

The Baird Star.

Our Motto: " 'TIS NEITHER BIRTH, NOR WEALTH, NOR STATE; BUT THE GIT-UP-AND-GIT THAT MAKES MEN GREAT."

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SANTA CLAUS AT CHURCHES

The Good Old Saint Nicholas Bounteously Remembered All His Little Children

Christmas, while one of the most joyous Saint Days of the Church, celebrating, as it did this year, the 1923d anniversary of the birth of the Son of Man, is essentially a children's holiday, honoring as it does not only the natal day of Son of Joseph and Mary but also the memory of the good Saint Nicholas, who loved them, was joyously ushered in on Christmas Eve in all four of the Baird churches.

In the Church of Christ, the Baptist, the Methodist and the Presbyterian Churches, old Santa was the bearer of gifts, and one who visited either of these places of worship saw nothing but ingenuous and smiling childish faces, until tired from the night's actualities they closed their tired eyes to dream sweet dreams of the morrow's possibilities.

AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

At seven o'clock Tuesday evening at the Church of Christ, a Christmas tree, loaded with good things—tokens of love and good will, greeted the audience of buoyant, happy hearts and souls, which filled the church to its capacity.

The real solemnity and seriousness that should always characterize the celebration of such an event as the Saviour's coming into the world to redeem it from sin and eternal woe, prevailed throughout the exercises.

The program began with the singing "Silent Night," which had the desired effect upon the audience—impressing upon the hearts of every one the sacredness of the event by which December 25th is supposed by tradition to celebrate.

After the song, prayer, together with tradition, was offered by Brother Cooper, that the service might be just what it should be in His sight. Short recitations and readings were given by the following boys and girls:

Mary Joe Hart, Harold Hensley, Buddie Hart, Lizzie Hinds, Eldred Bell and Vernon Heard.

After these little folks had rendered their parts in a most commendable manner, Brother Cooper made a short talk, explaining the origin and meaning of Christmas celebration, as held in Christendom down to the present time. He especially emphasized the thought that it is not known on what day the Savior was born, and that the spirit of unselfish love, devotion and service to others, now finds its expression in our giving tokens of remembrance, even though the cost may be trivial, to one another in order to cheer and encourage each other to a nobler and higher life. With special emphasis he endeavored to impress the lesson that the Christ spirit always manifests itself in flowing out in unselfish service to all, even to the most unjust, ungrateful and undeserving.

At the conclusion of this talk, Santa Claus came in, lugging a box of good things. His appearance upon the scene was quickly discovered by all, even to the least. Without
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AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION A MOST VALUABLE ASSET

"In dollars how much does education increase the earning capacity of the young farmer?" is a question asked by the United States Bureau of Education. Some of the State Agricultural Colleges are publishing figures in answer to this question.

The Georgia Agricultural College collected the facts from 1,271 farmers of that State and found that those who had no schooling earned on an average of only \$240 a year; those with a good common school education earned \$565 a year, while those who had completed a high school course earned an average of \$664.

The men who had completed an agricultural short course earned \$896 a year, and those who had graduated from the agricultural college were earning an average of \$1,254 a year.

The Kansas Agricultural College had 1,237 reports. The average young farmer with a common school education earned \$422 a year, the high school graduate \$554. The men who had taken the short course in the agricultural college earned an average of \$859 a year, and the college graduate \$1,452.

Every farmer boy in Callahan County should carefully study the above figures. Texas is preeminently an agricultural and stock raising State. There are tens of thousands of acres of its fertile land yet to be developed and made productive.

Land can be purchased on easy terms. With brains and brawn to develop and improve it, there is no reason why the ambitious young man possessed of a scientific agricultural education, should not only achieve independence on the farm, but a comfortable fortune as well.

The ranks of law, medicine, the ministry, industrial arts, &c., are overcrowded and the big salaries and opulent incomes go to but the few. On a farm one is the master of his own destiny and intensive, scientific agriculture, stock raising, &c., is a sure road to independence.

Be a farmer or a stock breeder or, better still, a combination of both, and prepare yourself for your life vocation scientifically. Texas A. & M. College is one of the best institutions of its kind in the country. Hitch your wagon to the Star of Agricultural Independence and you'll never regret it.

