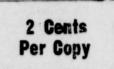
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Novel County=Wide School Program at Gym January

invited to attend. The program after Christmas. will be held in the gymnasium Attendance at the convention than last showing conclusively a thousand people. Buses will inent speakers from all over in much better condition than run on Gatesville routes No. 1 the world will be there and at this same time last year. and No. 2 to bring in patrons have parts on the program. on those routes. Buses will run on the other routes for

Features on the program will fambling. be numbers by the high school play, "The Trysting Place," of the work of the school will times. school dramatic club.

besides entertainment, is to en-Iplained.

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GATESVILLE YOUNG PEOPLE: GINNINGS IN CORVELL CO. Christmas Celebration ATTEND CONFERENCE IN MEMPHIS

Miss Pauline Haney and Mrs. Claude Boulware leave shortly Cotton Statistics, gives the cot-An all-school public program for Memphs, Tennessee, where ton statistics as follows, stating is announced by the Gatesville they will attend a conference of that prior to December 1, gin-Schoels for Friday night, Jan- Methodist Young People from nings for 1935 were 15,988 as uary 3. The program will be all over the United States, compared to 12,960 at the same Its traditions, reaching back infree of charge and all patrons They will be joined later by date last year. and friends of the school are Lowrey Burleson who will leave These figures show 3,038

Glasgow, England, is warring programs to be announced later. on boys' clubs which encourage

GREATER FOR '85 **THAN '34** W. R. Goodson, Collector of

mort bales ginned this year

AT DANIEL BAKER

choral clubs, and speciais by school and become better ac- the honor roll for the first two ing take the place of work-is individual students and mem- quainted with its activities and six weeks, terms making the indeed a sorry event. The real bers of the faculty. A one-act its work. At least one phase unusual record of 5 A's both content and significance of the

ilar programs different depart. the News' congratulates J. D. are far removed from the true The purpose of the program, ments of the school will be ex- on the enviable record he is spirit of Christmas.

J. D. Morgan, son of Mr. coming has changed the face other place so named? and Mrs. J. D. Morgan of Tur- and course of history. Christnersville, who is a freshman in mas merely as a holiday—a band, the rhythm band, the able the patrons to visit the Daniel Baker this year made day in which eating and drink-

will be presented by the high be explained and at other sim- This is very exceptional, and terous the spirits may be, they

making in his chosen



Rich in Heritage of Established Customs

By Alva L. Beaird

midwinter season of rejoicing. to the ancient days of many races and augmented by the near, some creek or river crossbirth of Christ, give us the richest and most ennobling for him. By tracing the origins and seats will be arranged for will be some 6,000 and prom- that the farming interests are Christmas heritage the world of such names we preserve a has ever known.

Christmas is a holy day be-LOCAL BOY HONOR STUDENT fore it is a holiday. It is a ritual of remembrance-a festival of the Christ-Child, whose day is lost, and however bois-

Although the birth of Christ

is the accredited occasion for the festival, the part played by Santa Claus cannot be overlooked. He sets the pace and we follow-always with a vague feeling that he has after all, some connection with the birth of the Holy Child in Bethlehem.

Most of our well-established customs of the Christmas season were founded on the religious ceremonies of ancient peoples. The practice of using branches of trees for decoration arises out of the ancient worship of the spirit of vegetation. Evergreens, particularly holly and mistletoe, became the natural symbols of the Christmas First Methodist church. Funeral season,

Mistletoe has a very special place in all Christmas decorations. An ancient Druid rite terment in McGregor cemetery. has a white robed priest cut-

HISTORICAL INFORMATION WANTED

In preparing a brief history of Coryell County, I would like to gather a complete list of "Place Names" that is the ori-Again we have come to the gin of the names of places. Most place names have a bit of valuable history connected with them. A pioneer settled on, or ing, and the place was named part of the history of some pioneer, that we might otherwise overlook.

Why was Pearl, Turnersville. Levita, Ewing, Topsey or any

We have a long list of the origins of place names but out list is far from complete, especially from that part of the county lying west of the Leon River.

If you can trace the origins of names in your community send a post card 'account of it to The Coryell County News cr to J'rank. E. Simmons, Ogiesby. Texas.

Any historical information you send to us will be greatly appreciated.

MCGREGOR BANKER TAKEN SUDDENLY BY DEATH SUN. AFTERNOON

McGregor, Dec: 22.-G. W. Lee Sr., 64, leading business man of McGregor for the past 46 years, died suddenly Sunday afternoon. He was president of the First National bank, head of the Lee Hardware Co., member of the McGregor Rotary club and a member of the services will be held from the residence at 3 p. m. Monday, Rev. R. H. Boyd officiating, in-Surviving are his widow; a

It looks like a Happy New ten-gallon hat means Texas "Twin Sisters" of San addate on high proclaims the Christian Wheat wheat the same of Year for vacationers in Texas West of the Pecos, and the fame. Find Sam Houston's epoch. this Christmas tree. Bess Har- watermelon party will delight Christi's water carnival, Tyler's good saint, however, seems to Cream, No. 1..... 27c ris shows what denotes the many a pickaninny and Crystal rose festival. Weatherford's be a combination of many Cream, No. 2..... 25c Rose, Sugar, and Sun Bowl City's spinach festival will Texas Ranger commemoration, characters. In Germany, gifts Cottonseed, ton \$28 games which begin the Centen- becko a famous comic strip and Brownsville's port dedica- are believed to be brought on Eggs 17c Port Isabel are represented. A is known in history by the of its impressive buildings.

ting the plant with a golden daughter, Miss Irene Lee, and sickle and dropping it into a a son, G. W. Jr., both of Mcwhite mantle. The relation all Gregor; two sisters, Mrs. Eva this may have had to the Eng- Johnson and Mrs. Eunice Johnlish custom of kissing beneath son, and a brother, A. L. Lee, the mistletoe is more or less all of McGregor. obscure. In the old days in England a maiden who was not Christmas season had no chance with the Dutch in Pennsylvania. of being married during the year.

down to us from the Teutons burned without interruption unwho decorated small trees with til Christmas night. These were candles during times of great sometimes made in triangular rejoicing. The popularity of form to symbolize the Trinity. the Christmas tree is probably due to the fact that it com- !bines so many of the old customs of the season. Its evergreen branches symbolize the ancient worship of the spirit of vegetation; the candles embody thanks for light, and the star Wool - North Market 23c

in America the legend of Santa Roosters 4c

Claus is said to have originated Supplementary to the yule log were huge candles with their wreaths of holly which were The Christmas tree comes lighted on Christmas eve and

> MARKET REPORT (As of Dec. 23) Pecans permit 31

Produced in China 200 year an emerald green jade ago. bowl was sold recently in London for \$6000.





freetings on your arrival in the happy harbor of Christnas. May much good cheer await you at this pleasant ort and as you set out of time's tide for the future may your ship find each day a rolling billow to drive her o'er a prosperous sea of health and plenty.

> Floyd Zeigler County Judge

Here's One \$3950 Washer You Can



EUROPE quiet after week of startling upsets that a decrease of 5 per cent in the threatened to topple the heads unemployment load and insisted of the British and French gov- that the preset upswing in busernments and break the coali- iness had begun before his adtion established at against Mussolini.

hope of ending strife in Africa visit to the "Kansas Coolidge," by amicable means. Public Governor Alf Landon, being opinion in every continental boomed as a presidential aspination has forced the abandon- rant. Hearst came away with ment of what will probably be this declaration: "Landon can the last peace plan offered for be nomiated by the Republicans solving the Ethiopian tangle.

that the imposition of an oil previously thought." embargo against the Fascist Nation by the League would to try for the namination or mean war. British and French merely dictate the choice of a statesmen thought this over for candidate will probably remain a week and finally decided that unknown until June 6 when perhaps they had gone too far the Republicans meet at Clevein imposing sanctions against land. Boraites are already or-Mussolini-maybe the Italian ganizing in Massachusetts, Wis-Dictator really was desperate, consin and other states, seekin which case he might decide ing to send Borah-pledged dele to blow up the British fleet in gations to the Cleveland meet. the Mediterranean. Apparently with the consent of the British Cabinet, of which Stanley Baldwin is the head, Sir Samuel Hoare, Foreign Secretary, went to Paris and with French Premier Laval worked out a peace plan by which Mussolini would get over 100,000 square miles for which he must cede 3,000 ver is the compromising kindof Ethiopian territory in return miles of Italian Eritrea to the Africans.

