine appearance to a dinner.

J. A. Bean.

W. B. Wall of Augusta, who recently underwent an operation in a Palestine sanitarium, is reported to be doing nicely.

## Posted

No hunting, fishing or trapping on my farms. Stay out.

M. S. Spence.



## REAL CHRISTMAS SERVICE

The time for completing your gift purchases is short. Only two days beside today. If you want to accomplish most, you can save much time and worry by coming here first. Every day, men, women, boys and girls seeking useful gifts, throng our aisles. Complete assortments, wide varieties and prices most reasonable are some of the attractions you'll find here.

On this page, we call your attention to some of the useful gift articles at this store. There are others. Come—don't wait.

### GIVE HER A HAT

In our millinery department, we have on display some ultra smart mid-winter hats. These include a number of popular shapes and materials, attractively finished with the newest trimmings. Your choice of this lot

\$4.95

Other hats in this department for ladies, misses and girls

AT HALF PRICE

### GIVE HIM CLOTHING

The most practical and appreciative gift for a man, is something in wearing apparel. You have here, among other things to select from, such as:

Styleplus Clothes	Perfecto Shirts
Stetson Hats	Hansen Gloves
Florsheim Shoes	Monarch Underwear

He will be pleased with a gift if it's from The Darsey Co.

### LADIES WEARING APPAREL

Our Ready-to-wear department is the center of attraction for buyers who wish to remember the womenfolk with a lasting gift that is serviceable and useful. And to make buying here more profitable to you, we have reduced every item in this department including

#### Coat Suits, Skirts, Coats and Dresses

Smart styles

New colors

Best Tailoring

### JEWELRY

You can search the town over and you will hardly find so complete assortment of jewelry as is shown here. Fact is, in this department, you can choose a gift for anyone. Some of the items shown here, are:

#### For Men

Cuff buttons, collar pins, watch chains, Ingersoll watches, Waldemar chains, Knife and chain sets, Jekombs, watch chains, tie clasps, emblem charms, scarf pins, collar buttons, etc.

#### For Ladies

Colored beads, imitation pearl beads, hair ornaments, barettes, girdles, lavallieres, neck chains, locket, ear screws, rings, birthstone rings, brooches, lingerie pins, pin sets, infants' pins, cameos and other things.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

You'll have to hurry if you get your Xmas Greeting Cards in the mail in time to reach their destination by December 24th. We have a good assortment of:

Xmas Greeting Cards	Xmas Post Cards
Engraved Correspondence Cards	Cutout Greeting Cards

2c to 10c Each

If you would give your gifts a real Christmas appearance, they should bear a proper card. In 10c packages we have a variety of Christmas seals, cards, etc. Also ribbonese and tinsel cord in 3 and 6 yard packages for 10c

HANDKERCHIEFS—All sizes and kinds. Singly and by the box. White and colors. Some plain, some embroidered and some initialed. 5c to \$1.00 each. 25c and up per box.

BATH ROBES—Styles for men and women. Practical and serviceable as gifts. A good range of sizes. Just the thing he or she will need. House shoes to match.

NECKTIES—You couldn't select a tie here that wouldn't please him. A new assortment of the newest numbers just received. Each put up in individual folder. 50c to \$2.00 each.

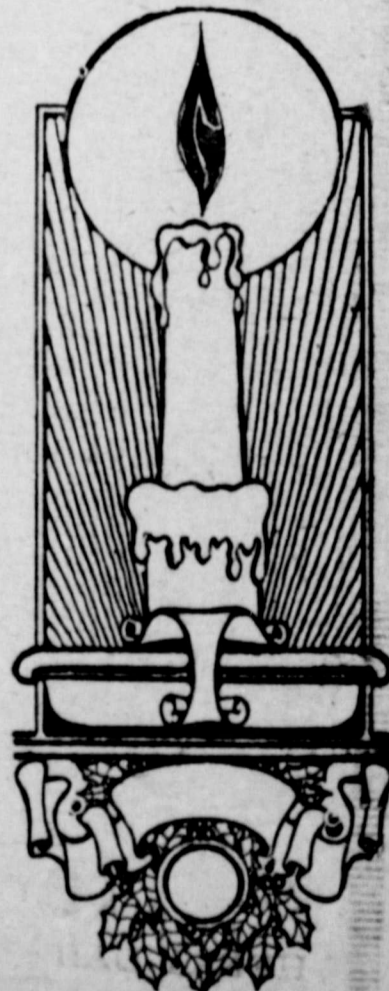
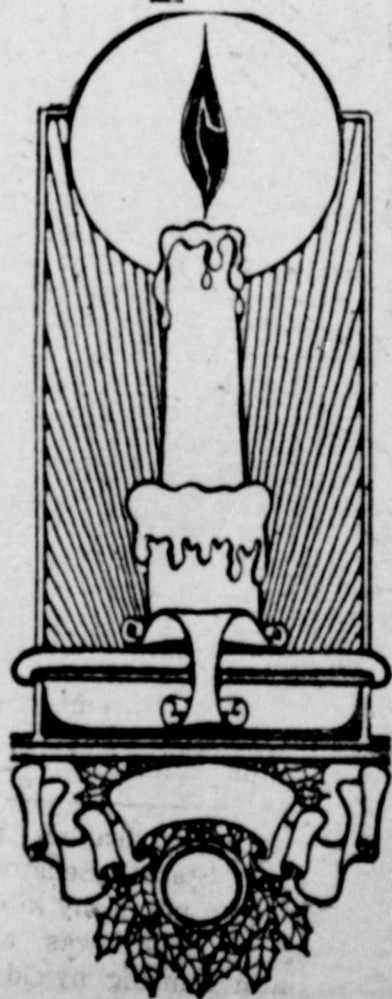
GLOVES—The biggest assortment ever shown here in men's, women's, boys' and girls dress gloves and mittens. All of the new styles and lengths for ladies. They are very popular.