CHRISTMAS DAY NUPTIALS AT OLD BELLE PLAINE

A quiet home wedding was celebrated Christmas Day at old Belle Plaine, when Miss Josephine Blakley became the bride of Mr. Robert B. Taylor, a prosperous farmer of the Scranton neighborhood, the ceremony being performed by Rev. W. J. Mayhew, pastor of the Baird Methodist Church.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Blakley, who have lived at Belle Plaine for more than forty years.

Mrs. Taylor is a school teacher at Scranton and will finish out her term.

PORK CHOPS TEMPTATION

To Night Prowler Who Feloniously Entered "Dad and Charley's" Restaurant

Temporary Night Marshal Major Tom Perry, who is very efficiently holding down the job during Night Marshal J. R. Roper's absence on his vacation, while patrolling Market Street this morning at about 3 o'clock, found something wrong in "Dad and Charley's" Restaurant, formerly the Jarvis Cafe. He investigated, found the place had been feloniously entered, and heard a suspicious noise in the kitchen.

Around the corner of the Schwartz Building he sped, but when he reached the rear of the restaurant all was quiet and an open window showed that the prowler had made his get away, evidently frightened by the noise made by the Major in front. The prowler left a trail in the muddy alley, however, and the Major thinks he could identify him by the footprints he made.

Mrs. Wise reports that only a pound or so of pork chops were missing this morning, and the prowler, who was probably one of those "On My Way" boys, risked liberty and possibly life, urged on by ravening hunger.

One of the front vestibule windows having been broken it was temporarily replaced by a square of beaver board. A corner of this had been loosened to give the pork chops pilferer ingress.

OLD TIME DANCING REVIVED IN BAIRD

The old-time dance given at Terrell Hall Wednesday night was the fourth of the series of "real dances" that were inaugurated during the late Callahan County Fair.

The young people, emulating their elders in real pedal rhythm, are beginning to essay the simple cotillion and quadrille. A competent teacher should instruct them in the intricacies of the galop pronounced (galow), the polka, the waltz, the schottische, the mazourka, the varsovienne and other rhythmic pedal exercises that are both graceful, healthful and modest.

The old-time dancers see neither rhythm nor poetry in the bunny hug nor the turkey hop nor the fox trot, and the tango, translated from its native Argentina, became vulgarly salacious.

Dancing—right dancing—is the very poetry of motion and should be encouraged. When this is done dancing will automatically rob itself of those vicious features which, with ultra good people has made modern dancing a synonym for mortal sin.

Monday night of next week, December 31, the old-time varieties of terpsichore will have their fiftieth dance, and to the lilting rhythm of old-time music, will dance Old Man 1923 into his grave and joyously welcome the birth of the Infant 1924.

Curious visitors, by the way, are more numerous than the dancers and are always made welcome.

MISS DANA FOY WEDS EDGAR HARVEY SWITZER

The marriage of Miss Dana Foy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Foy, to Mr. Harvey Switzer, of Eastland, was solemnized yesterday morning at nine o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, with only relatives and intimate friends present.

Previous to the ceremony Mrs. C. Boone Holmes sang "I Love You Truly." As the strains of Mendelssohn's "Wedding March," played by Miss Annie V. Foy, sounded, the bridal party entered.

First were Miss Mabel Mitchell and Mr. Wilbourn Collier; then Mrs. Frank W. Austin, accompanied by Mr. Dudley Foy, twin brother of the bride.

They were followed by the bride and groom and a brief but impressive ring ceremony was read by Rev. Chas. A. Loveless, pastor of the First Baptist Church.

The room in which the ceremony took place was tastefully decorated with chrysanthemums, carnations and ferns.

The bride was becomingly attired in a Mandarin dress of Poiret tulle, with accessories to match and carried a shower bouquet of cream rose buds.

The out-of-town guests were the Misses Camille Switzer of Dallas, Ida Bell Switzer of Comanche, Mabel Mitchell and Marian Hunt of Eastland; Mrs. Frank W. Austin of Fort Worth; Messrs. H. J. Switzer of Comanche, Wilbourn B. Collier of Eastland; Mr. and Mrs. Carl P. Springer of Eastland.

The bride and groom left immediately for points east and north and will return to Eastland, where they will make their future home.

McMURRY'S MIRACULOUS PROGRESS

McMurry College of Abilene took the initial step toward the erection of a superb gymnasium at the first annual football banquet December 3. The entire student body, faculty members, board members and many friends were present, all of whom pledged their whole-hearted support.

