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WHAT 1926 PROMISES HOUSTON COUNTY AND CROCKETT

The new year will be one of improvement in Houston county. The county's public road system will be improved greatly by the program of work now under way. Of importance are the highway building plans. The rebuilding of the highway toward Lovelady 6.7 miles, from the J. C. Millar home in south Crockett to the Lovelady road district, is now under way. Cook & Arrington were recently the successful bidders for this contract. Building of a first-class road bed and concrete culverts are the work contracted for.

In the near future a contract will be made for rebuilding the highway from the Crockett district through Lovelady to the Trinity county line. Definite action by the state highway commission on this project is expected soon.

During the year it is expected that the rebuilding of the highways seven miles toward Grape-land and toward Belott will be taken up.

During 1926 considerable improvement work will be done on the road to the Hurricane Shoals bridge. This road sees much travel, and cotton in large quantities is brought to Crockett across the bridge.

Work on the Pennington road and the Ratcliff road to the Kennard road district was done in 1925, as on several other roads. Several lateral roads in the Crockett road district will be improved in 1926. The Augusta road will see considerable improvement in the coming twelve months, enabling people in that section of the county to travel more conveniently.

The crop outlook for Houston county is promising. The general condition, which is indefinite as a matter of course, is slightly better than at the beginning of 1925. The real improvement is to be noticed in the practice of diversification. Diversified farming is a necessity for advancement of conditions in Houston, as most any other county. More feed and food

crops will be grown, which will mean better living at home.

A watermelon association at Grapeland and a tomato growing association at Latexo have been organized by the farmers in those sections of the county. With diversified crops are to be noticed are improvement in livestock, which is a decided step forward. A number of farmers have told the Courier that they are going in for "more cotton on fewer acres" in 1926. Better cotton should also result from this movement. It is to be hoped that the recent decline in prices and the strict grading of 1925 cotton will give growers the proper viewpoint in planning the new crop. A large cotton crop, with a surplus on hand at present, will cause untold hardships next fall and winter.

The Courier would like to see a chamber of commerce in every town in Houston county, with a Houston county chamber with headquarters in Crockett. Farmers are very desirable and necessary members in chamber of commerce organizations.

One of the things in store for Crockett in 1926 is the organization of an active chamber of commerce. A good, live chamber of commerce organization for Crockett will be of untold benefit to the people of this community. What has been done in other sections by chambers of commerce can be done in Crockett.

A Crockett chamber of commerce will promote crop rotation and diversification and land conservation, things necessary to Houston county's prosperity as a whole.

Huett-Hallmark Marriage.

Miss Nannie Huett and Mr. Marlin Hallmark took their friends by surprise Saturday afternoon, December 26, when they drove down to Rev. A. S. Lee's residence and were quietly married.

Miss Huett is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Huett of Daniel-Bellview community. She is a young lady beloved by both old and young.

Mr. Hallmark is a young man of sterling worth from County Line community. He is at present teaching at Holly.

Their many friends hasten to extend to them congratulations for a long and happy married life, with whom the Courier joins.



TO THE NEW YEAR--- GREETINGS
MAY IT BRING PROSPERITY TO ALL

ORANGES AND GRAPE NEW RAILS BEING FRUIT OF THE BEST LAID BY RAILROAD

The Courier editor has a good friend down at Raymondville, in the lower Rio Grande valley, where they grow oranges and grape fruit. Of course Raymondville is not the only place where the Courier editor has a good friend and the valley may not be the only place where oranges and grape fruit are grown. But we have got to get to the meat in the coconut. The Courier's good friend in the valley, Mr. George W. McDougald has sent this editor a full basket of the finest of oranges and grape fruit—the only kind they grow in the lower Rio Grande valley. Our good friend, Mr. McDougald, who was grown in Houston county, will please accept the Courier's thanks for this very fine basket of valley fruit. The Courier now understands why Rio Grande valley fruit and vegetables outclass Florida and California fruit and vegetables, if our basket is a fair sample of what they grow down there. Mr. McDougald could have made us no nicer Christmas present. The Courier editor likes fruit at Christmas time, on New Year's day, on his birthday, at Hallowe'en, Thanksgiving, Armistice day and on all other holidays, Sundays and between times—when he can get it.

Theodore Stephenson Jr.

Theodore Stephenson Jr., 25 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Stephenson, who live a mile and a half west of Crockett on the Hall's Bluff road, died Saturday evening at 7:40 o'clock. The child was stricken with diphtheria at an early hour Saturday morning and lived only through the day. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. A. Lehmburg, Methodist pastor, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home. Interment followed in the Crockett cemetery. The Courier joins in extending sympathy to the bereaved parents.

All the self-made men are not boasting about it.

The I. G. N. railroad will begin about January 10 on the work of relaying their track from a point one mile south of Latexo. This plan calls for the relaying of track from the starting point to Conroe, and will consume considerable time. About 30 miles of track were laid north of Latexo during 1925.

The new track will be much better than the old one. The rails, which are now being placed on the right of way, are 90 lbs., instead of 75 lbs., as are now in use through Crockett.

The Coldest Spell.

Again we forget. Many people said Monday morning that the weather was the coldest they had ever seen in December. The thermometer stood at 21 and it was the coldest December morning this year. But just about a year ago, on December 26, the thermometer dropped to 20, one degree colder than Monday morning of this week. On December 9, 1917, the thermometer dropped to 17 above zero, and on January 12, 1918, it stood at 7 above zero. However, there were plenty of frozen pipes and radiators on Monday morning of this week.

The Hunters.

The hunters of big game returned from southwest Texas Saturday and they brought back the game. The party was headed by Dr. G. R. Taylor of Evansville, a hunter of wide experience and skill, with a picked party, B. F. Beene, Richard Breautigam and W. G. Logan Jr. They report a big time and brought back two fine bucks and a big gobbler. Dr. Taylor, of course, killed the deer and Mr. Breautigam the turkey, and Mr. Beene got a few quail and Mr. Logan a jack rabbit. Dr. Taylor says he tried to tell the boys how to shoot deer, but they got the "buck ague" in spite of all he could do. The doctor has the thanks of the Mes-

senger force for a ham of venison which was quite a treat.—Jewett Messenger.

Evans-Francis Wedding.

Mr. B. W. Francis of Crockett and Miss Berta Evans of Palestine were married at Elkhart Saturday afternoon. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Owens at the Methodist parsonage in that city. The bride is the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Evans of Palestine and is popular in her home town. The groom is engaged in farming, and is well and favorably known in this city. They will make their home in Crockett. The Courier joins in extending congratulations and best wishes.

Poor hunters always take a few dogs for an alibi when they come home with an empty bag.

THREAT OF JAIL HAS NO TERROR AS NEW YEAR APPROACHES

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Threats of jail for men and women New Year tippers apparently have no terrors for those who plan to greet 1926 in hotel restaurants and cabarets.

More than 16,000 reservations have been made in 14 of the larger places. Besides, two United States commissioners will hold court all night to release all prisoners if they can provide bail. In addition, justices and judges eligible to sign bonds are preparing for night work.

E. C. Yellowley, prohibition administrator, who announced that women, as well as men, would be arrested and jailed, is not going to insist that they spend New Year eve and the next day behind bars. If the hip that carries the flask also packs \$1000, bond can be arranged immediately after the arrest.

Managers of the cafes which reported the 16,000 reservations said they would co-operate with the federal authorities in enforcement. Some of them were recently reported as having employed detectives to enable them to identify prohibition agents who might enter disguised as guests.

No guests will be searched as they enter, but the sight of bottles on tables will be greeted by more than a frown of discouragement, they indicated.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 29.—The prohibition law Tuesday caused two of Pittsburgh's leading hotels, the William Penn and the Fort Pitt, to announce that the annual New Year eve dinners and balls will not be held this year. The announcement followed Prohibition Administrator Frederick Baird's warning that flask toters at hotel and cabaret celebrations would be arrested. Recently the administrator's men invaded the downtown hotels and arrested employes for bootlegging.

Notices posted at the William Penn and Fort Pitt informed patrons that the administration had ordered the arrest of persons carrying liquor. Waiters were warned that they would be discharged if they aided or abetted in the illegal use of liquor. In the dining room the notices read:

"We have reason to believe that federal prohibition agents are present and have this room under espionage."

When Andrew Jackson
was president this bis-
cuit recipe was first used



Clabber
and
Soda Biscuits

One pint of flour sifted
1/2 teaspoon soda
1 1/2 teaspoonfuls baking powder.
1/2 teaspoon salt
Four tablespoonfuls melted lard
About one cup thick clabber
(the sourer the better)

Sift all dry ingredients together, then pour in the lard and clabber and mix well. Turn on floured board, roll half inch thick cut and bake in a hot oven. This makes about twelve LARGE biscuits.

This is the real old Southern Clabber and Soda biscuit recipe handed down through several generations

The biscuits were good then, they are better now—perhaps it is because you can use

AMERICAN MAID FLOUR

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The loyalty of the citizens of this community to this store is a matter of great pride to us, and the thanks we extend you at this time are only those to which you are clearly entitled.

The heart often feels more than it can tell. We thank you.