SWEATERS—A sweater from this store is right—in style and color. Some good numbers here still. Styles for everybody. \$1.00 and up.

BLANKETS—A new blanket for the company room, or any other room, can be chosen here. Double bed sizes in cotton, wool and Wool-nap blankets. Biggest values in town.

PURSES—Every style and size is shown here in men's and ladies' purses. Men's leather bill folds and the new style bags for ladies. Practical and economical as gifts. 50c to \$20.00.

TOILET ARTICLES—Cutex sets, vanity cases, powders, rouges, face creams, lotions, perfumes, toilet waters, toilet soaps, shampoo, dentrifices, combs, brushes, tooth brushes etc.



### A TOAST

Water, Water, Everywhere  
And Nothing Else to Drink  
The Cupboard's Bare, No Bottles  
There  
No Glasses Merry Clink;  
But Even So, With H<sub>2</sub>O  
To Pledge Our Wishes True,  
We Hope You'll Have A Yuletide  
Glad  
A Happy New Year Too.

**THE DARSEY CO.**  
GRAPELAND'S CASH DRY GOODS STORE

**LOCAL HAPPENINGS**

666 cures LaGrippe.

107 for Chills and Fevers. At the Drug Store.

Clewis represents one of the best dye works in the state.

John Kennedy, who has been attending school at the State University, came home Monday.

107 for Colds and Fevers. At your Druggist.

Grady Hale of Camilla is here visiting his sister, Mrs. Jack Murchison.

Mrs. Jim Parker of Wastella is here on a visit to relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Stovall White visited friends and relatives at Elkhart Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Sarah Mack Crook of Crockett visited relatives here this week.

Mrs. Thomas Caskey of Houston is here to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bridges.

Mrs. George E. Darsey and daughter, Miss Lucindy, and little Miss Mary Myrta Richards came home from Houston Tuesday night, where they visited relatives a few days.

666 quickly relieves a cold.

Bile Cutters. No nausea, no griping. At Your Druggist.

Mrs. Wm. H. Long and Mrs. W. A. Riall were shopping in Palestine Monday.

Bile Cutters. Take one tonight. They make breakfast taste right. At your druggist.

Mrs. K. C. Alsup and son of Goose Creek came in Tuesday night to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Garrett Richards of Colorado came in a few days ago to visit relatives and friends during the holidays.

**Posted Keep out**  
No bird hunting, fishing or trapping on my farm.  
2t W. T. Pridgen.

Mrs. Ory Heath of Houston is here to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Richards.

Joe Wall, who has been in Missouri the past year, came in a few days ago to spend the holidays with homefolk at Augusta.

**Notice**  
No hunting allowed on my farm.  
Ford Newman.

John Cook has traded his farm out on the Crockett road to Artis Streetman of the Rock Hill community, and they will exchange places, both families probably moving this week.

107 for Colds, Chills and Fever. No cure, no pay. At your Druggist.

Buy your fireworks fruits and candy from Wesley Woodard in front of McLean & Riall's store.

**Notice**  
Get your shoes half-soled for Christmas for only 50c.  
J. H. Bowman.

Mrs. M. E. Darsey and children returned Tuesday night from Houston, where they spent several days visiting friends.