The campaign is rapidly taking definite form. The Ways and Means Committee has been appointed and is organizing a drive for \$50,000. The gymnasium must be ready for use by the opening of the full term, 1924.

The student body of McMurry College pleads for the support of all interested in the welfare of the youth of West Texas.

Mrs. W. H. Berry and children, returned yesterday from Haskell, where they spent Christmas with Mrs. Berry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Farmer.

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Carter and daughters, Dona and Addine, of Big Spring, visited relatives in Baird yesterday. They were enroute home from Wichita Falls where they spent Christmas with Mr. Carter's mother and family.

Mrs. John Rice and grand daughter, Miss Eunice Stratton, of McLean, are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Bowler and family. Mrs. Rice, Mrs. Bowler and Miss Stratton were pleasant visitors at The Star office yesterday. Miss Stratton is a composer on the McLean News.

AMATEUR THESPIANS

In Their Presentation Of Two Humorous Playlets Distinguished Themselves

Amateur theatrical performances by home talent have always been liberally patronized by Bairdites, but the plays presented were generally of a character that required trained actors in their proper presentation, and to many left the impression of mere dialogues.

The staging Thursday night, December 20, at the School Auditorium, of two playlets, "Sewing for the Heathen," and "Busher's Girl," acted by those who generously volunteered their services for amateur theatricals, was a revelation to most patrons of local talent theatricals. The two skits, in the first place, were clearly within the thespic capacity of amateurs, and the performers had been well drilled in their speaking and acting parts by Mrs. Fred Major, a retired actress, with that wide experience "on the boards" and with actors, good, bad and indifferent, to fit them into their parts without too much mental tension (i. e., that welding together of both the spoken lines and the "business" and "mugging" of the character portrayed, that the "mirror is flity held up to nature"). Thus, having the technique of the actor's art at her finger tips, so to speak, she was able to present a very pleasant and realistic performance.

Mrs. Major, at the last moment, was obliged to "go on" in the playlet first presented, "Sewing for the Heathen," appearing as "Grandma," a very deaf old lady. The finale, "Busher's Girl," was a more ambitious production, but went over very creditably. It is to be hoped, that for pure art's sake, Mrs. Major continues her dramatic coaching, so that our budding thespians may histrionically shine with brightest rays behind the footlights.

EX-STUDENTS OF ABILENE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE ENTERTAIN

The ex-students of Abilene Christian College, who attended the late Callahan County Teachers' Institute in Baird, met at Mrs. Hawk's boarding house dining room, Wednesday evening, December 19, and regaled themselves with an informal dinner. Old times at the college were discussed and a very pleasant evening was spent by all.

The following former students of the college are teaching in Callahan County, and participated in the reunion:

The Misses Lucille Walls, Eula; Lorena Sikes, Denton; Gladys Slater, Clyde; Ada Sikes, Denton; Alene Brewer, Enterprise; Lois Stephenson, Clyde; Alice Hamlett, Erath; Essie Butler, Colony; Beatrice Owens, Clyde; Mrs. Earl Slater, Clyde; Messrs. Bailey Johnson, Oplin; Floyd Phillips, Oplin; Byrd B. Lewis, Eula.

R. L. Alexander and son, John, spent Christmas with Mr. Alexander's venerable mother, Mrs. J. M. Alexander, at her hospitable home in Breckenridge, motoring back to Baird Tuesday evening.

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SUBSCRIPTION RATES

OUTSIDE OF CALLAHAN COUNTY:

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Three Months......75

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One Year.....\$1.50
Six Months......80
Three Months......50

(Payable in Advance)

Henry Ford, as a candidate for President, was a joke, but Henry Ford as a supporter of some other candidate for President, is not a joke, if he is disposed to use his influence and part of that big bank account of his for his candidate, Mr. Bryan and High Johnson to the contrary notwithstanding.

One candidate, a young lady, has announced for County Treasurer of Shackelford County. No doubt that early in the year the candidates will throng out in all counties.

As most of the county officers of Callahan County are serving their first term, it may be that candidates will not be so numerous in Callahan County this campaign as in the last. Most voters are willing to concede a second term to an officer who has made good; but things are getting so that some people want a change of officers every election.

No successful business concern uses any such method, for when they secure a faithful, efficient clerk he is employed indefinitely, but politics does not work along practical business lines, as we all know.

