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STATE FOX AND WOLF HUNTERS ASSOCIATION

Some of the more substantial sports got together at Marshall, Texas, called President Shultz over from Longview and had a reconsideration of the action of the board of directors which met in Longview six weeks ago and the Texas State Fox and Wolf Hunters' Association will be run according to the national rules as adopted last year and not a "free for all" cost as advertised.

Judges of wide experience from other states have been ordered to act with some home men. A master of fox hounds in the person of one of the Walkers, whose ancestors were largely responsible for the origin of the famous Walker hounds, has been ordered.

With this program on and the presence and assistance of those worthy gentlemen, the meet should be a success. All the boys are urged to attend a real field trial in Texas to begin December 27th at Jefferson, Texas, or a few miles out from there. Accommodation tram train out to grounds.

C. C. Starling,
Crockett, Texas.

Message From Santa Claus

Editor Messenger:

Please invite all of the little boys and girls of Grapeland to meet me at the School House next Monday night, Christmas Eve. I will be there promptly at eight o'clock if I don't have any serious breakdowns, and will have something for every one of them. Tell them to please be there ahead of time as I've lots of other places to go before morning.

Sincerely,
Santa Claus.
North Pole, Dec. 19th, 1923.

CARRIERS TO GET HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS DAY

For the first time since rural routes have been established, the rural mail carriers will get a holiday Christmas day. The postmaster general issued an order to this effect a few days ago.

Postmaster Leaverton stated to The Messenger that the carriers out of Grapeland would not leave the office next Monday until after the south bound train runs at 9:10 in the morning so that all packages coming in on that train could be delivered before Christmas day.

WHY WE DIDN'T PRINT IT

Quite a number of people have inquired of The Messenger why the names of the prize winners in the trade campaign were not printed. That's easy to answer. We quote below a part of section 482 of the postal laws and regulations:

"No newspaper, circular, pamphlet or publication of any kind containing any advertisement of any lottery, gift enterprise or scheme of any kind offering prizes dependent in whole or in part upon lot or chance, or containing any list of the prizes drawn or awarded is non-mailable matter."

So you see we had no choice in the matter but to abide by Uncle Sam's mandate.

Dr. G. Ward Shelfer of Dallas will be at J. H. Ryan's drug-store Grapeland, Friday, Dec. 21st and at W. P. Bishop's drug-store, Crockett, Saturday, Dec. 22nd—Eyes examined, glasses fitted.

Hooker Brown of Wortham is here to spend the holidays with his father, O. P. Brown, in the Livelyville community.

A WORD IN FAVOR OF THE BOND ISSUE

Editor Messenger:

Since the good roads question is now agitating the minds of the people and we hear a great deal on the question, both for and against, I would like to give my views on the subject.

First, let me say that I do not believe any one is opposed to good roads, but rather the opposition seems to be the method of getting them. The argument I hear against the measure is "it will cost too much."

I do not think so, and if the average man will sit down and figure what it will cost him I think he will see it as I do.

I am an average farmer. I own my own farm, tools, teams, etc. My road tax the first year will be approximately \$10.50. This tax will run for 20 years, but it will decrease at about the rate of 50c per year so at the end of 20 years I will have paid at the rate of \$5.25 per year for a good road.

I live in the San Pedro community about eight miles from Grapeland. I do not expect a hard surfaced road into this community, but I do expect and believe I will get a road that will be passable twelve months in the year. Then, too, after the road is built into this community I will be one-half mile from it, as I live on a community road. But I am perfectly willing to share my part of the tax to get the road into the community. I can get to it from my farm without any trouble and haul my stuff to market with some degree of satisfaction and be relieved of paying the enormous mud and sand tax I am now paying.

It is my honest belief that good roads is the salvation of our country, and I call upon all good people to give this matter serious thought. Let's not make the mistake of defeating this proposition, but go to the polls on December 28 and roll up a big majority for good roads.
Lonzie Tyer.

STRAYED—two Duroc Jersey gilts, unmarked, will weigh about 150 and 125 pounds on foot. Smallest one is deep red, been gone about three weeks. Notify Tom Brown, Route 2 Elkhart, Texas. tf

Beautiful line of fancy neckwear in latest Xmas designs at Variety Store.

If the roads are too bad for you to get to town to select your gifts in person, we will be glad to take your order over the phone, or write us and will fill the order the same as if filling it for ourselves.
Ryan's Drug Store.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE
1 Duroc Jersey boar, a dandy. What am I offered?

A. N. Edens, R. 3.

WANTED

1000 men and boy ages 14 to 99 years to order fall suits. Prices right.

Clewis Tailor Shop.

MR. WILLIAMS FOR ROAD BOND ISSUE

This seems to be an age of specialization and concentration. The day of the "Jack of all trades and good at none" is past. To cope with present day conditions calls for better schools, better teachers—teachers who are specialists in their line, and in order to have the services of such teachers there must be concentration of forces so as to secure both numerical and financial strength. This is why we have better schools and churches in the towns and cities than is possible to have in rural districts. While I do not believe in concentrating too much power in business, politics or religion, yet there must be at least enough to secure co-operation, and whether we like it or not, that is exactly what is happening with all the essential things that go to make up what we call civilization, that is, good schools, churches, roads, to the detriment of the rural communities.

Now, since we have to go to town to have our corn ground, cotton ginned, educate our children and to find a place to deposit our church letter (that's about all we do) attend, in fact, to all of our business, we ought and must have good roads.

That they will cost money goes without saying. Anything worth while costs money; even bad roads cost money, more perhaps than good roads in the wear and tear of teams, gear and rolling stock.

Your high priced horseless hack would last ten times as long, thus saving hundreds of dollars in repair and replacement expense to say nothing of the loss of time, temper, teams, patience and religion (if you ever had any.)

Now the cost will not be so great after all, when you figure the size of the territory covered, extending as it does from Crockett road beyond the Elkhart creek on the south to Anderson county line on the north, and from the Neches river on east to the Trinity river on the west.

The spread is so great, covering possibly two million dollars valuation, that it will scarcely be felt by the individual tax payer, especially since the railroad and telegraph companies and all non-resident property owners will come in for their share of taxes.

Let's vote for the bond issue, 1st, because it is to our interest to do so from a selfish or business point of view. It will save your time, teams, temper, and money. It will make it possible to educate your children by putting them in a Ford and kicking it off up the road to a good school. 2nd—For the sake of civic pride. Who wants to live in country where there is no push, progress or prosperity? Do you think any one will come in here, buy your lands and settle down with such advantages we have to offer?

3rd. This is the only fair way, spread it out over the whole great district and every man will pay only in proportions to what

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Bible school of the Christian church will observe "White Christmas" again this year with the presentation of another Christmas pageant. The title of the pageant is "The Adoration of the Kings and Shepherds."

This program will be rendered at the evening hour, Sunday, Dec. 23rd and the public is cordially invited to attend. Don't mind the weather, we will have the pageant "rain or shine."