**Wanted to Buy**  
A few cars of fat cows, calves and bulls. See George Calhoun or Bob Wherry. 3t

Renew your subscription to the Messenger while it is a \$1.25. Offer will be withdrawn after December 23.

**Notice—Posted**  
No hunting allowed on any of my premises.  
2t W. H. Holcomb

**Notice—Posted**  
No hunting, fishing or trapping allowed on any of our premises.  
3t Murray & Murray.

Dr. G. W. Shelfer, who comes to Crockett regularly, will be at W. P. Bishop's drug store, Crockett, Texas, Friday and Saturday, December 22nd and 23rd. Eyes examined and glasses fitted. Prices right.



**A MERRY CHRISTMAS**

We have tried to serve your Christmas Gift needs more completely than ever before. If our efforts have been successful in making your shopping a little more pleasant, your Christmas choosing a little easier and more pleasurable, we feel repaid.

**A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**Smith & Ryan**

**DRUGGISTS**

Everything a Good Drug Store Should Have

**At the Christian Church**

Bible school at 10 o'clock. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Christian Endeavor at 6 o'clock. Evening service at 7 o'clock. Mid-week prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

Morning subject: The Dawn of Peace.

The evening service will be given over to the presentation of a Christian pageant, "The Gift of Love," by the Bible school. The pageant will be presented in eight scenes with an appropriate song of introduction to each scene. The scenes will be:

- First—Hebrew prophecy concerning the coming of the Messiah.
- Second—The Angel Gabriel appears to Mary.
- Third—Mary in home of Elizabeth.
- Fourth—Enrollment of house and family of David.
- Fifth—Angel of the Lord appears to the Shepherds.
- Sixth—Adoration of the Shepherds.
- Seventh—The visit of the Magi.
- Eighth—Simeon pronounces blessings over the child.

The public is cordially invited to attend this evening program. Arthur Hyde, Pastor.

**Would Change Thanksgiving**

Thanksgiving Day will be observed on November 11 in the future if B. O. Hutchinson, of Spartanburg, South Carolina, has his way. Mr. Hutchinson is a professor in Converse College. He has made this suggestion to the members of Congress from South Carolina.

Professor Hutchinson says Armistice Day is certain to be observed with increasing interest in the future. He thinks that by making it a "Greater Thanksgiving Day" for the United States in a few years it will come to be celebrated as an international thanksgiving day.

The professor shows that with the Pilgrims, it was not regularly observed until about fifty years ago. There was no fixed date for Thanksgiving until President Lincoln named the last Thursday in November, in 1864. The other Presidents have followed his example.

put on before preparing my own breakfast, undoubtedly they would have exclaimed, "What are we coming to?" Thus spake Mrs. William H. Felton, first woman member of the Senate in a recent interview. "The call of the age is for partnership in the family, in the church, in State and National affairs, between men and women. It is not myself," she said, speaking of her appointment, "it is the recognition of womanhood and what it will mean to the oncoming generations."

**New Method Effective in Boll Weevil Control**

Keen interest in the new method of fighting the boll weevil, worked out by the Florida State Experiment Station, is being taken by the Bureau of Entomology of the United States Department of Agriculture. The new method consists of the removal and destruction of all squares present on the plants at a time when about two squares to the plant are present. This operation destroys a large number of the weevils and is immediately followed by a thorough dusting to poison the terminal buds where the remaining weevils are forced to feed.

In the experiments in northern Florida, the treated fields averaged 439 pounds of seed cotton per acre; the untreated checks averaged only 164 pounds of seed cotton per acre, showing an average increase of 275 pounds of seed cotton per acre in all tests. The average cost of treatment for the entire season was \$1.57 per acre.

This method apparently offers a means of controlling the boll weevil on low-yielding land, on which it has so far been unprofitable to use the dusting method. A very large proportion of the cotton crop is produced on low-yielding land. The Bureau of Entomology urges a widespread and thorough trial of this method during the coming season wherever the conditions appear suitable for its use.

**"COLD IN THE HEAD"**

is an acute attack of Nasal Catarrh. Those subject to frequent "colds" are generally in a "run down" condition. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE is a treatment consisting of an Ointment, to be used locally, and a Tonic, which acts quickly through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces, building up the System, and making you less liable to "colds." Sold by druggists for over 40 Years. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.

"If my colleagues in the United States Senator could have seen me in my kitchen the morning after I was appointed Senator, hunting my old apron to



YOU can't put it off any longer. Christmas is here and gifts must be selected. They are here—plenty of them—awaiting your selection. You'll have to hurry. Only three days more.