So far as we know, Baird enjoyed a safe and sane Christmas and nothing occurred to mar the joyous occasion. Especially were we pleased to note the fine Christmas spirit that prevailed everywhere. If any in need were overlooked by the Good Fellows and other charitable organizations and individuals, it was not their fault. The Goodfellows alone distributed between \$150 and \$175 in groceries and presents to those less fortunate.

Jesus Christ said it was more blessed to give than to receive gifts, and those who contributed to the Goodfellows Fund would realize this if they could hear what the recipients of their bounty said about them: "Tell them we thank them!" That meant a whole lot.

The Star hopes all had as good a time as the editor had—minus a mean cold. This is a pretty good world after all, isn't it?

DON QUIXOTE

The Literary Digest last week had an article on Cervantes, the author of Don Quixote, occasioned by the recent flying visit of Blasco, the Spanish novelist, to this country. The comments of Abanez on Don Quixote and the comments of The Literary Digest make good reading.

That picture of Don Quixote on his famous steed, Rosinante, though the latter is not mentioned in the article, calls up memories of over half a century ago, when we accidentally came across a copy of Don Quixote in a chest of old books on Dr. Windham's old cow ranch, in Brown County.

We read and enjoyed it, mainly, perhaps, because books of any kind on the frontier were scarce as hen's

teeth those days. Cervantes did one thing not mentioned by Abanez or the Literary Digest, and that was: In his famous book he laughed Spain's chivalry away.

Don Quixote was a burlesque on Knighthood, then decadent in Spain and elsewhere, and Cervantes' pen proved mightier than the sword or lance of old Spain, and Don Quixote and his faithful squire, Sancho Panza, were too much for doughty knights. The world laughed and Knighthood was no more.

The only Quixotes we have now who charge windmills in defense of innocent maidens and distressed men are the politicians, who are forever charging windmill imaginary evils, but in place of using a lance, as Don Quixote did, they use hot air fired from capacious mouths. Often though they get themselves unhorsed, just as Don Quixote did, when he rammed his lance into a windmill in motion. The hot air Don Quixote is not half as interesting as Don Quixote riding in advance, followed by his Squire, Sancho Panza, on his faithful mule.

One thing, Don Quixote had high ideals, but his efforts to right the wrongs were grotesque and often resulted disastrously to him, as in the tilt with the windmills; but he never lost courage nor abandoned his quest of adventure.

In this he greatly resembles the modern politician on a hunt for office. Don Quixote is dead for some hundreds of years, but his prototype still lives in the old and new worlds—the politician—and he furnishes issues and hot air that add gaiety to the nations and entertainment for the proletariat.

WE'RE TENTING TONIGHT

We're tenting tonight on the old camp ground,
Give us a song to cheer
Our weary hearts, a song of home,
And friends we love so dear.

Chorus:
Many are the hearts that are weary tonight,
Wishing for the war to cease;
Many are the hearts looking for the right,
To see the dawn of peace:

Tenting tonight, tenting tonight,
Tenting to night, tenting on the old camp ground.

We've been tenting tonight on the old camp ground,
Thinking of days gone by,
Of the loved ones at home that gave us the hand,
And the tears that said "Goodbye!"

Chorus: Many are the hearts, &c.
We are tired of war on the old camp ground,
Many are dead and gone,
Of the brave and true who left their homes,
Others are wounded long.

Chorus: Many are the hearts, &c.
We've been fighting tonight on the old camp ground,
Many are lying near;
Some are dead and some are dying,
Many are in tears.

Chorus:
Many are the hearts that are weary tonight,
Wishing for the war to cease;
Many are the hearts looking for the right,
To see the dawn of peace;
Dying tonight, dying tonight,
Dying tonight, dying on the old camp ground.

—Walter Kittredge.

MEMORY

Of in the stilly night,
Ere slumbers chain has bound me,
Fond memory brings the light,
Of other days around me.

When I remember all,
The friends so linked together,
I've seen around me fall,
I feels like one who treats alone
Some banquet hall deserted,
Whose lights have fled, whose garlands dead,
And all but me departed.

—Tom Moore.

WINTERS METHODISTS INSPECT BAIRD'S PRETTY NEW CHURCH

The Building Committee of Winters Methodist Church, headed by Dr. W. D. Sanders, chairman, visited Baird Sunday, December 16, to inspect the new Methodist Church here.

The Winters Methodists are going to build a new church, and the members of the committee expressed themselves as highly pleased with the Baird Church and may adopt the same plan.

