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Gatesville and First National Banks to Consolidate Mayor C. E. Gandy Will Not Offer for Reelection

TWO INSTITUTIONS MOST CLOSELY CONNECTED WITH HISTORY OF COUNTY MERGE SOON

Christmas brings a whole Santa Claus bag of news with the information that the Gatesville National Bank and the First National Banks will be consolidated as soon as legal arrangements, and other necessary routine is completed, according to both presidents of these institutions, Dan E. Graves and Leake Ayres. The new bank will be called the National Bank of Gatesville.

The statement as given by Mr. Graves is as follows: "On December 21, the directors of the First National Bank of Gatesville, and those of the Gatesville National Bank, voted to consolidate these two financial institutions. This action is subject to the ratification by a two-thirds vote of the share holders of both institutions, which ratification will have to be given by the shareholders of both institutions, and the plan of consolidation will have to meet with the approval of the Comptroller of the Currency of the United States".

"The legal requirement is that at least 30 days publication in some newspaper shall be given before the meeting of the stockholders will be held, therefore, it will be the latter part of January before the actual merger or consolidation can take place. In the meanwhile, during this interim of not less than 30 days, each Bank will continue as a separate institution, each independent of the other".

"These two institutions have long been recognized as two of the states, best banking institutions. The consolidated bank will be one of the outstanding banks in improved efficiency, strength and service."

It is understood that the final consummation of this merger, very handsome dividends will be paid to the shareholders of both institutions.

It is farther understood that by a process of remodeling and

rebuilding and refurbishing the new bank will have commodious, comfortable and ver attractive quarters—a home that will be of credit to the town of Gatesville.

The officers and the general personnel of the new bank, together with other details will be announced later.

HISTORY OF THE BANKS

THE FIRST

Looking back, and beginning with the "elder", the First was established originally being called Coryell County Bank, with Sam J. Mings the organizer, with the date of organization unknown. However, in 1889 it was made a National bank, and was then called the First National Bank. Mings was the first president with A. R. Williams, as cashier, and aboard of directors including J. R. Raby, Sam J. Mings, B. M. Stone, W. M. Squires, and W. B. Sedwick.

In 1891, the Citizen's National, which had been organized by F. M. Gardner and A. R. Williams, was consolidated with the First, and F. M. Gardner and A. R. Williams were made president and cashier, respectively. Other presidents of the First have been J. R. Raby, who after A. R. Williams, was president until 1921, when he died and Leake Ayres, president now was elected.

THE GATESVILLE

The Gatesville National Bank was chartered on February 12, 1902 but it was March 12, before it opened for business. The men who planned and put into operation this bank were its president Dan E. Graves, its Vice president, J. P. Kendrick, and R. E. West, C. L. Bush, Q. A. Ellis, A. E. Bebout, Wm. Williams and J. E. Walker.

As the first board of directors, men elected Mr. Walker as President of the bank. Other officers were Dan E. Graves vice president and J. P. Kendrick as cashier.

Mr. Walker, died April 20th after it's organization and R. E. West was elected to fill the vacancy until his death, when Dan E. Graves was made president, and has held that position since.

SANTA CLAUS, HWY. DEPT., GIVES COUNTY NINE MILES

Suddenly, out of a wet sky came the news that bids were to be asked for on January 5, for a 9 and a fraction mile section of Highway 7 West of Gatesville, and this includes the Leon River Bridge at Gatesville, and also a large bridge for Dodd's Creek.

With Cage Brothers now moving in, it seems that Coryell county is coming into the money, as far as highways are concerned, and it is thru the untiring efforts of citizens of Gatesville, Judge Floyd Zeigler, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Highway Commission that this work has

been granted.

Coryell county, now, it seems is playing the role of the "forgotten county" and a New Deal is in the offing for this county in the highway manner.

Highways are not secured on immediate demands of people or requests by them, they are it seems by continuous hard work by civic leaders of the counties, and that only with the support of all energies, which includes citizens civic clubs, business men clear down to the least of us.

It's co-operation, and co-operation is the only way anything is done.

SCA MEETS IN ITS THIRD ANNUAL SESSION AT CAMP

One hundred farmers, landowners, agricultural workers and others interested in soil conservation assembled at the local CCC camp Tuesday, December 21 for the third Annual Meeting of the Gatesville Soil Conservation Association.

The group assembled in the camp mess hall at noon for a luncheon prepared by the camp boys and were entertained with music furnished by the Camp orchestra.

The meeting was called to order at 12:45 by D. I. Glass, President of the Association who introduced County Agent Guy Powell as master of ceremonies.

Mr. Powell introduced the Directors of the Association and asked each man present to rise in turn and give his name, address and occupation. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Monroe Blankenship, Secretary. Treasurer's report was read by P. H. Martin, C. E. Gandy, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, recommended that all present office be retained for another year. This motion was made by C. E. Dansby of Mosheim and carried by unanimous vote.

E. E. McAlister, Technician in charge at the local camp for the Soil Conservation Service introduced members of the technical staff and gave a brief progress report of work done in this area.

W. E. Lasseter, Vocational

Agriculture Instructor in the Gatesville High School read a list of suggested activities for the Association during the coming year and pledged the support of the Gatesville Chamber of Commerce.

Brief talks by landowners, and farmers cooperating with the Soil Conservation Service, in which they expressed their opinions of the Soil Conservation program, were made by Guy Draper, landowner and banker of Oglesby and McGregor, Alf Lockhart of Pidcoke, C. E. Dansby of Mosheim and Clifton, and Albert Jacobs of Coryell City.

W. R. Heizer, Project Manager of the Soil Conservation Service Project with headquarters at Dublin, made an interesting talk on the future of soil conservation, in that area and introduced "Uncle Buck" Hallmark, director of the Agricultural Committee of the Dublin Development Club. Mr. Hallmark, a well known soil conservation advocate, complimented this area on results already attained.

Capt. Herman N. Spoede, Sub-District Commander of the North Texas District CCC, made a very interesting talk on his experiences with erosion and floods, and briefly outlined the responsibility of the army in a CCC Camp.

T. G. Ray, Camp Educational Advisor, explained the educational program in the camp.

that a local lady breaks into the high score in the bowling business, and that's Miss Joyce Baker who's "high man" with a score of 261 for the 5-pin game this week.

The other two hiscores this week are Ed Flentge who dumped 260 points in 3pin, and Alvie Adams who scattered the ducks for one-eleven.

Basketeers have been quite this

week, or haven't let anyone know lights in the gym two or three nights, but folks, this 28 page rag has kept us in hot water most of the nights, days and Sundays recently—and Postum, that is the reason.

Miss Clara Brown of El Campo will spend the holidays in the home of Arthur Schloeman and other relatives here.

In a release from the office of Mayor C. E. Gandy, received here Tuesday of this week, Mayor C. E. Gandy writes as follows stating that his term as Mayor of Gatesville expires next April, and that he would not again offer for Mayor.

Mayor Gandy also stated that one reason for his decision is the showing quite a nice increase and his time is required for that work.

Mayor Gandy will complete his term in April after replacing former mayor M. W. Lowrey, in this city election of two years ago.

This will probably start the local city political pot boiling along with several other pots, where politics is simmering, and brew of many different hues is being prepared to fling on an unsuspecting public. It's going to be a big year in the election business this year.

Speaking of the express business, Mr. Gandy and his force have been exceedingly busy the past few weeks helping Santa Claus wrap packages and get them to their destinations, both far and near.

Mr. Gandy, as it will be after April has made an efficient and well-liked mayor for the most part, and Gatesville has profited by his administration.

DAN STOKES DIES IN AUSTIN FORMER BANKER HERE

Dan Stokes, widely known thru out Coryell county died Wednesday in Austin, according to a telephone conversation received by Leake Ayres of the First National Bank, shortly after noon, on that date. Cause for his death was not given.

According to Mr. Ayres, Mr. Stokes was once employed by the First National Bank, and was with the Turnersville Bank before it consolidated with the First National Bank here.

Mr. Stokes remains will be taken to Crawford for burial and the funeral has been announced for 3 p.m. tomorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Wallace and son, Jim Fred, of Houston will spend the Xmas Days with Mrs. J. F. Nabors.

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL NOTES



Patients in the Hospital are: William Moore, Miss Bess Holmes, Mrs. J. M. Gilbreath and daughter, W. W. Hagen

MARKET REPORT

(As of Dec. 23.)

Pecans	.....	.05
Mohair	.....	33 to 53c
Wool	.....	20-22c
Wheat	.....	80c
Corn, ear	.....	50c
Corn, ground	.....	\$1.10
Oats, loose	.....	34c
Oats, sacked	.....	36c
Cream No 1	.....	30c
Cream No 2	.....	28c
Cottonseed, ton	.....	\$20
Eggs No 1	.....	23c
Hens, light	.....	9c
Hens, heavy	.....	11c
Spring Fryers	.....	11c

SPORT SCRAPS

By JONES

SANTA CLAUS,—he's about the sportingist gent we know of in these parts at this time.

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A Merry Christmas

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Greetings to All

Much of the happiness that these Holidays bring us is derived from reflecting upon the pleasant associations that come into our lives, and we are grateful for your friendship.

Merry Christmas to you and to yours and to all about you and may the New Year be a good year for you, one in which you will prosper abundantly and be happy.

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LEON JUNCTION

The people in this community are enjoying the pretty weather after a week of heavy rains.

Most of the people are going to town to see Santa Claus, and are doing their Christmas shopping.

Hollis Thorne left Saturday for Nashville, Tenn. where he will spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Lee and Raymond Robinson, Herman and John Johnson and R. D. Cummings and Andrew Hagerty all returned from west Texas where they have been picking cotton.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Brumbalow and children and Miss Jimmie McHargue of Mound visited in Leon Junction Sunday with friends and relatives.

Jack Thornton came home Saturday from Ft. Worth where he is attending Texas Wesleyan Col-

lege, to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Thornton.

Lee White of Bay City and Mrs. M. A. Friend of Oglesby spent Monday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Farrar.

Mrs. Minnie Brumbalow spent Saturday night in Waco with her sister, Mrs. Jim Owen.

Dr. Carpenter of Waco preached a very interesting sermon here Sunday night in the Baptist Church.

CORYELL VALLEY

Mr. and Mrs. Dodge Hollingsworth of White Hall visited Mr. and Mrs. A. M. McCallister Monday, also Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latham.

Mr. and Mrs. Dub Dairs of China Springs visited Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Knight.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Sheppard

were Gatesville visitors Monday.

J. J. Nichols was a pleasant caller in the A. M. McCallister home Friday night.

Cecil Fowler visited W. B. Knight Friday night.