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| Mary Garden Sets       | Mavis Toilet Sets     |
| Silk Ties              | Wool Clocked Hose     |
| Budoir Caps            | Patent Colonial Pumps |
| Men's Hats             | Silk Hose             |
| Men and Boy's Trousers | Wool Hose             |
| Ladies House Shoes     | Dress Shirts          |
| Fancy Towels           | Satin Pumps           |
| Perfume                | Silk Elastic          |
| Men's Suits            | Dress Gloves          |
| Boy's Suits            | Silk Neckwear         |
| Silk Dress Goods       | Cutex Sets            |

You will find our grocery department full of the very best of everything. Come to see us. Do your shopping here and save money.



Here's to you—the good people of this community, who made this the merriest of all Christmases for this store and it employes by doing your shopping early.

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**THE MESSENGER**

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**SANTA HAS HIS GREATEST GIFT**

We talked to Santa Claus the other day, asking him what time he planned to come to our little town, because all the children were much interested to learn. Some of the little ones, we told him, feared he might not come at all—that they might be forgotten. But Santa smiled.

"I will be with you, have no fear," he said, "but just the hour I cannot say. If I get lots of help, it may be early, very early, but who knows? When the mince pie is in the oven, when the plum pudding is steaming in the pot, when the big gobbler is crisp and brown and nuts and raisins rest on mother's snowy tablecloth, when sleepy eyes are opened to behold the tree and the laughter of all the children echoes over fields and down the narrow city streets, when tender hearts, just everywhere, are all aglow with the joy of human brotherhood, there will not be a child in all the land that will not know old Santa's been around. A little lump will rise in mother's throat and perhaps a tear in dear old dad's eye will tell us that the spirit of the Christ still lives."

This year Santa said he will have a gift for everyone, the greatest gift in all the world. Of course he will leave the toys, the

apples and the candy sticks, but the candy will be eaten and one day the tin soldier will be bent. The big gift is to last forever. Santa found it in a manger. We forgot to ask his name, but as we look across the years and view the setting sun, we think that Jesus called it Love, so let us watch for it on Christmas morn and nourish it throughout the years, each day, each moment of our lives.

About the crookedest thing extant is the corkscrew, and just look what happened to it. It never pays to be crooked.

Uncle Zeke says: "Take the human race as a whole, its chief need is not more land, but more sense more industry and a more intelligent use of what it has."

Robert Quillen has doped it out thus: "There's so much bad in the best of us, and so much good in the worst of us, that it ill-behooves any of us try to reform the worst of us."

Hordes of autos now remind us We should build our roads to stay, And departing leave behind us The kind that rains don't wash away.

Our subscriber at Augusta wants to know whether there are automobiles honk-honking around the golden paved streets of heaven. We can't say, but it keeps us busy dodging the millions whooping it up on the streets and roads of this country.

Did you ever notice that most of the advice on how to succeed in life and how to run the country emanates from those who never made a success of anything?

**LIVELYVILLE LOCALS**

Livelyville, Dec. 18—The pretty weather of yesterday caused many folks to pay long promised visits and the promoters again met to organize a Sunday school. We hope they met with success this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Masters and family spent Saturday afternoon and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Masters.

Misses Pauline and Lela Brannen spent Sunday with Miss Ruth MacDonald.

Chester Wilson of Belott is spending several days with relatives and friends.

We are glad to report Mrs. Howard Denman is improving. She was able to be out of bed several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Dunham spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Will Dunham.

Miss Rusie Brown was in GrapeLand Saturday doing Xmas shopping.

Misses Belma and Anna Cunningham entertained some friends Sunday.

Dan Shipper spent Wednesday in Palestine doing some Christmas shopping.

J. F. Fulton visited his daughter, Mrs. Mal Whitaker, several days last week.

Miss Ruth MacDonald and a party of friends, also P. C. and W. C. MacDonald, were the guests of the Misses May Belle, Pauline and Lela Brannen and Mr. and Mrs. Will Brannen Saturday evening. They report a lovely time.

Mrs. Laney Johnston spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bishop.

This is our last report for this year as according to custom the Messenger office will be closed next week.

In conclusion we wish everyone a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year.

To relieve rheumatism, sprains, lame back, lumbago or pleurisy, Ballard's Snow Liniment is a remedy of proven merit. It is very powerful and penetrating. Three sizes, 30c, 60c and \$1.20 per bottle. Sold by Smith & Ryan

In extremely cold weather, laying hens should be given all the whole shelled corn they will eat just before they go to roost at night.



Just a wish from yours sincerely,  
Greeting you at Christmas tide;  
May fortune bless not Christmas merely,  
But all years of life beside.