Arthur Hyde, Pastor.

he has, but everybody pays, whereas under the old system, or lack of system, some had to and did do more and give more than others and still had no satisfactory roads. The world is progressing. We must either go with it or be left behind. Vote for the bonds. Give your children a chance and they will rise up and call you blessed. As Grover Cleveland said: "It's a condition and not a theory that confronts us." I am for good roads, good churches, good schools, first last and all the time.

M. L. Williams,
Route 4.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

Plans have been completed for a Christmas Tree and Service at the School Auditorium for next Monday evening, held under the auspices of the Sunday Schools of Grapeland. Following is the program to be rendered, commencing promptly at 7:30:
Master of Ceremonies: W. D. Granberry.

Opening Song: "Joy to the World" Audience.

Invocation: Rev. B. C. Anderson. Instrumental Duet: Misses Stafford and Johnson.

Reading: Miss Lucile Howard.

Recitation: Miss Hazel Kent.

Chorus: Ladies Choral Club.

Address: Rev. Arthur Hyde.

Arrival of Santa Claus.

An invitation is extended to every boy and girl in Grapeland to come to this Christmas Tree Service and meet old Santa Claus, whether they are members of any Sunday School or not. Santa has promised to be here with a gift for each of them.

Following is a list of the committee: Please read same carefully and if your name is here, please plan now to make this event a success.

To get Tree: O. W. Davis, C. L. Haltom, Willis Shaver, T. S. Kent, and Nathan Guice.

To decorate Tree and Building: Mesdames George Calhoun, Leon Anderson and R. B. Edens; Misses Beas Boykin, Eula Mae Davis, Adabel Leaverton, Lucille Howard, Eva Gene Murchison, Caston Guice, Julia Eaves and Ozelle Haltom.

To distribute Gifts and Act as Ushers: Young ladies of the following:

Mrs. Frank Leaverton's Class of the Methodist Sunday School.

Mrs. J. S. Eaves' Class of the Baptist Sunday School.

Mrs. W. H. Long's Class of the Christian Sunday School

Ryan's Drug Store still has a beautiful assortment of dolls, doll buggies, doll beds, swings, sets of furniture—everything to make the little girlies happy; but they are going fast.

Frost proof cabbage plants by parcel post, 100 for 35c, 200 and over 25c per 100.

Jesse Barnes,
Trinity, Texas.

A Merry Christmas

and

Happy New Year

To Everybody

COME HERE FOR GIFTS

We are Headquarters for Holiday Goods

Toys and Dolls of all kinds

CANDIES and FRUITS

Big line of Rugs, Kitchen Cabinets

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for nose and throat
Give Quick Relief

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J. W. YOUNG
Crockett, Texas

"You may tell the world that I am supporting the road bond issue to be voted on December 28, and sincerely hope the measure will carry," said M. L. Williams to The Messenger last Saturday. Mr. Williams is one of our good substantial citizens residing in the Daly's community and believes, like a lot of us, that unless we build roads the country is going to fall behind.

The most energetic workers feel lazy and low-spirited at times. This condition is caused by impurities in the stomach, liver and bowels, which should be gotten rid of before they bring on a sick spell. A few doses of Prickly Ash Bitters, the remedy that men use, cleanses the system and sends new life and vigor to every part of the body. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith Special Agent.

JOHN SPENCE
Lawyer
CROCKETT, TEXAS
Office up stairs over Millar & Berry's Store

LIBERTY HILL LOCALS

(Delayed)

Liberty Hill, Dec. 10.—Quite a number from here attended the community fair at Waneta Friday.

Mrs. L. A. Avera entertained the young people with a party Friday night.

Marvin and Miss Ervelia Holcomb were the guests of Miss Laura Moore Sunday.

Marshall Moore was a week end visitor at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Powell and Mr. and Mrs. William McAnally were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McAnally Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Harless Lasiter are moving to Waneta this week. We hate very much to lose these good people.

Audrie Murdock visited home folks at Rusk last week end.

Mrs. Jack Jones visited her parents at Salmon last week.

Frank Jones and family visited Jack Jones Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Cutler has returned home from Palestine, where she underwent an operation.

The death angel visited Mr. and Mrs. Lenard McLeod and took with it their infant.

Misses Freddie Ramey and Tommie Holcomb visited home folks Thanksgiving week.

Misses Owens and Morgan and Mr. Stanley attended the teachers Association at Fort Worth.

Miss Ervelia Holcomb visited in Alto last week.

Miss Mary Lou Moore was the guest of Miss Veda Hogan of Hickory Grove last week end.

Hustling up a living for the family generally keeps father so busy that he doesn't have much chance to use that Christmas lounging robe.



To our many friends and customers, and may the New Year hold many good things for you
We sincerely thank you for past patronage, which you have so generously given us

THE CITY BARBER SHOP
Connor Denson Proprietor

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



From
M. L. Clewis
Your Tailor
to
his many friends

Season's Greetings

Another year is coming to a close—and as the dawn of 1924 draws closer we experience the old promptings to let that "Peace on Earth, Good will toward Men" feeling find expression in words of appreciation for the past and hope for the future.

You, friends, we have endeavored to serve in the past twelve months as you wished to be served. If we have not fully come up to your expectations at times it has been because of forces beyond our control working against us. Your co-operation—your patience in aiding us to overcome obstacles and above all, your superb loyalty has made us feel that nothing is impossible of accomplishment, and that business conducted along clean sound principles offers the real joy in life.

The best that we can wish you and yours for the New Year is embodied in the following:

MENU

For the Year 1924:

Kindness Conscience, Clear
 Grace Good Cheer
 Tender Memories
 Charity, served with discretion
Peace Love Truth
 Long life stuffed with usefulness
 Hearts fond and true
 (A large portion)
Affection Sweet thoughts Happiness
 Best wishes for absent friends

May you have a Christmas that will linger long in the treasure chest of your memory

May contentment share with prosperity in all your efforts throughout the coming year

LONG'S CASH STORE

TO OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS GREETINGS

AND WISH YOU THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON

May the Yuletide Season be one of real joy and comfort to you and may the New Year open your pathway to a pleasant and profitable experience each day.

We come with thankful hearts to tender our greetings and thanks to our friends and patrons wherever you may be. We hope we may serve you during 1924.

Farmers & Merchants State Bank

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy 6 years old and go to school. I want you to bring me some apples, oranges, nuts, fireworks and a watch.

Thank you, Santa,
Arthur Brumley.

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl 3 years old. I want you to bring me a little set of dishes, some apples, oranges and nuts and bring my little brother a rattler.

Thank you, Santa,
Hadie Brumley.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a tinker toy outfit, dynamobile machine shop, two packages of Roman candles, 6 packages of firecrackers and some sky rockets, two packages of son-of-a-guns, and some lightning wood, 3 boxes of sparklers, 2 sacks of torpedoes, all kinds of fruit, nuts and candy. Bring to Albert Merle Luker.

Dear Santa Claus:

Will you please bring me a doll, doll buggy with blanket and pillow in it, a little bed, chair and dresser. Bring my little brother Mitchell, a wagon and little gun. Bring us both all kinds of fruits and fire works. We won't ask for much this Xmas so you will be sure to come.