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THE NEW YEAR IN CROCKETT SCHOOLS

A number of Scottish Rite Masons and several citizens visited the public school Thursday afternoon of last week, to gather first-hand information as to how the schools were progressing this year, and to assure the school board, superintendent and faculty that they stood ready to assist where possible in bettering school conditions in this city. The Scottish Rite Masons, as well as all branches of Masonry, have taken a great interest in school affairs for a number of years, and last Thursday's visit was in keeping with a nation-wide program in which all members of the Rite were asked to pay a visit to their local schools. The Crockett delegation was in charge of W. P. Bishop, a past president of the school board and a leading member of the Masonic fraternity. Mr. Bishop has contributed many years of his services to the upbuilding of public free schools, and while pressing business matters caused him to resign as president of the school board, he has in no way lost his interest in the schools, but stands ready at all times to assist in any possible way in the betterment of the schools.

The visitors were escorted to each of the rooms, and made a thorough inspection of the school building, equipment, etc., and were welcomed by President J. R. Herrin of the school board, who handed to each visitor the following facts about our schools:

It is indeed a distinct pleasure and honor to have this distinguished body of citizens who are interested in our schools to pay us a visit, and, on behalf of the board of trustees, we extend to each of you a cordial welcome, and will appreciate any suggestions you may have to make toward the betterment of our schools.

Some Questions Answered.
Area of school district, square miles, 16.
Area allowed by law, 25.
Scholastics enrolled in district, 1010.

Teachers employed in white school, 18; teachers employed in colored school, 8. Total teachers employed, 26.

Total monthly salaries of all teachers, \$2,945.

Total monthly miscellaneous insurance, fuel, etc., \$417.00.

Bonds on white school outstanding, 5 per cent, \$59,000.00

Bonds on colored school out-

standing, 5 1/2 per cent, \$24,000.
Total valuations, personal and real, \$2,890,197.00.
Tax rate: Maintenance, 50c; bonds, 30c; total, 80c per \$100.
State apportionment, \$14,000.

Income for Term.
From local taxes.....\$23,121.57
From tuition.....1,000.00
From transfers.....700.00
From county, per cap. 300.00
From state apportionment.....14,140.00

Total.....\$39,261.57

Liabilities.
Total salaries.....\$27,255.00
Sinking fund.....7,192.50
Miscellaneous.....4,814.07

Total.....\$39,261.57

We are today informed by the state department of education that unless we employ an additional high school teacher and fit up an additional room our school will be penalized. He also says the superintendent and faculty are to be commended for the most excellent work observed, for the splendid organization, and for the general efficiency of the school system.

Our school needs considerable repair to doors, windows, etc.

What shall we do?
J. R. Herrin, President.
J. E. Towery, Secretary.

Universal Week of Prayer.

In conformity with the plans of the World's Evangelical Alliance, we the undersigned pastors of Crockett respectfully ask our people and all other Christian people of our community to carry out the following "week of prayer" program next week:

Monday, at the Presbyterian church, subject: "Thanksgiving and Humiliation."

Tuesday, at the Methodist church, subject: "The Church Universal: The One Body of Which Christ is Head."

Wednesday, at the Baptist church, subject: "Nations and Their Leaders."

Thursday, at the Christian church, subject: "Missions."

Friday, at the Methodist church, subject: "Families, Schools, Colleges and the Young."

C. A. Lehmborg.
A. S. Lee.

Attorney General Dan Moody's efforts in behalf of Texas taxpayers have been crowned with success in another instance. A Limestone county road contracting firm, which had secured a temporary injunction restraining the cancelling of a maintenance contract, has tossed up the sponge and quit.

JUST A WORD WITH OUR SUBSCRIBERS

The Courier has a good list of renewals and subscriptions for the last week of 1925. Our friends did not forget us in the busy Christmas week. We appreciate each one of these renewals and subscriptions.

The new year, 1926, is right upon us, and our friends are beginning the new year right, by assuring themselves of the news they really want each week by subscribing to the Courier.

Among those calling to renew or subscribe, or sending in their renewals and subscriptions, since last issue are the following:

- Jas. Crawford, Fullerton, La.
- O. E. Allbright, Loraine.
- D. M. Smith, Crockett Rt. 5.
- Mize Brothers, Nacogdoches.
- J. F. Reynolds, Malakoff Rt. 1.
- Albert Patton, Kennard Rt. 1.
- Hon. C. S. Briggs, Washington, D. C.
- Dr. C. W. Butler, Memphis, Tenn.
- Mrs. A. Smith, Cleveland, Ohio.
- Mrs. Henry H. Klein, New York City.
- Hugh Bayne, Daisetta.
- Mrs. J. M. Hobson, Dallas.
- Dr. G. W. Worthington, Marathon.
- T. D. Cruse, Lake Arthur, N. Mex.
- T. B. Satterwhite, Dallas.
- O. C. Goodwin, Breckenridge.

Christmas Dance.

A few days previous to December twenty-fifth cordial invitations were extended to a large circle of friends by Mrs. Jim Smith to attend an "old time dance" at her home on Christmas night.

Word was passed around to keep "mum" as this joyous occasion was planned as a surprise for the genial host, Mr. Smith.

Promptly at the hour named, eight o'clock, guests began to arrive, and "welcome" was surely the password emanating everywhere. The brilliantly lighted and beautifully decorated home was soon overflowing with guests, who had forgotten that twenty years and more had passed since they assembled to participate in such festivities or occasions which were once the acme of social life in this section of the state.

The spacious rooms were cleared and the shining, waxed floors were waiting for the eager feet of the participants, while soft clear strains of music "quick and devilish" pealed from the sweet toned violin in the hands of a master of this art, Mr. Ben Rains, one of East Texas' noted old time fiddlers. Stationed in adjoining rooms were experienced "prompters" for the quadrille, and when the call came for "partners for a square"—no second invitation was needed. At intervals the stately waltz with its measured tread, interspersed with the more lively two step, polka and schottische, were indulged in.

To an onlooker surely no other verdict could have been given than that time, rather than adding care, had given only grace and ease to the dancers who passed a few hours gliding over the floor in the mystic mazes of the dance while—

"Music rose with voluptuous swell,
And all went merry as a wedding bell."

Ever and anon the dancers were regaled with delicious punch; later in the evening delightful hot chocolate and cake were served.

As the hour of twelve approached, strains of "Home Sweet Home" reminded the happy throng that the hour for goodbyes had come. Many and profuse were the thanks showered upon Mr. and Mrs. Smith for an evening of pleasure, and congratulations for the enviable reputation they have made and sustained as entertainers.

A Guest.
When Mail Orders Increase.

Martin L. Pierce, in a talk to the San Antonio Advertising Club, said that in a Northwest-

ern State, where 75 per cent of the merchants do little or no advertising, because they do not think it pays, 72 car loads of mail order catalogues were distributed in one year at a cost of \$3,000,000, and the mail order houses made it pay.

Every one knows that the largest mail order business is from those places where least advertising is done, and why any merchant can justify himself in doing without advertising so long as he is in business is hard to determine.

IN JUSTICE TO THE RAILROADS.

To former Governor Cameron Morrison, more than to any other individual, North Carolina owes its present system of highways. It was Governor Morrison who developed the network of splendid roads that attracted the attention of the nation a few years ago, and which have played an important part in the recent marvelous material development of the state.

Naturally, Governor Morrison is deeply interested in seeing that the people derive the maximum of benefit from them. In much of what he is doing to promote highway transportation he is serving the interests of the people.

But his attitude toward the regulation of public carriers on the highways and his idea of the relation of good roads and public carriers to the railroads are seriously open to question.

The time has passed when any state may consistently neglect to provide reasonable regulation of public carriers on the highways whether they be passenger busses, freight trucks or automobiles for hire. The public interest itself demands that there be regulation. The safety of passengers, the assurance of proper charges for service and of the maintenance of proper schedules by public motor carriers are matters for the state to take cognizance of. Moreover, these vehicles wear out the roads they use, and sometimes the heavier ones tear them up badly. It is fair, and it is sound business policy, to require them to be subject to state regulation in these matters and to pay a reasonable amount for the use of the roads.

And it is not good public policy for the state to regulate the railroads and permit the motor carriers to go unregulated. The railroads are closely regulated by federal and state commissions, and they are compelled to live up to all the requirements made for them. It is surely the rankest sort of discrimination to impose an elaborate set of regulations upon the railroads and permit the motor carriers to use the public roads and do as they please.

The discrimination is accentuated by the fact that the railroads are compelled to pay taxes for the building and maintenance of the roads, which their competitors use. Very frequently a state highway, built and maintained by tax money, parallels a railroad, and motor busses and trucks compete actively with railway trains for traffic. In North Carolina, the highways do not parallel the railroads as frequently as they do in Texas. In this state, however, nearly every important railroad is in sight of a highway throughout the greater part of its length. In some sections of the state the competition from the motor vehicles on the roads running alongside the railroads has forced great curtailment of train service.

To whatever extent Governor Morrison's idea of the relation of the highways and the railroads may apply properly in North Carolina, it is utterly unjust and impractical when applied to Texas, and perhaps to most of the Western States. As a matter of elemental justice to the railroads, their competitors should not be granted special privileges, relieved of needed regulations, and encouraged by the state to take unfair advantage of the railroads. The latter are among the heaviest taxpayers, and from that standpoint alone are entitled to fair treatment from the state government.

Furthermore, let us remember, the railroads are and will continue to be the backbone of our transportation system. In gen-

Our Sincere Wish

**TO EVERY HUMAN DURING
1926 AND THE YEARS
TO FOLLOW
IS HEALTH, HAPPINESS
AND PROSPERITY**

It matters not how well you fared in 1925, we hope it will look like 30 cents to what 1926 brings you.

To have health you must have good, wholesome food. We have it. To be happy you must be healthy, so you need our groceries—combined with our service.