The fireworks started when the British public learned of the scheme. Conservatives and Laborites alike raised such a howl that for a while it look- of Republican attack against ed like Baldwin would have to the Administration will be the resign, in spite of the huge New Deal's extravagance and Conservative majority in Parlia- failure to balance the budget ment. Baldwin realized he was is certain. That budget-balanin a tight spot-and chose the cer Alf Landon of Kansas will only way out, according to Brit- naturally come into the spotish political standards. Hoare, light with this the main point negotiator of the plan for the of G. O. P. attack is also cer-British Cabinet, was forced to tain. step out and take the blame Roosevelt, above all others, for the ill-fated peace plan be- realizes that this is a weak

radio addresses, in which he intends to attack both the present administration and its predecessor.

Former President Hoover made a bid for the nomination at St. Louis when he bitterly criticized his successor, asserting that the mechanics of civilization had come to a stop on March 3, 1933. Roosevelt was charged with a 300 per cent

cost increase in expenditures for Geneva ministration ended.

W. R. Hearst and Paul Block. The week closed with little newspaper publishers, paid a and elected. I think he is Three weeks ago Il Duce marvelous." Block said: "He's warned the French Government an even bigger man than I had

> Whether Borah really intends That the convention may deold-fashioned an velop into

between liberalism (refight presented by Borah) and conservatism (represented by Hoover) many Republicans now fear. What position the Knoxs, Landons, etc., would occupy is such an event no one can surprise. Neither Borah nor Hooand a scism in the ranks of the G. O. P. would mean a clear coast to victory for Franklin Roosevelt.

That one of the main points

cause of the indignation of the point. For weeks the cheif ex-British public at the "betrayal ecutive and his advisors have





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For Family Washing there's no place like home" of the League." Baldwin conbefore the Commons.

In Paris. Premier Laval wrung a reluctant vote of confidence from the Chamber of Deputies-intent upon but one thing peace. Thus the peace plan died-and with it hopes of the Italian people that the conflict could be ended. An atmosphere of gloom' was noticeable in Rome after the London upheaval. Italians regarded the plan favorably from the first, objecting only to the fact that their two colonies would not be joined. They also realized that the proposals gave them more of Ethiopia than their armies had conquered in two and a half months of warfare. Mussolini, however, announced added determination to pursue the war to a successful termiation and, with \$80,000,-000 in gold realized from wedding rings contributed by Italian women, girded his loins for additional months of fighting.

The political pot started simmering last week with many bestirrings in the G. O. P. camp and, concidently, with Republican stock rising a bit. Senator Borah tentatively announced his caddacy for the nomination and

concentrated on balancing the fessed an "error in judgment" budget-but it seems like an (Continued on next page.)

GOODYEAR TIRES



Although the universe is filled with millions of stars, none can vie in fame with the star that guided the Three Wise Men of the East though the night to a tiny manger in Bethlehem. And just as it brought to the world a message of peace and good will, we want this greeting to carry to you and all our friends our appreciation of the happiness your friendship has brought to us, and with it our wishes that this Christmas may bring to you all the joy, health and happiness that you could desire.

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CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS

Somehow pudding seems

most appropriate Christmas des. next, then the soaked bread deficit. Deficit for the current that the government will be to the beliday feast. whites. Butter the pudding plus.

ST. JAMES PUDDING

soda, one-fourth teaspoon salt, and cover with a layer of the one-fourth teaspoon cloves, one- mixture, then with slices of fourth teaspoon nutmeg, one-sponge cake spread thickly with fourth teaspoon cinnamon, 1 jelly or jam: next macarcons cup raisins or dates.

Combine melted butter, mo- sponge cake and jam and so on lases and milk. Add flour, so- until the mold is full, putting da, salt and spices, sifted to- a layer of the mixture at the gether. Add raisins or dates top. Cover closely and steam in sprinkled with a little flour, the oven three-fourths of an Mix well and turn into a hour, then remove the cover to greased mold or tin with cover. brown the top. Steam for 1 hour, Serve bot

with the following sauce. PUDDING SAUCE

beaten egg. 1 teaspoon vanilia, glass of sherry. 2 tablespoons confectioners' confectioners' sugar.

Mclt butter in hot water. Add 1 pound seed raisins, 1 glass egg and vanilla. Beat slightly candied cherries, 2 cups seedand add sugar gradually until less raisin, 1 cup figs, candied right consistency to serve, as pineapple, 1 cup butter, 2 cups hard sauce.

QUEEN OF PUDDL'GS One cup bread crumbs soak teaspoon all-spice, 1 teaspoon ed in 11 cups milk, three-four- cloves, 1 teaspoon nutmeg, 2 ths cup sugar, 1 lemo.: juice teaspoons cinnamon, three-fourand grated rind, 1 poing stale the cup wine, 1 cup sour milk. sponge cake, 6 oggs, 5 pound 4 cups flour.

ted butter.

Turn out carefully into a

dish and pour over it a sauce made of currant jelly warmed One tablespoon butter, 2 and beaten up with two tabletablespoons hot water, 1 un-spoons of butter melted with a

> CHRISTMAS FRUIT CAKE One-half pound citron strips,

sugar, 2 eggs, beaten, 2 teaspoons soda, 1 teaspoon salt, 1

macaroons almond flavor, 1 cup Combine above ingredients. jelly or jam, 1 sma'l glass reserving some of the citron, sherry wine, 1 tablespoon mel- pineapple and candied cherries to decorate the top. Place in a

Rub the butter and sugar to- greased 81 inch tin but do not gether, put the beaten yolks in put the fruit decorations on the cake until the last 1 hour of baking. It is well to line the cake tin with waxed paper. Bake in a moderate oven for 21 hours.

ANISE CAKES

Beat 4 eggs with 1 cup of powdered sugar in the top of a double boiler over hot water. When very light and quite warm whip in 2 cups of flour sifted, one-fourth teaspoon of salt, add 1 tablespoon of anise seed or if preferred 10 drops of anise flavoring. Drop by teaspoons on a greased tin and bake in a moderate oven. These cakes will spread slightly when baking.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

Deeds Recorded B. E. McCoy and others to D. D. McCoy. Guyton, Sylvia L., and Frank

sert and hence we give a few crumbs, the lemon, juice and year so far stands at 11 bil-forced to continue its WPA prorecipes that seem particularly rind, and beat to a smooth lions, quiet a bit short of the gram for another year to turn appropriate to serve as climax light paste before adding the 1933-34 defifit of 3 billions the care of the unemployed over to the states. And care of the

mold well and put in the bot- American Federation of Labor jobless means outlays of billions Three tablespoons butter mel- tom a light layer of bread places number of unemployed each fiscal year.

ted, à cup molasses, ¿ cup di- crumbs upon this one of maca- at 11,000,000. Administration The budget won't be balanced luted evap. milk, i and one- 100ns laid evenly and closely officials aver nearer 9,500,000 this year-without feat of eight cups flour, 1 teaspoon together. Wet this with wine are out of work. This means magic.







May the ship of Good Fortune at Christmastide hold a cargo of contentment and sail with you throughout the year.

DOC'S SANDWICH SHOP

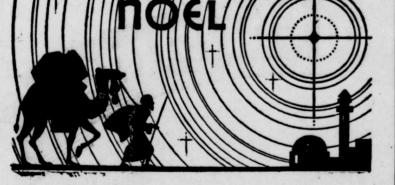
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impossible task. A recent bond issue put the national debt to its highest point in historyrowing in the next fiscal year 301 billions, and continued borat the present rate of expenditure will mean a debt of about 34 billions by election time.