Your little friend,
Helen Buckalew,
Percilla, Texas.

P. S. Santa, be sure and not forget my little cousin, Melba Gainey away out on the plains and carry her lots of nice things.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me (Morris) a box of carpenter's tools and a little airplane that will run when you wind it up. Please bring me (Violet) a big doll and a buggy. Don't forget our baby sister. Please bring her something pretty. Also bring us some fruit and candy.

Your little friends,
Morris and Violet Stephens,
Lubbock, Texas.

My dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a doll and some doll clothes, a toy machine, a doll dresser, candy and nuts of all kinds.

Your little friend,
Sallie Johnson.

P. S. Don't forget my little brother. Bring him some toys. Bring all the little children some toys, fire works, candy, and nuts of all kind.

Dear Santa Claus:

I'm a little girl 3 years old and I want you to bring me a sleepy doll that says Howdy and cries, a red wagon, a telephone and lots of little toys and don't forget grandma Selkirk.

Your friend,
Lois Selkirk.

Dear Santa Claus:

I'm a little girl 6 years old and I want you to bring me a sleepy doll that walks and talks, a cedar chest and a little telephone and anything else you want to. Please don't forget Mother and Daddy.

Your little friend,
Pauline Selkirk.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl in the thjrd grade. Please bring me a big doll and a doll trunk and a little broom and all kinds of nuts and fruit.

Your little friend,
Loyce Pennington.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a little doll, doll trunk, a little broom, a striped back bug and a little wagon and all kinds of nuts and fruit and remember Daddy and Mamma.

Your friend,
Bernice Pennington.

Dear old Santa Claus:

I'm writing you to let you know that I'm away out here in Coleman Co. this year. I thought I would be at Grandma's but can't get there so please Santa, come to see me out here. I won't ask for much as I want my other little friends to get some presents. I want you to bring me a little wagon, a French harp, a little gun, a toy car that

can be wound up and will run and Santa, please bring me some fruit and dear Santa, please don't forget my little friends and cousins back there and also carry my Grandpa's and Grandma's something nice.

Well Santa, this is all I'll ask for this time.

Your little friend,
Charles Audrie Morris.

P. S. Please Santa, don't forget to go see my Uncle Leo Keen and aunt, Annie Lou Brown.

Dear Santa Claus:

I saw you in town Saturday but there were so many people there I couldn't get to you, so please bring me a doll, some little scissors and a box of shot for Clifford's gun and some nuts and candy.

Your friend,
Vodney Pennington.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a big air gun with lots of shot and nuts, candy and fruit.

Your little friend,
Clifford Pennington.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a big air gun with some shot and lots of fruit, candy and nuts.

Your friend,
R. C. Pennington.

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl 3 years old. I want you to bring me a doll that will say mama, a doll buggy, a toy piano with stool. Also bring me some fruits of all kind.

Ouida Dickey,
Houston, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl 11 years old and in the fourth grade. I want a mama doll, wrist watch and ring. Also fruits, candy and nuts of all kinds and all kinds of fire works. I will have my stocking hanging up on the right side of the fire place and please don't forget my brothers and sisters.

Your friend,
Lee Ola Salmon,
Elkhart, Texas.

Dearest Santa Claus:

I am a little girl 5 years old and have always been a good little girl and I want you to bring me a large mama doll and little wagon and rocking chair and all kinds of fruits and candies, fire works and please don't forget all of the other little children that cannot help themselves. That is all I want. Thank you.

Your little friend,
Bernice Opal Steadman,
Elkhart, Texas.

Dear old Santa Claus:

We want you to please bring us lots of nuts, fruit and candy.

Each of us want a little pistol, a pretty top and some sparklers. And dear Santa, please most of all we want a real goat that will not butt. Be sure to remember our big bud, Leamon and his sweet wife at Crockett. Now don't forget any little girls and boys anywhere.

We close with lots of love for you and Mrs. Santa Claus.

Olan and Troy Langham,
Augusta, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl 9 years old and go to school, and Santa, I want to tell you what to bring me for Xmas. I want a doll and any thing else nice you have and my little sister wants a doll and doll buggy and lots of other nice toys and my little brother, Leon, wants a little Dodge. car and gun, and bring my baby brother a nice little rocky horse and some nice little rattlers and a knife, fork and spoon set, and bring all kinds of fire works and don't forget all by little friends.

Bernice Chapman.

Dearest Santa:

We are two little girls who are very very anxious for you to visit us. In case that you won't be able to crawl down through our chimney Christmas Eve night, we will leave our front door unlocked for you. I (Ruthie) want a doll that sleeps, talks and walks. I also want a doll dresser and chair, a box of candy and a game of cards. Catherine wants a big sleepy doll too, and a big

China or Aluminum tea set, a big red bag-pipe balloon. Also bring us both fruits, sparklers, and nuts of all kind.

Santa, don't forget all the poor little girls and boys in Germany especially. We will close with lots o' love.

Ruth and Catherine Howard.

Dear Santa:

I want you to bring me some apples, oranges, candy and nuts and also a handkerchief and a vase.

Your little friend,
Gladys Brumley.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a doll, a fountain pen and anything else you want to. Bring my schoolmates something nice too, fruits, nuts, a coconut and candy.

Your little friend,
Coila Lively, Percilla, Tex.

Dear Santa Claus:

I'm a good boy every time, if I don't forget. Will you bring me a doll, drum, and a little car.

Your boy,
A. K. Lively Jr.,
Percilla, Texas.

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl 8 years old and I go to school. I want you to bring me some candy, apples, oranges, nuts and a sleepy doll.

Your little friend,
Ada Pearl Brumley.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a baby doll, a car and a stove. I love you lots and wish you could live with me. Will you bring my brother and sisters some nice things too.

Lots of love,
Ora Earl Lively,
Percilla, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl four years old and I want you to please bring me a little sleepy doll, a set of toy dishes, a little iron and fruit, nuts and candy.

Please bring Albert Jr. a "come-back" toy of some kind, a ball, a little doll that he can't break and candy.

Love to you,
Frances Marie Gainey,
Maydelle, Texas.

Dear Santa:

I go to school and I want you to remember me, also my friends; also, Santa, remember all the little orphan children. I want you to bring me some fire works of all kinds, apples, oranges, fruits and some candy, an automatic pistol.

Your loving friend,
Arllion Brumley.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl 7 years old and I want you to please bring me a little stove, a doll and a little trunk and also some candy nuts and fire works, and please don't forget my little brother, Woodrow.

Your little friend,
Vola Beeson.

Dear Santa Claus:

We are two little sisters 3 years and 1 year old. We want you to bring a large doll that can say "Mama," and can walk for Willanette, and a little doll for baby sister. We also want a story book, some little dishes or anything you think nice for little girls. Don't forget some fireworks, fruit, candy and nuts.

Your little girls,
Willanette and Josephine Sadler.