To prosper you must have health and be happy, and goodness knows we want you to prosper so that you will be able to pay for the groceries you consume.

If your resolution list is not fully made up, please add the following: "Resolved: That I will trade with the Crockett Grocery & Baking Co., where I can get good groceries and Liberty bread."

Again wishing you health, happiness and prosperity—

Crockett Grocery & Baking Company

The Right Place

eral transportation service, they can not be supplanted by motor vehicles, no more than can the street car be supplanted by the jitney. To unduly burden the railroads is to injure ultimately the public interest. The nation's future growth and prosperity depend in no small measure upon the adequate functioning of its rail transportation system.—Houston Post-Dispatch.

Cow to Mother Camel.

Beaumont, Texas, Dec. 23.—A cow was brought to the Christy Brothers' showgrounds here Tuesday as foster mother to a little camel which was born several weeks ago. Showmen and trainers were relieved of their duties of heating milk and feeding the baby camel, which is valued at about \$2000. The strange mother did not bother the little camel at all, and he greedily accepted the cow's milk. The mother camel stayed in the stall with the cow and the little camel, but was evidently unconcerned about where he obtained his meals. It is expected that the new arrival will be large enough to walk-in the parades next spring. He has not as yet been named, and Beaumont Shriners have been invited to assist in naming him.

Never allow troubles to worry you, especially when they belong to others.

People who scatter thorns get pricked sooner or later.

Happy New Year

With the waning of the old year and the welcome of the new, we want to give expression to our appreciation of the favors shown us by those who have patronized this store.

These manifestations of their confidence are indeed gratifying and an inspiration toward greater effort to be of wholesome service during 1926.

Again we extend to you our best wishes for a prosperous and happy New Year.

D. C. Kennedy & Co.

CROCKETT, TEXAS

..1926..

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HENRY FORD'S FOUR OLD-TIME FIDDLEERS

Will the old fashioned dances ever come back? Have they come back in Crockett?

This question, which is echoed from every part of the country ever since Henry Ford started to popularize the music and dances of yesterday, finds an answer in the Detroit News in the review of an old fashioned dance held as an experiment in a Detroit dance hall frequented by the so-called younger set, and also the old-fashioned Christmas dance in Crockett.

Officials of the Detroit dance hall had staged the dance for the express benefit of those of another generation who had been literally crowded from the dance floor by modern jazz music. But, they scarcely anticipated "five thousand men and women howling for the right to dance" the waltz, schottische, polka and form dances. And included in those who participated in this demonstration were all ages from sixteen to sixty.

"The spirit of the quadrille, that began in a lovely way, must have blinked its eyes in wonderment," says the Detroit News. "It was born to swish of hoop skirts and the times when the society reporter gravely reported, 'the brave and the fair were in attendance.' It was born in an era of kerosene lamps, tinctures and fiddlers. Tuesday night, it faced high power floor lights, moving pictures and a super-orchestra aided and abetted by Henry Ford's four-piece old fashioned orchestra."

THE KEY TO THE RIDDLE.

The injunction suit brought by B. P. Panas against the Harris county commissioners sagged and fell of its own weight. No evidence of "unconscionable profits" was adduced, but on the contrary it was shown that the prices paid for engineering work on Harris county roads correspond very closely to prices paid in other major counties.

The profits made by Howe & Wise, under their sworn testimony, are meager. Except for the fact that they supplement their work for the county by doing private engineering work, these profits would hold little inducement for them to continue their contract.

If the injunction suit revealed anything worth while, it was that the Howe & Wise contract is ambiguous. There was no evidence to show that Howe & Wise have attempted to take advantage of the county in any way, or that they planned to do so in the future.

In the light of the sensational charges made in the petition for injunction and the complete collapse of the case when it was brought before the court, there is a strong presumption that ulterior motives were responsible

for the effort to discredit the county officials.

The prominent part which Judge Bryan, Commissioner Spencer and other county officials played in exposing the rottenness existing in the conduct of state highway affairs might furnish a key to the riddle of why the suit was instituted.—Houston Post-Dispatch.

Christmas Marriages.

Marriage licenses were issued during the past two weeks at the county clerk's office to the following couples:

Travis Jones and Bertha Rich. Jesse Gainus and Nell Phillips. Walter Bitner and Miss Loreana Johnson.

Archie Click and Miss Verliah Rogers.

A. G. Casper and Maudie Tunstall.

Carl Taylor and Miss Pearl Vickers.

G. W. Lacy and Mary Sloan.

Hilton J. Fritze and Miss Mary Alice Lansford.

Claud Johnson and Mary Sue Cloud.

J. A. Burch and Mary Elizabeth Cook.

Frank Thomas and Daisy Burke.

Geo. Taylor and Toby Brown.

Marvin Crofford and Emma Wedemeyer.

John Davis and Lillie Covey.

Jessie Calhoun and Sarah Robinson.

Wash Allen and Annie Thomas.

Alfred Terry and Eliza Warren.

Sam Parker and Mary Jane Wilbert.

Blucher Francis and Berta Evans.

Dock Holdman and Ella May Dailey.

Jasper James and Alice Smith.

Charley Stell and Elizabeth Shepherd.

Dock Booker and Jerushia Randles.

John D. Wylie and Martha Ware.

Jonas Westbrook and Bessie English.

M. M. Hallmark and Nannie Huett.

Geo. Scurlock and Levada Hill.

William Neal and Caroline Dancer.

Cattle Shipments.

Eight cars of cattle were shipped from the Crockett station during the past week. On Wednesday of last week C. B. Goodrum of Lovelady shipped three cars to Marlin.

T. R. Deupree shipped two cars Saturday to Encinal, in southwest Texas. Arnold Bros shipped one car Saturday to the Fort Worth market.

Smith Bros. shipped one car Monday to their ranch at Paint Rock, in southwest Texas. They also shipped one car to the Fort Worth market Monday.

It's not bad luck for a black cat to cross in front of your car, provided it gets clear across.

CHRISTMAS FOOT BALL GAME TIE, 0-0

Part of the Crockett High school foot ball team, plus Assistant Coach Cannon and Henson Bynum, held the onslaught of the stars of former days to a scoreless tie Christmas day. The old stars boasted Lee Lehmborg, star center of the Southwestern Pirates, T. I. A. A. champions. His playing was the strong point in their offense and defense. Play was ragged and fumbles were numerous, as in all games of this kind, for which no practice is held. The high school made one noble stand in the third quarter, when they held for downs on their 4-yard line.

Mack McConnell, Dawson Robbins and Johnson Phillips Jr. gained most of the ground for the all-stars. Louis Durst did some good defensive work. S. W. Craddock played a good game at end.

Oran Dawson, Frank Sharp, Jack Turner and Roth Parker played good defensive foot ball for the school boys. Ben Cannon gained most of the ground for the school team.

The high school line-up—ends, Murphy and Turner; tackles, F. Sharp and Nelson (c.); guards, Bynum and Cook; center, Dawson; quarter, Foster; halves, Hester and Cannon; full, Parker. Towerly for Nelson, 4th quarter.

The older team was—Craddock and Allee, ends; Durst and Austin, tackles; Self and Routledge guards; Lehmborg, center; Hail, quarter; Robbins and McConnell, halves; Phillips, full. Baker for Austin for Robbins 3rd quarter.

Officials: W. L. Jordan, referee; E. B. Bennett, umpire; J. P. Hail Jr., head linesman; Harry Beazley, timekeeper and scorer.

Mr. T. J. Temple.

Mr. Thomas Jackson Temple died at his late home in north Crockett Thursday night, following a long illness. Funeral services were held at the graveside in the Crockett cemetery at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon, Christmas day. Rev. C. A. Lehmborg, pastor of the First Methodist church, conducted the burial rites.

Mr. Temple was born in Mississippi in 1847 and was 78 years of age at the time of his death. He was a member of the Confederate army during the Civil war. In 1868 he married Miss Ella N. Humphreys, soon removing to Texas. He had made his home in and near Crockett for about 55 years.

Mr. Temple leaves, besides the wife, eight children, five sons and three daughters. The sons are Willie Temple of Temple, John Temple of Waco, Bennie Temple of Hot Springs, Ark., and Jess and A. S. "Doc" Temple of Crockett. The daughters are Mrs. J. W. Campbell of Houston, Mrs. H. M. Brown of Thurber and Mrs. L. B. LeGory of Crockett.

Mr. Temple was a member of the Methodist church and was a good, Christian citizen. The Courier extends sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

Waco Versus Forest Avenue.

The interscholastic league, finding Balliew, Beaumont captain, ineligible, duly declared Waco and Robstown eligible to play for the high school football championship of Texas. Waco defeated Robstown 32 to 0 Saturday, while Forest Avenue of Dallas was beating Cisco 7 to 0. Forest and Waco will meet January 1, 1926, to decide the 1925 championship. Four teams in the finals—and maybe two championships—in four years is Waco's fair record. Waco would be a popular champion, except at Beaumont.

The Methodist Church.

Sunday, in the absence of the pastor, the services at the Methodist church will be in charge of two of our best known laymen. At 11 a. m. Judge J. W. Young will speak and at 7:15 p. m. Judge A. A. Aldrich. These two attorneys are too well known to need introduction to a Crockett audience; the pastor bespeaks for them a large hearing. Let

the choir give these speakers their best support. The Sunday school and Epworth leagues will be held at the regular hours.