These considerations must be remembered in mapping out fiscal plans for the new year: revenues will be greater, ordinary expenditures will be higher, and extraordinary expenditures will remain the same. Any way you figure it it mean a



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A MERRY XMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL T. & P. OIL CO. O. N. HIX, Mgr.	hensville, is a guest of her par- ents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Farm- er, during the holidays. Dessie Lee Hair, who attends John Tarleton College in Step- hensville, is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bird Hair.	Metro- Godiwyn- Mayer Picture	LIONEL ATWILL CESAR ROMERO SAMUEL S. HINDS A William K. Howard Production Produced by Lawrence Weingarten
	 Hair. Wade Sądler, Supt. of the Florence Schools, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Sadler, over the Christmas holidays. A. H. Meadows, Jr., arrived Saturday from Austin where he attends the University of Texas to spend the holidays with relatives and friends here. 	Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Jones have as their guests, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Shirley and daugh- ter, Daisy Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. McCarver and son, C. B. Jr., and Mrs. C. D. Hendrickson all of Port Arthur, E. B. Hen- drickson and Miss Ethel Clark of Fort Worth. Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Mam- mack of Dallas and Mr. and	Orleans, La., is here visiting his parents. Dr. and Mrs. Henry
MERRY CHRISTMAS To our customers and friends, we extend sincere best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Pros- perous New Year. We deeply appreciate the patron- age you have given us during the past 12 months and look forward with pleasure to the prospect of serving you further in 1936.	daughter, Nevillyn Dawn, of Robstown are here to spend Christmas week with her moth- er, Mrs. Dick Bond, and other relatives. J. R. Saunders, student at Howard Payne College, Brown- wood, arrived Sunday to spend the holidays with his parents,	Hal Guggolz of Brenham. Texas, is here visiting his par- ents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Gug- golz. Ralph McDowell, who is at- tending Howard Payne College	PALACE COUPON BOOKS FOR
A Cifizen and a Taxpayer COMPANY	Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Saunders. J. R. spent Friday and Satur- day at a house party in Stan- ton, Texas.	Gatesville Friday to visit rela-	CHRISTMAS On Sale at Box Office





fied for policemen to play foot-



SYNOPSIS

SYNOPSIS In 1852, shortly after California's admission to the Union, villainous American land grabbers begin pluudering Spanish ranchos and filing claims on them under Amer-ican laws. Joe Kincaid is one of these. A band of vigilantes under the leadership of a mysterious Don Carlos fights Kincaid and his activ-ities. Kincaid threatens to raid the eranch of Don Pascual Castro, whose daughter, Rosita, is the belle of the countryside.

CHAPTER II.

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"HELP! Hey . . . let me go! Help! Help!"

Jim Kearney stopped his whistling and stuck his head out of the stagecoach window to see where those despairing cries came from.

A bullet whizzed past as he looked out, but not before he had caught sight of a little group of Spaniards who were standing around a tall tree some distance from the road, busily preparing for a "necktie party" or hanging.

A little distance from the group their leader sat astride his white horse. Although small of stature he was finely dressed and seemed to be in complete command of the situa-

That's an American those Span-

slashed the rope in two with his pushed his way into the hut. Then the Carlos band came to life. Some I'll let you have it." of them opened fire with their rifles while others made a dash for their dresses," interruped the girl. Cal a horses.

In spite of its head start, the horse the two Americans were riding soon began to tire under its double burden. The sound of pursuit came closer.

"He'll never make it, carrying that every night." double," said Kincaid's rescuer at last. "You're the one they're after. pletely stumped. "Don't tell me that so I'm leaving you. Good luck, you came here on Don Carlo's

hunting knife, caught him before pointing his gun at a wardrobe, the he fell and swung him across the only place in the bare room which saddle. Spurring his horse forward, offered a possible hiding place. he he disappeared into the darkness as thundered: "Come out of there. or

> "That would spoil so many ly she stepped forward and open d the wardrobe, revealing nothing but a few clothes. "Not even a mo.h there," she teased.

more

"I suppose you want to look un ler the bed." she continued with a dazzling smile. "My grandmother does

"Where is he?" Kearney was comstranger.... Here I go." As he spoke horse." He pointed out of the win-



A girl, dressed for the fiesta, stood staring at him with wide and frightened black eyes.

into the coach. "Hey, driver. Stop! We've got to help him.'

"That's Carlos and his Vigiltes," answered the driver as he fool with them. Besides I've got ld aboard."

your skin," cried Kearney. "I'm cold blood. aying here." As he spoke he jerked open the door of the coach and leaped out onto the road.

Meantime the man about to be hanged was pleading wildly for his ride into Monterey. life as one end of a rope was placed around his neck and the other end

tossed over the limb of a tree. Don't do it!

ards are stringing up," should he slid out of the saddle and dashed dow, then choked. The horse wa Kearney as he jerked his head back for shelter at the side of the road. gone! "Damnation," he gasped

Crouching behind a tree, a revolver in each hand, the young man watched the pursuit go past. For a moment he drew a bead on Don Carhipped up his horses. "I don't want los as the latter went by, conspicuous on his white horse. But he shook his head and did not pull the trig-'Go ahead then, if you're scared ger. He could not shoot a man in

A light was twinkling from a a building some distance down the road and he started toward it, hoping to borrow a horse on which to

As he approached he made out that the house was a small place, of the time because it's supposed to dilapidated and obviously seldom be haunted." But the light give back everything. I'll pay dam- brightly inside and beside the door stood what he could have sworn was the same white horse that Don men you killed in cold blood, Joe Carlos had been riding not ten min-

"You'll have to scrub your mouth with soap and water," she warned. "Where's the horse?" he ran his hand desperately through his dark hair. "Now don't say 'What horse? There was a horse out there and you know darned well it wasn't mine. By the way, is this waere you live?"

"Oh no. I am the daughter of Don Pascual Castro, whose rancho is ten miles farther out from Monterey But sometimes I stop here to break the trip into town and to freshen up a bit. This shack is empty most



ages . I'll pay.

"And how will you pay for the Kincaid," the bell-like voice of Don utes before. Carlos rang out. "How will you pay for the wives and daughters you"

"They did that against my orders," sobbed Kincaid, stretching gun, he swung a terriffic kick at the out his bound hands to the imperturbable masked figure which cry of "Hands Up" died in his throat judged him. "I'll get out of here and take them with me. . . ."

For answer Don Carlos waved one gloved hand. His men gripped Kincaid and seated him upon a horse. The rope around his neck was drawn taut. Then one of the vigilantes hit the animal a resounding aback she regained her composure blow and it bounded away, leaving and asked demurely: "You are lookthe land-grabber dangling in midair.

At the same moment there was a thunder of hoofs and Jim Kearney, astonishing vision. "I'm looking for mounted on one of the vigilante's a man." own horses, galloped into the scene. Before the onlookers knew what had thought it was jewelry." happened he swept up to Kincaid,

Determined to capture the bandit single-handed. Kearney tiptoed forward, revolver in hand. Leveling his rickety door. It burst open and his at the sight which met his eyes.

A girl, dressed for the flesta, stood staring at him with wide and frightened black eyes.

"Madre de Dios," she screamed, throwing up her hands. Then, as the newcomer was completely taken ing for someone?"

"Step aside," answered Kearney as he tried to tear his eyes from this

"What a relief," she laughed. "I

"Where is he?" The girl's visitor

'By a white horse? Oh, come m now, what's the answer."

"A great many Americans are mad." she replied solemnly "You're quite sure you're not just a little oi. " One slim forefinger tapped her forehead. "Or perhaps you've been in the sun without your hat. That brings on delusions.