Dear Santa Claus:

Will you please bring me this Xmas a little shot gun and a train, and bring brother Sam some blocks and some fire works and my baby bud wants a teddy bear. Please go to The Darsey Co. and get our toys and go to S. E. Howard's and get our candy and to Long's Cash Store and get our apples, oranges and nuts and if you are not able to make the trip to Arkansas, just have Mr. Sam Howard to mail us our Xmas things.

We wish everybody at Grape-land a merry Xmas. Dear Santa Claus, please don't forget aunt Polly Brimberry.

Your little boys,
Thomas Herbert Samuel,
Cleo and Allison Mayfield James
Hatton, Aak.

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Down



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The Woman's Tonic

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

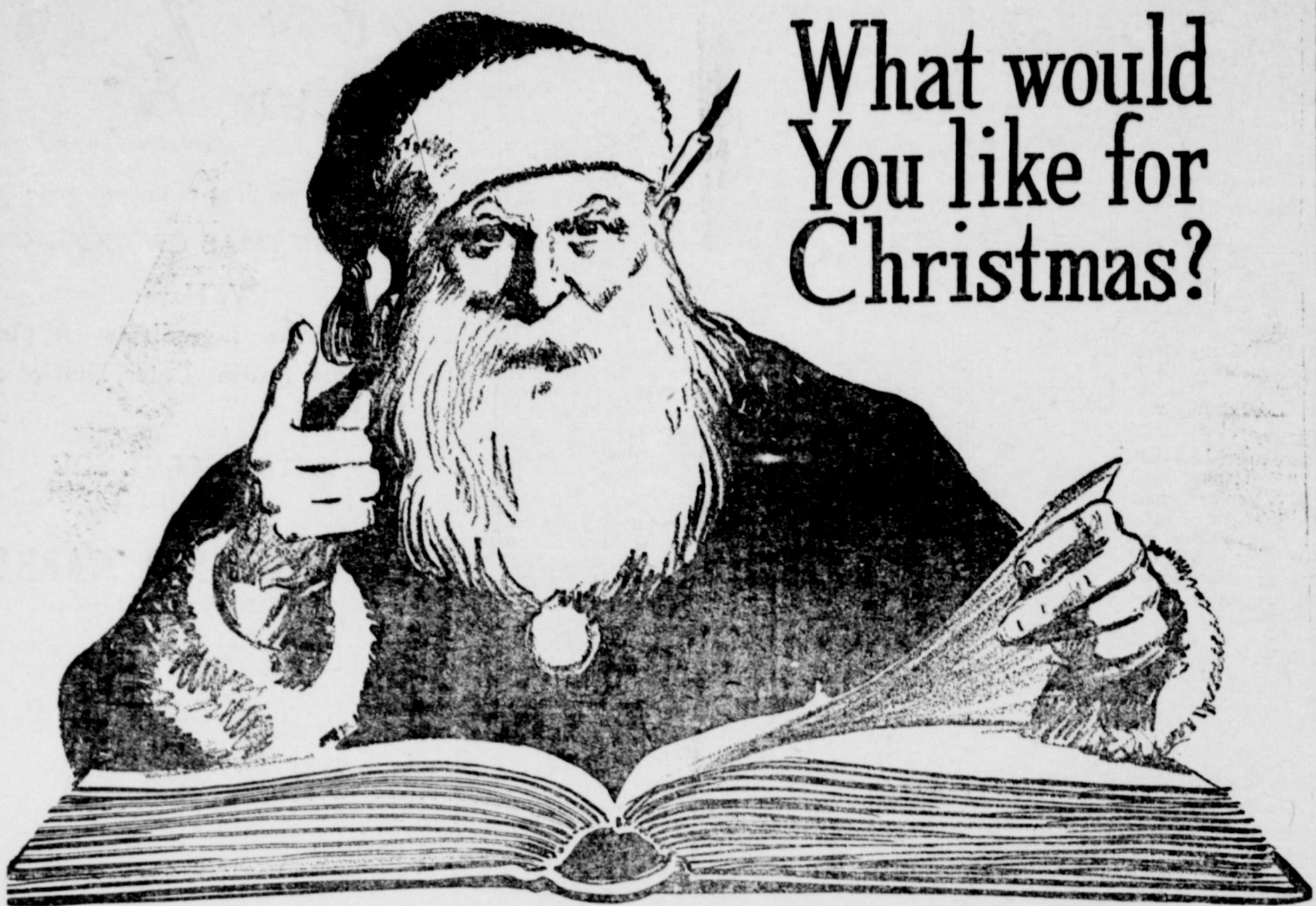
We extend our friends and customers greetings
of the season, and thanks for their
patronage during the year
that is passing

May each of you have



Norman's Garage

J. C. NORMAN, Proprietor



What would
You like for
Christmas?

A LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS

DEAR ANTA CLAUS: If you are still undecided what to give the men, women, boys, girls and children of Grapeland and vicinity, we suggest that you do like hundreds of other good folk—just come to this store and select something useful and serviceable. This will really be the logical thing for you to do if you want to please them most, for this store is the place most everyone in these parts come for the things they buy for themselves. We can help you answer the question "What to give" if you will let us. Your friends,

THE DARSEY Co.
GRAPELAND'S CASH DRY GOODS STORE

P. S.—We will deliver gifts for you next Monday evening, December 24th.

ASK HIM
WHAT HE WANTS
HE'LL SAY:

- House Shoes
- Neck Ties
- Hand bags
- Supporters
- Wool shirts
- Blankets
- Shoes
- Watch chains
- Cuff Buttons
- Styleplus Clothes
- Trousers
- Pajamas
- Hosiery
- Trunks
- Belts
- Pep Caps
- Purses
- Purses
- Oxfords
- Shave-aids
- Leggins
- Watches
- Tie Clasps
- Silk Shirts
- Overcoats
- Handkerchiefs
- Suspenders
- Stetson Hats
- Gloves
- Underwear
- Stationery
- Rain Coats
- Belt Chains
- Collar Pins

You'll find here other things men and boys like to wear. Just tell us who it's for.

IT STILL RINGS TRUE

When we review the progress prosperity and asocations we have been permitted to enjoy during 1923, it is a hard task for us to frame a phrase that will express our appreciation of your patronage, friendship and co-operation, and carry to you our sincere greetings of the season. There are two phrases, old with age, though ever new when spoken sincerely, that convey our feelings at this time:

WE THANK YOU
and wish for you and yours
A MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a New Year filled with Happiness and
Prosperity for you all

LAST MINUTE SHOPPERS

To the scores of people in this vicinity who have not completed their gift selections, this store stands out like an oasis in the desert. With ample stocks of gift articles for anyone, greeting cards, holly paper and boxes and free wrapping service, it will really be a pleasure for you to buy here. We invite you and urge you to—

PARK YOUR GIFT TROUBLES AT THE STORE
WITH THE XMAS SPIRIT

THE DARSEY Co.
GRAPELAND'S CASH DRY GOODS STORE

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EVERY LADY APPRECIATES
ONE OF THESE

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- New Footwear
- Brassieres
- Sport Scarf Sets
- Handkerchiefs
- Table Damask
- Fancy Towels
- Bar pins
- Purses
- Ear Screws
- Dress Materials
- Silk Hosiery
- New Coats
- Sweaters
- Blankets
- Bed Spreads
- Embroidery Pieces
- Rings
- Wardrobe Trunks
- Watches
- Toilet Articles
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- Fancy Garters
- Dresses
- Stationery
- Comforts
- Pillow Cases
- Millinery
- Beads
- Hand Bags
- Bracelets

There are other things here for every girl in the family from the teeny winy sister to grandmother.