**J. J. KNOBLE**  
Blacksmith



**Merry Christmas**

With all the greeting signifies, to the people of GrapeLand and community.

Peace! Joy! Plum pudding! Remembrance galore!

For the liberal support you have given us in the past, our sincerest thanks.

**PARLOR MEAT MARKET**

J. B. LIVELY, Prop.



May the day be as merry and bright to you as it is to us, and may the New Year bring you joy, sunshine and prosperity.

**CITY BARBER SHOP**  
Connor Denson, Prop.



**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

Here's to Christmas! May it be a merry one,  
A beautiful day and a happy one;  
Our thanks to you—  
We feel they're due—  
Here's godspeed to the year that's nearly done,  
Here's luck and joy for the year to come.

**M. L. Clewis**  
Your Tailor

**HOME SWEET HOME**

Oscar tells Aunt Hattie a Hunting Story.

by Terry Gilkison

AUTOCASTER



LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a ring and a doll, apples, oranges, candy and nuts.  
Sylvia Dickey.

Dear Santa:  
I want you to bring me an air gun and shot. Also nuts of all kinds and some fireworks.  
Your little friend,  
Golen Owens.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Come and bring me a nice little sled with bright shining runners all painted red, a box full of candy, a book and some other toys and all kinds of nuts and fire works and then Santa Claus I will be a good little boy.  
Your little friend,  
Lloyd Mills.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me (Morris) a train, a bell, a garden set and a big rubber all. Please bring me (Violet) a doll and a buggy to ride my doll in. Please bring us some nuts and fruit too.  
Your two children,  
Morris and Violet Stephens

Dear Santa:  
I want you to bring me a doll and some candy, apples, oranges and a pair of slippers, a ring and some fire crackers and a new dress.  
Minnie Dickey

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a doll, a doll buggy, a little train, some fruit, candy and nuts. Santa, don't forget my baby sister. Bring her a rattler and rubber doll.  
Willanette Sadler.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little boy 7 years old. I want you to bring me a tricycle and all kinds of fire works and some apples, oranges and nuts.  
Your little friend,  
Garland Owens.

Dear Santa:  
I want you to bring me a doll. And nuts and fruits and some oranges and some apples and fireworks and a story book.  
(Santa, this letter was not signed, but think she belongs to John Luce.—Editor.)

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me some fruit, candy, apples, nuts, fire crackers and a sleepy doll. I will not ask for much for the little orphan children will want something just the same as I do  
Hazel Luce  
P.S Bring me a story book too.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little girl 9 years old and I go to school and I want you to bring me a celluloid doll, a doll buggy, a tea set and some nuts and all kinds of fire works and some fruit.  
Your little friend,  
Era Owens.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Will you please bring me some fruit, nuts, candy and a doll. I also want a story book and want you to bring my little brothers Rudolph and J. D. some fruit, nuts and candy and some toys you wish them to have.  
Jane Revel.

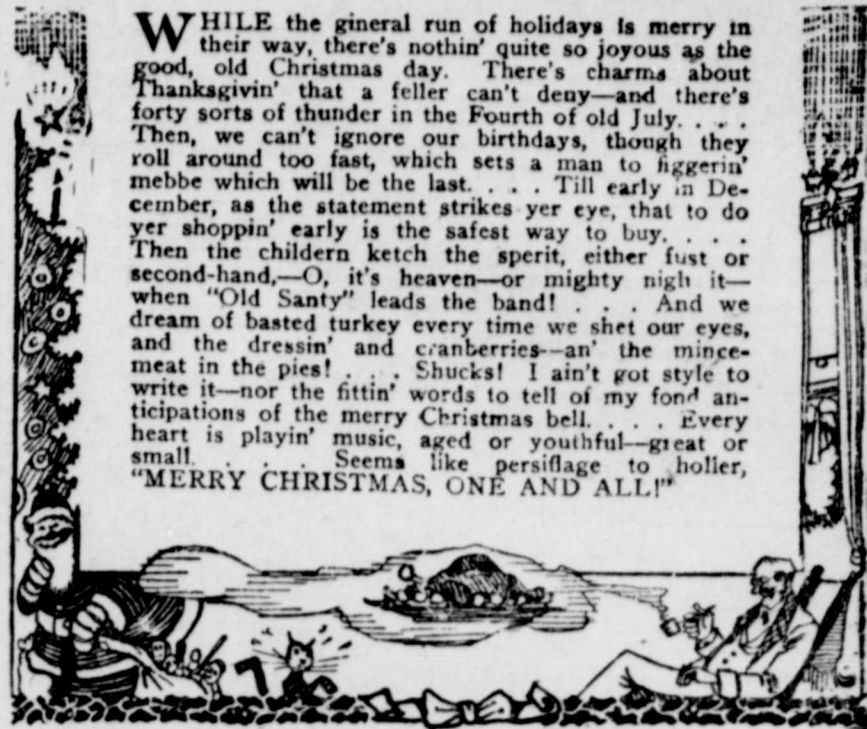
Dear Santa Claus:  
How are you? Well I hope. I want you to bring me a ring, a doll and doll buggy and don't forget some dishes. I also want some apples, candy and nuts.  
We want you down here Saturday night week. I am in the fourth grade. Well I had better close for this time.  
Your best friend,  
Olive Hendrick.