Wess Nichols of White Hall visited B. A. Wilson Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latham and Billy spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Banks Latham of White Hall.

This community has an abundance of water, a wonderful season; looks very promising for another year.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latham and son Billy and Cecil Fowler visited Mr. and Mrs. Will Fowler recently.

Travis Latham is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Bank.

Author Knight was a Waco visitor one day last week.

The rain last Monday night did not keep Louis McCallister and Bob from enjoying another cat race that ended near day light in our vicinity.

MOUND NEWS

Miss Doris Lawrence is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Blanchard of Ewing.

Mrs. J. A. Childers has returned home to spend the Xmas holidays.

Charley Baitey and daughters of Oglesby and Miss Mildred Milton of Pecan Grove are visitors in the home of Mrs. H. S. Roberts Sunday morning.

Mr. J. H. Lowery is suffering with a very badly infected hand at this time.

Mrs. R. H. Mayberry received a telegram of the death of her sister, Mrs. John Baitey of Calif. Mrs. Baitey was reared in this community and will be remembered as Miss Lula Lowery.

Miss Mona Draper visited friend in Waco several days the past week.

Joel Shirley and children of Oglesby visited in the home of Mrs. George I. Draper Sunday afternoon and attended the funeral of Mr. Charley Smith at the Smith Cemetery.

Mrs. H. M. Fellers visited her sister Mrs. Sam Whigham of Flat Sunday.

Mrs. Ted Mayberry and children of Gatesville visited her mother, Mrs. H. M. Fellers Sat-

urday.

Ted and Fred Mayberry visited relatives here Monday.

Quite a number from here attended the funeral Sunday afternoon of Charley Smith.

BUSTER NEWS

We are sorry to report several of the sick list, namely Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton and several others.

John and Ina Davis; and Christine and Paul Davis spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Esteen Draper and family of Ames.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Cook and family spent Sunday with Mr and Mrs. Hawkins and family of Jonesboro.

Several in this community attended the basket ball games held in the Turnersville gym last Saturday night.

La Verne Scott of Turnersville and Jewel Wendeborn spent the week end with Frances Williams.

Rev. John Roades of Levita left an appointment here for a three days meeting, beginning on Friday night, December 31st and extending until Sunday night Jan. 1st. Rev. Roades will be in charge of each service and we wish to extend to one and all a hearty welcome and welcome them to be in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Miller and son spent Tuesday with relatives in the White Hall community.

Mr and Mrs. Peter Tow and son of Gatesville spent last week here with relatives.

FOR A MODERN



Xmas

It would be incomplete to us, unless we sent you our Heartiest Greetings for Christmas

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4-H Histories Due

This is the time to turn in stories of 4-H accomplishment. Girls who have been 4-H club members for at least one year and who desire to enter an account of their work in the contest for a gold star pin should do so at once. This history should include the girls' accomplishments as demonstrators, accomplishments as cooperators, financial value of productive work, summary of all the years of club work. Offices held, honors won, and what they have done to help others. The Home Demonstration Agent has received two stories. One is by Freda Beaty, Pecan Grove 4-H cooper-

ator in clothing and gardening. The other is by Hazel Walters, Pecan Grove 4-H cooperator in clothing and gardening. Clippings, pictures, score cards, plans, and samples add to these accounts. It is an honor to be a gold star girl and as Coryell County has never had a 4-H gold star girl, stories should be completed and sent to the Home Demonstration Agent to be entered in this year's contest.

Bedroom Demonstrator Active.

Viola Struempfer, Bedroom Demonstrator of the White Hall 4-H Girl's Club has been busy completing the current goals of the Bedroom Demonstration which are:

1. Provides an appropriate bedspread or piece of lightweight cover.
2. Add either a mattress pad



BESSIE FAY GOBER wants a little rubber doll, set of dishes a doll bed candy, nuts and fruit. MARY LOUISE McCUTCHEN wants a little purse, a perfume set, a bracelet and a ring. CENA ELLON GOBER desires a "mama" doll a bracelet, candy nuts and fruit. JEWEL FAY GOBER would like a surprise box, a purse and a ring. DOROTHY LEE GOBER wants a rubber doll, a bracelet and candy and fruit. ADELINE LIPSEY wants a "bottle top" doll, firecrackers, a doll buggy and a little stove, nuts and fruit. LOIS GOBER desires a set of dishes, a doll, bracelet and a little stove. MILDRED McCUSTION wants a perfume set, a purse, a little stove, bracelet, ring candy and fruit.

VIRGINIA RICHARDSON desires a ring set of dishes d'ill stove, bracelet, perfume set. HELON WAITS wants a rubber doll, a bracelet, ball and jacks candy and nuts. EFFIE GOBER, wants a sewing box, a ring and bracelet, candy and nuts. ALPHINE LOER, wants a surprise box, a set of toy dishes, candy; fruit and fireworks. AVIS DOSSEY, would like candy, nuts; fruit and toys. ELLEN RILEY, wants a doll, boots and boot pants, teddy bear, and nuts and candy. BARBA JOYLES McGLOTHIN, wants a doll and buggy, a book and dishes; knives and spoons. LOLA BETH WRIGHT, desires a paint book, and some story books; A ring with her initials also a map book, nuts and candy.

C. E. Alvis, Jr. Attorney
Guy Powell.....Co. Agent
Sidney Gibson.....H. D. Agent
H. E. Preston.....Com. Beat 1
H. J. Leonhard.....Com. Beat 2
Harry Johnson.....Com. Beat 3
Oad Painter.....Com. Beat 4
C. H. McGilvray....Dem. Chm.
L. S. Secrest... County Surveyor
Carl McClendon...District Clerk
R. B. Cross.....District Judge
Harry Flentge...District Att'y

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BILLY HAL POLLARD, desires some fireworks, airgun, candy and some other little toys. ROBERT RAY GOBER, wants a double barrel gun, a harp, fruit, candy and nuts. JACOB RICHARDSON, desires a knife, a cap pistol, harp, fruit, nuts and candy. GEORGE WAITS, wants a harp, some marbles, candy, nuts, pop gun or a cap pistol. EUGENE LOER, wants firecrackers, a little gun and caps for the gun. WAYMON FRY, would like some fireworks, candy, fruit, an air gun and some other toys. BOBBIE JOE BARTON, wants a tricycle, a ball, a gun; nuts, fruit and candy. ERVIN BAKER, wants a pair of Cowboy boots, and some candy and fire works. ROSS HOPSON FRANKS, wants some fireworks, an air gun, "Dick Tracy gets his Man" and a two in one game.

J. W. LOER, wants a pop gun, some caps for my pistol and some nuts and candy. DE LOYCE SMITH wants some fireworks candy fruit an air gun and other toys. MILTON McCUISTON, wants a cap pistol, a little tractor, and a truck. BOBBIE DAVIS WRIGHT, would like a saddle, a paint book, moulding clay, fruit, nuts and candy. A. W. SMITH, wants a little car, an air gun and a guitar. FLOYD BAKER, desires cowboy boots, air gun, bird feed and some nuts and candy. ROBER LEE SMITH, wants some fire works, a little truck and some nuts and a ball. GAYLE HOPSON, wants a catpillar tractor, that will wind up, a big rubber ball and a mickey Mouse balloons. BUDDY GOBER, wants a little tractor, a truck, fruit, nuts and candy.

or pillow protectors.
3. Have sufficient slats for springs.
4. Add one pair pillow cases or one pair long sheets.
The following articles have been made by Viola:

Article	Value	Cost
Dresser scarf	.50	.12
2 pr. curtains	.49	.49
3 pr. Pillow cases	\$1.05	.50
1 sheet	.65	.20
Bedspread	\$2.00	\$2.00
Small scarf	.15	.02
Table cover	.75	.11
Chair cover	.50	.10
Pillow protectors	.30	.12
TOTAL	\$6.39	\$3.36

Attractive, conservative trim consisting of white lace and blue cross stitch is employed on the articles. The saving of approximately \$2.73 was effective through quantity purchasing and making the material into the various articles herself.

Sound Plannig by Topsey Bedroom Demonstrator

Miss Eva Durham, Bedroom Demonstrator fo the Topsey H. D. Club, is laying sound plans to have her room be harmonious in color scheme. She plans to have green be the dominating color and have brown, cream, and other colors that will be pleasing with it. Other indications of foresight are the crayon and paper designs she plans her hooked mats by. For her bedspread she plans to make one and use the candlewick tufting decoration on it.

County Official Directory

Floyd ZeiglerJudge
C. P. Monnce.....Co. Clerk
Dave Culberson...Assr.-Collector
J. M. Wither.....Co. Supt.
Joe White.....Sheriff
O. L. Brazzil.....Treasrer

SOCIETY

Mr. and Mrs. Powell Entertain With Xmas Party

Employees at the County Agents Office were entertained Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Powell on their home on Bridge Street, Bridge Street.

Guests were seated at small tables which were centered with miniature decorated Xmas trees, and a delectable dinner was served with all appointments pertaining to Christmas.

Following the dinner the tables were cleaned and games of hearts were enjoyed. At conclusion of the games the guests chatted over the refreshment plates holding cake and punch which was served by the hostess.

Christmas flowers and other decorations for the yuletide season was tastfully arranged about the room. In the corner of the party room stood a lovely lighted Xmas tree.

Y. W. A. Girls Have Xmas Party

Mrs. C. L. Bellamy, counselor for the Y. W. A. Girls, entertained them Tuesday evening with a Christmas party at her home.

at 7:30 o'clock.

Presents were brought by the guests and placed under the lovely Xmas tree. During the evening games were played, Xmas gifts were exchanged and Mrs. Bellamy was presented with a lovely poinsettia by the class of girls.

Hot chocolate, fruit cake and roasted nuts were served to the following: Misses Winola Sasse, Clara Bakke, Nettie McClure, Fern Cooper, Myrtle Henry, Pauline and Elaine Smith.

Buffet Supper And Xmas Tree Enjoyed

The lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Lengefeld in Hamilton presented a festive holiday appearance when they entertained employees of the two Bauman Clover Farm Stores and their wives Monday evening at their annual informal social.

A dinner, in buffet style was enjoyed by all in the dining room tastfully decorated in blue and silver, which was carried out effectively thruout the evening.

After the dinner the guests were invited into the living room which shone with bells, stars, and other Christmas symbols of the said colors. A large

Christmas tree glistened in the corner of the room, which held gifts for all the guests.

About twenty guests were present for the delightful affair.

Mrs. Wade Dyer Honored With Shower

Mrs. Tom Dyer entertained with a shower Monday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Wade Dyer, the former Miss Marvel Lawrence. The place cards which were miniature Santa Claus had "Marvel and Wade, December 4" engraved.