Locals

666 for Colds and La Grippe.

Diamonds, jewelry, cut glass and silverware at Ryan's.

Frost proof cabbage plants, 100 for 35c. H. C. Jones.

Ladies and children's purses—ideal gifts for Xmas. Priced from 50c to \$3.50.

Variety Store.

Remember Santa is still making his headquarters at Ryan's.

Plenty of dry maize on hand; better buy now before the price advances. J. W. Howard.

MERRY CHRISTMAS to one and all. C. H. Sewell & Co.

If it is a Christmas gift Ryan's Drug Store has it.

25 inch dark, assorted colors, outings, at 15c yard. C. H. Sewell & Co.

Do your Christmas shopping at the Variety Store and "save the difference."

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Anderson are spending the week in Cooper with friends and relatives.

666 prevents Colds.

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

If impossible to get to town write or phone your Xmas orders to Ryan's Drug Store.

Good jewelry makes an ideal gift that lasts. Buy it at Ryan's.

Mrs. Wm. H. Long visited friends in Palestine the first of the week.

Buy your Christmas gifts at Ryan's Drug Store.

9-4 bleached sheeting at per yard only 50c C. H. Sewell & Co.

W. J. Wilkins of Livelyville visited relatives in Houston this week.

Ryan's Drug Store can save you money on a diamond ring or bar pin.

38 inch brown domestic at per yard 14c C. H. Sewell & Co.

A big line of beautiful Xmas dress shirts for men at popular prices at Variety Store.

You are invited to inspect our beautiful assortment of diamonds just received at Ryan's.

666 for Malarial Fever.

Large assortment of perfume in fancy bottles for Xmas. Priced from 10c to 35c at Variety Store.

Everything for the young ladies Christmas gift at Ryan's Drug Store.

Jersey ribbed and elastic knit union suits for misses and boys ages 4 to 16, at reduced prices. C. H. Sewell & Co.

Remember the Christmas tree and remember the beautiful assortment of gifts at Ryan's.

Apples, oranges, bananas, coconuts, seedless and seeded raisins and nuts at low prices. C. H. Sewell & Co.

Books for children, toys for the little fellows, scissor sets for mother, and pipes (with or without the case) for dad, at Ryan's Drug Store.

Don't forget that I am taking orders for fruit trees and shrubbery, making a specialty of paper shell pecans. Be sure to see me. J. E. Hollingsworth.

Diamonds are a splendid investment if bought right; buy one at Ryan's and save money.

Weldon Royall of Dallas spent several days here last week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Royall.

Holiday Bargains

We are desirous of making a clean sweep of our entire line of holiday goods and with this in view we mention here a few of our special inducements to buy from us.

- 30c A. B. C. Blocks 20c
- \$3.25 Wooden Wagon \$2.25
- \$2.25 Wooden Wagon \$1.50
- 65c tool chests for 35c
- \$5.00 Dolls at \$3.25 and \$4.00
- \$3.00 Dolls at \$2.25
- \$2.25 dolls at \$1.75
- \$1.50 dolls at \$1.25
- 50c dolls at 35c and 45c
- 35c dolls at 30c
- 25c drums 15c
- 50c drums at 25c

Manicure sets at one half price.

Toilet sets at 10 per cent off.

Some consignment jewelry at 25 per cent below retail price.

We have some books of fiction to arrive this week.

We have many many bargains not mentioned above.

A Graduate in Pharmacy Here

SMITH'S DRUG STORE

Everything a Good Drug Store Should Have

LAST MINUTE SUGGESTIONS

For Christmas Shoppers

You will find at our store the season's newest in every thing you will want for the entire family

GIFTS FOR HER

Silk hosiery in every color for the season and also the new styles in wool hose at prices that will more than be pleasing to you from 50c to \$3.00

Handkerchiefs for mother, sister, or daughter, three in box, just the nicest gift for her. Prices a box from 60c to 75c

PURSES! PURSES!

A beautiful assortment of purses in beaded bags, leather purses and in fact, the new styles are being shown at our place at prices from \$1.25 to \$2.50

TOWEL SETS

You will find some very pretty towel sets in all colors priced from \$1. to \$1.25

FANCY TOWELS

We are showing fancy towels in all colors, large sizes at the small price of 50c each—see them, they are good.

HOUSE SHOES! HOUSE SHOES!

We are showing the finest line of house shoes that the eastern markets offer and at a great saving for the Christmas shopper. For this they are beautiful at \$1.00 to \$1.50

TOILET GOODS

Mavis combination silk lined 1 toilet water, 1 face powder, 1 bottle Perfume. Special price \$2.50

RICHARD HUDNUT SET

Violet set—1 bottle Perfume, 1 Talcum Powder, 1 soap. Special price \$1.50

Perfume large size bottles the very best you get, neat packages \$4.75 to \$7.50

DRESSER SCARFS

We have a few very neat designs in dresser scarfs that are real values at \$1.35 to \$1.50

GIFTS THAT MEN WANT

GLOVES!

Gloves wool lined in tan color only. Special price \$1.35

Kid gloves in black and tan, priced from \$2.00 to \$2.25

Belts with silver buckles all colors—tan and black. Prices from 50c to \$1.00, \$1.25

SILK SOCKS

In all colors and in black and white a pair from 50c to \$1.00

SHIRTS

Fancy striped madras shirts in colors, price \$2.50

White broad cloth with detached collar priced \$3.25

White broad cloth shirts all sizes with collar attached, price \$3.25

TIES THEY WILL LIKE

We are showing the newest line of ties that the manufacturers are offering and at prices that please 50c to \$1.25

SUPPORTERS AND HOSE

Assortment that will more than please any man price \$1.35 to \$1.50

MEN'S ALL LINEN HANDKERCHIEF

You will find something of interest in men's all linen handkerchiefs each 25c

KRENITZ GOLD CUFF LINKS

Have you seen this nice assortment of cuff links? Then don't fail to see them for they are very pretty indeed. Priced to please \$1.75

We have many other valuable articles that would make good presents for the men and boys, so pay us a visit and get your valuable gift for the family.

FOR HOME AND STABLE

The extraordinary Borozone treatment for flesh wounds, cuts, sores, galls, burns and scalds is just as effective in the stable as in the home. Horse flesh heals with remarkable speed under its powerful influence. The treatment is the same for animals as for humans. First wash out infectious germs with liquid Borozone, and the Borozone Powder completes the healing process. Price (liquid) 30c, 60c and \$1.20. Powder 30c and 60c. Sold by Wade L. Smith

Mrs. Willis Goodson and baby have gone to Jacksonville and Troup to visit relatives during the holidays.