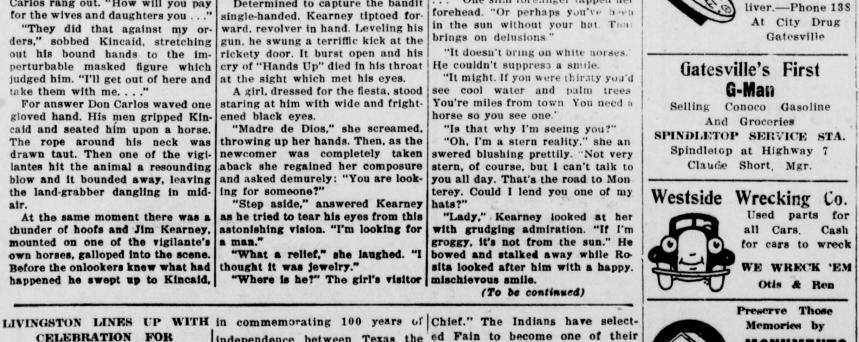
"It doesn't bring on white norses. He couldn't suppress a smile.

"It might. If you were thirsty you'd see cool water and palm trees You're miles from town You need a horse so you see one.'

"Is that why I'm seeing you?" "Oh, I'm a stern reality." she an swered blushing prettily. "Not very stern, of course, but I can't talk to you all day. That's the road to Mon terey. Could I lend you one of my hats?"

"Lady," Kearney looked at her with grudging admiration. "If I'm groggy, it's not from the sun." He bowed and stalked away while Rosita looked after him with a happy. mischievous smile.

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independence between Texas the ed Fain to become one of their tribe as a friendly gesture to Texas Indians. Two of the Alabama-Coushat- their white friends.

Livingston, Dec. 23. --- The ti Indians' most prominent A varied program of events quiet and peaceful Indian vil- chieftains will be elevated in will provide entertainment for lage, 17 miles east of here, will ranks when Chief Ti-Ca-i-Che the visitors when the guests of stir with activity on New Year's will become highest among the the Indians will see the pic-Day when hundreds of people Indian leaders in one of the turesque settlement as typicalfrom all sections of Texas will first 1936 Centennial Celebra- ly Indian as it was 100 years visit the sole Texas Indian res- tions.

ervation for the all-day celebra- Clem Fain, county attorney

tion, in which the white man of Polk county, will be made Most of Colombia's traffic is Ph. 67 Carl McClendon, Main at

friend of the Indian, will join Mikko Se, which means "Little carried on her rivers.

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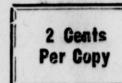
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VOLUME IV AT NEWS' STANDS

DER TANNENBAUM

- (Das Weihnachtslied)
- (The Christmas Tree)
- O Tannenbaum, O Tannenbaum, wie treu sind deine Blatter!
- Du grunst nicht nur zur Sommerzeit, nein auch in Winter wenn es schneit!
- O Tannenbaum, O tannenbaum, wie treu sind deiner Blatter.

- O Tannenbaum, O Tannenbaum, du kannst mir sehr gefallen!
- Wie oft hat nicht zur weihnachtszeit, ein Baum von dir mich hoch erfreut!
- O Tannenbaum, O Tannenbaum, du kannst mir sehr gefallen.

III

- O Tannenbaum, O Tannenbaum, dein Kleid will mich was lehren!
- Die Hoffnung und Bestandigkeit gibt Trost und Kraft zu Jeder Zeit.
- O Tannenbaum, O Tannenbaum, dein Kleid will mich was lehren.



No. 9—COUNTRY DRIVING

IN DISCUSSING BRAKES WE spoke of our cars as transportation systems . . our own private railroads, so to speak, with home for our terminal. As a rule we engineers behind the steering wheel work only on local



. back and forth from the office, stores, and runs . the rest of our regular stops. But every now and then, and especially when vacation time rolls around, we're likely to want to change our run. And one fine day there we are, out on the main line, at the throttle of our "Overland Limited," if you please. Railroads put only their best engineers on impor-

tant runs like that

What the railroad men mean by the best engineer, is the one who has taken his train out and brought it in, time after time, year after year, without a thing s one thing about this engineer that explains his good record better than anything else. He believes in signs. All along the way there are signals that tell him what to do, and he does exactly what they say. When a semaphore says slow down, he slows down. Whenever he gets the sign of a curve or grade, he adjusts his speed accordingly. Every red and green and amber light that comes winking through the darkness means a definite order that he'd never dream of ignoring. And when a flare warns him of danger, he just stops until he gets the go-ahead. Now, when we pull out of our station and on to the main track, if we are good engineers we'll take good heed of our signals as they come flashing by—"Curve," "Steep Hill," red light— "Stop." But along comes one that says "Intersection," and there doesn't happen to be any car passing on that other road. Or one that says "School, go slow" and there aren't any children about. Or "Slippery when wet," but today the road is dry. And what's the result? Why, a good many of us get to taking those signals with a grain of salt, and, after a while with



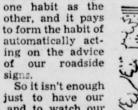
SUGAR BOWL BANDS ALSO will attract the attention of the Star state's one hundredth an-IN CLASSIC IN NEW world. niversary of in dependence and The L. S. U. band has com



so much salt that if we aren't careful those warnings may lose their meaning. It isn't hard to imagine what would happen if the railroad engineer got into



that habit. He wouldn't be an engineer very long. No matter how many times his warnings prove unnecessary, he still goes on accepting them as gospel truth. And people who drive thousands of miles every year tell us they have trained themselves to the very same habits as the engineers. We can just as easily form



just to have our

engine in good shape, and to watch our fuel and oil, or even to follow the rule of not driving too many hours at a stretch. Those things are highly important, but it is just as important to watch for our signals and follow them religiously. Then we can look forward to sending back that ever-welcome message-"Arrived safe after pleasant trip."

EVENTS CALENDAR BEING year events being compiled in COMPILED

the Dallas office of the state

progress will be state-wide,

tal City, Spinach festival, March

7: Del Rio, historical celebra-

tion, May 1 and 2: Midland,

West Texas fair and rodeo late

in June. Dates have not been

announced for events planned

in Fort Worth, San Augustine,

Jacksonville, Cuero, Tyler, Beau-

mont, Brownsville, Fort Davis.

Fort Stockton, Austin, Mission.

Carrizo Springs. Weatherford

observance year early in No-

Gonzales opened Centennial

An incomplete list of celebrations follows:

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El Paso, Sun Carnival on colorful and nationally famous musical presentations ever to New Year's day; Livingston. In- L. S. U. college band, ander be staged in New Orleans and dian ceremony on New Year's the capable direction of Col. should claim its shate f the day; Laredo, Washington's Castro Carazo, will sainte The limelight daying the contest be-Birthday celebration in Febru-Lone Star State, Texas Christ- tween the schools of the two ary; San Antonio, Alamo com- ain University, and Texas Cen- p. shboring states. memorative celebration, March tennial Celebrations between 2 through April 21; Houston, halves of the Sugar Bowl game San Jacinto association celebra- here on New Year's Day.

tions, March 2, April 13 to 21, The tribute of Louisiana. There will be an all day and August 30; Corpus Christi, through the music of its prized singing on Sunday, Dec. 29, at water carnival, June 11, 12, band, will memorialize the close Liberty, three miles southeast and 13; Huntsville, Indepen- relations between this state and of Turnersville, All singers and dence day celebration, March 2; Texas in 1935-'36, recognizing the public are invited to come Yoakum, Tomato Tom Tom, the value of the South in the and bring well-filled baskets. June 5 and 6; Center Water-)year-long celebrations which melon festival, July 17: Crys-ALL CONTRACTOR AND A DESCRIPTION OF

WILL ROGERS MEMORIAL FUND

Date_____

TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEWS:

Wishing to have a part in perpetuating the memory of one of our most beloved and useful citizens, I inclose herewith my contribution of_____ to the Will Rogers Memorial Fund. I understand that this gift will be added to others from Gatesville and will go without any deductions whatsoever to the National Fund to be expended, also without any deduction, as the Memorial Committee may determine.

Name____

Address_____

Youtns of the civilian conserpublicity department shows that votion corps ate 874,000 pounds The calendar of Centennial the celebration of the Lone of turkey Thanksgiving day.