The committee complimented the plans and the builder, W. G. Bowlus, on his work. Ace Hickman, Chairman of the Official Board who was also Chairman of the Building Committee, showed the Winters delegation through the building and entertained the members while in Baird.

The new Methodist Church in Baird would be a credit to a town ten times its size or the size of Winters, either. The Star hopes the Winters Church will adopt the same plans used in the construction of the Baird Church, and then get an honest, competent builder, like it secured, in the person of Grant Bowlus, who will not throw down on the job as so many contractors do.

The Star does not presume to dictate to the Winters Committee, as no doubt they know themselves, but it might be worth something to them to know how we built our church.

The Building Committee of the Baird Methodist Church selected W. Grant Bowlus, an experienced builder, and paid him ten per cent of the cost of the purchase of materials and the employment of labor, and he superintended the construction of the building in person. He started tearing down the old wooden church and turned the completed building over to the committee September 8, 1923.

NOTICE TO STAR SUBSCRIBERS

The United States Postal Department forbids publishers sending through the mail papers to subscribers who are one year or more in arrears.

We have several of these on our list, and this is to notify them that The Baird Star will be discontinued to every subscriber who is one or more years in arrears on subscription, unless settlement is made before February 1st.

The date opposite your name, stamped on your copy of The Star each week, shows when your subscription is due.

Many have paid up on back due accounts the past three months and I wish to thank you all for this. There is little profit in cash subscriptions. Loss takes all the profit from credit subscription. The difference between cash and credit subscriptions is 33 1-3 per cent. That is one-third of the credit subscribers never pay.

W. E. Gilliland.

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Baird, Texas

To Our Friends and Patrons:

We wish at this joyous Yuletide season to extend to you our sincere appreciation for your good will and patronage during the past year, and to express the sincere wish that you may enjoy a full measure of the joys of a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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A RED LETTER DAY

January second will be a red letter day in the history of the First National Bank, for on that date this bank, the oldest in Callahan County, will round out four decades of uninterrupted service.

In the forty years since this bank was organized, we have seen many changes. Baird has grown in population, in prosperity and in the things that make life worth living

That the First National Bank has always been identified with all that has meant permanent progress is one of the most satisfying recollections we have as we look back over the years. Baird may also rely upon us for the same whole-hearted service and increased co-operation in the years to come. Count on us as confidently in the future as you have learned to do in the past.

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Ace Hickman

TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

At this, the close of the year, when the holiday spirit pervades everything, we want to extend our hearty appreciation and thanks to our customers and friends who have helped us to achieve whatever success has been possible for us.

We want everyone, whether old timer or new comer to feel that we are for the advancement of everything that will make this a better town and country in which to live.

We need your co-operation in order to be able to best serve you. We want to get better acquainted with you and want you to feel that your interests are ours. Let our store be your headquarters.

We wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year

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New Years' Greetings

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PERSONALS

Miss Inez Franklin, of Ft. Worth, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Franklin.

Mr and Mrs. Frank Hudson, of Novice, visited relatives here during the holidays.

Mrs. Ed Yarbro has returned from a visit with her son, Gus. Yarbro, and family, at Caddo.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McGowen and little daughter, Donna, spent Christmas day with relatives in Cross Plains.

Henry McGowen, who is attending school in Dallas, is at home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Hallie Hart, of Ft. Worth, are visiting relatives in Baird, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Estes spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. C. S. and Mrs. Phil Caylor, in Fort Worth

Mrs. W. L. Henry is visiting her daughter, Mrs. M. D. Hoover, in Dallas, during the holidays.

Mrs. Ray Hickman, of Sweetwater, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Griggs.

Dr. Linz Ramsey and children, of Cross Plains, spent Christmas with relatives in Baird.

Walter Scott Finch, who is attending A. & M. College, spent the holidays with relatives here.

R. L. Alexander and son, John, visited relatives in Breckenridge this week.

H. M. Bailey who is working the T. & P. Ry. at Addis, Louisiana, spent Christmas at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Surles and mother, Mrs. Gussie Surles, of Matador, are the holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Holmes.

Mrs. J. B. Cutbirth and Mr. and Mrs. Otho Lidia spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Scott, in Cross Plains.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Blakley and children, spent Christmas eve with Mrs. Blakley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gilliland.