Games were played and Mrs. Dyer received many useful and lovely gifts.

Pineapple, Banana and nut cakes with coffee and hot chocolate were served to the following guests: Mesdames Franklin Blackstock, Fisher Walker, Helmar Schaub, Owen Dyer, Raymond Dyer, Edd Pope, Weldon Pope, Fred Dyer, Jack Tension, Harry McClesky, Travis Dyer, Ernest Dyer, Tom Dyer, Misses Lorraine Tension and Mary Pope and the honoree.

Mr. and Mrs. Burl McGilvray of Dallas and Miss Elizabeth McGilvray of Clifton are guests of their parents Mr. and Mrs. C. H. McGilvray the latter part of this week

SPECIAL for Last Minute SHOPPERS



Joe Hanna's "The Friendly Store"

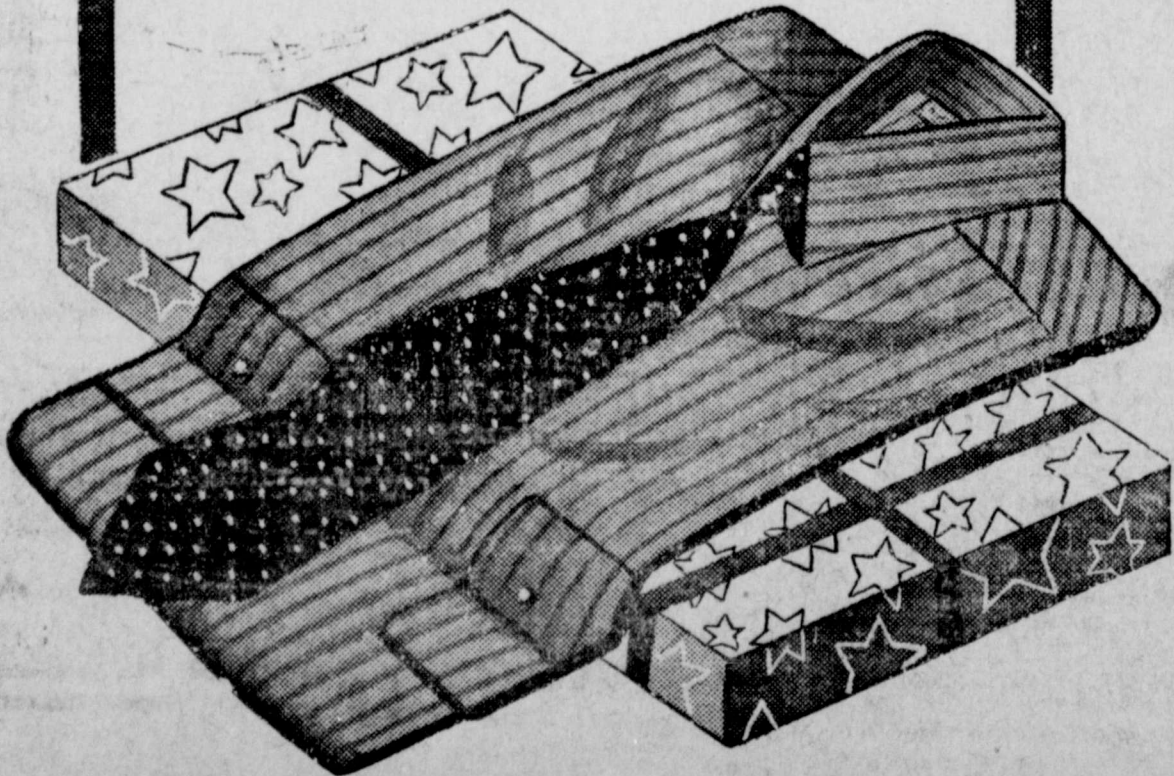
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CHRISTMAS



To our new friends and customers from Gatesville's newest store. May you have the Happiest Christmas ever.

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Charlie Baker was a Waco visitor Tuesday.

Don Adams is spending the holidays at his home near Jonesboro.

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WHITE and BROWN WISH YOU and YOURS A RED and GREEN XMAS, and MAY IT BE MERRY

WHITE & BROWN INSURANCE

Weatherford College Students from Gatesville are at home for the Christmas holidays; they are: Grady Dickie, and Donald Weaver, sophomores and A. C. Bates, first year student.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Brooks of Waco and Rev. and Mrs. Seymour and little daughter were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schloeman and Mrs. Schloeman's mother Mrs. Brown Sunday.

Mrs. J. F. Nabors has returned to her home near Gatesville from Wichita Falls. She was accompanied home by Mrs. H. C. Huggins and daughter, Joan, of that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moss and son of Port Arthur and Mr. and Mrs. Clay McClellan and son of Waco will be the holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mears.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith will have as their guests Christmas their daughters and sons in law Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Reed of De Leon; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilkerson of Dallas, also a son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Davis Smith of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Dell Little and family, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Fletcher and family will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fletcher during the holidays.

Herbert Nance, student in S. W. T. T. C. at San Marcos arrived Wednesday to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Miss Erma Lee Rutherford who is visiting here now had her tonsils removed Wednesday morning and is reported to be doing splendidly.

Murray Kendrick of the Music Department of TSCW is here for the Christmas holidays and a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Kendrick.

Miss Cora Lee Franks and Mae Basham, supervisors at Groesbeck will arrive Thursday to spend the remainder of the week with their parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Powell and family will have as their guest Mrs. Powell's mother and sister of Nacodoches for the holidays.

Mrs. Norris Henley is spending the week with her parents at Walnut Springs; she will be joined Christmas day by Mr. Henley.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Sullivan of Trinity will spend the holidays with his sister and brother in law Mr and Mrs. E. G. Rutherford

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CHRISTMAS DAY— SUNDAY AND MONDAY



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Plus. Fox News—Shorts

J. W. Summers of Brady will arrive Friday to spend the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walker Summers.

Maurice Roberts of near Ballinger is visiting his parents and other relatives here this week.

Among the Waco visitors Tuesday were Mesdames George Strickland and Sam McCreary. Mrs. McCreary, in the afternoon left for Jacksonville where she will spend the Christmas holidays with daughter.

Mrs. Ralph Neely and son of Ft. Worth are visiting her mother and other relatives this week.

Everett Davis returned to his home at De Leon, Texas after several days visit with Miss Margaret Melton.

W. A. Melton returned to his home this week, after several weeks visit with his son at New Orleans.

Mrs. Velda Bradford of Goldthwaite will spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. R. S. Farmer.

Honorable John Doe will be the guest of Honorable R. B. Cross, district judge during the meeting of the Gatesville Bar Association the 10th of Jan.

Guests in the J. H. Johnson home for the holidays are Mrs. Neal Story of Dallas, who will arrive Thursday; Joe Johnson of Nacodoches; Paul Johnson, Mrs. Coleman and Mrs. Draper of near Gilmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Denver Roberts of Pettus are the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Cross this week.

Miss Erma Lee Rutherford, student at Howard Payne, Brownwood is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Rutherford.

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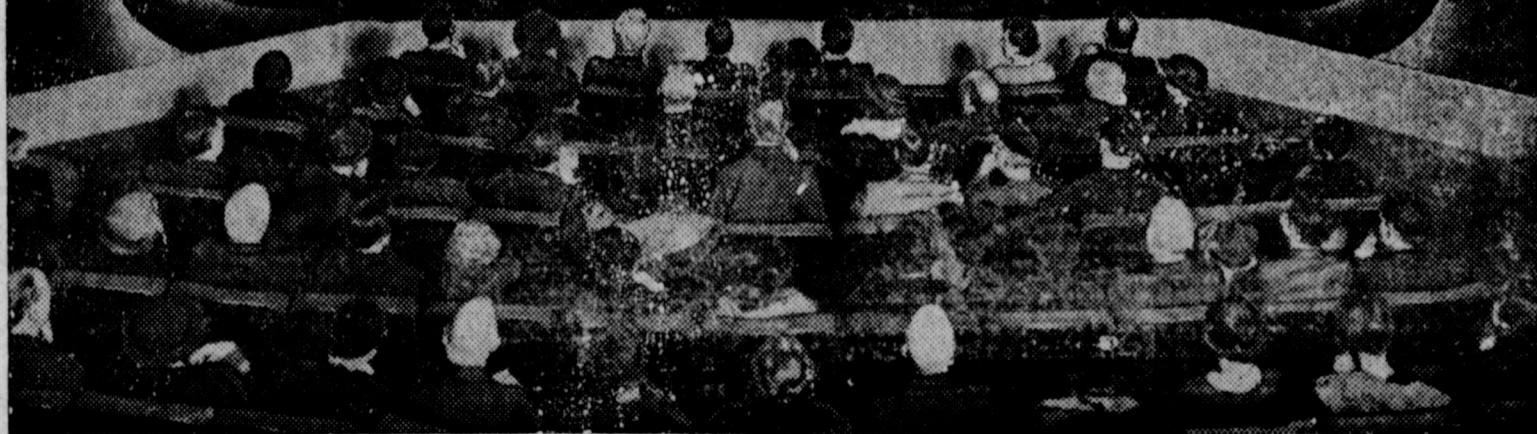
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MOUNTAIN NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Cantrell and Mrs. Lizzie Turner and children of California are here to spend the holidays. Visitors in the George Loer home Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Mack Dooley of Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Fisher and son Huey of Ireland. Wyvonne Ditto and Morell Fisher of Aleman, Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Reneau of Gatesville, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fisher Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Fisher and daugh-

Mrs. Ernest Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Ernest Fisher Mr. and Mrs. Roy Burt and daughter Sherrie Ladene, Mrs. Ester White and daughter Leota of Ireland. Blanche and Sam Clemons of Carden visited in the John Barton home Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. Roland Burt and son, Benny spent Sat. night and Sunday in the Melvin Franks home of Gatesville. Joe (Hop) Burt visited "Sonny" Turner Sunday.

Brimstone is one form of sulphur.

THE GROVE SCHOOL NEWS
Due to the inclement weather, it was necessary to have the P. T. A. on Monday night instead of Thursday of last week. The CCC camp of McGregor had planned on presenting a three act play on Friday night of last week, but due to the wether they have decided to wait until after the holidays. The Christmas tree and program will be Thursday night of this week. The holidays of this year will include the days between December 23, 1937 to January 3, 19

38. The entire school is decorating for the Xmas program. Mr. Kruse, principal of our school entertained, the eighth and ninth grades last Saturday with a weiner roast. After

roasting weiners various games were enjoyed by all. The pupils have just finished their second six weeks tests, which should have been last week. Most of the pupils could not attend due to bad weather.