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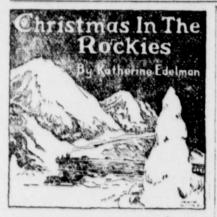
vembe".

pleted tchearsals for one of the New Orleans, Dec. 23 .- The most entertaining and novel ----

NOTICE SINGERS

G. L. Derrick.

in Mother and Child



HRISTMAS in the Rockies! I felt thrilled, excited, as our I train wound its way in and out through the mountains, thundering through the crisp, pinescented air. Now, we were climbing an almost precipitous grade, now, slowing down for a dangerous curve, while every little while as a stretching plain was reached, the steady hand upon the throttle sent the long line of cars speeding like an arrow through the bright De-



We know no truer wordno song-no poem that expresses our sentiments better than a simple

> Merey Christmas and God Bless You!



crackling logs threw its ruddy glow over the living room. The dining table was spread with tempting foods. Breakfast of home-cured ham and sausage, fluffy flapjacks Arnoid's Drug Store and syrup, steaming hot coffee with maintain normal growth and thick cream. Then a short drive to the little church, an inspiring talk by the pastor, and the strains of the old and beautiful Christmas hymns; neighbors and friends

> stopping Uncle Jerry and Aunt Emma to wish them "Merry Christmas." Back again through the

and valleys.

clear, frosty air, and later the big Christmas dinner. Goldenbrown turkey and dressing on a

big blue platter, a huge mound of school stove or range. Someto everybody! That's a lot

cember suns! We were on our way to spend Christmas with Uncle Jerry and Aunt Emma. They had sent a

hearty invitation for us to come out, and now we were almost there. I held my breath at the sheer beauty of the scene that stretched before our eyes. Mountain peaks that seemed to touch the sky, canyons dropping thousands of feet, lakes covered by glittering thicknesses

of ice, vivid

Emma stood in the doorway, and it is a good idea to give thought

tine.

green pines, looking like giant

Christmas trees. I had never seen,

never even visualized anything so

whistle, a slow crunching and grind-

ing of brakes, and our train came

to a stop. Uncle Jerry, rosy and smiling, stood waiting upon the

platform, giving dad, mother, Helen

and myself a true western welcome.

your coming," he beamed.

"Aunt Emma is all excited about

A short drive through a wonder-

land of beauty, and the big sprawl-

ing ranch house came in sight. Aunt

a cowboy, who was grooming a pony, looked curiously at us.

All was bustle and excitement,

hurry and preparation. Even the

horses and ponies in the corral

seemed excited, as if they sensed

something in the air. The after-

noon and evening went by on wings. Christmas morning dawned upon

a world that looked even lovelier

than it had yesterday. A million

jewels hung on bush and tree, a

sky of turquoise stretched itself

across the snow-covered mountains

Inside the ranch house a fire of

A loud shriek from the big

beautiful.

Holy Infant so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace! I stole outside for a few minutes

Round yon

as they went on to the next lines. A new moon was sending its silvery light down upon the world, a million stars added their smaller gleam. Around me I felt the faint, mysterious noises of night in the open places, the stirring of unseen, unknown things. My lips and heart joined in the words that floated out well, unitar. from the warm, lamp-lit room.

Silent Night, Holy Night! Shepherds quake at the sight! Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia; Christ the Saviour is born!

memorable Christmas, but never one as wonderful, as unforgettable, as this Christmas spent in the Rockies.

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and the school

By Dr. ALLEN G. IRELAND

THE SCHOOL LUNCH

to the school lunch. Regular

readers will know this is one

of my pet topics.

to be until every

school everywhere

in this country

has an adequate

school lunch.

The reason is simple. Food

is the fuel of the human ma-

chine. It builds, it furnishes

the energy and heat, and it

means life. From long obser-

vation we know that the grow-

ing child needs three and often

four meals a day in order to

health. In the old days, re-

maining at school meant two

meals and a paper bag lunch-

eon. But this was inadequate

and gradually the custom of an

organized luncheon at school

was grown until todav it is an

accepted feature of school rou-

Teachers have met the chal-

lenge nobly, and bless them for

it. Hot luncheons are now the

rule. Not much equipment is

required and the cost is very

low. Much of the work is done

by the pupils. Milk and soups

are brought from home in ma-

son jars and heated over the

well-established

It will continue

Every year about this time

Director, Physical and Health Education New Jersey State Department of Public Instruc-

Visitors and honor guests pupil of the grammar school, Elmer Sparks.

Personnel of the "Ramlin' tenor guitar and Herman Max-

Moses Austin declared to were J. B. Snyder, of Borden's, the Spanish Governor of Texas, Waco and the star English when applying for colonization privileges December 23, 1820. that he intended to raise cotton Country Boys" was Thurman ence. Texas now produces from and sugar to provide subsist-Maxwell Hawaiian guitar, M. C. one-fourth to one-third of the Braziel, violin, Fred Foreman. cotton crop of the nation and one-fifth of the world crop.



The greatest satisfaction in business is the joy that comes from human relationship. This greeting is sent to you as an expression of appreciation of your friendly patronage, and with the hope that your Christmas may be filled with happiness.

MARY'S FINGER WAVE SHOP



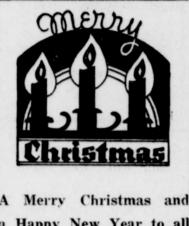
We hope you open your newspaper the very first thing in the morning . . . because then we'll know that ours was the first holiday greeting you got this Christmas!

CORVELL MOTOR COMPANY FORD V-8





S ROSS HUTTON finished telling his little daughter the A story of Christmas, of the shepherds and the Christ child, and had as tactfully as possible ex-



A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our Customers and Friends.

GAGO FEED STORE John Franks, Mgr.

We Extend Our

Best Wishes

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When all the good wishes

expressed by your friends

have been summed up-just

remember that our wish is

hat every one of these

wishes may come true.

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heaved a sigh, "Well, I think there's a Santy Claus and I hope he brings me a sheep like the ones in the story." The day before Christmas, Ross

saw a white woolly lamb in the window of a toy shop. He was glad he had walked to his office. Otherwise he might not have seen the lamb. He would stop on his way home and get it. But one of the men in the office offered to drive him home, so the lamb was forgotten until he heard Polly as she was being put to bed tell her mother she hoped "Santy" wouldn't forget about the "sheep." Ross looked at his watch and decided the shop would probably still be open. Anne called to him to ask where he was going, and he answered, "Back in a few minutes."

When he parked his car before the shop, the thought tha' the lamb might not be there struck him for the first time. He felt much relieved, therefore, when he saw the lamb in the window.

As he tucked the package under his arm and turned to leave the shop, a little boy came in. Ross heard him ask the proprietor if he still had the lamb that was in the window that morning. He was told the gentleman just leaving had bought it. "Oh." the disappointment showed in his voice. Wasn't there something else he would like? But there didn't seem to be anything else.

As he got into his car Ross caught sight of a small boy standing before the window, his gaze fas-



tened on the place where the lamb pointed, it was too bad there wasn't another lamb for him, Ross thought as he drove away. But probably something else would catch his fancy and he would forget all about Ross wondered though if Polly would have forgotten so easily. He scarcely thought so. The poor little thing would have been mightily disremembered before it was too late. arm or call them "dearie."

But try as he would he couldn't get the picture of the little fellow out of his mind. Halfway home he turned his car around and went back to the shop. The boy had left, so Ross asked the proprietor if he could tell him where the boy lived. He lived just around the Christmas tree

the little lamb for his small sister, plained about Santa Claus, Polly and was so disappointed when he found it gone. The proprietor had tried to interest him in something else, but he hadn't been successful in doing it. Ross interrupted to know in just which house the boy lived. Then in order to have some satisfactory excuse to offer at home, he bought a baby doll for Polly.

> When somewhat later he came into the living room where Anne was busy trimming the Christmas tree, she wanted to know where on earth he had been. He shook his head and put his finger to his lips as a warning not to waken Polly. He placed the package under the tree and with a happy smile he began helping with the work of trimming.