The pastor left on Wednesday of this week for Memphis, Tenn., where he will be in attendance on the Methodist Young People's Convention there December 31 to January 3. He expects to be back on Monday of next week in time to assist in the program of the week of prayer.

C. A. Lehmborg,
Pastor.

Card of Thanks.

In connection with the recent loss of our home by fire the many acts of kindness upon the part of our friends and the public of Crockett are deeply impressed upon our memory.

Particularly do we recall the heroism of the members of the fire department and many others who assisted at no small risk to themselves in the work of salvage, the many friends who extended us the hospitality of their homes and the further kindness of those who assisted in the rehabilitation in our new quarters.

Since the press of other duties has rendered it impracticable for us to express our thanks and appreciation in a more personal way, we ask that you each and all accept from us this expression of our sincere thanks and of our good wishes for this generous and hospitable people.

Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Phillips
and Family. It.

Christmas Night Dance.

The Crockett Shrine Club gave its second annual Christmas dance on Friday night of last week. A dance orchestra from Nacogdoches was secured to supply the music. Properly and adequately chaperoned, the evening was one of supreme enjoyment for the club membership and their guests. A number of visitors from out of town were present, as well as the large number of students home from college.

Notice of Change In Business

I take this method of informing my friends, customers and the public in general that I have bought the interest of Mr. J. C. Thames in the grocery and feed store heretofore conducted by Douglass & Thames, and will continue the business at the same place and along the same line as heretofore, carrying at all times a complete stock of staple and fancy groceries and feedstuff at the lowest possible prices consistent with quality and good business.

I have also taken over all notes and accounts due the old firm and respectfully ask all those indebted to the store to call and make settlement at their earliest convenience.

I also extend my sincere thanks and appreciation of the liberal patronage you have bestowed upon us the past year and I hope to merit a continuance of that pleasant relationship which has existed between us. Accept my heartiest wishes for you and yours—

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR

Harvey Douglass

Successor to Douglass & Thames

COTTON RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS

The Crockett cotton warehouse through last week had received 16,982 bales of the 1925 cotton crop, as compared with 15,659 bales to the same date last year. The 1925 receipts are 1300 bales more than the 1924 weighing, records of W. E. Hail, public weigher, show.

The Crockett railroad station has shipped 17,358 bales of the 1925 cotton crop, according to G. H. Henderson, agent. Of this amount about 4,000 bales were shipped without weighing, or were weighed at other yards.

Total Crockett cotton receipts this year are approximately 21,000 bales, or about 60 per cent of the Houston county cotton crop, which is slightly more than 36,000 bales.

In spite of the unprecedented volume of mail moving through the Crockett post office, there has been little delay to the public. The postmaster and his loyal and faithful helpers deserve a vote of thanks for their efforts. Perhaps by 1927's Yuletide, the federal government will be a Santa Claus to Crockett and make the people a gift of a new building, ready for the holiday rush.

The value of service rendered is not gauged by the cost.

GRATITUDE

At this time of the year, when we take a fresh grip on ourselves and determine to profit by our past mistakes, our thoughts also linger on the things that are past.

Gratefully I think of those who, through their co-operation and patronage for 26 successful years, have contributed to the progress of my business.

To you I extend my heartiest wishes for a New Year full of happiness and success.

MIKE YOUNAS

Our Ideals

To do the right thing at the right time, in the right way; to do some things better than they have ever been done; to strive ever to eliminate errors, and to correct any that have been made; to know both sides of every question; to be courteous; to be of service; to be alert; to act from reason, rather than rule; to ever strive for perfection.

With these ideals as our guide for the future, as they have been in the past, let us wish for you and yours

A Happy and Prosperous
New Year

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WELCOME, 1926!

We do not believe that at any time in the history of Houston county this has a new year been ushered in under brighter auspices than this one. Not only does it find this community farther along in advantages of all kinds than at any time in the past, and with a future outlook exceptionally encouraging, but every section of the county seems to be equally as well favored.

We are closing the book of a year that has been bountiful in more ways than one. We have added to our history, both locally and nationally, a chapter of which every one can well feel proud. We have made progress along many lines, and many have taken advantage of opportunities never before opened to them. But with it all we have left some things undone; we have postponed until a later date little improvements that would have added much to the sum total accomplished during the year. So now that we are entering a new year, and one that gives such bright promise, let us pledge ourselves anew as good citizens of a good community to take up the things we have postponed and add them to our 1926 program—and then stick to that program until it has been carried out.

We have a good county and an ideal community, but there is always room for improvement. If it is not a public improvement, then let it be private ones, carried out so well that the whole public will reap the benefits. We can stand more street and sidewalk improvement; there is scarcely a home in Crockett but could be made more attractive and pleasing by the addition of more trees, more shrubbery, more flowers—or more paint. And the same is true of buildings used for business purposes; they too will stand brightening up.

There are fewer clouds in the business sky today than for many years. All indications point to a prosperous year for those who are willing to work toward that point. We have not yet reached the paradise of "corn and wine," and milk and honey are not going to flow in the streets. But honest toil will be rewarded in the year 1926 as it has seldom been rewarded before in Houston county.

PLENTY OF WORMS FOR THE EARLY BIRDS.

This time a year ago, you were probably wondering what 1925 held for you. It was anyone's guess. But you had high hopes. The time has come, now, to strike a balance between your hopes and your realizations, and get the actual figures. It's no longer a subject for conjecture. It's a known fact!

There are many among you who will find you have done even better than you hoped. Yes, it's been a good year.

There are others among you who already know that there has been something "wrong." You had plenty of hopes, but the realizations have left a balance in the red.

Funny, isn't it?—that with the same product, the same need, the same sized pocketbooks to depend upon, one man reports a good year while another bemoans his "hard luck."

But is it "funny," after all? Is there anything odd about it? Let's look for a cause, and look

WE GREET YOU.

The New Year is upon us. Its birth brings new opportunities for each of us—for all of us.

Its golden days, like those of every year, are numbered—not a single one should be laid aside or wasted. To help you keep these days of opportunity within your vision, the Courier is your weekly visitor and reminder.

The Courier greets you with the best wishes of the entire Courier organization for your happy and prosperous New Year. As you check each week of its record of time may you find ever increasing prosperity and happiness.

for it where it can usually be found—within ourselves.

Ask yourself this one question: Have I done everything possible this year to embrace the opportunities afforded me; have I wisely invested every possible thought and every necessary dollar in developing these opportunities?

There is no dearth of possibilities—that we know. Again, as in past years, 1925 saw an increased cotton acreage. Will 1926 see this again repeated?

There is only one deduction you can make from this condition—your market is "oversupplied."

Here is demand and supply separated only by a channel of ignorance of the inefficiency of old-fashioned methods; of the value of time and strength; of the need, in fact, ignorance of the way in which this need has been met by crop diversification and more bales on fewer acres.

It's not a hard channel to bridge. But it takes planning, effort, and an investment or confidence. Where it has been so bridged, the results prove the wisdom of doing it.

These elements in your program are vitally essential. If the market and the supply are to be brought together in our vicinity, the channel between the two must be bridged strongly effectively, permanently. And if it is so bridged, you will find that at the end of 1926, your balance sheet between hopes and realizations will show a nice profit on the side of achievement.

BE THANKFUL EVERY DAY.

Our country has enjoyed a year for which we should be truly grateful.

Over the nation, as a whole, there is practically no unemployment.

Soil products have been bounteous and farmers have generally had good prices.

Our factories, mines, saw-mills, transportation, insurance and utility companies have all been doing a good business and rendering a greater service to the public than at any time in the nation's history.

Electric light and power, the telephone and gas service are so common to the average American family that they are considered necessities, rather than novelties or luxuries, as is the case in most other countries in the world.

Improved and paved highways have ended isolation for the farm.

The American workman has more power machinery at his fingertips than the workman of any other nation—therefore his production is greater and his wages the highest.

We have an unprecedented number of newspapers and publications which keep us fully informed on local and world news.

Perfection may not exist in this world, but so far as a government can give liberty and protection to a people, in conjunction with freedom of thought and action, the United States has gone further than any other country.

True Americans should be thankful every day for a government which makes it possible for us as a people to develop and enjoy the spiritual and material advantages which are ours.—Manufacturer and Industrial News.

JACKSONVILLE'S FARM PROGRAM

Home Ownership and Quality Production Visioned for Next Year.

Jacksonville, Tex., Dec. 28.—A comprehensive program of agricultural work has been adopted by the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce for 1926, which it is hoped will make farming highly profitable and will bring new business to Jacksonville. The work will be carried on by the agricultural committee of the Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with County Agent W. L. Knapp. J. B. Rickman, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, has announced the following fourteen points as a basis of profitable farming operations in Cherokee County for 1926:

1. Every farmer own his own land; the first condition for completing any agricultural program and a sound prosperous agricultural community.
2. Better homes, better farms and better accommodations, for all rural people are entitled to all the comforts, conveniences, etc., in the home and about the farm, to make farm life as pleasant and happy as possible.
3. Better accommodations, long-term leases and a better understanding between tenant and landlord for the mutual benefit of both.
4. Every farm property terraced and drained.
5. Ten per cent of the land in cover crops every year, using small grains in the winter and cowpeas, soy beans, etc., in the summer. All corn intercropped with cowpeas, velvet beans, etc.
6. Sufficient feed crops on every farm to feed the live stock kept.
7. A home orchard on every farm and an all-the-year-round garden. Conservation of the surplus fruits and vegetables.
8. An efficient flock of hens,

efficient milk cows and a prolific brood sow on every farm to take care of the farm needs and a surplus if possible.