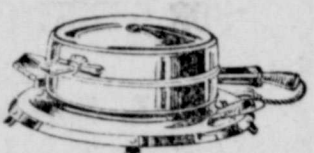
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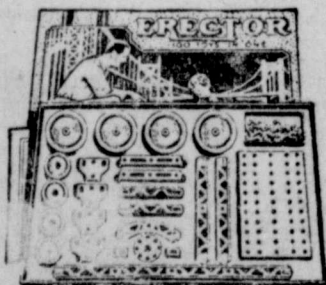
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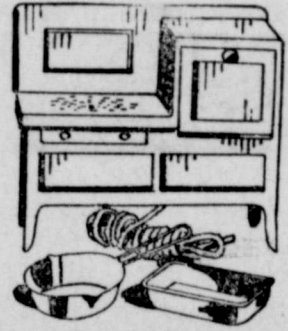
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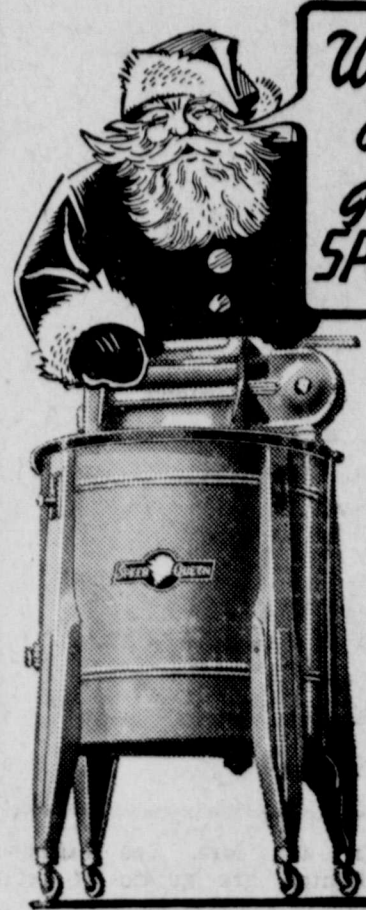
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NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

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Andrew Kendrick, Cashier
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WHAT HAS GONE BEFORE:
Rudolf Rassendyll, English sportsman, arriving in a little Balkan kingdom on the eve of the coronation of Rudolf V, finds that his appearance creates unusual interest. He meets the king, fishing a stream with two companions, and is further startled to discover that he and the king are identical in appearance, having common ancestors. The king's aide Zapt, objects to his inviting Rassendyll to the coronation, but the king asks him to share in the festivities. Their celebration turns into a debauch, Rassendyll falls asleep under the influence of the wine.

Chapter Two

For a moment Zapt stopped his worried pacing and went up to the king, who was rapidly drinking himself into oblivion.

"Sire," said the walrus-mustached old colonel, "It is my duty to remind you once more of tomorrow!"

"What, again?" said the king sourly. "So be it. Now that you have reminded me, sit down and

"This is no joke, Englishman," said Zapt sternly. "Look!" He pointed to the body of the king stretched out on a bench. Fritz, only partly dressed, stood beside the monarch, bucket in hand gazing anxiously at him.

"The king has been drugged," said Zapt. "That last bottle of wine was doped. This is Michael's work." "Michael?" queried Rassendyll. "Yes, Michael, his half brother," said Zapt. "Michael wants the throne — and the Princess Flavia. He's waiting in Strelsau now with half the army already on his side and half the people too. It's the moment he's been waiting for, planning for. It's his chance to pose as the people's savior from the excesses of an incompetent king."

Rassendyll suddenly noticed that Zapt had stopped his excited pacing and was gazing at him intently.

"Englishman," said Zapt, slowly, forming each word carefully and clearly, "I am much older than you. As a man grows old he comes to believe in Fate. Fate sent you here. Fate sends you now to Strelsau. It may sound mad, but without your beard, I'd wager you could deceive your own brother."

Rassendyll attempted to dismiss the idea as sheer madness. "My dear Colonel, I came here on a fishing trip. I live to fish. I am a simple



The king drew his hand back, slapped Zapt across the face.

have a drink." "There are more important things than that, sire. I question your freedom to drink yourself into a condition in which you will not be fit to be crowned tomorrow."

"I question your right to say that to me," snarled the king, with mounting rage.

"Your father knew his obligations to the crown. He never thought of himself or his own pleasure," said Zapt, in a tone intended to soothe the raging monarch, "Your father never forgot that he was king."

Livid with rage, the king drew back and struck Zapt full across the face. The old soldier's weather-beaten, ruddy face turned bloodless white. There was a moment of sickly silence, a tensiety which penetrated even the king's alcoholic haze. Then Zapt drew himself up smartly, clicked his heels and bowed.

"By your leave, Your Majesty," He bowed again and walked toward the circular staircase with its banister of boar spears which led to his room. The king's anger died as he watched the faithful old retainer go. He called after him but Zapt went on.

Josef, the major domo of the hunting lodge, stood by the king's side.

"A bottle of the 1868, Your Majesty?"

He took a glass from Josef and the servant filled it. The king smiled his satisfaction at the taste as he drained the goblet and smacked his lips appreciatively.

He decided the proper thing at this time would be to apologize to Zapt so he started for the colonel's room. At the foot of the stairs a look of pain and dismay crossed his face, he shuddered, clutched the banister, tried to hold on and fell to the floor unconscious.

A bucket of ice water full in the face woke Rassendyll the next morning. He had slept all night in the chair he had occupied at the dinner table.

"I don't care much for this kind of a joke," said Rassendyll, now custodian of a monumental hangover.

Englishman. I couldn't begin to act like a king even if I tried. I wouldn't deceive anybody."

Beginning to find amusement in the idea, he added: "After all it would only be for today, wouldn't it?"

"Tonight you shall be safely across the border," pledged Zapt.

"What would it mean if I fall?"

"Your life — and mine — and Fritz's here."

Zapt added despairingly, "If you don't do it, then Black Michael sits tonight on the throne and the king lies in prison or his grave."

Rassendyll showed that he appreciated this last remark. He began to pace back and forth, then with a frown and a deep breath, came to a decision.

"By gad, I'll do it — but confound it, I'd become awfully fond of this beard."

Fritz and Zapt congratulated him warmly. Zapt dispatched Josef for shaving materials. The unconscious king was hidden in the wine cellar of the lodge. After shaving, Rassendyll donned the royal clothes and the king's ring. Resemblance to the monarch was pronounced by Zapt as faultless.

Boarding the royal private car of the king's special train, the desperate Zapt, the adventurous Rassendyll disguised as King Rudolf, and Fritz, high strung with nerves and hangover, started for the coronation.

As the royal special chugged toward Strelsau, bearing Rudolf Rassendyll, literally in the shoes of the incapacitated King Rudolf, Black Duke Michael was busy at the capital planning the coup against the throne.

He prepared a proclamation stating that he had "taken cognizance of the lamentable disorders occasioned by the non-appearance of his majesty at the solemnities of his coronation, therefore, I hereby assume the regency of the kingdom and ordain and proclaim state of martial law."

(To be continued.)

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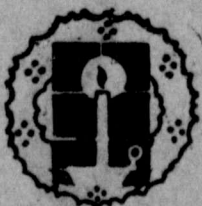
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"Yah, I don't hanker after the job. Somebody in this home-town of mine might get wise to me."

"Scared? You been away ten years doing time. You're out now, and free. No one ain't going to see you. You can lift plenty from that house you been telling about. You know every inch of it, by your say."

"Sure I do. I lived in it for nearly twenty years."

The man beside him in the speeding car whistled. "Never knew that."

"You keep your trap shut, Slinky."

Clouds swept across the moon, now revealing it round and bright, now hiding it.

"Stormy," said Slinky, "all the better for us."

They entered a broad village street. Elms lined either side.

"Right pretty, ain't it?" snarled Slinky. "But too neighborly for my blood."

"Hey," cried Ratty stopping the car. "Look at the moon shining up there behind the church steeple!"

A cross of light streamed from four corners. "Nothing but moon-dogs."

"Shut up, you. I'm telling you something. I'm not robbing the house I was born in. I'm tough . . . but not that tough."

"You crawling dirty rat!"

"And I'm going to church on Christmas morning like I used to with my, my," he hesitated, "with my folks. We got decent clothes. I'm going. That there," he pointed at the streaming light, "well, for just a minute I felt like I used to feel when I lived here as a boy. I'm going, and so are you. We can say Merry Christmas then, for once, without faking it. That cross," his voice was husky, "shows me up for just what I am . . . a rat. You and me, Slinky, are going to be decent tomorrow." — Martha Banning Thomas.

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Through the Clouds and in Time for Christmas

THE plane, "The Betsy Lee," had climbed to 10,000 feet. The man at the controls peered through the misted glass at the dense bank of clouds ahead. He had already encountered one squall, and there was a coating of ice on the wings.

Should he turn back, and take the train that would get him home too late for Christmas? Then he thought how disappointed Lucy and the kids would be. Christmas without Daddy. He squared his jaw and muttered: "Bill Parker, you're no quitter; Betsy, we are going through!" He grasped the stick with a steady hand as the bank of clouds loomed closer, and plunged into them.

The wind tore at the plane, causing it to zigzag crazily and it took all the strength of Bill's iron muscles to prevent a tailspin. Rain and hail fell in torrents, with an occasional flash of lightning piercing the inky darkness.

"What a storm to fight!" If he could climb high enough he might get above it. The roar of the engine answered, as he opened up the throttle, and the plane began to climb. Twenty thousand feet, the instruments registered. The storm was still with him. Five thousand more—he felt dizzy and numb. Then a lull as the plane roared into a calm, moon-silvered night.

Bill pounded his numb hands. "We're going through, Betsy, old girl, but it was close to 'Another plane crashed' headline. We missed the front page but we'll soon be home." — Jocile Webb Pearson.

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R. B. Foster, Manager

BEST Christmas WISHES

Among our assets, we like to count the only one that money cannot buy . . . your good will. And so at this Holiday Season, we extend to you . . . not as a customer alone, but as a friend. . . . Best wishes for your Christmas Season.

Ward's Service Station

R. W. Ward, Owner.

MERRY . . .



Mrs. J. B. Graves

In the News Bldg. Phone 43

Unwrapping Christmas Annual Family Program

YULETIDE has come around again and it is time to take Christmas from its year-long wrappings.

Our house we have a wardrobe full of one of whose drawers repose all year the Christmas tree ornaments, some table decorations, napkins and favors left from the children's party, bright papers and ribbons salvaged from the last-minute rush to wrap and mail or hoarded from Aunt Louise's gift package, which is always an outward marvel.