> The next morning he was awakened by Polly's happy cry that she knew there was a "Santy Claus" because he had brought her a "sheep" and a baby doll just as she asked him to. Ross sprang out of bed and into the living room. Where could the "sheep" have come from? For there was Polly with a lamb under one arm and the doll under the other.

"Where?" Ross asked, pointing to the lamb. Anne whispered that she had bought it.

"There is a Santy Claus, isn't there, Daddy?" Polly's voice implied she was giving information rather than asking it. Ross heartily agreed with her:

"There certainly is a Santa Claus beyond a doubt." C Western Newspaper Union.

Hang Pillow Cases At Christmas in St. Croix, Virgin Islands, the youngsters hang up pillowcases instead of stockings.





What can be said about etiquette in shops?

That courtesy on one side of the counter encourages it on the other. Common faults on had been. He seemed so disap- the buyer's side are a patronizing manner, irritability, walking away after having had many thngs brought out without even a "thank you" for the the lamb. Children were like that. service. Salespeople are illmannered when they are indifferent, haughty, or argumentative, and when they familiarly appointed. He was glad he had pat the woman customer on the

> **BROWN'S CREEK** Our school will have

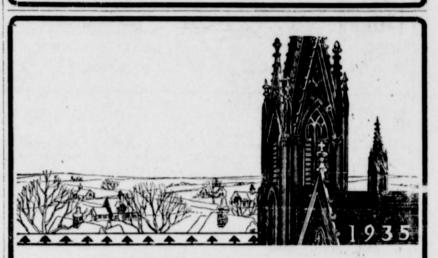
Texas was a sovereign nation ed States, Great Britain, France, for nearly ten years; she was The Netherlands, the Hanse recognized as such by the Unit- Towns,



Valuable assets cannot all be shown in figures. Among our most valued assets are the good will and viendship of our patrons. The spirit of the season brings to us renewed appreciation of old associations and the value of new friends May your Christmas be very happy is the wish of

Main Street

MRS. J. B. GRAVES FLORIST Phone 43



WE ARE THANKFUL TODAY AND GLAD OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH YOU AND YOURS

A MERRY CHRISTMAS



O. L. BRAZZIL County Treasurer

LET ALL MEN PAUSE . . .

... for a moment, on this calm guiet Christinas, and let them consider their benefits, and. give thanks. We, too, are thankful today, and glad of this opportunity to wish you all a most joyous Christmas.



Troy H. Jones, Agent

and program corner. He often came into the Friday night, Dec. 20, Every-Tonight he had come to buy ene is cordially invited to attend.

> The people of our community are repairing the church. Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Bigham of New York City are visiting his parents during the holidays. Mrs. Bigham is a graduate nurse

> The pie supper at the school house was a big success. Mr. Earl Cooke and family

have just returned from Winters where they have been visiting his brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gates are visiting at the Bigham's. Mary Bigham is expected home the twenty-seventh from Tallahassee, Florida, where she has attended the wedding of S. C. Bigham.

Mr. and Mrs. Atlas Brown have moved from our community to Flat. Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Brown will occupy their former home. Everyone in Brown's Creek community wishes everyone in every other community a Very Merry Christmas.

Dead shrubs on the Navarro county courthouse lawn have been replaced by the Corsicana Garden Club as a step in Centennial beautification.

To Our Many Friends:

It is appropriate that we should pause in the year's busy work to observe with fitting reverence the anniversary of the Christ Child. And in keeping with the old custom that symbolizes Peace on Earth and Good Will Toward Men, we take this way of extending our sincerest Greetings of the season.

PERRY BRO 5, 10 and 25c Store A. W. Gartman, Mgr.

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DEAR SANTA:

Here is the last bunch of kiddies letters asking that you not forget them tonig ht when you make your rounds to distribute gifts to good little boys and girls. Good bye, Santa, until next year!

- CATHERINE BRAGEWITZ de- ALVIS WEST would like to sires a doll bed room suite. a doll, fruit, cand and a tooth brush.
- ARVIN ASHBY desires an air gun, fruit and candy.
- PAULINE KEY asks for a doll. doll buggy, candy and fruit.
- JOE BEN HENAGER asks for a botle of hair oil, little car, candy, fruit and firecrackers. RAYMOND BROWNING wants a cap pistol, caps, firecrack-
- ers, fruit and candy. EARL BRAGEMITZ desires an
- air gun, airplane, fruit, candy and a ball,
- DOUGLAS THOMPSON asks for a ball, wagon, air gun, fruit and candy.
- Mickey Mouse wrist watch, embroidery set, and a Shirley

- have a dump truck, firecrackers, a little car, wagon, fruit and candy MERLE WEST desires a wagon,
- firecrackers, candy and fruit. EDITH SHELTON wants a doll, doll dishes, firecrackers, fruit and candy.
- an air gun, box of shots, fruit and candy. LOUISE SHELTON wants a

wagon, a little car with lights, fruit, candy and firecrackers.

- IRMA LEE KEY asks for a doll, candy and fruit. ROBERT LEE SMITH wants an air gun, ball, firecrackers,
- fruit and candy. PAUL JOHNSON asks for a wagon, ball, candy and fruit JAMES JOHNSON asks for an PRICE HENAGER wants an air
- gun, ball, candy, fruit and firecrackers. JIMMIE THOMPSON asks for
- an air gun, tooth brush and paste, box of shots, candy and
- JAMES HALE wants a big rubber ball, a car with lights, gun, firecrackers. fruit and
- WERT OWEN SHELTON desires a three bladed knife, firecrackers, fruit and candy. JAMES SPENCER wants some building blocks, wagon, candy, fruit and nuts.

Mickey Mouse wrist watch. DOROTHY SEWARD asks for a big doll and some books. MARTHA ELIZABETH SMITH wants a mirror, comb, brush. doll and fruit.

PAT SPENCE desires a watch, nuts and candy.

LEE HORD wants a machine gun, bicycle, books, candy and a thermos bottle.



May this joyous Christmas Season be but a forerunner of the happiness and prosperity that will be yours throughout the year.



air gun and a knife.



WILLIE DEAN HOLTZCLAW asks for a wagon, doll, candy and fruit.

- PEGGY ANNE WARREN desires a doll bed room suite, a doll, fruit, pencil box and candy.
- air gun, wagon, fruit, candy and firecrackers.
- BOBBIE SUE FARRAR desires a doll, doll buggy, candy and fruit.

JEANET WARREN and JOSE-PHINE WARREN asks for a doll, set of dishes, candy, apples and oranges.

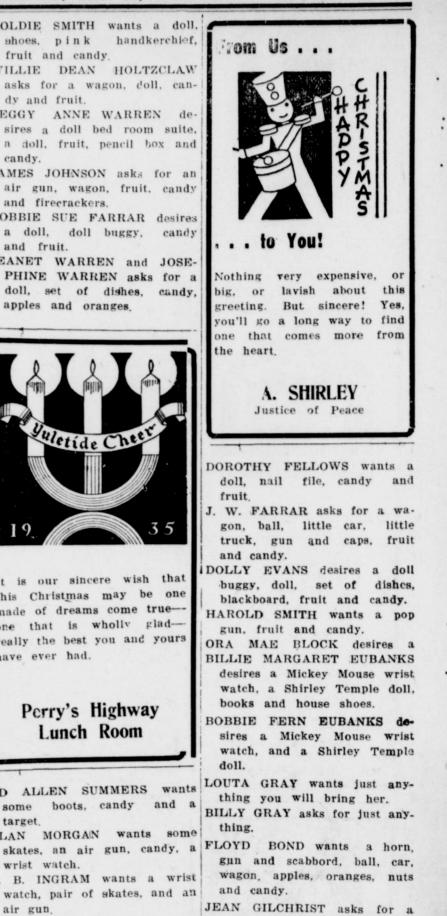


It is our sincere wish that this Christmas may be one made of dreams come true-one that is wholly gladreally the best you and yours have ever had.