9. Use of pure bred live stock and pedigreed seed on every farm.
10. Liberal and sensible use of commercial fertilizers.
11. Diversity of crops to include cotton, feed and truck crops.
12. Community fairs in every community.
13. Good school and church facilities for all.
14. Production of staple cotton and compensation for the superior cotton produced.

POLITICAL.

It is well to pause at the end of the year and check up on a few fundamentals to which we all must tie. The one big thing that makes success for all of us possible is a sound government which does not crush the initiative and enterprise of the individual. Without this, all our personal efforts would be in vain. An understanding of this basic fact should be in every person's mind. Our nation and people have become great, not by chance, but by a well through-out program of government which has never been excelled and which, to date, has been subject to little improvement beyond the plan of its founders 149 years ago. We should bear these facts in mind and constantly call them to public attention in order that we may all truly appreciate the great blessing of liberty under a reasonable form of government such as we have.

Grapeland Death.

Mrs. J. E. Hollingsworth died at her home in Grapeland Christmas eve and was buried on Christmas day. A number of relatives from Crockett attended the funeral.

Home is not what it used to be because it gets lonesome staying alone so much.

Patronize our advertisers.

The New Year

¶ The New Year, with all its real and imaginary problems, is upon us. What we do in the next twelve months depends to some extent upon our individual initiative, but with the utmost of individual enterprise, nothing of lasting value is going to be accomplished unless a spirit of co-operation prevails.

¶ Here in Crockett, it will be necessary, if success is written across 1926, for every citizen to join in one long, steady pull, unhampered by petty jealousies. The work to be done is enough to occupy the mind and utilize the energy of every one, without the blighting effect of bickering or quibbling over small things.

¶ Co-operative effort is the only thing that will make a better community. Co-operation means working together for the common good and not permitting personal ambitions for profit to interfere.

¶ Results will come only when every citizen catches the spirit of community betterment. This does not mean that business men or any other class alone can pull us out into larger fields.

¶ Overcoming the obstacles that 1926 is bound to offer and turning them to our own good will be possible only with a united pull. So it's up to every loyal citizen to pull his level best.

¶ A chamber of commerce is the predominating necessity and a strong possibility. Plans are now in the shaping, and your cooperation as the "pinch hit" will be needed and expected.



It's Newspaper Advertising That Gets the Crowd

When the people of this community wish to know what is going on in this vicinity they read the Courier. And under the scope of local happenings in which they are vitally interested—what are our merchants offering that I can use? The newspaper is the distributing center for both social and business news to which our people turn when they wish information. Hence your advertisement in this paper will carry your business message to people who are anxious to read it. We have cuts and copy to help you prepare your ad.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

John Moore has returned from Longview. S. B. Wootters has returned to his home at Mart. R. L. Allee visited at Athens during the holidays. Harry Allbright was at home from Houston Christmas. W. A. Daniel of Houston was a Christmas visitor in Crockett. Julius Deupree of Dallas is the guest of his parents in this city. Milton Hollis was here from Galveston to spend the holidays. Robert Allen visited with his family in Dallas during the holidays. Albert Nichols of Tennessee is visiting his mother, Mrs. M. E. Nichols.

Misses Hannah and Lizzie Younas spent the holidays in Houston. E. D. Lockett Jr. of Houston was a Christmas visitor in Crockett. W. J. Starling of Dallas visited friends in Crockett the first of the week. Victor Kennedy of El Campo spent Christmas with his mother in Crockett. Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Valentine of Fort Worth spent Christmas in Crockett. Hal Lacy is visiting his daughter, Mrs. W. M. Grant, in Swananoa, N. C. Tom Aiken visited his sister at San Antonio during the Christmas holidays. Albert K. Daniel will attend Texas University, Austin, during the winter term. Miss Katie King was at home from Texas university, Austin, for the holidays.

Johnnie and Dee Blair of Palestine spent Christmas with their parents in Crockett. Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Jones of Houston spent the holidays with relatives in Crockett. Miss Nell Beasley, teaching at Luling, spent Christmas with her mother in Crockett. Raymond Cornelius of Clarksville is visiting in the home of Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Stokes. Ledgers, all sizes, journals, cash books and day books at Goolsby-Julian Drug Co's. 1t.

Auditorium Theatre

Friday and Saturday THE IRON HORSE An Unforgettable Picture Adults 40c, Children 10c Monday and Tuesday The World's Sweetheart MARY PICKFORD IN LITTLE ANNIE ROONEY SPECIAL ATTRACTION For Wednesday and Thursday A LITTLE FANTASY (Not a Picture) Four People in a Clever Novelty, Singing, Dancing and Music Number. Also a Delightful Picture LAZYBONES And Comedy, Too Picture for Thursday THANK U From the Golden Stage Play Coming THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA



Courier staff photographer gets snap-shot of dance orchestra at Shrine Club Christmas night.

Ledgers, all sizes, journals, cash books and day books at Goolsby-Julian Drug Co's. 1t. Mrs. J. G. Hurst and J. G. Jr. of Longview spent Christmas with relatives in Crockett. Lester Callaway visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Callaway, during the holidays. All winter dresses and coats on sale at half price. It. Thompson's. Dr. and Mrs. John Wootters of Houston spent the holiday vacation with relatives in Crockett. Mrs. J. B. Minor of Los Angeles is visiting her mother in Crockett and sister in Lovelady. Quentin Allee of Lake Charles, La., spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Allee. Milton Lehberg, student of S. M. U. at Dallas, spent the holidays with his parents in Crockett.

Mrs. Archie Crook Baker visited her mother at Midway before returning to her home in Dallas. Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Burk and son, Eldon, of Beaumont visited relatives in Crockett during the holidays. Bobby McConnell left Sunday for New Orleans, to class cotton in the New Orleans office of his company. Jack Brown, who spent the holidays with the family of Bud Brown, has returned to Malakoff, Texas. B. F. Thomas, superintendent of schools, visited at Waxahachie and Troup during the holiday vacation. Mrs. T. G. McConico and son, Grayson, of Caddo spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Moore. Mrs. Annie Thornton, who has been visiting relatives in and near Crockett, has returned to her home in Vernon. Mr. and Mrs. Murdock Murchison of Beaumont spent Christmas week with relatives in Crockett and Grapeland. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McLemore and E. E. and C. E. McLemore of Dallas visited relatives in Crockett during the holidays. Miss Fannie Pauline Kennedy, teaching at Grapeland, was at home with her mother, Mrs. W. I. Kennedy, during the holidays. Mrs. J. A. Bricker and Mrs. Ehlinger and daughters, Anabelle Smith and Myrtle Wilma Ehlinger, spent Christmas in La Grange. Mrs. L. E. Gribble and children have returned to their home at Wellington, following a visit with their parents, Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Lehberg.

For Sale. Resident lots from one hundred and fifty dollars up, small cash payment, balance monthly or annually, C. W. Jones, the Real Estate Man. tt.

Judge A. D. Lipscomb of Beaumont, J. L. Lipscomb of Dallas and Len Atmar of Groveton were here for the funeral of Mrs. M. E. Lipscomb Sunday.

Lost Dog. Reward for information leading to recovery of my Police dog. It. A. M. Rogers.

Business Change. Harvey Douglass has bought the interest of his partner, J. C. Thames, in the firm of Douglass & Thames. Mr. Douglass will continue the business in the same location.

Christian Church. The Ladies' Missionary Society of the Christian church will meet with Mrs. Nella Latham on Monday afternoon, January 4, at 3 o'clock. Attendance of members urged. Reporter.

Hard Coal. A car of Zeigler Illinois coal expected within the next few days. All persons desiring coal may get it for \$12.50 delivered from railroad station. B. R. Smith, Mary Allen Seminary.

Farm Mules. Load of high class, well broke farm mules will arrive latter part of this week. Bought at prices that defy competition, My motto is, "You must be satisfied before I am." T. R. Deupree.

Grateful. Rev. S. F. Tenney and family have been very kindly remembered with bountiful Christmas presents, and loving Christmas card greetings, from Presbyterian and other friends, for which we are grateful. S. F. Tenney.

Preaching Service. Preaching services on Sunday, January 3, 1926, at Concord Presbyterian church at 11 a. m.; Oakland Presbyterian church at 3 p. m. Subject—"A New Year, a New Man." Edgar C. Oakley, Minister.

Only the Beginning. Oranges and grape fruit grown in the Rio Grande valley of Texas are unsurpassed by those grown in California and Florida. The belief is not uncommon that the Texas fruit even surpasses that grown in the other states. The wonderful resources of Texas are just beginning to be developed.

A Christmas Greeting. For, and in behalf of, more than "seven thousand" Houston county school boys and girls the county superintendent extends to you a word of sincere appreciation for the many courtesies extended the schools and school work through the columns of the Courier. May the "glad season" bring you a just measure of peace, joy and comfort. Mrs. Gertie Sallas.

Mrs. Mary E. Lipscomb. Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Lipscomb, 92 years of age, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Hail, in Crockett Saturday night. Funeral services were held at the Hail home Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, conducted by Rev. A. S. Lee, Baptist pastor, who was assisted by Rev. C. A. Lehberg, Methodist pastor. Interment followed in Glenwood cemetery.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Atmar Lipscomb was born February 20, 1833, in Sumpterville, South Carolina. She came of an old French Huguenot family on her mother's side. Her father was of Scotch-English ancestry. He was a shipbuilder of Charleston, S. C. He died when Mrs. Lipscomb was quite a young girl. Her mother then moved with her three sons and two daughters to Cooksville, Noxubee county, Mississippi, where she bought a large plantation and there lived several years, until the whole family moved to Texas, except the oldest sister, who made her home first in Louisiana, later in South Carolina.