Through Easter, Fourth of July, Halloween, Thanksgiving, they have lain forlorn and unwanted, these remnants of Christmas. But now we open the drawer with as lively excitement as if we had never seen its contents. "Mother, did you know we still had this big silver star?" "Why, here's enough icicles to trim the whole tree!" "Where did these bluebird ornaments come from?"

The light circuit doesn't work—and sister, who has just come from her schoolroom, must dash downtown before the stores close for new bulbs. Then everybody hangs over big brother's shoulder while he patiently determines which of the old bulbs have failed. When the whole set flashes on we all feel like Thomas Edison discovering the marvels of light.

There are even a few unused Christmas cards for a starter on the long list. The baby finds a tin horn, and the hilarious fun that will carry on till Christmas morning has begun. Somewhere in this jumble of familiar things we have unwrapped Christmas. And the best Christmas present of all is Christmas itself!—Frances Grinstead.

Anne's Christmas Bonus Was for One Good Idea

CHRISTMAS bonuses were always given in accordance to the value of suggestions written out and finally accepted at the offices of John Stone and company, and Lee Anne Foster wondered, disgustedly, why she had thought of such suggestions after other girls had already thought them up or why she couldn't think up something unusual enough to earn her special attention with the firm. There were only five more days until the yearly list of bonus recipients would be announced.

That evening, back in her own room, seated at her desk, she sat staring at the wall. She fidgeted with her pencil, almost praying for inspiration—what could she suggest to be done in the office or in the business that would increase either efficiency or business? Her eyes were staring straight into a huge pot of four-leaf clovers that she had brought back from the country when she had visited her parents on the farm during last vacation.

"The Four Leaf Clover Line"—why—why not? She juttied down the idea as it all came tumbling through her mind—in the manufacturing end of the business, create a breakfast nook or kitchen line all with four leaf clover motif, giving a cook book with its cover simply plastered with actual four leaf clovers, shellacked—a line especially to attract the newly wed trade. "Why, I could furnish the four leaf clovers for the first few books and maybe Mr. Stone would put a four leaf clover under the seal of that new style wedding certificate he gives free to each bridal pair of customers—who knows!"

Lucky for Stone and company but just as lucky for Lee Anne, for as the Christmas day bonus for her suggestion was handed to her, she also received the first such contract ever known—for all the four-leaf clovers she could grow within the next year. —Luella B. Lyons.

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CHRISTMAS GUSH



Hubby—A fool and his money are soon parted.
Wifey—Oh, John, how much are you going to give me for Christmas presents?



Merry Christmas

TO YOU

From
MARTIN'S CLEANERS
We Deliver Ph. 7

Australia's first locally-made anti-aircraft guns have proved a success.

The word "fiscal" had its origin in the Latin word, fiscus, which meant wicker-basket.

Texas leads all other states of the union in the number of both cattle and sheep.

MERRY XMAS



Cooper Co. Inc.



MERRY XMAS for the Whole FAMILY

From **YOUR FRIENDS**

O. & C. CLAWSON LBR. CO.
Flat, Texas



FORGIVE OUR CROONING IT'S JUST OUR WAY OF WISHING YOU ANOTHER MERRY CHRISTMAS

Santa Claus may be weary but he's not out! There's always time, he says, to "favor" his friends with a bit of song. (It's not how it sounds . . . it's the spirit!)

Another Christmas—
Many More Friends . . .
All Happy With Name Gifts!

GUS A KOCH, GROCERY

a twisty little road that wound through the forest, then out on a big shining highway until we came to a wide driveway that led through a sloping lawn to a white cottage.

Here I was untied and put into a large earthen jar filled with sand and carried into the house, and set in a corner of a big room beside a sunny window. Oh, the joy of having the sun on my branches. I began to feel less scared and to look about me.

In a big mirror opposite I could watch the man as he fastened me upright. Then he put a string of lights from my top to my toe, whistling softly as he worked. Then



Two Little Faces Pressed Against the Window Pane.



**BEST WISHES FOR THE SEASON;
A MERRY CHRISTMAS, FRIENDS!**

Another year rolls around and old friendships are riper, mellow. To all our old friends—and to the new—we wish the happiest Christmas of all, bright and snowy as a freshly-laundred shirt!

JOHN HODGES

GROCERY AND SERVICE STATION
Highway 7—East

Sharing Christmas



by **Jocile Webb Pearson**

I AM a happy little tree. I stand beside the front entrance of a white cottage on a quiet street. Each Christmas time I bloom out in beautiful colored lights, and all who pass share my beauty and catch something of the joy of Christmas.

But I was not always happy like this. Once I lived in a great forest, surrounded by trees so tall I could only catch a glimpse of the blue sky above me, and I felt very small and

lonely. I, too, wanted to be tall; to look out on the big world like the others and feel the sun shining through my branches. I would stretch out my limbs as far as I could, and send my roots deeper into the earth, but my progress was so slow I grew discouraged.

One day I saw a man and a boy coming through the forest. The man carried something over his shoulder and they seemed to be looking for something. Then the boy saw me and cried: "Look, father, there is just the tree we want." He ran over to me and fairly hugged me in his eagerness. The man looked me over. "Fine," he said. But when he began digging with the thing he had carried on his shoulder I began to tremble. I felt my roots snap one by one and soon I lay a tumbled heap on the ground. Life seemed over for me.

Next I was tied to a funny looking thing on wheels, that sputtered and growled when the man and boy climbed in and we started off down

IT'S
A MERRY
XMAS
TO US
IF IT IS TO

YOU—
IF IT'LL
HELP
ADD THIS
WISH
OF
OURS

**WINFIELD'S
HATCHERY
AND
MATTRESS
FACTORY**

Eddie Winfield
Owner



I heard a door open and a rush of feet—a little boy and a girl dashed into the room crying: "Mamma, come quick, and see our Christmas tree." They clapped their hands and danced about me. Soon the mother came with a box filled with shining lovely things and my plain green dress was covered with sparkling jewels. I hardly dared look in the mirror for I remembered I was only a humble tree after all, and what I saw could not be me at all; but the great silver star on my topmost branch made me feel very happy. I seemed to draw courage from just looking at it.

After a time I was left to myself. I was glad, as I needed to rest up a bit and get used to my strange surroundings. It grew dark outside and snow was falling; but inside my star shone and a quiet peace came over me.

Then once more the doors opened and a merry group of people came in. This time there were Father and Grandfather and Grandmother, too; and Mother leading the little boy and girl. Everyone was saying how lovely I was; but I did not want them to look at me. I wanted them

to see two little faces outside pressed against the window pane. The boy saw them first. "Look, Daddy, Mamma!" he shouted and pointed to the window. "There are two children out there. Bring them in, Daddy; give them some of our Christmas." And the little girl clapped her hands and cried: "Oh, do, Daddy, it's cold out there!"

When they were brought in looking rather scared, but glad, I was so happy I almost shook my baubles off. Then Mother made music on a big box with shining keys and everyone sang Christmas carols. Then Father told the old story of the Shepherds and the Star that led to the Christ Child. Then a jolly man with a red coat and a pack on his back gave everyone presents, including the little strangers. There were candies and nuts, plenty for all, and such a babble of happy voices. I felt the thrill of it myself and the big star glowed in sympathy.

Dr. Ralph Linton, an anthropologist, dedicated a book to "the next civilization".

Folks Are Funny

By E. V. White, Dean
Texas State College for Women



Cultivate your friend
but don't dig them.

Glass is a combination of silica with alkali or alkaline earth.



**A FRIENDLY GREETING
FROM US TO YOU!**

We hope you're as happy as we, this joyous Season! We are glad to escape the drab commercialism of everyday announcements to convey our sincere appreciation for your patronage and wish you a happy Christmas.

**BOE WRIGHTS
MAGNOLIA SERVICE STATION**
Middle O'Main



**SEASON'S CHEER TO OUR FRIENDS
WHO'VE MADE OUR CANDLE
BURN ITS BRIGHTEST!**

It's great relief to know you're not forgotten at Christmas Time. We only wish this could make you feel as we have these last few weeks. We've discovered many new friends it seems. "God bless them everyone"! (Thanks Tiny Tim).

DOC'S SANDWICH SHOP
North Side Square



Let's hope, and we are hoping, that your Xmas is as full as this basket, and may your merriment during the Holiday Season be equally as full.

A. & P. FOOD STORE

Joe B. Walker, Mgr, Weldon Rogers, Asst. Mgr.

of the two beautiful dolls which Santa had left for her. Then with a happy Christmas thought, she whispered something very lovely to her mother.



They all went right over to the big house on the hill nestled under its burden of Christmas snow. Bonny Jean forgot all about the rag doll when she glimpsed the great tree through the holly wreaths in the window. But when she saw the two little dolls in blue sitting beneath it her joy was unbounded. She clapped her hands and danced with glee. "Such darling dolls!" she gasped, breathlessly.

"Their names are Alice Blue and Eleanor Blue," said their little mistress, proudly.

"I want to give you one of them, Bonny Jean; which do you like?"

With unbelievable surprise, her eyes fairly dancing with joy, she clasped the beautiful doll in her arms and asked, "Is—it—really—mine—for—keeps?"

"Really and truly for keeps," said Dot.

Dorothy May explained it all to her mother after the happy little girl had left, that somehow she just did not miss Eleanor Blue very much when she saw how happy she had made Bonny Jean.

In her heart she felt that it was truly "more blessed to give than to receive," and hugging the one little doll closely, she whispered, "Merry Christmas, Alice Blue."

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BEST WISHES TO YOU ALL!

An Old-Fashioned Christmas

That's what you're in for! We know it from the gifts that went out of our store. Gifts for men, gifts, for women, gifts for children . . . which takes in about everyone! . . . We thank you for remembering Perry Bros., too!

The Store of Hundreds of Gifts!

PERRY BROTHERS
5c, 10c, 25c Store

Howard Franks, Manager



The dainty materials had been transformed into things of beauty. The dresses of pale blue silk with bonnets and slippers to match, had proclaimed them the "Two Little Dolls in Blue!"

"Oh, won't Dot love them?" beamed Joan, as she again eyed the dolls from head to foot with a happy smile of complete satisfaction.

"I dare say this will be her happiest Christmas, one that she will never forget," said mother.

Christmas eve, with its bright lights and cheer, was in full progress and the two little dolls in blue were being fondled by one of the happiest little girls in the world. Rocking in her own tiny chair Dorothy May began singing a lullaby to the dollies, wholly oblivious of the attendant surroundings. It was such an adorable sight

that the others had stopped their celebrations and were beaming upon her with transformed emotion.

The spell was broken when Dorothy May suddenly stopped singing and called out, "What shall I name the 'two little dolls in blue'?"