Perry's Highway Lunch Room

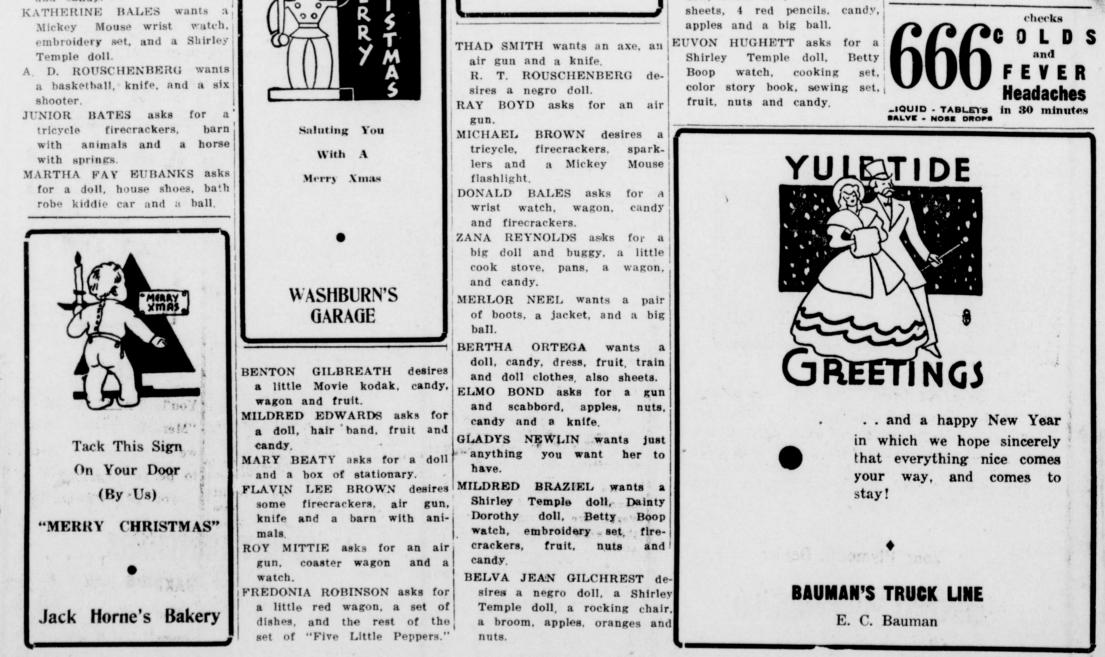
ED ALLEN SUMMERS wants some boots, candy and a target.

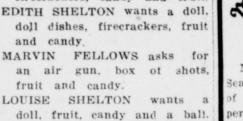
- ALAN MORGAN wants some wrist watch. G. B. INGRAM wants a wrist watch, pair of skates, and an
- air gun. RALPH SPENCE wants an air gun and a watch.
- MOLCER BROWN wants some BETTY JOYCE BRAZIEL asks candy, nuts and air gun and knife.
- JANE ARTEGUA asks for a doll, little bed, doll clothes, sheets, 4 red pencils, candy,



- rubber doll, rabbit on wheels. candy and fruit.
- for a rubber doll, rubber cat. stuffed dogs, candy, fruit and nuts.

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season,	Moody Sunday afternoon.	gracing	the holidays.
New listen, old friends, It's Christmas today, And it doesn't matter What other folks say- To us it is jolly and Merry and Gay, Because folks like you Have made it that way	Moody Sunday afternoon. Margaret Gilder of Baylor University, Waco, is here for the Christmas bolidays. Mamie Sue Halbrook of Arp, Texas, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Lowrey during the holi- days. Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Baldridge of Taylor are visiting relatives here during the Christmas holi- days. Billy Bloodworth, student at the University of Texas, is visit- ing relatives and friends here during the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Ayres Compton and daughter, Mary Deen, are here visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Compton during the holidays.	We wish you and want to be with you and all others in a Merry, Merry Xmas J. M. WITCHER County Superintendent	A Merry Xmas Merry Xmas You'll notice we use two "Merrys." That's because
* Voue Divergenth Dealor	Mrs. Weldon Gilchrest and daughter, Belva Jean, of Star, Texas, are visiting in Gatesville this week withfriends and rel- atives	The Dead Deadlith	you as ever before.
Your Plymouth Dealer SHEPHERD MOTOR CO.	Bernard Laudermilk, student of Baylor University, is here during the Christmas holidays visiting his parents, Mr. and	Miss Jacqueling West, stu- dent in S. M. U. at Dallas, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben West.	BAKER'S FRUIT STAND

becoming a state.

When Anson Jones, last President of the Republic, lowered the Lone Star Flag on February 19, 1846, and the flag of Uncle Sam was raised in its place, it was the first time in the history of the world that a nation had voluntarily surrendered its sovereignty.





But It's From the Heart, Our "Merry Xmas" To You

Gity Filling Station

Rufus McKinney, Mgr.



BED wore a striped tunic of orange and white somewhat ragged and dirty, though his mother, Lara, washed clothes for other families in order to keep herself and ten-year-old son from starving. Yet you seldom noticed Obed's ragged tunic because of his vivid face. His skin was smooth olive, his lips were red, and his dark eyes were the color of pools at midnight. Obed sang a great deal. If he heard a tune whistled on the street he ran home singing it all the way. If he heard music strummed in the bazaars, he'd linger near until he remembered every note of it.

But the whole world was a song for Obed. The sweet twitter of birds on dewy mornings. The sound



of water lapping over sand, the very rumble of cart wheels over the cobble-stones thundered out its own rough music for the pleasure of his ears.

"What help are you to a poor mother . . . be gone with you!" scolded Lara day after day. Obed laughed, never meaning to be thoughtless or disobedient, having ears only for the music about him. One evening late in December the longing for the shepherd's songs overcame him, and he slipped away at dusk. He was gone all night and in the morning he looked a different boy. His cheeks were pale. His lips did not smile, but here was a new and somber light shining in his dark eyes. This time his mother gazed at him in sorrow. He saw how worn she was, and he kissed her. "I cannot say I'm sorhe hesitated, "Not even now can I tell you." His tunic was worn and stained. He wore a ragged sheep skin about his shoulders. On this he sank down in his own corner and went to sleep. When he woke his face was flushed and rosy. He knelt on the floor and busy street below. looked :

These he opened his lips and a song of such joy and purity flowed out on the air as to make everyone stop and listen. Up and up soared the rapturous notes, seeming to possess a visible radiance of their own. Obed sang no words, but the music charmed every ear that heard it.

His mother stood behind him, her hands for once idle at their task. The tired lines on her face melted into peace. Her eyes looked far away. Clearer and clearer the exquisite melody continued, and died on a faint sweet note of ecstasy.

People listening below shook their heads and moved on as if awakened from a dream.

"Where, my son, did you hear that song?" Lara spoke in a whisper.

"In the skies, my mother. It came with wings and trumpets."

"Do not tell falsehoods about such divine melody."

Obed's eyes shone, but he would say no more. He hoarded the song in his heart. One evening, however, when the sky was clear and the stars shone like jewels, the boy was moved to sing again the beautiful, nameless music. When it was finished a knock came at the door. Lara opened it to a black servant who bowed low. "My master, the Prince, desires to know who sang that song."

Lara, trembling with fear, pointed to Obed who stood near an open window.

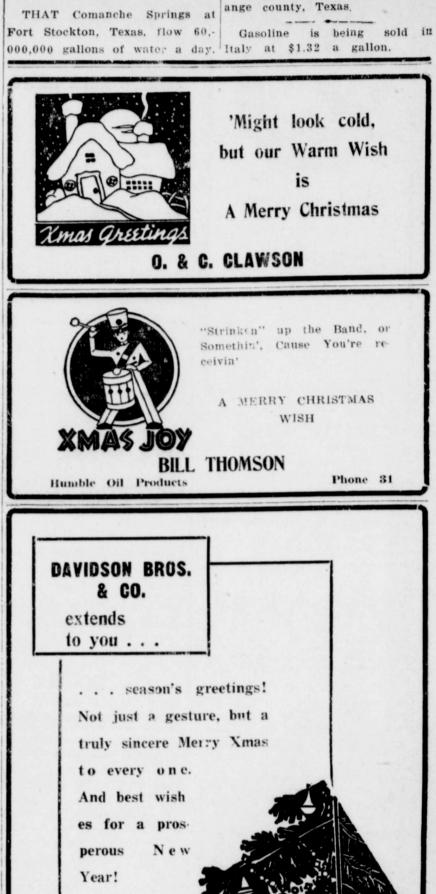
A tall figure dressed in rich furs and embroidered tunic pushed his servant aside.