Dear Santa:  
Will write you a kind little letter to tell you what I want you to bring me a big doll and little brother a train and both of us a little express wagon so we can go to see grandma. Also bring us nuts and fruit of all kinds. We will close hoping you a Merry Xmas and a happy New Year.  
Leona and James Allen.

Dear Santa:  
Please bring each of us \*a little toy car, a rocker horse, a little bicycle and bring us lots of fruit of all kinds and all kinds of fireworks. Don't forget our little sisters, Linnie and Blanche and our little brothers Earl and Roy.  
Your little friends,  
Melvin and Clemons Ivey.

Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl six years old. I live with my grand parents, for my mother is dead. I have done my best to be good, so will you please bring me some dishes,

CHRISTMAS  
**Poem**  
by UNCLE JOHN



WHILE the general run of holidays is merry in their way, there's nothin' quite so joyous as the good, old Christmas day. There's charms about Thanksgivin' that a feller can't deny—and there's forty sorts of thunder in the Fourth of old July. . . . Then, we can't ignore our birthdays, though they roll around too fast, which sets a man to higgerin' mebbe which will be the last. . . . Till early in December, as the statement strikes yer eye, that to do yer shoppin' early is the safest way to buy. . . . Then the children ketch the spirit, either first or second-hand,—O, it's heaven—or mighty nigh it—when "Old Santy" leads the band! . . . And we dream of basted turkey every time we shet our eyes, and the dressin' and cranberries—an' the mince-meat in the pies! . . . Shucks! I ain't got style to write it—nor the fittin' words to tell of my fond anticipations of the merry Christmas bell. . . . Every heart is playin' music, aged or youthful—great or small. . . . Seems like persiflage to holler, "MERRY CHRISTMAS, ONE AND ALL!"

Mrs. P. L. Herod and two children have been on the sick list last week but are better at this writing.

Since our last letter there has been an addition to our community, a fine boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Newman.

Little Edwina Baker recently stepped into a pile of burning leaves and her feet were badly burned, but while it is very painful, tis hoped twill not be serious. She is reported better at this time.

PERCILLA NEWS

Percilla, Dec. 18.—That hog killing weather reported at Livelyville and Waneta last week by those correspondents failed to reach Percilla. Inasmuch as those communities join ours—one on the East and the other on the West and all of us are on about the same parallel of latitude—we are unable to account for this unless the weather man has taken a notion to hand around his cold snaps as he does his showers in spring time. If this is the case, we would be pleased to have our neighbor communities send us a few spare-ribs to keep buck and tongue from lapping too far till we get our cold snap. We are still in the latitude of cotton blooms and butterflies.

Mrs. Bud Elliott and Mrs. R. R. Sullivan spent the week end in Palestine where Mrs. Sullivan went to procure some dental work.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lively, of Elkhart, were in our town Sunday visiting the former's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. West Fitchett.

Mrs. Bryant Tyer and baby of Palestine came in Saturday to spend Xmas with home folks.

Charlie Dickey and Pete Elliott of Palestine were here visiting home folks Sunday.

Outside of a few chronic afflictions we have no sickness to report this week except that of Mrs. Lige Jackson who has been very low for some time, and at last account was reported no better.

Announcement

Rev. M. L. Williams will preach at Salmon Sunday. The public is invited to attend.

Road Working

Some very needed work is being done on the Daly's road this week at the Eaves' hill. A bridge is being constructed across the branch, a big fill being put in and the hill will be cut down about two feet.

Mrs. Joe Kellam of Sherman is here on a visit to her brothers, Messrs. T. H., D. N., and Frank Leaverton, other relatives and friends.

A MAN'S CREDIT IS HIS CHARACTER

He may be gifted in many ways; a brilliant talker, polished and all that, but unless he pays his bills and can borrow in a pinch, he isn't much.