"Well," said Joan, smiling thoughtfully, "since they are dressed in blue and are two very important little ladies, why not call one Alice Blue and the other Elinor Blue?" And so the dolls were named.

On Christmas morning in another house around the corner, Bonny Jean awoke with the joy of the holiday and shouted, "Mother, did Santa come and did he bring me a big baby doll with curls and eyes that open and shut?"

"Yes, dearie, Santa came and brought you a very pretty doll."

Then spying it, seated beneath the tree dressed in scarlet finery, Bonny Jean clasped it to her breast. Upon close inspection, she soon learned that it was the same sort of doll she had always received, only with new features.

Just as she was about to burst into protest at her bitter disappointment there came a rap upon the door and a kindly neighbor was saying, "Merry Christmas." Then with a happy smile—

"What is the matter, little girl? Hasn't Santa Claus come yet?"

"Oh, yes, he came, but he brought me the same old rag doll again. I thought sure it would be a real one this year, because I'm nine, you see."

"Oh, I am so sorry," said Dorothy May, with true feeling and thinking

Journey to Bethlehem Not Like Today's Travel

ACCUSTOMED to our swift and modern transportation, it is difficult to visualize the hardships of that journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, or the great fatigue and weariness suffered by Mary and Joseph. Consternation filled their hearts at the decree of Caesar; yet there was nothing to do but obey the summons. They must make the long, tiresome journey, and at once!"

No shining motor car waited outside their gate; no silver-winged plane stood throbbing in a nearby field; not even the meanest ox-cart was available. While others rode by in gorgeous caravans, a patient little donkey was their only means of transportation. We can imagine the tall and bearded Joseph leading the animal along, glancing back every now and then with words of cheer and encouragement for Mary, or pointing out some landmark along the way.

Behind them now was the Sea of Galilee and Mt. Tabor. Through the plain of Estraleon they labored; then came the rough and uneven trail through Samaria, where even

the sure-footed donkey stumbled at times. To the west, the Jordan ran its course, to empty farther south into the Dead sea. Along their way they passed many places whose names would be known and revered around the world in the dim future . . . Did Mary have a vision as she went by that one day the Son whom she was about to bear would go up and down this country preaching a new Gospel of love and peace and hope for man, and that His birth would be held in happy and blessed remembrance by all the peoples of the earth until time would be no more?—Katherine Edelman.
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BEST WISHES

We take this opportunity of wishing our many friends our heartfelt best wishes for this happy season. And we hope that everyone receives his measure of

MERRIE CHRISTMAS

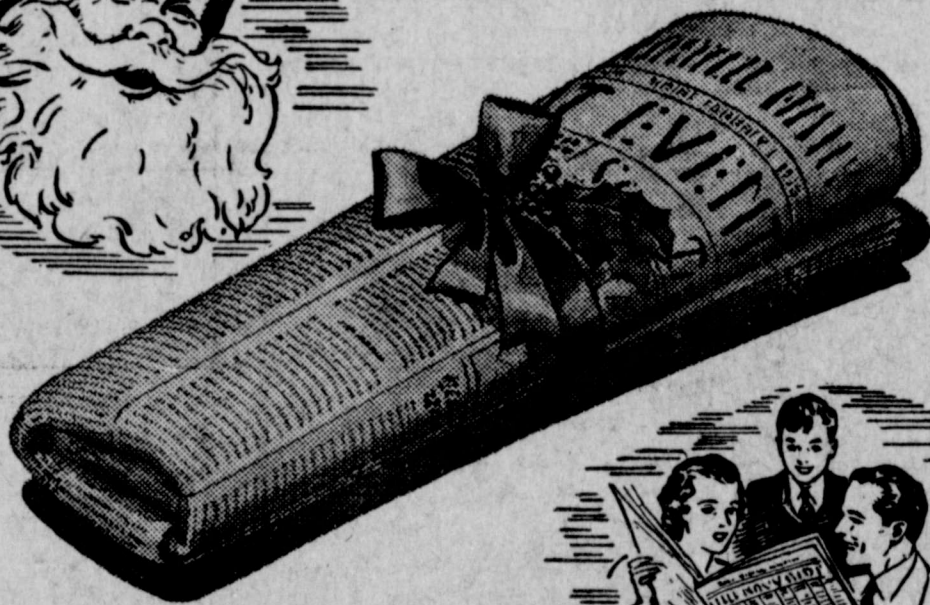
Especially proud and happy will be those whom we've assisted by providing some of the finest of Christmas presents.

WEST END GROCERY AND SERVICE STATION

Horace Dyer, Owner



A Gift



WORTH WHILE!

Give a christmas gift that will get real use every day of the coming year. The Coryell County News is a gift that everyone will appreciate. There are FEATURES . . . NEWS—from every part of the world . . . ADS—that bring greater saving and make it a practical gift as well as a useful one.

CORYELL COUNTY NEWS

Expressing the spirit of Coryell County and Gatesville



GREETINGS

TO OUR MANY CUSTOMERS

WE'VE SO MANY FRIENDS TO GREET WE

WONDER Can We Do It?

KIGER BEAUTY SHOP

Mrs. Mary (Cude) Kiger
Mrs. Bill Williams
Mable Sellers

GREETINGS

TO OUR MANY CUSTOMERS

And sincere THANKS For Your Patronage

"May Christmas bring to you Good Cheer For Christmas comes but once Each Year!"

DR. ELIZABETH GREEN
Chiropractor

K. W. RAY

SAYS:

TO YOU AND YOURS WE SINCERELY WISH THE MERRIEST



A Christmas Awakening
by Katherine Edelman

"WITH Christmas drawing near, why can't we get together and make plans—" Robert Dutton read no further. With calm deliberation, he put the heavily scrawled letter back into its envelope.

"Always the impractical Hal," he said slowly. "No wonder he never gets anywhere."

A list of appointments waited upon his desk. Visits from two of the most important men in town; a delegation about a right-of-way through a tract of land he had just purchased; a reminder of a talk he had promised to make at a luncheon. Important things, he thought, things Hal would never be called upon to do.

Hastily he went through his mail. A square envelope in a familiar hand caught his eye. He opened it a little curiously. What could Miss Denby be writing him about? His long fingers drew out an artistic Christmas card. A conservative wish and an old Christmas carol printed in English letters. That was all, except the signature, "Eleanor Denby."

A flush stained his face, an undefinable something sent the blood singing through his veins. "Eleanor," he said softly; "a beautiful name; how queer that I never heard it before."

Then, as if resenting his weakness and sentiment, he dug into his mail again. But try as he would, he could not concentrate on the things that had meant everything to him before. Something had happened to Robert Dutton; a Christmas greeting from a secretary whom he had scarcely noticed left him visibly unsettled.

Christmas memories surged through his heart. He was back in the old home again. Everybody was rushing around in circles. He saw the big tree in the corner of the parlor; the kitchen table piled high with good things to eat. And Mother and Dad, with happiness beaming upon their faces.

He picked up Hal's letter again. After all, maybe his kid brother wasn't so crazy? The thought was pushing through his mind that maybe it was he who lacked real sense.



"We're Going to Forget Business for Today," He Said.

This time he read the letter in a different mood. "Let's give Dad and Mother the surprise of their lives. Let's go down and make one grand Christmas for them. You can turn everything over to someone else for a week—anyone can handle things like that—there's nothing personal or precious about them."

"Nothing personal or precious about them!" He turned the words over in his mind. Hal was right. Someone else could handle the things that had seemed so terribly important. A few hours of confusion, perhaps; then things would go on as before. The world would forget him in a day.

His fingers reached for the pen upon his desk. "Dear Hal," he began, "I heartily agree with your proposal that we get together and make plans to give Dad and Mother the biggest surprise and the grandest Christmas ever—" He was smiling broadly, almost laughing aloud, as he finished the letter with a

flourish.

Five minutes later Miss Denby entered his private office to find a new Robert Dutton. She almost dropped her book in surprise at the expression upon his face, and the new way in which he greeted her.

"I'm ready to begin, Mr. Dutton," she began nervously, when he made no motion to start the routine of the day.

"We're going to forget business for today, Miss Denby, and go Christmas shopping, that is, if you want to help me out." He fumbled with his tie as he spoke, noticing for the first time the soft curving of her white neck. "Your Christmas card," he went on "wrought some miracle. I've found out that business and making money isn't everything in life. They're both fine in their way, but there are other things, too; precious things that I've been overlooking." He came closer to her side and looked hard into her eyes. "For instance, going shopping with a good-looking and adorable secretary."

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Christmas Cheer

"What some folks call Christmas cheer," said Uncle Eben, "is only an expensive form of nuffin' but condensed trouble."

Science says that no drop of water is ever lost. Not by our water meter, anyway.



HERE'S HOPING SANTA TAILSPINS TO YOUR HOUSE!

He looks mighty worried, perhaps it's the chimneys coming up so close. But we're hoping he'll squeeze through! We've given the old boy a run for his money these last few weeks, thanks to your, our customer's aid. We've asked Santa to voice our appreciation . . . and he will if he gets out of this scrape.

Swift & Company

Henry Daniels Manager



Yuletide Greetings

MAY THE COACH AT YOUR DOOR BRING YOU ALL THE JOYS OF THIS HAPPIEST OF SEASONS!

THANK YOU. YOUR PATRONAGE HAS FILLED OUR CHRISTMAS STOCKING!

Sinclair Refining Co.