On May 24, 1854, Mrs. Lipscomb was married to Dr. James Livingston Lipscomb, an Alabamian. A few months later they came to Texas and located in Crockett, where he enjoyed the esteem of every one who knew him, and had a large, lucrative practice. In early life Mrs. Lipscomb belonged to the Presbyterian church, but, after her marriage, joined the Baptist church with her husband. She continued to be a faithful, devoted member of the Baptist church. When younger and stronger, she worked hard in the Ladies' Aid society and gave liberally to the educational and other interests of the church.

She was the mother of six children—two, James L. and Lucina, died when quite young. Her oldest daughter, Mrs. Henrietta Wynne, passed away five years ago this month. Three survive her—Mrs. James W. Hail, Dr. W. C. Lipscomb and Judge A. D. Lipscomb.

Her life was gentle and unselfish, devoted to her family and friends. While gentle and retiring, she was strong in her convictions and staunch in upholding them. She was the embodiment of true hospitality, a typical hostess of the old south, and until too enfeebled by age, delighted to have relatives and friends share her ever-cheerful fireside. She was interested in other people, in the outside world. She read the newspapers and kept posted in the progress of the world in general. Although nearly 93 years of age, with the exception of partial deafness, she was in full possession of all her faculties, always industrious; read, sewed and embroidered to the end.

Her last illness was only of two days' duration—she suffered little—and went peacefully to sleep at midnight, December 26, 1925. Her faith in God never wavered nor faltered in trials, sickness and sorrow. She told a friend a few weeks ago that she was ready and willing to answer her Master's roll call.

1873 1926 Jas. S. Shivers Crockett's Greatest Store Welcomes this New Year opportunity to express its warm appreciation of the patronage which you have given us during the past year. It is our hope that the next twelve months may bring every business blessing, and we desire to make every contribution to your progress that our broad facilities permit. Jas. S. Shivers Crockett's Greatest Store 1873 1926



New Year's Morning

"And in the morn those angel faces smile, That we have loved long since, and lost awhile."

Mrs. Lipscomb was one of Crockett's oldest and best-loved women, and her loss is regretted by all. The Courier extends sympathy to those in sorrow.

Attention Mr. Farmer. If you will be needing assistance in paying your land notes or expecting to purchase more land this fall, make your application now so as to avoid delays, as the rush will soon be on. Money loaned at 5 1/2 per cent—\$65.00 pays the interest and principle on every \$1,000.00 borrowed. More than one million dollars loaned to Houston county farmers in the past 8 years without any foreclosures to date. If interested, call on or write Jno. H. Ellis, secretary, Crockett, Texas. e.o.w.

Marihuana Outlawed. Mexico City, Dec. 28.—Cultivation of marihuana, a drug-producing plant, has been outlawed in Mexico. Health department inspectors have been sent to all parts of the republic where marihuana is grown, with instructions to destroy the crops, kill wild plants and arrest persons

RUSK COUNTY WILL HELP NEGRO FARMERS

Tyler, Texas, Dec. 28.—Rusk county has taken place with Smith county in systematic extension work among negro farmers by the appointment of a colored farm demonstration agent, who will serve under County Agent B. B. Martin of Henderson and the A. and M. college extension service. Smith county has been retaining a negro demonstration agent, G. W. Crouch, for the past year with demonstrable success. Negro farmers comprise practically 40 per cent of all farmers in Smith and Rusk counties, and in hundreds of instances have built up extensive holdings and well improved farms.

persisting in its production. Marihuana leaves, smoked in cigarettes, produce murderous delirium. Its addicts often become insane. Scientists say its effects are perhaps more terrible than those of any intoxicant or drug.

Lansford-Fritze. Mr. Hilton J. Fritze and Miss Mary Alice Lansford were married at the Baptist parsonage Wednesday evening, December 23, Rev. A. S. Lee, Baptist pastor, performing the ceremony. Both are popular young people of the Porter Springs community. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Lansford, while the groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fritze of Porter Springs. They will make their home at Porter Springs. The Courier joins in extending best wishes for a long and happy married life.

Madisonville Wedding. Miss Claire Byers of Madisonville, who has been a frequent visitor in Crockett, will be married Wednesday, January 6, to Mr. Herbert Emmet of St. Louis. Mrs. Albert Brann of Sweetwater, a close friend of the bride, will sing at the wedding. Both these young people are well known in Crockett, and have many friends here who will hasten to extend congratulations and best wishes.

Everyone makes a mistake now and then, but why pick out a grade crossing as a "location?" Patronize our advertisers.



Happy New Year

and With it

A Message of Thrift that will Set a New Mark in
this Community for Value Giving

On other pages of this paper during 1926 you will find messages of thrift, prepared for you by Crockett merchants. They believe in starting business for the New Year with an event in which dollars will buy the biggest measure of value you can imagine. We urge every one in this community to take advantage of 1926 offerings. On even the smallest purchase you will be able to save enough to make a trip to these stores worth while. Come and visit the advertisers where you will find money-saving prices on everything you need.

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HIGHWAY CAUSES RAILROAD TO LOSE

Ticket Sales Between Orange and Beaumont Decrease \$5000 Month.

Orange, Texas, Dec. 23.—Since the completion of the Orange-Beaumont concrete road, the railroad ticket sales between the two points have decreased about \$5000 a month and the railroad has also lost about \$2500 each month on short freight hauls. As a result of the bus and automobile lines which are operating now, two passenger trains will be taken off on January 1. T. M. Meeks, assistant superintendent, visited a number of Orange business men Tuesday, and found that as a rule, they are willing to accede to the wishes of the railroad in discontinuing the two trains which operate through here. It was stated that it had come to the point where it meant hauling empty coaches up and down the road.

He stated that towns on the Louisiana side between Orange and Lafayette had expressed a willingness to give up the service of the two trains under the circumstances.

The Beaumont-Orange road was completed several months ago and a \$500,000 bridge opened across the Neches river. The road is one of the best in the state. Bus lines maintain an hourly schedule and a great part of the shipping originally cared for by the railroads is now being carried by trucks. Meeks declared that this was a condition the railroad company had to meet and their only solution was to take off part of their trains.

CLEANING UP NEW YORK.

If Mayor-elect James J. Walker of New York succeeds in car-

rying out the program he has mapped out, he will be entitled to the plaudits not only of the people of that city, but also of the millions of visitors who go there. Moreover, he will have accomplished something that none of his predecessors has done. The mayor-elect started right when on his return to New York from the South he declined to participate in a big hurrah over his homecoming. Now he reiterates that he was not merely indulging in idle chatter when he told the people of the South that he intends to make New York a safe place for them to send their wives and daughters. One of his first acts will be to proclaim a curfew regulation. It is not going to be rung too early, he says. Residents and visitors will have an opportunity to go to the theater and have a supper and dance afterward. Then the lights are figuratively going out.

In characteristic Tammany language, Senator Walker declares that he wants the population of the metropolis to be "in the hay when the milkman makes his rounds." Fair enough. The stranger within the gates will not object to this. But, Mr. Walker goes a little far when he says that "the big butter and egg man," as the visitor with the bank roll is called, will not be permitted to make a cesspool of the city. To accomplish this the mayor-elect will insist that the man he appoints as commissioner of police must promise to halt the crime wave that is sweeping over the city. The inference is that much if not most of the crime in New York is committed by visitors. It is probably true that most persons who go to New York are bent on having a good time. They indulge to the full their craving for excitement and amusement, and nowhere else on earth can they find so many forms of entertainment. In this respect New York stands alone. The stranger in New York, however, is not generally one who is looking for trouble. Indeed, that is the one thing he wants to escape. The average visitor in New York has a wholesome respect for the guardians of the law. It is not the stranger in the big city that willfully breaks the law. On the other hand, strangers frequently are the victims of some of the natives who know the devious and crooked ways of New York's underworld.

Mayor-elect Walker has a man's size job before him. He was born and brought up in New York and certainly knows its ways. If he can make New York free from crime he will earn the gratitude of everybody.—Washington Post.

J. P. Morgan did his greatest work after he was 64. E. H. Gary is 73. Thomas Edison is 74. George F. Baker is 82. Samuel Rea is 66. Judge Lovett is 61. Don't let the young fellows back you off the map. Advertise.

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TWO MEN KILLED IN GUN FIGHT

Constable at Fort Worth Is Shot and Deputy Then Shoots Slayer.

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 23.—Constable Bob Poe was shot to death here late Wednesday by Manuel Carson. Carson was then slain with his own gun, wrested from him by Deputy Constable Ed Finch.

The two officers had gone to Carson's home on Riverside road and were questioning him about the theft of automobile accessories when Carson drew his revolver and shot Poe three times. A scuffle between Finch and Carson ensued, in which Finch wrestled the gun from Carson and shot him twice.

Both officers wore heavy overcoats and neither drew their own guns. Constable Poe had arrested Carson several times on liquor and theft charges.

MR. SATTERWHITE HAS DONE HIS BEST.

Speaker Satterwhite has decided not to call a special session of the legislature—not just yet, at any rate. He has left the matter open with the understanding that he will act if, or whenever, the welfare of the state seems to depend upon legislative action. The reservation is practically meaningless. It may be supposed that if a crisis were to arise, some way would be found of getting the lawmakers together, even at the opposition of the governor.