W. H. Dawkins and family, of Abilene, visited his mother, Mrs. R. C. Dawkins, at Admiral, Christmas eve.

J. B. Walker, of Texola, Okla., is spending the holidays with his brothers, F. L., J. P. and J. A. Walker, and sister, Miss Susie Walker

Miss Pauline Terrell, who is teaching in the Fort Worth public school, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Terrell.

Miss Ada Powell, of Washington, D. C., is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Powell.

Mrs. J. J. Bookhout and children of Dallas, are the guests of Mrs. Bookhouts' parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Ross, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Simons, of Oklahoma, are spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Simon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Franklin.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Austin, and little daughter, Gene Elizabeth, of Abilene, spent Christmas with Mrs. Austin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Walker.

Mrs. Ben Leonard and son, Frank of Shreveport, La. and John Lones of Oklahoma, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Lones, during the holidays.

Mrs. Dallas Stanley, of Little Rock, Ark., and Mrs. A. D. Williams and children, of Marshall, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Stanley during the holidays.

Mrs. Cliff Hill and daughter, Miss Lucile, of Denton, are spending the holidays with relatives here. Miss Lucile is attending C. I. A. at Denton.

Miss Esther James, who is teaching in the Big Spring Public School, and Miss Lua James, who is attending C. I. A. at Denton, are spending the holidays with their mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cutbirth and little daughter, Rosalee, and Mr. and Mrs. Alex McWhorter, Jr. from the Bayou, spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McWhorter.

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NEW YEAR'S GREETING

To Our Faithful Old Friends and Cherished New Friends

And those whose friendship we strive to deserve, we tender the season's greetings! We hope that the New Year will be a happy one for you and that great prosperity will be yours. We strive to please you and appreciate your co-operation. We want you to make our store your store.

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DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, FARMING MACHINERY.
BAIRD, CLYDE, CROSS PLAINS, DENTON, PUTNAM

School resumes its sessions Monday morning. The kiddies have sure enjoyed their holiday.

Pat Bounds, who is attending Baylor College, at Waco, is at home for the holidays.

Mrs. D. L. Purdy and little daughter, Thelma, of Oklahoma, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Sigal.

Miss Elizabeth Webb, who is attending the West Texas State Teachers' College, is spending the Christmas holidays with the home folks.

Miss Eva Reed spent the holidays at home. She will return to Putnam Sunday to resume her duties in the Putnam Public School.

Miss Louise Harris of Gainesville, has been engaged by the trustees of the Baird Independent School District, to fill the position vacated by Miss Faye McDavid. Miss Harris has had five years experience as a teacher, having been employed in the Bailenger schools for the past three years. She comes to Baird highly recommended as an educator.

Wolf Hunters Redwine, Phillips and Stanley, with their splendid pack of hounds, are killing wolves every night they go out. They brought in a monster coyote this morning which the dogs killed after a five hours' run.

Dance Promoter Emerson Deliscus Merrell (to give him for the first time his honest-to-goodness name) pulled off, most successfully and artistically last night, his ball par excellence at Terrell Hall, its crowning feature being a "Moonlight Waltz in a Snowy 1." The dances were many, at least twenty couples coming from Cross Plains and many from other nearby towns.

Holiday Greetings

In acknowledgment of the liberal patronage that has been accorded us during the year, which is now closing, we wish to thank our many good friends and patrons and to assure you that we appreciate your good will. It shall ever be our aim to merit a continuation of these friendly relations.

We extend the season's greetings and wish for one and all a most Prosperous and happy New Year.

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Washington. — War service five years after the armistice, which on November 11 the American Red Cross marks with the opening of the annual membership canvass, shows that during the past year assistance was extended by the Red Cross to some 290,000 ex-service men or their families. To 130 hospitals throughout the country approximately 75,000 ex-service men were admitted for treatment, and to 63,296 of these men definite and specialized service was extended. The Red Cross annual report discloses. In all hospitals under government operation a total of nearly 27,000 disabled veterans were reported by the Surgeon General of the Army.

These facts of the aftermath of physical and mental disability five years after the World War, and the burden resting upon the relatives and dependents of the ex-service men, show conclusively the great need of the Red Cross to act as a supplementary arm of the government in service to these many thousands of men who wore the uniform of the United States. It should be emphasized that government assistance is necessarily standardized along specified lines affecting them as a whole. The Red Cross service is to the individual man and the solution of his problems. This the Red Cross designates "home service" for its aims to give the loving care and interest of the home to these men undergoing physical reconstitution far from their actual home influences.