THRIFT is the mudsill of credit. Spend a little less than you make--put something aside for emergencies that are sure to come in every one's life.

This proves that you possess that most precious of human attributes: Character.

Think over these few thoughts and start the New Year right.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR to you all is the wish of

Guaranty State Bank

U. M. BROCK, Cashier.



We wish you, our friends, prosperity in your undertakings, wisdom and zeal in your work, peace on your pathway, friends by your fireside, and strength to the last. And especially do we wish you a Merry Xmas.

CASH GROCERY CO.

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THE HOME BUILDERS

No one could say less,  
No one has said more.

For when we each in truth, wish each to be merry then there will be peace on earth and good will toward men.

We like to think of our patrons as our friends.

For we believe that friendly business is the best business—for us all.

So to all of you

A Merry Christmas



LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little boy five years old. I want you to please bring me a little street car, a ball, and a gun that shoots a cork so I can shoot my little sister with it. And bring be lots of fruit and candy.

Frank Newton Edens.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a doll, a little stove, and some little dishes. Also some fruit, nuts and candy.

Your little girl,  
Merle Edens.

Dear Santa:  
I have been a good little boy to help mama. I want you to bring me a little red wagon and a little drum and an air gun and a knife and a ball, all kinds of fire works, nuts, candy and fruit. This will be all I will ask for this time.

Your little friend,  
Arion Skidmore.

P. S. Don't forget my little sister and bring her a doll

Augusta, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a story book, an air gun and some fruits and nuts.

Your little friend,  
Howard Wain Scarborough.

Augusta, Texas.

My Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little cripple boy eight years old. Please bring me a football, nuts and all kinds of fruit. Please bring my little sister a doll, candy fruit and nuts.

Your friend,  
Billie Scarborough.

Dear Santa Claus:  
As I have been a good little girl I want you to bring me a little sleepy doll and a doll buggy and bed, a little cook, also nuts, apples, oranges, candy and all kinds of fruit. Don't forget my little brothers.

Estelle Monk.

P. S. Don't forget my little cousin Veda Hogans.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little boy ten years old and I want you to bring me an air gun, a french harp, a knife, some roman candles, fire crackers, fruits and nuts of all kinds. And I want some apples and candy and Santa please don't forget to carry mama and my little sisters something nice. They live in Hopkins County. I am visiting down here.

Your little boy,  
Henry Johnston.

Dear Santa:  
We are three little sisters and are writing you what we want you to bring us. I (Arline) want you to bring me a piano, a nice piece of ribbon, some apples, candy, fruits and nuts of all kind. That is all.

I (Ardell) want a doll, a set of doll dishes, a toy stove, some apples, candy, fruits and nuts of all kinds. That is all. I want this time.

I (Ethel Mae) want you to bring me a sleepy doll with curly hair, a doll bed and Santa, don't forget to bring my doll some clothes. Bring my little baby brother a rattle and don't forget to bring mama and daddy something nice.

Your three little girls,  
Arline, Ardell and Ethel Mae Howard

Dear Santa Claus:  
As it is getting close to Christmas I will tell you what I want. Please bring me a story book and a toy wrist watch and all kinds of fruit and candy.

Your little friend,  
Laura Walton.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little boy not quite 7 years old. I want you to bring me a pistol that will shoot caps, a little horse with a little saddle on it, a little toy car and some fireworks of all kind. candy, nuts and fruit of all kinds.

Your little friend,  
James Wilkins.

Dear Old Santa:  
How are you getting along these cold days?

Santa I am a little girl 5 years old. I want you to bring me a big sleepy doll with black curly hair, a rubber doll, a cootie game and all kinds of nuts and fruits. Santa don't forget my daddy.

Your little friend,  
Dainey Odessa Weisinger,  
P. S. Santa, please don't forget my brother in the navy.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Santa, please bring me a big sleepy doll, a rubber ball, a little stove, a doll buggy, fruits, nuts and fireworks.

Loye Weisinger.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Santa, please bring me a doll with black curly hair, a ruby ring and fireworks, nuts and fruits.

Your friend,  
Fannie B. Weisinger

Dear Santa Claus:  
Santa, please bring me a big doll, a ring, set of china dishes, a rubber ball fruits, nuts and fireworks.

Your little friend,  
Ruby Verna Weisinger  
P. S. Don't forget daddy and other little children.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little boy eight years old. I want you to bring me a french harp an automatic pistol, lots of fireworks, also plenty of something good to eat and Santa remember my brother who is 11 years old and my three little sisters.