Although admitting that his attempt had been beset with legal complications, Mr. Satterwhite endeavors to give the impression that its abandonment is a matter partly of discretion rather than wholly of necessity. He points out that a special session at this time might tend to interfere with the work being done by Attorney General Moody in the prosecution of litigation over certain highway contracts. That is a point well taken, though it occurs to Mr. Satterwhite rather belatedly. He says that enough members to constitute a quorum have signified their willingness to pay their own expenses—which means that at least 100 members of the house have responded favorably to Mr. Satterwhite's query. But there is another difficulty in the way that might not be so easily disposed of. Not having the authority to make appropriations, where would the legislature get money to pay the expenses of witnesses which it would certainly desire to summon in the prosecution of its investigation? That question, among others, was a few days ago submitted to the attorney-general. Before an opinion has been rendered comes Mr. Satterwhite's decision that it is "unwise" to call a special session at this time.

For all practical purposes, "impossible" seems to be the better term. We have no way of knowing whether the legal difficulties in the way of assembling the legislature without the governor's consent could be surmounted provided the effort had behind it enough of popular demand. Probably they could. The conclusion is inescapable that the demand, which flamed high about the time of the American Road Company judgment, has now practically flickered out.

The act empowering the speaker to call the legislature into session for purposes of impeachment provides that the legislature may create a fund for such a contingency. So far the legislature has never taken advantage of that authority, so that in a measure the legislature has itself to blame for its present predicament. Certainly Mr. Satterwhite has done his best. A less persistent man would have given up long ago. —Galveston News.

Some think they see improvement in jazz music. Their eyesight is bad.

Since Europe has settled down, she is beginning to pay up.



We experience real pleasure in extending New Year greetings and thanks to our many friends for the kindness and patronage with which they have favored us during the year just closed. It has been their help and consideration that has made our success possible.

We are ready for the new year and will try as never before to merit the confidence and favor of this community by continuing our policy of giving the best possible service at the right price. May the new year hold in store many good things for our old friends and new.

Ben Gunter

Garage and Service Station

PUTTING NONUNION MINERS OUT OF JOB

Clarksburg, W. Va., Dec. 23.—An explosion damaged the West-ern Maryland Railway bridge at Bingamon junction Wednesday. The blast, set off near the middle of the span, which crosses West Fork river, caused damage estimated at several thousand dollars. Large pieces of steel were hurled great distances, while windows in nearby dwellings were shattered.

Railroad officials expressed the belief that nitroglycerine had been used. An investigation is being made by county, state and railroad officials.

The damage to the bridge caused a suspension of mining operations on the Bingamon branch, throwing about 1000 miners out of work until repairs are made.

Sheriff John Riggins took bloodhounds to the bridge, but they failed to pick up a trail. It is expected that the bridge will be reopened for traffic late next week.

The mining plants affected by the explosion are all nonunion operations of the Northern West Virginia field.

THE SPIRIT OF CONTEST.

While I agree with most people that athletics is being overdone in our schools, there is not much wonder that it is so. The spirit of contest is born in most of us, and few of us would have it otherwise. While most people frequently express regret at the struggles of life, we know that there is no strength without struggle. We would soon weaken and die as a people without effort. Contest stimulates effort, and therefore, people like to witness contests of every kind. The trouble now is that over-emphasis is being placed on athletic contests, or else that we give too little attention to those that stimulate the mind. Unfortunately most persons do not recognize any need for exercise of the mind. Little effort is required to follow an athletic game but to follow a debate, or almost any other contest where mind meets mind requires thinking on the part of the audience, and audiences, as a rule, do not think; they want to be entertained.

The whole country needs to be educated to a higher appreciation of mental effort, and that can be brought about only through greater exercise of the mind. The mind, like the body, thrives on exercise and dies without it. Our civilization is due entirely to the struggles of our ancestors. The minds of men have always been fired to greater and great-

er achievement. Texas is the product of the incessant struggle of its early settlers who were restless to conquer new territory, not necessarily through war and strife, but through hardships in which they had been trained. With them the settlement of a new country was a fight for endurance in which they delighted. It was the spirit of conquest, of acquisition. As life becomes easier most of us lose that spirit and are inclined to look for the easy places. When we reach that point we begin to deteriorate. The spirit of acquirement, whether of strength, of property, or of mind, is then soon lost.

Texas for the last quarter of a century has been going through a period of too much ease. To make a living and to add somewhat to one's holdings has not required much struggle. The state has developed slowly, but as reached a point where it will begin slipping unless something is done to prevent. We can't afford to let Texas go backward, but must protect the interests of those who follow us, even if not deeply concerned about ourselves.

Some of our citizens appreciate the need for action and have set about pointing it out to others, and several organizations are now laying plans to that end. That is the real purpose back of the Texas Centennial movement—to keep alive the spirit of achievement that actuated our first settlers by teaching the present generation what they did, how they did it, and how their work may best be perpetuated. The Texas Natural Resources Society and the Texas Advertising Club are aroused to the same need, and all are expecting to bring about the same result, stimulating the minds of Texans to greater accomplishments. It is a wonderful work, worthy of all the sacrifice that has to be made to bring it about. —Will H. Mayes in Rusk County News.

How Doctors Treat Colds and the Flu

To break up a cold overnight or cut short an attack of grippe, influenza, sore throat or tonsillitis, physicians and druggists are now recommending Calotabs, the purified and refined calomel compound tablet that gives you the effects of calomel and salts combined, without the unpleasant effects of either. One or two Calotabs at bed-time with a swallow of water—that's all. No salts, no nausea nor the slightest interference with your eating, work or pleasure. Next morning your cold is vanished, your system is thoroughly purified and you are feeling fine with a hearty appetite for breakfast. Eat what you please,—no danger. Get a family package, containing full directions, only 35 cents. At any drug store. (adv)

Crockett Train Schedule

South Bound
No. 25, Thru Passenger 1:37am
No. 23, Local Passenger 9:40am
No. 21, Sunshine Special 2:03pm
North Bound
No. 28, Thru Passenger 4:00am
No. 24, Local Passenger 1:30pm
No. 22, Sunshine Special 4:06pm
Effective June 7, 1925

Tell him that you saw his ad in the Courier.

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic
Destroys Malarial Germs in the Blood.

STOP THAT ITCHING

Sufferers from skin diseases such as Itch, Eczema, Tetter, Poison Oak, Ringworm, Old Sores or Sores on Children may find relief from the use of a jar of BLUE STAR REMEDY or their money will be refunded. The first application relieves that terrible itching. Will not stain clothing and has a pleasant odor.

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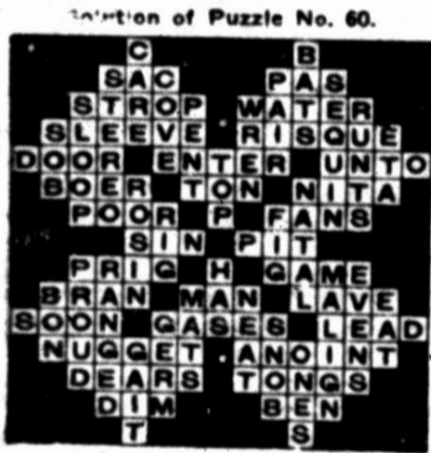
Cramped and Suffered

"My back and head would ache, and I had to go to bed," says Mrs. W. L. Emma, of Worthville, Ky. "I just could not stay up, for I would cramp and suffer so. I was very nervous. My children would get on my nerves. It wasn't a pleasure for me to try to go anywhere, I felt so bad. My mother had taken

CARDUI

For Female Troubles

at one time, so she insisted that I try it. I took four bottles of Cardui, and if one should see me now they wouldn't think I had ever been sick. "I have gained twenty pounds, and my cheeks are rosy. I feel just fine. I am regular and haven't the pain. "Life is a pleasure. I can do my work with ease. I give Cardui the praise." Cardui has relieved many thousands of cases of pain and female trouble, and should help you, too. Take Cardui. At All Druggists.



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is a prescription for Colds, Grippe, Flu, Dengue, Bilious Fever and Malaria.

IT KILLS THE GERMS. 17c.



The old year has faded away, but my appreciation of your generous patronage in the past remains ever fresh in my memory. There are some things a normal person never forgets. Continued favors are in that class. I thank you.

B. F. Chamberlain

The Rexall Store

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

R. K. Willis left Monday for Dallas.

Miss Florence Arledge is visiting in Longview.

Horatio Gibbs was here from Elkhart Christmas.

Miss Inez Bandy returned Tuesday from Athens.

Miss Jessie Smith was a holiday visitor in Port Arthur.

Dr. and Mrs. Paul B. Stokes returned Sunday from Galveston.

Le Grand Kelley of Longview was a Crockett visitor this week.

Curtis Barbee of Jacksonville was a Crockett visitor Wednesday.

Miss Archie Mae Satterwhite was a week-end visitor at Huntsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Murray of Lovelady announce the arrival of a son.

Mr. H. Brooke spent Christmas with his wife at Pittsburgh, Kansas.

John Robert Foster and family of Houston spent Christmas in this city.

Lawson Keene of Dallas spent the holidays with Mrs. Keene in Crockett.

Percy and Howard Prince spent Christmas with relatives in Nacogdoches.

Frank Smith of Port Arthur spent Christmas with his parents in Crockett.

E. E. McLemore of Dallas spent Christmas with his family in Crockett.

Mr. Horace Hall has returned from a visit to his daughter at Port Arthur.