666 for Headaches, Colds, etc.

STOP THAT ITCHING

Use Blue Star Remedy for Eczema, Itch, Tetter or Cracked Hands, Ring Worms, Chapped Face, Poison Oak, Sunburns, Old Sores or Sores on Children. It relieves all forms of Sore Feet. For sale by

RYAN'S DRUG STORE

FOR OVER 40 YEARS

HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE has been used successfully in the treatment of Catarrh. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE consists of an Ointment which Quickly Relieves by local application, and the Internal Medicine, a Tonic, which acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces, thus reducing the inflammation. Sold by all druggists. P. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio.

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The Ford Motor Company of Detroit appointed us Authorized Dealers for Ford Cars, Trucks and Tractors in this area, to properly represent Ford interests, to give Service to Ford owners. The Company in return demands that we equip and maintain an adequate service station employing Ford mechanics, using only genuine Ford-made materials and charging regular Ford prices.

This is the service we are giving to Ford owners. Material, workmanship, prices—the standard of each guaranteed.

When your Ford car needs attention bring it to us, and get the benefit of expert Ford mechanics, and the benefit of our having the parts your car may need, in our establishment. We give you the assurance of Genuine Ford service, with Genuine Ford-made parts.

We have many time-saving devices in our service department, all for the benefit of the Ford owner. Give us a trial.

WE SPECIALIZE—WE SATISFY

Grapeland Motor Co.

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THURSDAY, DEC. 20, 1923.

Multiplied thousands of people are hoping that congress will get through with the downward revision of taxes in time for their Christmas present.

The weather man is lending splendid co-operation to those who favor the bond issue for good roads. The rains the past few weeks have made the roads impassable in many places.

Our friend, Billie Smith, editor of the San Saba News, is always boasting of the fine pecans grown in the San Saba valley, and from reading after him one would think that San Saba pecans were the only kind in the world. Let's see the evidence, Billie. We have some fine pecans down here in East Texas.



Make His Dreams Come True!

This is the best place to buy Xmas gifts

Wagons from 25c to \$3.50

Tricycles from \$3.25-\$3.75

Air Rifles from \$1.15-\$2.75

Pop guns, water guns and all kinds of toy pistols.

Dolls from10c to \$7.50

Doll beds, chairs and buggies. Also children's little red rockers and straight chairs.

Christmas stockings already prepared from 20c to \$1.00

ROAD MEETINGS

The bad weather all during December has greatly interfered with the good roads program in visiting the various communities, causing dates to be changed in some instances three times. However, all communities have been visited "between showers," so to speak, except the following, and dates have been given them:

Rock Hill, Friday night, Dec. 21.
 Antrim, Monday night, Dec. 23.

The people in these communities are urged to attend these meetings and get first hand information as to what is proposed to be done after the road bonds are voted.

AT METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday school 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m.
 Preaching at Percilla at 3 p. m.

"I was glad when they said let us go into the house of the Lord."

B. C. Anderson, Pastor.

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

For years it has been the custom of The Messenger to omit the publication of the paper Christmas week. We will observe the custom this year, so there will not be a paper printed next week. The next issue will be the first week in January. We wish you all a merry Christmas.

If you have a bad taste in your mouth, if your tongue is coated, and you have spells of dizziness, the trouble is in your stomach, liver and bowels; they are clogged with bilious impurities. Prickly Ash Bitters clears out the obstructions and restores healthy conditions. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith Special Agent.

- Merry Xmas. -
To Everybody

And to make things merrier, we are offering extra specials for
FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND MONDAY

Make your selections for Xmas. Serviceable Ones
**1-4 off of regular price on all
 MEN'S AND BOYS' SUITS**

10 Per Cent off on all Men's Hats and Caps
10 Per Cent off on all Shoes. Our stock is complete and your size is here.

Remember we have all kinds of Fruits, Candies and Nuts for your Xmas. Shopping

McLEAN & RIAL

LIVELYVILLE LOCALS

Livelyville, Dec. 17.—People here are getting things in shape to enjoy Christmas. Several have killed hogs and others are getting ready to. The wood piles have grown to considerable heights and are still growing, and we hope everybody will be happy at Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Ellis visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Masters Sunday.

Miss Ruth MacDonald spent the week end with her friend, Erma Lou Elliott at Percilla.

G. W. Garner was a business visitor to Palestine Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Floyd Denman of Elkhart is spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Denman.

Bud Denman, who has been sick for a week, is still confined to his bed.

Mr. and Mrs. Bunk Smith have moved here from the Union community. We certainly are glad to have them with us.

Paul C. MacDonald spent Saturday night and Sunday with homefolk. He was accompanied by V. F. Garner.

Miss Lula Hale visited Miss Corra Ferguson Sunday.

Miss Vina Howard visited Ruth MacDonald Monday night.

Jimmie Garner visited Claude Masters Sunday.

UNION DOTS

Union, Des. 17.—Our school is progressing nicely and all the pupils seem to be taking a great interest in their work with the help of their teachers, Mr. Duitch, Mrs. Sims and Mrs. Musick.

Mrs. McLemore visited her daughter, Mrs. Earl Smith, Saturday night and Sunday.

Raymond Masters has returned from Houston and will make his home in the Union community another year.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Caskey visited Mr. and Mrs. Malone Wright of the Livelyville community Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Masters and Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Smith visited Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smith Sunday afternoon.

Miss Flora Chaffin visited Miss Ina Mae Weisinger Saturday night and Sunday.

Ernest Caskey returned home from Houston Friday.

Miss Ruth Smith spent Sunday night with Miss Grace Caskey.

The Union boys played a ball game with New Prospect Friday evening. The score was 45 to 23 in favor of Union.

All the country needs is an all-year extension of the Christmas spirit.

LOCHFIELD—CLEWIS

Mr. Collin Lochfield of Crockett and Miss Dot Clewis of this city were married Saturday morning, December 15, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Clewis, Rev. Arthur Hyde officiating.

The wedding was attended by the family and close relatives of the bride.

The happy couple left on the 9:10 train for a brief honeymoon sojourn in Houston and Galveston, after which they will return to Crockett to make their home.

The friends of the young couple will join the Messenger in best wishes for a long life filled with joy and contentment.

MAIZE FEED

I have a car of maize heads on the track. If you need any of this excellent feed get it now as it is scarce on account of continued wet weather.

J. W. Howard.

Grandfather is pretty sure it will be a pair of slippers. All that remains to be decided is how many pairs.

Invest your Christmas dollars in Happiness Preferred and you will find the dividends large and satisfactory.

PHONE US for CHRISTMAS GROCERIES

No Christmas dinner is right without the right kind of groceries. For 37 years the tables in this vicinity have been laden with good things to eat from Darsey's. Won't you let us help you with yours this time? Groceries sold here are strictly fresh and of the highest quality.