Jack Morse, Agent



GREETINGS

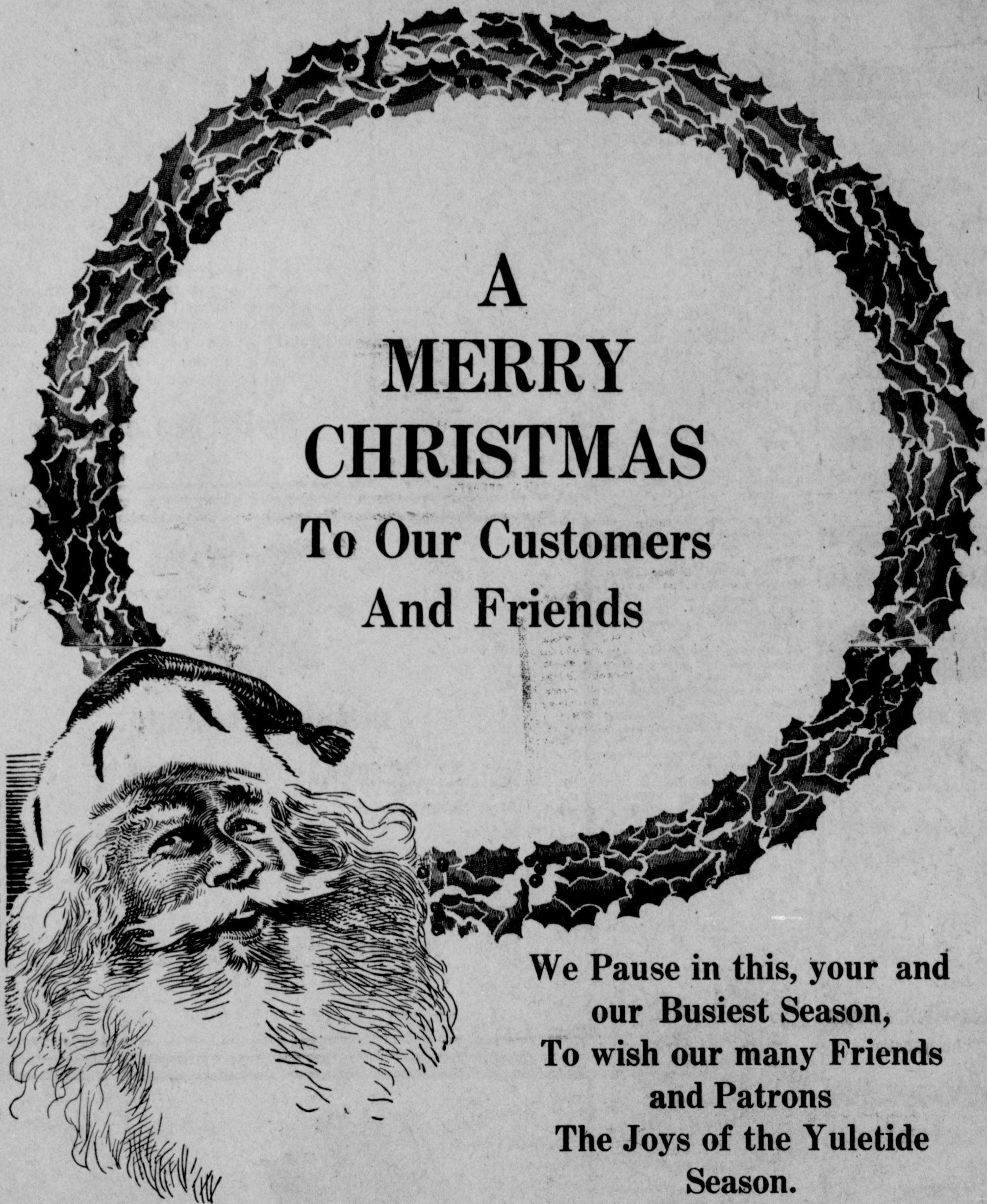
ALL FACES BEAM AT THIS SEASON—AND ALL VOICES SAY—

MERRY XMAS

SO DO WE

CORYELL COUNTY COTTON OIL COMPANY

V. C. Ray, Manager



A
MERRY
CHRISTMAS
To Our Customers
And Friends

We Pause in this, your and
our Busiest Season,
To wish our many Friends
and Patrons
The Joys of the Yuletide
Season.

BANKS OF GATESVILLE

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WASHINGTON D. C. Dec. 17—The past week has been devoted to a discussion of the Wage and Hour Bill in the House. While the Senate still works on the Farm Bill. The House has just recommitted the so-called Wage and Hour Bill as amended by the Labor Committee. I voted to recommit. The Bill differs so greatly from the measure originally introduced by Rep. Billie Connery (Former Charman of the Labor Committee and now dead) that his brother's name be taken of Federation of Labor which had heretofore endorsed the original bill, went so far as to wire each member of the House asking them to vote to recommit the bill. The bill still has the support of John L. Lewis and the C. I. O.

There were a number of vital amendments offered and defeated. The American Federation of Labor supported a substitute bill that would have eliminated all new boards and administrators and would have directly fixed wages by law rather than by any commission. I think we have altogether too many boards and commissions now and feel that it would be much better to have everybody know just what wages had been fixed and at what figure than to leave that to the caprice of some unknown agent of Madam Perkins, so I voted for the A. F. of L. amendment. It was, however, defeated by a vote of 131 to 162.

I hope that we may be able to take up the Housing Bill tomorrow. This bill is supposed to greatly stimulate the construction of homes over the country and I hope it operates as it is intended. Everyone here is anxious for us to dispose of it before Christmas as many of the members want to get started home. It looks now as if we might be here till Wednesday night (Dec. 22), in which event I will not be able to get home till Christmas and will only have a day or two before returning for the Regular Session. And if I don't get out of this town soon I'm afraid I won't be able to leave. Yesterday I had all my clothes, except those I had on stolen. I have been living with my Secretary, Mr. Elwell. Yesterday he and his family left before daylight. When I got back last night I found the back door

broken open and the house ransacked and my clothes stolen so I may have to come home in a barrel.

We have been very fortunate in regard to retaining Federal CCC camps in our district. There are to be 104 camps closed this month. Six of these are in Texas but none of the five camps in our district are being disturbed—nor have we lost any camps in the two previous cuts that were made in July and September. While I wish we could have a CCC camp in each community of the district where this good work is needed, I realize that with the necessary reduction of expenditures this cannot be had, and I think central Texas is especially fortunate to retain so many of these camps.

Wishing you and each of your readers a Very Merry Christmas, I am

3%

Of the 131 county weekly newspapers published in Alabama, only four, or 3 per cent receive \$2.00 or more as an annual subscription price. The range of prices for the state is as follows:

At \$2.00 per year...4 papers
At \$1.50 per year...82 papers
At \$1.25 per year...1 paper
At \$1.00 per year...48 papers
In 1930 there were 126 weekly papers in the state of which 10, or 8 per cent, were charging \$2.00 or more a year.

On the basis of an average circulation of 1,000 for each paper, if the Alabama publishers who are now charging less than \$2.00 a year all raised their subscription rate one per cent a week, or 50 cents a year, it would mean \$65,500 added subscription revenue for the weekly papers of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. Price Bauman were Waco visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Price Bauman and daughters, Bettye and Phyllis Jean will spend Christmas Day and Sunday with Mr. Bauman's parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bauman of San Antonio.

Guests of Mrs. W. W. Cayce for the week end will be Mr. and Mrs. Otto Lengefeld and daughter of Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. A. a.m. and continuing into the Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Witcher and daughters Millred and Jewel were visitors in Waco Monday.



The statement by Gov. George D. Aiken, Republican of Vermont that G. O. P. leaders in the South are more interested in federal patronage than the program of their party should be considered seriously both by the National Committee and the G. O. P. leaders in the South.

Whether the Republicans of the South are more interested in federal patronage or national politics one can not say for certain, but it is an incontrovertible fact that their apathy from local issues has been fatal to the establishment of strong Republican organizations in the Southern states.

At this time of general political realignments, widespread dissatisfaction with the Roosevelt administration in the South, and abandonment of many of the cherished principles of the South by the present leadership of the Democratic party, the Republicans should reconsider their attitude in the South and make an effort to contest the supremacy of the Democrats.

Aside from the defection of several states in the Republican landslide of 1928, the G. O. P. has elected few state or national officials from the South since the Civil War. While for years the Southern voting population was violently prejudiced against the Republican party as the embodiment of anti-slavery sentiment, there is now no reason why the South should remain solidly Democratic, other than for reasons of habit and sentiment.

But in regions habitually and sentimentally Republican, the Democratic candidate for President won by landslides in 1932 and 1936 and according to all indications retains its national majority today.

In part, the way was prepared for the Democratic victory of 1932 by the steady campaigning of Democrats from Mr. Raskob, the national chairman following the 1928 campaign, to the lowest precinct worker, who refused to concede defeat even after the party had been pronounced dead for the third time since 1920.

Republican leaders and candidates in Southern states should concentrate in the future upon local issues, for the basis upon which the G. O. P. might carry states in the South for their national candidates would be through strong local organizations.

Gov. Aiken added to his criticism of the policies of Southern leaders of the Good Old Party with suggestion that the representation of Southern states be reduced at the Republican national conven-

CORYELL COUNTY'S FIRST BORN IN 1938 IS TO BE SHOWERED WITH GIFTS BY GATESVILLE MERCHANTS

Coryell County's First Born in 1938, will be feted in a similar manner to that reception which was received by Gary Glenn Graf, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Graf of Coryell City, who was the 1937 No. 1. Baby.

Here's the dope: Parents of the 1938 Baby, must turn into the News office by Monday noon, January 10, the following information, to be eligible for participation in the 1938 Derby. Send to the Baby Editor, in care of the Coryell County News, the Baby's name, address, doctor's report and birth certificate, and the time, after 12:00 Midnight, December 31. **BE SURE TO INCLUDE THE DATE AND TIME THE BABY WAS BORN!**

In case of twins, triplets, quadruplets, quintuplets, sextuplets or more, we are sure awards will be made to correspond with the number presented.

Last year, gifts were given by the following firms, and no doubt, others will join these in welcoming the 1938 model. They were: The First National Bank, E. Price Bauman's Clover Farm Store, Gamblin's Dairy, Milton Powell Memorial Hospital, Regal & Ritz Theatres, Painter's, Morton Scott, Mrs. J. B. Graves, Florist, Jim Martin, Tailor, and the Coryell County News.

tions by basing the number of delegates from each state on the total vote cast for the party's presidential candidate in the last election.

If this recommendation should be adopted by the Republicans, it would signify the permanent abandonment of the South to the Democrats on the basis of expansion, not on a basis of retrenchment of party activities, can the Republican party return to power and what better section is there to start a program of expansion than in the South?

The Republican strongholds of the North, which carried Harding Coolidge and Hoover to certain in the fold of the G. O. P. Unless the G. O. P. offers a positive program on a national basis and directs its attentions in the South to local issues as well, the South will remain in the Democratic column at least for 1940.

The Southern Republicans must abandon their Rip Van Winkle tactics of sleeping during Democratic administrations and awakening just in time to partake of the patronage of Republican administrations put into power by the hard-working and highly-organized machines of the East and North.

The sleeping act of the Republicans continues in national politics. This year has offered golden opportunities for the harvest to the Republicans. In case of the court fight the exigencies of sound politics and good statesmanship demanded that the Republicans both in and out of Congress retain their silence. But now, with the elections less than a year away, there is no excuse or reason for silence on the crucial issues confronting the Nation.

Answer to this seems to be that the Republicans are united neither upon a platform nor leaders.

The squabble over the holding of a mid-year convention, proposed by Mr. Hoover for the purpose of formulating a program for next year's elections, served to increase the animosities between the three latent factions of the party, namely, the Hooverites, the Landonites and the congressional members.