Rev. C. A. Lehberg is attending a Methodist convention at Memphis, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Monk and little daughter spent the week-end in Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Crook Baker of Dallas were holiday visitors in Crockett.

Ben Hail was called to Galveston last week by the serious illness of his mother.

Ledgers, all sizes, journals, cash books and day books at Goolsby-Julian Drug Co's. 1t.

Miss Evelyn Moore, attending college in north Texas, spent the holidays with relatives at Crockett.

Lost Dog.
Reward for information leading to recovery of my Police dog. 1t. A. M. Rogers.

To Old Friends and New

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John F. Baker
Drugs and Jewelry

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Phillips and children of Weatherford are visiting in Crockett.

Rollie Traylor was at home from dental college at Houston for the holiday season.

J. E. Winfree and family of Houston visited relatives in and near Crockett Christmas.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Rogers spent Christmas with Mr. Rogers' parents in Henderson.

C. D. Towery attended a district meeting of Ford dealers at Hearne Tuesday of last week.

Half price sale of winter dresses and coats. 1t. Thompson's.

Miss Maggie Albright, teaching at Winnie, spent the holidays with her parents near Crockett.

Miss Vicory Tunstall of Houston visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Tunstall, Christmas.

Mrs. Brown Jones of Baird is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Phillips, in Crockett.

Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Dillard and son Frank spent Christmas with relatives and friends in Louisiana.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Phillips Jr. and children of Oklahoma City are visiting their parents in this city.

Mr. C. H. Jones and daughter, Miss Inez Jones, of Denton are guests in the home of T. R. Deupree.

Blum Hester of Houston spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hester, near Crockett.

Miss Pernie Huett, who spent the holidays with home-folks, has returned to Baylor University, Waco.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Thomas of Dallas were Crockett visitors Christmas week.

Miss Lila Mae Leediker of Houston visited relatives and friends in Crockett during the Christmas holidays.

Miss Nannie B. Hatchell of Beaumont visited relatives and friends in Crockett during the Christmas holidays.

Miss Grace Brewton of Alpine visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Heber Brewton, near Crockett during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hobson and son of Dallas visited relatives and friends in and near Crockett during the holidays.

Mrs. A. D. McKinney and Mrs. Lloyd Kerr of Corsicana visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Moore during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wickard Jr. and children of Little Rock, Ark., are visiting their parents Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Collins and children of Groveton visited Mrs. Gollins' parents, Judge and Mrs. John Spence, during the holidays.

Lee Lehberg, student of Southwestern University, at Georgetown, spent the holidays with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Lehberg.

Half Price Sale.
All winter coats and dresses on sale at half price. 1t. Thompson's.

Mules for Sale.
You will always find some good cotton mules at my barn. 1t. C. N. Goolsbee.

Board and Rooms.
Get your board and room at Travelers' Hotel. "Boy, we feed 'em!" Also light house-keeping rooms—189 E. 3rd St. Phone 408. 1t.

There is a difference between conceit and confidence and it's generally easy to recognize.



After Monday's freeze in Crockett.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTIES WILL BE AS WET AS EVER

HOTELS AND CAFES PLAN TO 'CLEAN-UP' ON REVELRY.

New York, Dec. 29.—As if it wasn't hard enough on a strange, little New Year to be born in a big, noisy city like New York anyhow, some of these leading night club proprietors will slap a \$25 cover on the poor youngster's back before he is allowed to dance on the floor.

With \$25 as top price for that indigestible item on the check known discreetly as "couvert," the tax on New Year's celebrators runs all the way down to two bits when it is known as "admission." Many restaurants and cafes have been served with padlock notices which are not effective until after the holidays and are proceeding to make one last grand clean up of the customers' pocketbooks.

The Ritz-Carlton and other hotels will be scenes of gaiety at various prices with dinner clothes required at all of them and blue book ratings at several. There will also be religious services and the customary outdoor gathering at Forty-second street and Broadway to watch the big red ball on the Times tower signal the birth of 1926.

Dry officials, including Emory C. Buckner, are issuing warnings that there is no decent liquor left in the city, but night club proprietors will have cider and cold tea at champagne and whiskey prices.

Many places have quietly passed the word along to those who made reservations for New Year's eve that one should bring one's own liquor, if possible, in view of the likelihood of raids by dry agents disguised as college boys, but most of those places which already have received notice that they must close by mid-January will be out to make a final killing and incidentally to unload their stock.

Prosperity, as reflected recently in Christmas bonuses, is manifest in record reservations at the city's popular cafes and clubs.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Let Prohibition Enforcement Director Yellowley equal X.

He is the unknown quantity in Chicago's plans for a wet New Year's eve. While the plans are going ahead with seasonal abandon, no one is quite certain what Yellowley, famed dry raider, with a record of mopping up many cities, will do to the festive throngs.

There is plenty of liquor available, according to patrons of the better bootleggers. It is mostly so-called Scotch, alleged to have come in over the Canadian border. Next to no rye is available. What bootleggers assert is champagne is being sold at \$125 a case.

Synthetic gin and home-made fruit wines will solace the greater portion of the revelers, it is indicated.

A report is current that cafe and cabaret owners, fearing New Year's eve dry raids have employed private detectives to shadow the prohibition agents stationed here and learned their plans. Operatives attempting to pose as cafe patrons will be marked men, the wet forces say. Hotels and restaurants are making the usual gay preparations. A dance hall will distribute 3000 French dolls to its women guests and bill folds to men present. A thousand ad-

BUSINESS REVIEW IS OPTIMISTIC

Agriculture and Live Stock Conditions Reported Good by Reserve Bank.

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 29.—The monthly business review of the Federal Reserve bank of Dallas, released Tuesday, struck an extremely optimistic tone in regard to agriculture and live stock conditions, but registered a general decline in trade for November.

Open weather enabled farmers to make rapid progress with all farm operations, the review stated. Seeding has been practically completed, and early sown grain has grown rapidly, furnishing excellent pasturage.

The review declared rain was needed in some sections to stimulate the growth of late sown grain.

The eleventh district's live stock industry has shown a marked improvement over last year, both in physical conditions and market values. Having suffered financial reverses during the past five years, this encouragement came as a boon to southwestern live stock men.

A surplus of unskilled labor exists in many sections of the district, due to lessened demand for farm workers.

The volume of building launched continued to exceed by a considerable margin that of a year ago.

Despite a hesitation in buying, both among retailers and consumers, the banking situation remains satisfactory. The decline in trade was generally attributed to gradual decline in the price of cotton and the reduction in yield of the staple.

Advance reservations have been made for taxicabs. One lake front hotel has 1000 dinner reservations. Tables will be laid for 2000.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 29.—Montreal had the most prosperous and to all outward appearances the merriest Christmas since before the war and is planning for a New Year's eve celebration that will lay over all previous records like a Barnum & Bailey Tent. Every hotel and restaurant is collecting from \$5 to \$25 per cover for midnight supper reservations and most of them are already putting tables down the halls and in the basements.

Washington, Dec. 29.—One of the gayest New Year's eve celebrations since the war is expected here. Preparations for elaborate parties have been made at all clubs and many of the leading homes. One hotel is charging \$10 a cover for New Year's eve an unheard of price here. The annual ball of the E. B. McLeans, a costly affair with two jazz orchestras, will not be given this year, the family being in Florida. President Coolidge will go to bed early, as usual, to rest up for the public White House reception New Year's Day.

Those Eligible.
The state commander of the American Legion requests that publicity be given to the fact that only those members of the American Legion who have paid their dues for 1926 and 1927 will be eligible to the reduced rate of \$175 for the round trip to the 1927 national convention of the American Legion in Paris France.

It's next to impossible to get on the road to happiness by getting off the path of duty.

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Quality—Dependability—Service
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RUSK COTTON CONTEST OVER

WINNERS OF BOTTOM AND UPLAND \$1,000 PRIZE ANNOUNCED.

Rusk, Cherokee Co., Texas, Dec. 28.—Winners of the Rusk cotton contest fostered by the Kiwanis Club and financed by merchants of Rusk received checks totaling \$1,000 at a celebration Wednesday on the courthouse grounds. J. Duncan Long, winner of the bottom land prize of \$400, and D. H. Reeves, winner of the upland prize of \$400, were crowned with cotton crowns by Judge J. W. Fitzgerald, Tyler banker, and member of the State cotton contest committee. The contest was conducted in co-operation with the Dallas Morning News and Semi-Weekly Farm News. Mr. Long raised eleven 500 pound bales and a surplus of 228 pounds from five acres of bottom land and Mr. Reeves obtained five 500-pound bales and a remnant of 201 pounds from five acres of upland. V. T. Echols won second prize of \$100 in the bottom land division with nine bales and 342 pounds and A. B. Littlejohn won second in the upland contest with four bales and ninety-four pounds surplus. The occasion was made into a big get-together meeting of business men and farmers of this section in the interest of a better farming campaign for 1926 in which attention will be given to staple cotton. It is planned to purchase pure-bred staple cotton seed and distribute to farmers and urge them to get into The News and Semi-Weekly Farm News staple cotton contest next year.

Auditorium Theatre

Jan. 6th, Wednesday—Thursday, Jan. 7th
ESTELLE FAYE
Presents Her Company of Four People in

"A Little Fantasy"

(Not a Lyceum Attraction)

Two Shows Daily—3:45 and 8:45 P. M.
Picture for Wednesday
"LAZY BONES"
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Adults 40c - Children 20c