Jellies	Teas and Spices	Best Flour
Cured Meats	Raisins	Cocoanut
Sauces	Granulated Sugar	Canned Vegetables
Marshmallows	Canned Fruits	Salads and Dressings
Baking Powder	Pickles	Nuts and Candies
Fresh Fruits	Alemeda Coffee	Cakes and Crackers
Cherries	Extracts	Powdered Sugar

ALL KINDS OF INGREDIENTS FOR FRUIT CAKES

GIVE HER A CEDAR CHEST
 Several sizes here to select from.

George E. Darsey & Co.
 THE SERVICE FIRST STORE

THE VARIETY STORE
 Santa Claus Headquarters

WANETA NEWS

(Delayed)
 Waneta, Dec. 10.—The fair was very nice Friday with more than 500 people in attendance. Mrs. Walling of Slocum in spending a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. C. L. Day of this place. Mrs. Scoggin spent Sunday with Mrs. Minnie Welch. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sullivan and little daughter, Mable, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Barnes. Miss Dollie Scoggin was the guest of Miss Lou Ella Hendrick Sunday. Miss Ida Barnes spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Maudie Jones. Miss Lela Leggett spent Saturday night with Miss Mable Rich. Misses Dollie and Fannie Jones spent Saturday night with Miss Allie Barnes. Miss Gladys Hogan spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Sheffield.



At Xmas give that greatest of all gifts—health. You do this when you fight tuberculosis by buying Xmas seals. For sale in every town, village, and school in Houston county. Mrs. Gertie Sallas, County Chairman.

BAKER—BRIDGES

Nathan Baker and Miss Olive Bridges, both popular young people of this city, were married Wednesday night, December 12, at the home of Esq. John A. Davis. The Messenger wishes them a long life full of happiness.

ANTRIM NEWS

Antrim, Dec. 17.—Mrs. W. R. Durnell has been sick but we are glad to report that she is better. Mrs. S. J. Martin is visiting in this community at present. Mr. and Mrs. Willie Price are the proud parents of a baby boy, which was born the 8th of this month. Mr. and Mrs. Allie Little visited at the home of W. R. Durnell Sunday. Calvin Durnell left for Houston Sunday, where he expects to remain awhile. Miss Willie Sullivan visited at the home of Jim Gray Sunday. Johnnie Parks, Edith Lois and Durwood Durnell visited at the home of A. W. Brinson Sunday. Ramus Streetman visited Porter Little Sunday. Mrs. Maud and Miss Eula Maud Durnell visited at the home of W. R. Durnell Sunday.

Children's Fatal Diseases

Worms and parasites in the intestines of children undermine health and so weakens their vitality that they are unable to resist the diseases so fatal to child life. The safe course is to give a few doses of White's Cream Vermifuge. It destroys and expels the worms without the slightest injury to the health or activity of the child. Price 35c. Sold by Wade L. Smith

RUBY—DENNEY

Frank Ruby and Miss Onry Lee Denney were married in Grapeland Tuesday, December 11, by Esq. John A. Davis. They reside in the Augusta community, and have a host of friends who will join The Messenger in best wishes.

ENLARGING BUILDING

An addition is being made to the building now occupied by the Cash Grocery Co., which will be used by Keeland Bros. after January 1, in addition to the building they now occupy. The firm will put in a general line of merchandise, and associated with the firm will be C. B. Keeland and A. M. Woodell, who is moving here from Belcher, La.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING

Following is the fifth Sunday meeting program of the Anderson County Baptist Association to convene with the Union Chapel church, 2 1-2 miles east of Grapeland, Thursday before the fifth Sunday in December at 10 a. m.: 10:00—What is the new testament law of church finance? B. F. Wright, W. D. Defoore. 11:00—Chart work, R. B. Key. 1:30 p. m.—Devotional service 2:00—Chart work, R. B. Key. 7:30—Preaching by Jim Roach Friday, 10:00 a. m.—What is the gospel and for what is it intended? J. S. McDaniel, P. E. Weisinger, Deckart Anderson. 12:00 m.—Dinner. 1:30 p. m.—Singing and devotional. 2:00—Chart work, R. B. Key. 7:30—Preaching by appointment. Saturday, 10:00 a. m.—Round table talks on the needs of the cause and how best to meet them. 11:00—Chart work, R. B. Key. 7:30—Preaching by appointment. Sunday at 11:00 a. m. Bro. Key will deliver an address on the second coming of Christ. The public is cordially invited to attend these services and help make this meeting a success. W. P. Davidson, G. W. Weisinger, Committee.



Amy—Is there an affinity between you and your husband? Sue—I am not sure; but I suspect his stenographer.—Sornell Widow.

"Why did Margaret insist on being married in an airplane?" "I don't know, unless it was because she thought no man on earth was good enough for her."—Boston Transcript.

"I'll never marry," said Miss Passay, with emphasis. "Perhaps not," replied Miss Snapp, "but you certainly have put up a gallant fight."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Man who has been celebrating the reduction of the price of beer asks the reception clerk at the hotel for a room. "Sorry, sir, we are full." "Well, I'm full, but I'm not sorry."—Hello! London.

Voice in Darkness—"Rastus, you black rascal, get out of that chicken-coop. I've got a shotgun aimed at you."

Voice from the Chicken-Coop—"Fo' de Lawd's sake, colonel, don't shoot! You might kill a chicken!"—American Mutual Magazine.

Uncle Rastus—Is you goin' to hang up yoh stockin' nex' Christmas, Mose?

Mose—Ah don' know, Uncle Rastus, Ah done hung it up las' Christmas, but all Ah got was a notice fum de Bo'hd of Health!—Hygeia.

FAVORS THE BOND ISSUE

Rev. C. A. Campbell of Salmon was in town Saturday for the first time in quite awhile, having been ill for some time. Mr. Campbell stated that he was heartily in favor of the road bonds to be voted on December 28, and hoped the proposition would carry by an overwhelming majority.

If the real spirit of Christmas is within us we will, indeed, find that it is more blessed to give than to receive, and we will give out of the fullness of our hearts and because of the joy that brings us, instead of from any other motive. So to get the real joy of giving and to receive the richness of the Christmas Spirit in fullest measure, give because your heart prompts you to and forget all else.—Katherine Edelman.

There would be merriment enough for all if everybody worked as hard in distributing holiday cheer as the postman.

CHRISTMAS ALONE

A fellow that is far away from his home folks on Christmas day may make an effort to be gay, but doesn't have much luck, says a writer. For though he occupies no chair, across the miles his heart is there, with mother, dad and sis to share the dressing and something in his throat grows tight and makes him dream of home.

AN EXHILARATING EFFECT

A bottle of Herbine on the shelf at home is like having a doctor in the house all the time. It gives instant relief when the digestion gets out of order or the bowels fail to act. One or two doses is all that is necessary to start things moving and restore that fine feeling of exhilaration and buoyancy of spirits which belongs only to perfect health. Price 60c. Sold by

Wade L. Smith

When a man tries to sneak a few gifts into the house it seems that the family is always congregated around the front door.