The party's national executive committee is now meeting in St. Louis to pick a program committee of 100.

Mr. Landon eliminated himself from the 1940 picture with the announcement in Washington last week that he would not accept his party's nomination if it were proffered three years from now. Leadership of the party would be considerably strengthened if Mr. Hoover were to follow his example of Mr. Landon and his running-mate Mr. Knox, who also announced his retirement from politics. But we are not at all sure that Mr. Hoover does not hope to run again and therefore cannot make such a statement.

Not until the titular leaders, Landon and Hoover, abetted by Knox and Hamilton, come to agreement with the congressional leaders, such as McNary, Steiwer, Borah, Johnson, Lodge and Vandenberg, with there be any united Republican party and any unified program.

Mr. Landon quite fully realized the dilemma of his party, with three or four elements representing rather large blocs of voters at loggerheads. His action undoubtedly quish control of the party to the congressional leaders, who have manifested more responsiveness to the public will and more strategical ability in handling the administration than have Mr. Hoover and Mr. Landon, who have never delivered any telling blows at the

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The Independent Order of Odd Fellows was instituted in England in the eighteenth century.

Frank McHugh played all but two roles in "Is Zat So?" during the London engagement

when he was general understudy for the play.

42 years ago a New York paper ridiculed the idea of suspending gas with electricity.

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"The Cooky Lady" and Tim's Christmas Letter

PATSY liked to take her doll out in the sunny kitchen and watch Ann, the cook, roll out the cooky dough and cut round moons; then put them in a long pan ready for the oven. When they came out all smelly and warm Ann would put some on a paper plate for Patsy to eat. Ann had the nicest dimples when she smiled, and Patsy would smile right back at her and say: "Thank, you, Cooky lady."

Sometimes there were brown cookies and fruity ones, too, but the red and green candied ones that Ann made for Christmas were the very best of all. Patsy adored Ann. Through the seven short years of her life she had been her constant companion., Mother was just the lovely lady who was always busy with her clubs and going places,



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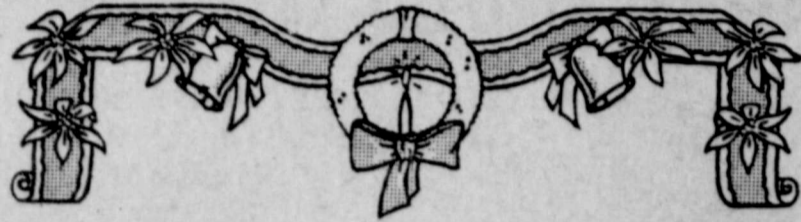
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and Daddy was too busy at the office to be bothered much; but there was always Ann.

Patsy liked the nice postman, Tim, who came to see Ann and sometimes they all went to the movies together. Tim could play "pretend" almost as good as Ann. But once she heard him call Ann his best girl, and say: "Some day you're going to cook for me." After that she did not like him so well. Things seemed all wrong, and Santa hadn't answered her letter, and it was only two days till Christmas. She had said: "Please write soon," and that had been days ago. He must help quick, or it would be too late. Several times a day she would go to the mailbox and stand on tip-toe to look in for fear her letter had been overlooked.

"Here, Tim," said one of the office clerks, "is another of the kid letters to Santa Claus; guess this one's up to you." Printed in a childish scrawl on the envelope, Tim read: "Santa Claus, care of Tim." He drew out the folded paper. It read: "Dear Santa, please bring Tim another best girl cause Ann has to cook for us."

"Your friend, Patsy Reynolds." Tim stared, then chuckled: "Santa, old boy, you're up against it this time."—Jocile Webb Pearson.

IN SEASON



Santa—Stick 'em up!

Believe Animals Fall on Knees
A superstitious notion prevails in the western part of Devonshire, England, that at 12 midnight Christmas eve the oxen in the stables always fall on their knees.

Ecuador became an independent epublic in 1830.



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TOBY BARNES, just home from the office, stood regarding his wife with amusement. "You have the manner, Kay, of being about to leap up and wave a flag. What's happened?"

"I've just discovered something important about myself." Kay's short, light curls were becomingly haphazard. Her eyes were of an intense blue. She was slender and young and vivid. "I'm supremely selfish." She rose to her feet and gesticulated with both hands. "I want to be utterly, gloriously engrossed in ME!"

They both laughed. Then Kay ran forward and dragged her husband



down into a wide, comfortable chair, squeezing in beside him.

"You're a perfectly grand guy," she smiled, "but this Christmas, my man, I'm going to be superbly selfish, as an experiment. Will you try it too, Toby?"

"All right," he agreed, "I'll take you on."

The next morning Kay tilted a pert gray hat on her curls, and walked imperiously to the shopping district. "I'm fed up with being poor, and scrimping and saving so I can be generous in mean, little ways. Today I . . . spend on myself!"

She felt guilty and ridiculous, and she turned her eyes away from a haberdasher's window where gentlemen's furnishings were invitingly displayed. Toby needed masses and masses of things. No, just this once she would spend with a bang all she had on something frivolous for herself. Toby had promised to do the same.

At noon she happened to notice a tall person standing by the next store window. He was absorbed in thought. Kay hardly breathed while the man suddenly plunged into the store door. She crept close to a sheltering pillar while she watched what happened inside.

She saw the man point to a woman's rich, quilted housecoat. She saw him pay for it, and leave, but without a package under his arm. Just the sort of housecoat for which she had yearned hopelessly.

She gasped in dismay. For one hot second she was possessed with anger. Toby wasn't playing fair. He had no right to make her feel ashamed and abject on Christmas morning!

When Toby's flapping overcoat was out of sight Kay slipped into the same shop, going straight to the counter her husband had left. "May I inquire," she asked crisply, "if that quilted housecoat just purchased, is to be delivered to Mrs. Toby Barnes?" She gave the house address. The clerk was startled into admitting the fact.

Kay threw up her chin. "I asked my husband, Mr. Barnes, to step in here today to buy that for me. I've changed my mind. May I exchange it for something else I prefer?"

The clerk weakly nodded. Christmas eve found Kay a bit cryptic. Toby carelessly inquired if a package had been delivered that afternoon. Kay said yes; it was waiting in the closet. And it was, though not quite what Toby supposed.

Kay was excited as a child on Christmas morning. There were waffles for breakfast and especially good coffee. Afterwards Mrs. Toby Barnes shoved her tall husband into his big chair. "Sit there," she commanded him, and left the room.

"When is this fine exhibition of selfishness going to begin?" he shouted after her. "I want to see it in action!"

Kay returned with a large package elaborately wrapped. Toby

looked pleased. "There you are," he said. "I'm sorry, Kay, to fall down on our agreement, but I knew you wanted the darned thing."

"There you are!" cried Kay hurling the box at him. "I simply will not let you squander your money on expensive things for me, Toby."

Toby opened the box, drawing forth a manly, well-tailored dressing gown for a tall gentleman. "You know," muttered his wife in a small voice, "you haven't a thing to sit around in at home."

"So this," he raved, "is the great exhibition of selfishness! And where is your housecoat, I'd like to know?"

Kay, in a thin, quivering voice, begged him to be kind while she explained.

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So, dad, talk it over with the children tonight, and plan now to pool your Christmas money for a gift mother really wants.

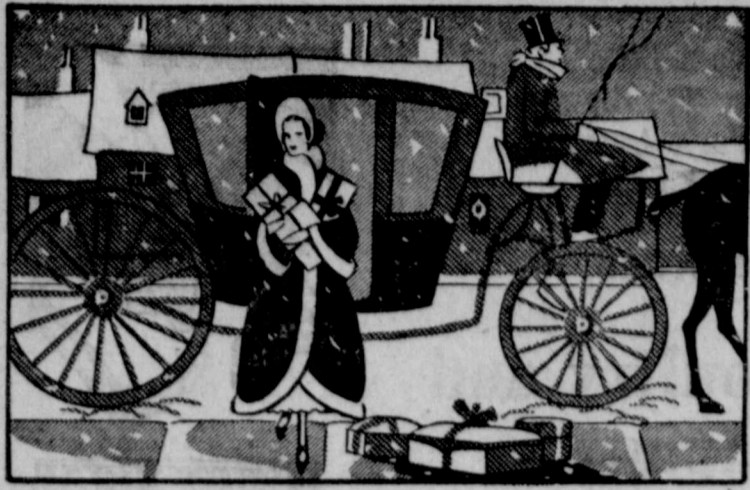


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Canary Was a Success

WITH Christmas so near and no money for a gift for Nedda Langley, his sweetheart and inspiration for composing, and now this cold rainy day, Carl Woods felt very low spirited.

Then he saw the little bird outside the window. He opened the window—the bird flew in and perched on the piano where it seemed quite at home. Standing by the piano wondering what to do with his visitor, Carl let his fingers wander over the keys. "Tweet tweet" the bird said and then began to sing lustily. Intensely interested, Carl continued playing and as long as he played the bird sang.

Suddenly realizing he was playing something he had never heard before, Carl began making note of what he had been playing. Growing chilled, he arose to close the window he had left open. To his surprise, the bird was gone, nor could it be found in the room. He couldn't remember when he had last heard it singing. Where could it be?

Looking across the court of the apartment building he noticed in the window opposite, a bird cage, and a canary was hopping around on the window sill. Although the window was closed now, it must have been open earlier and the bird had taken advantage of its freedom.

Whether it was the same bird that had visited Carl, he and Nedda always felt it was and called it "Little Santa Claus" for it had brought happiness and prosperity, for Carl's composition was accepted and an advance payment made.—Blanche Tanner Dillin.

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December 24, "Mother Night"

Long before Christianity came to the Anglo-Saxons December 24, was called Modrerecht, or "Mother night."

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The Birth of Christ

The time draws near the birth of Christ; The moon is hid; the night is still; The Christmas bells from hill to hill Answer each other in the mist. —Tennyson.

Noel, Name of Two Towns
Noel, the French for Christmas, is the name of towns in Virginia and Missouri.

"The Feast of Lights"

"The Feast of Lights" is one of the oldest names of Christmas.

Smelt for Christmas Feast

Smelt are an essential of the Italian Christmas eve meal.

Big Christmas Stocking

A stocking 80 feet long hung from the roof of Albert hall, in London, during a Christmas sale.

World Comment—

administration:

As has so often been emphasized in this column, the problem of the Republicans both for 1938 and 1940 is to effect a rapprochement between the diverse and antagonistic elements of the party

and once a unified party has been secured develop a positive program action to submit to the voters.

Hoover and Landon have been repudiated. Now it is time to give the boys in Congress their chance to present new faces and a new program.

Our Wishes for You: "A MERRY CHRISTMAS"

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