Your little friend,  
Octa Skidmore.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me and my little sister Camie, a doll and doll buggy, a ring and lots of candy, fruits and nuts of all kinds.

Your little friend,  
Lucile Skidmore.  
P. S. Don't forget my little baby sister.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want you to bring me a doll with curly hair and eyes that will open and shut. Also a ring, a story book, a tea set and fruit and nuts and candy of all kinds.

Don't forget my little school mates.  
Your little friend,  
Olpha Brumley

Elkhart, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little boy nine years old. I want you to bring me a cap, some fruits of all kinds, fireworks and if you can bring me an air gun with some shot.

Your little friend,  
Weston Brooks.  
P. S. Please bring my little sister a rocking chair.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please come down Christmas and bring me a little rubber doll, a little dresser and a set of chairs, a little A. B. C. book and a box plum full of good candy. Also all kinds of nuts raisins, apples and oranges and Santa I will put a nickel in my stocking and you can have it.

Your little friend,  
Laura Moore.  
P. S. Don't forget my little friend Alvin Ferguson.



Merry Christmas

From US to YOU—good people! You whose patronage and loyalty have made us what we are!

We THANK you—and wish you a very Merry Christmas!

LAST MINUTE SHOPPERS WILL DO WELL TO COME HERE

- FOR MEN**  
WATCH CHAINS  
WOOL GLOVES  
BATH ROBES  
NECKWEAR  
SOCKS  
SHIRTS  
COLLARS  
BELTS  
MATCH BOXES  
HAND BAGS  
SUIT CASES  
STEAMER TRUNKS  
CUFF BUTTONS  
COLLAR BUTTONS  
CLOTHES BRUSH  
COLLAR PINS  
HATS  
FOR BOYS  
BATH ROBES  
SWEATERS  
MUFFLERS  
HANDKERCHIEFS  
POCKET KNIVES  
TIES  
BELTS  
SHIRTS  
CAPS

- FOR WOMEN**  
HANDKERCHIEFS  
GLOVES  
SILK SWEATERS  
SCARFS  
UMBRELLAS  
LACE COLLARS  
HOSIERY  
SILK OR WOOL  
ENAMEL TOILET ARTICLES  
PERFUME BURNERS  
HAND BAGS  
BEAD NECKLACES  
COMBS  
POWDER PUFFS  
EAR SCREWS  
VANITY CASES  
MANICURE SETS  
FANCY GARTERS

- FOR GIRLS**  
GLOVES  
SLIPPERS  
MIRRORS  
BAND COMBS  
TOILET SETS  
SEWING BASKETS  
BREAKFAST COATS  
HANDKERCHIEFS  
SWEATERS

KENNEDY BROTHERS

THE GRAPELAND HIGH SCHOOL IS PRESENTING  
"THE LITTLE CLODHOPPER"

—AT THE—  
STAR THEATRE  
TO-NIGHT (THURSDAY)

This play is for the benefit of "THE SAND BUR," the year book that is to be published by the students of the G. H. S.

The Cast for the Play is as Follows:

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|-----------------------|------------------|
| Juliaetta Bean        | Floye Boone      |
| Ocey Gump             | George Murchison |
| Mrs. Chiggerson Boggs | Dorothy Darsey   |
| George Chiggerson     | Manly Jones      |
| Charmian Carter       | Ruth Clinton     |
| Septimus Green        | Wingfield Lively |
| Judy Elliott          | Dorothy Clewis   |

There will also be chorus numbers between acts of the play

Dear Santa Claus:  
Christmas I want you to bring me a ring, a fur set and a story book. Don't forget the fruits and nuts. My little sister wants the same things too. I am eleven and she is seven.

Your dear little girls,  
Dorothy and Willie May Denson.

(Other letters to Santa Claus printed elsewhere in this issue.)

That many farm boys who enroll as club members in the production of live stock and crops become successful farmers is demonstrated in the case of eight young men living in Itaska County, Minn., who carried on club demonstrations from three to four years. According to a report to the United States Department of Agriculture four of them are now engaged in general farming, three of whom are growing certified potato seed, one is a dairy farmer, two are students at Minnesota college of agriculture, and one is studying for the ministry.

"Our Family Medicine"

"I WILL WRITE you in regard to Black-Draught liver medicine, as I have been using it more than 18 years," says a letter from Mr. S. F. Mintz, of R. F. D. 2, Leland, N. C. "I keep it in my home all the time, for it is mostly our family medicine. When we begin to feel feverish or sluggish, with trouble from the liver or stomach, we take a dose of Thedford's Black-Draught and the trouble is soon over. I mostly buy a dollar package at a time, and it has saved me many a bill."

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