Pennant Gas and Oils

In buying gasoline always call for PENNANT GAS AND PENNANT AND DIAMOND OILS, handled by Pierce Agency in Grapeland. They have made a \$3,500 investment here, pay school and county taxes and spend between \$600 and \$800 monthly, giving employment to two men and one truck.

GRAPELAND DEALERS:

Norman's Garage Keeland Bros.
 Geo. E. Darsey & Co. Kennedy Bros.
 Wade L. Smith Grapeland Motor Co.
 Guice's Drive-in Filling Station

PERCILLA DEALERS:

Lively & Kellum C. E. Jones

AUGUSTA DEALERS:

C. A. Moore, J. V. McAnaly

REYNARD DEALER:

Beazley & Kent



THE CHRISTMAS BOOK

The best book you can give yourself or your family for Christmas is a BANK BOOK.

Added pleasure comes from reading it day by day as the balance grows, because you realize how it is making you more and more independent.

We help by adding interest annually, so even though you do start with a small amount it soon grows into an appreciable sum.



If you have a want of any description, use a little want ad and get rid of it.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa:

When you come our way Christmas Eve night please leave the following for me: An air gun, red wagon, fire works, airplane, fruits and candy and Santa. I hope you don't forget any little boy or girl that night.

Your little friend,
Leon Eaves.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy 7 years old and I go to school. I am a good little boy. I want you to bring me a pistol and

knife, candy, nuts, and fire works of all kinds. Don't forget Mother and Father and my two little sisters.

Yours Truly,
Joe Brunson.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl 10 years old. I am going to school and in the fourth grade. I want you to bring me a doll, a doll carriage, a ball, candy, nuts, oranges, apples and all kinds of fire works. I have two little sisters. I want you to bring them a doll Iron, doll trunk, doll bed and all kinds of

fruits. Don't forget mother and father.

Your little friend,
Eunice Brunson.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl 10 years old. I am in the fourth grade. Please bring me a large doll that has curly hair with eyes that will open and close, a doll bed, a stove, pair of scissors, a little Iron, pair of pretty beads, a ring, a wash stand, dresser, some apples oranges, candies, nuts, raisins and all kind of fire works. That is all.

Your Friend,
Bernice Shaver.

P. S. Don't forget my two sisters and my brother.

You will be proud of your gift if it comes from Ryan's.

NOTICE—POSTED
Please put up your hogs—they are ruining the grass in my pasture.

M. E. Adams.



Buy Xmas Gifts Here

FOR HIM

Cuff buttons, 35c to \$11.50 per pair.
Gold knife sets with cuff buttons \$8.40 and up.
Silver and gold belt sets \$4.15 and up.
Fountain pen sets \$5.50 up
Watch chains \$1.45 to \$14.50.
Emblem rings \$3.50 up
Handsome pipes in plush lined cases \$1.95 to \$17.50

FOR HER

Diamond rings \$1.25 up
Wedding rings \$1.50 to \$30.00
Diamond rings, \$25.00 to \$750.00 each
Diamond bar pins \$20.00 to \$175.00 each
Fountain pens \$1.50 to \$11.50
Stationery 25c to \$5.00 per box.
Odd pieces of Silverware \$1.50 up
26 piece sets of Silverware at \$12.75 to \$31.50.

Many other suitable gifts for the family, too numerous to mention.

Ryan's Drug Store

Prescriptions Filled by Registered Pharmacist
Quality, Service and Fair Price

Dr. D. B. McGee of Waco was here several days this week on business, and visiting the family of his brother-in-law, John A. Davis.

OUR MISTAKE

In the Variety Store ad last week, stationery was quoted at \$1.50 to 75c per box. The correct price is 15c to 75c per box.

Too much sweet stuff puts the stomach out of order. A dose of Prickly Ash Bitters corrects the trouble, restores appetite and good digestion. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith Special Agent.

KENDRICK—MONTGOMERY

Mr. Stuart Kendrick of Elkhart and Miss Ardelle Montgomery were married Sunday, Dec. 16, at the home of Mrs. J. M. Selkirk, Rev. Arthur Hyde officiating.

Do your Xmas Shopping with us

OUR STOCK OF DRY GOODS, CONSISTING OF SHOES FOR ALL THE FAMILY, MEN'S AND BOY'S SUITS, MEN'S AND BOY'S HATS AND CAPS IS COMPLETE. THE PRICE IS RIGHT.

We have a beautiful line of Ladies handkerchiefs three in box, priced from 35c to \$1.00 per box.

Don't fail to see our neckties for young men. Also hose.

OUR GROCERY STOCK IS COMPLETE. Better not take a chance on "any kind" of flour for that Xmas cake—get a sack of Texas Queen and be safe.

We have in stock: English Walnuts, Brazil Nuts, Almonds, Cocoanuts, seeded raisins, London Layer Raisins, Mince Meat, Shredded Cocoanut, Sliced and Grated Pineapple, Canned Peaches, in the Melba halves, Canned Apricots, Canned Pears, Fruit Salad.

Big stock of Apples, Oranges and Bananas, all sizes and prices.

All kind of fire works

Car load of

Oats: Bran, Corn Chops, Whole Maize, Feed Oats, Seed Oats, Wheat Shorts, Choice Alfalfa Hay. Get our prices before you buy

LONG'S CASH STORE

MARLIN

The best all round health resort in the South. Three hot alkaline laxative mineral wells. Thousands have found relief from rheumatism, sciatica, neuritis, skin diseases, malaria, constipation, and many other chronic troubles. If you need a rest, change, "boil-out" or an expert diagnosis and treatment for any persistent chronic trouble, try it. The Majestic Hotel and Bath House are thoroughly modern and up to date in every respect and connected directly with the Torbett Sanatorium. A large group of experienced specialists in all lines equipped with the latest X-ray, electrical, laboratory and other modern equipment. Many who have not recovered from the influenza or dengue have found relief.

For folder or further information address—

MAJESTIC HOTEL AND BATH HOUSE
Marlin, Texas
or Box 60

THIS IS TO WISH YOU
A Very Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year

We wish to thank you for the prosperous business we have enjoyed this year and realize that it was through you that we enjoyed this prosperity. But we have at all times tried to please you and to give you the most reasonable prices.

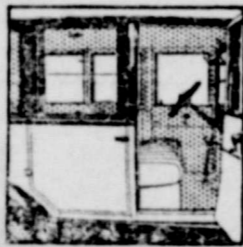
We ask you to come back and let's work together to make the coming year one of prosperity and happiness.

This Store Will Be Closed Dec. 31, January 1st. and 2nd. Taking Inventory

WE WILL BUY YOUR COTTON

KENNEDY BROS.

Fordor Sedan
\$685



—for Christmas

IT IS not at all surprising that the new Fordor Sedan is proving extremely popular as a Christmas gift. For this handsome closed type body is a truly exceptional

value at its present price —\$685, fully equipped. Inspect this new Fordor Sedan at your first opportunity and arrange for its delivery on Christmas morning.

You can buy this car through the Ford Weekly Purchase Plan

Grapeland Motor Co.