"If the singer and his mother will honor my court with a visit, they



shall be conducted hither with safety." The voice was deep. "I am a prince from a distant country, who came to pay homage to the new King born in a stable. On my way to that stable," his piercing eyes looked at Obed, "and from afar off, I heard the song your son has just sung. It came dropping from the skies . . . angels' heavenly voices and trumpets. If my people could hear that music," his voice softened. "I'm sure they would all become faithful followers of the Babe Jesus. I promise you comfort, both of you, for all your years."

So Lara and Obed quickly prepared for the journey, and Obed sang the angels' song, as he remembered it, in the court of the prince, so that he and his kingdom became thereafter faithful followers of the Babe Jesus. © Western Newspaper Union.



THAT Lemonville is in Or-

Yuletide



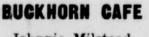


We cannot see each of you personally, we take this way of sending our CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES for a Happy Season.

Sheriff's Department Joe White Curtis Ritchie Sheriff Deputy



As you go home to your fireside on Christmas Eve, carry with you among the many good wishes that you have received, our own message of friendship and good cheer.



Johnnie Milstead

THAT the mess hall at Texas A. & M. College is the largest permanent mess hall in the world. Nine thousand meals are prepared and served daily to the student body.

DO-U-NO?

THAT there are over 160,000 miles of public highways in Texas.

THAT there is a jail house inside the walls of the Texas penitentiary at Huntsville.

THAT Texas has three Bostons—New Boston, Boston, Old Boston, all within five miles of each other.

THAT the famous Three-D brand of the waggoner ranch was caused by a cowbov who bent the iron into three perfect "D's" but found that when put on a cow the letters were backwards.

THAT cotton is grown in 240 of Texas' 254 counties.

THAT nine county lines in Texas form a straight line 300 miles long. Erath county on the east to Andrews county on the west.

THAT Dr. J. J. Taubenhaus of Texas A. & M. Experimental Station at College Station has discovered that the cotton plant actually has fever when it is sick.

THAT TEXAS is the only state that was a nation before



People have been saying "Merry Christmas" for a long, long time . . . and we'd like to extend you the season's greetings in some other way. But, really, nothing expresses what we want to say quite as well as a good, old-fashioned MERRY CHRISTMAS . . . and the best of luck for the new year!

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HATE Christmas!" Marcia thought passionately. She

pressed her face close to the toy window, so passersby would not notice her burning cheeks nor tearfilled eyes.

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Suddenly she was face to face with it-that overwhelming longing for some one to make Christmas worthwhile, "Why am I such a fool?" she asked herself miserably. "A grown woman weeping at a store window display !"

Well, why not find some one? And then, as though in answer, she saw the item in the paper.

"Poor children of this and neighboring communities will be treated to a real old-fashioned Christmas dinner and tree at the McKinley barracks. Officers and men are providing turkey and all the trimmings, and several hundred children are expected. Churches and social agencies are being asked to furnish women to act as chaperones and also cars to transport the children to the barracks."

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Here those Christmas bells? We were seriously thinking of shouting "Merry Christthan do automobile accidents; they dren's carols. mas" beneath your window "Goodness!" Marcla exclaimed at kill nearly as many, claiming aneavthis morning, but the bells erage of about 80 lives daily. In terms last. "They're leaving. I must look would drown us out . . so after my carload of youngsters." of dollars and cents, for the practical minded, home accidents cost "Wait!" He caught her hand, re'll have to say it in print, more than \$1,000 per minute. held it fast. "I'll want to see you where you'lll see it! Here it Accidents of all types are Public again, soon. We have so much in is . . . MERRY CHRISTMAS! Enemy No. 4. Only three diseases common, you know-we're both cause as many deaths each year, lonely, we like children, we enjoy heart disease, cancer, and cerebral Christmas parties-and I want to hemorrhage. know if you like hiking and tobog-"The home is not the place of ganing, movies, operas, lots of safety it is commonly supposed to things. Me, for instance." be," said Mr. Fieser in commenting "Of course," answered Marcia. on the new Red Cross service to the "But let me go now. Here comes that welfare lady." She pulled community. "The Red Cross, as a JIM MARTIN part of its chartered obligation to away. "We were just coming," she prevent death and alleviate sufferapologized. Tailor ing, is conducting this humanitarian The lady smiled. "No hurry. But Phone 7 program to cut down the mounting wonder-you said something, you toll of avoidable personal injury and death in the homes of the country." The annual Red Cross roll call, running from Armistice Day to Thanksgiving Day, is one of the means of backing such a campaign. All citizens of the United States are offered the opportunity to join and assist in the work of the organization. Rev. W. B. Teel of Waco WHEN = = preached here Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. Old smiles are a trifle brighter, Mr. and Mrs. Hub Wolfe and And old handshakes a trifle daughter of Fairy, visited in And old handshakes a trife the D. J. Fisher home Sunday, tighter. Leta Ann and Thelma Collard of Carden, Mr. and Mrs. Rolan It's Christmas Time! Burt, Doris, Ruby and Raby Burt, Rovert and Earnest Fisher visited in the Roy Burt COZY CAFE home Saturday night and Sun-K. and Bill Ament day. Willie Hersen of Maple spent

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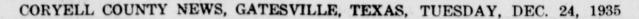


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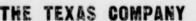
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All-Stars to Meet Valley Mills Xmas Day



Just to greet our friends, to extend good wishes, to thank them for past kindnesses and to wish them as we wish you-Life's Eest in a Very Merry Christmas.



Tomorrow afternoon, Xmas Day, at 3:00 o'clock the local all-stars meet the all-stars from Valley Mills in a benefit game for the High School football team.

The game promises to be quite interesting as the Valley Mills team has sent word that they will enter the game with blood in their eyes. The local played the same team twice last year winning the first one and losing the second, so both outfits will be striving to win the third and deciding game.

Likely starters for Gatesville will be C. Wiggins and McBeth at the end positions: "Bug" Jones and Pete Martin at the tackle berths; Baker and Kirby at guards, and Wilson at the pivot post. In the backfield Blanton will bark the signals, Satterfield and J. B. Martin will hold down the halfback jobs, while J. L. Wiggins will be the fullback. Ready to go as relief men will be Hedgpeth at end, Bauman at tackle or fullback, Ricketts, McDowell and H. Blanton at halfbacks. Two men from Clifton, who after last year, decided they liked the locals way of playing, will probably be here to lend their services to the locals cause, They are Kilgore, a hard running back and Murphee, a fine guard.

All in all the game should be quite worthwhile, and you can be assured of receiving your money's worth. The admission will be 25c and 10c.



Here's wishing all our readers, all the sport fans the county over, the athletic coaches and all the athletes a Very Merry Christmas, and may Santa Claus fill your stocking with nothing but victories.



Take it from us

We really wish we could see each of you personally just to say what a very "Merry Christmas" we are wishing for you. But we know you are going to be busy being "Merry," so we're asking you to take it this way.

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THE GATESVILLE LAUNDRY

John T. Morgan, Prop.

extends to you a very Merry Christmas.. and the hope that each day thereafter will be just as merry... just as full of good cheer as this day.... greatest of the year.

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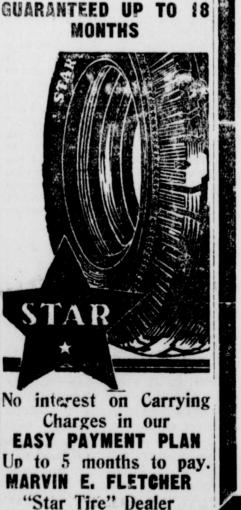
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