Year's Expenditures \$5,866,255
In the year ended last June 30 the Red Cross reports \$3,920,000 spent by its Chapters in extending individual attention to the ex-service men and \$1,946,255 spent by National Headquarters of the Red Cross, a total of \$5,866,255. In behalf of the men called to duty in the World War the Red Cross since July 1, 1917, has spent nearly \$164,000,000. Today there are 2,608 Chapters in as many localities carrying on this work, aiding the individual veteran, assisting his family furnishing creature comforts and funds to tide over troublesome periods.

The strong connecting link between the Red Cross and the United States Veterans' Bureau takes the complications out of difficult cases of claims. The Red Cross in this work requiring personal representation of the ex-service man has acted in appeal cases, in insurance matters, personal and family problems, camp and hospital activities, and in cases of death. This service handled nearly 12,000 compensation and insurance claims, and 2,225 allotment and other claims.

Solves Serious Problem
The financial problem of the ex-service man when traveling to and from hospitals is a serious one, and in meeting this constant demand the Red Cross expended \$128,334.17 during the year. For extra recreational equipment in Veterans' Bureau training centers \$14,306 was spent, and for the blinded veterans in the government school funds were supplied to enable some of these unfortunate men to enter business as storekeepers and poultry raisers.

In Veterans' Bureau hospitals the record of a single month illustrates the large service rendered by the Red Cross. For example, 15,504 new cases required attention, and a total of 25,007 cases were acted upon; 49,268 letters and 1,863 telegraph messages written, and more than 1,600 entertainment given in recreation houses for the benefit of the patients.

Authorities declare that the present is a critical time in the lives of many of the disabled ex-service men who during the five years since the armistice have developed misgivings of recovery.

Work Among the "Regulars"
Service to the enlisted men of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps is a charter obligation of the Red Cross which in the last year recorded over 200,000 cases of assistance extended and 834,429 visits to the sick and disabled. Inquiries by the Red Cross at the request of Government authorities into the home conditions of soldiers, sailors and marines aggregated 17,714, and there were nearly 6,000 instances where the Red Cross located men for their families.

All these activities, constituting a single responsibility of the American Red Cross demonstrated during the

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year that its "war service" in behalf of the veteran and the man enlisted in the nation's defensive arms must go forward unfalteringly and with out stint of funds. The work of the last five years has welded a close bond of regard between the men who sacrificed and the Red Cross, whose efforts are praised and indorsed by the veterans' organizations. To do all that can be done to soften the consequences of the hard blows of war is the supreme duty of the Red Cross to which it is giving its best work—most liberal service.

Include Ranch Laborers.
Austin, Texas.—In reversing the Court of Civil Appeals and the District Court and rendering for plaintiffs in error, the Supreme Court has held that ranch laborers are included in the general term "farm laborers" as used in the statute and that as such are exempted from operation of the workman's compensation law as it stood before it was amended by the Thirty-Seventh Legislature. The decision was in the case of John W. Gordon against Jack V. Bustin from Deaf Smith County.

Blowing Up Dipping Vat not Arson
Austin, Texas.—In a divided opinion the Court of Criminal Appeals held that the blowing up of a dipping vat is not an offense under the arson statute and the court granted appellant's motion for rehearing in the case of J. A. D. Johnson, from Cass County, who had been sentenced to two years for arson in connection with an explosion in a dipping vat. Judgment of the lower court was reversed and the case remanded for another trial. Judge O. S. Latimore dissented.

A bill has been introduced to give ex-service men who attended the third and fourth officers' training camps during the war between Jan. 1 and July 1, 1918, \$100 a month for the time spent in such camps. Brig. Gen. Smedley D. Butler has been granted leave of absence from the Marine Corps for one year to enable him to accept the post of Director of Public Safety of Philadelphia and he is expected to take on his duties there about Jan. 1.

No Money in Three Holdups.
Sherman, Texas.—For the third time in 24 hours highwaymen made futile attempts in Sherman to relieve pedestrians of valuables. While walking east on Houston street A. R. Monroe was stopped by two men with guns, who ordered him to "throw 'em up." He obeyed, and the searching of the robbers revealed 15c. Disgusted, his assailants returned the money and left. According to Mr. Monroe, the men are not the same ones who made attempts to rob two persons.

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