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## SNOW COVERS AREA AS XMAS GIFT MOISTURE

### Thawing White Blanket Will Equal Inch of Rain, Say Farmers and Ranchers of County

One of the whitest Christmas Days in recent years greeted county residents Monday. Santa Claus dismissed all ideas of finding Scurry County a land of sunshine and bundled up for the type of Christmas usually experienced in the northern states on December 25.

The white, silvery world of snow that greeted Scurry Countians was not only the first snow recorded here on Christmas Days in recent years, but one of the heaviest. Snow began falling early Monday morning after a light installment of sleet blanketed the ground. Flakes got larger and thicker as snow fell throughout most of the day. Heavy flurries of snow were marked up Monday afternoon from 2:00 until 5:30 o'clock.

Last flurries of the county's heaviest and wettest snow in recent years fell early Tuesday morning. Total snowfall was four inches, according to Mrs. B. G. Johnson, official weather gauger.

Although the moisture recorded in Snyder from the Yuletide snow measured only .51 of an inch, county farmers and ranchers said it was equal to an inch of rain.

Monday's installment of moisture followed .15 of an inch rainfall received December 22. No other precipitation for the month to date has been recorded.

Figures gathered by the Abilene weather bureau indicated the holiday snow was the heaviest for Christmas Day in this part of West Texas over a 34-year period.

Despite the fact county roads were slippery and icy Monday, very few accidents were reported, none of a serious nature. Bar pits of most county roads were leveled to the road bed with snow, which made driving hazardous at a rapid rate of speed.

Rapid melting of the county's four-inch fall of snow Tuesday, coupled with an absence of high, driving winds, put badly needed moisture into the ground that will make possible early farming operations for 1940, county farmers reported. Every drop of the moisture was needed on farm and ranch land to start wild rye and winter weeds to growing.

## Agricultural Chiefs To Speak at Dallas Session of Workers

How agricultural agencies are meeting new situations will be the theme for the thirteenth annual meeting of the Texas Agricultural Workers' Association when it convenes at Dallas January 12-13. B. G. Cox Jr., county agent reported Tuesday.

Outstanding speakers will include H. H. Bennett, chief of the Soil Conservation Service, Washington, D. C.; Dean Margaret W. Weeks of the school of home economics, Texas Tech, Lubbock; W. W. Alexander of Washington, administrator of the Farm Security Administration, and others.

Representatives of county federal agencies are expected to attend the agricultural convocation, at which time an award for distinguished service will be presented to some Texan—as has been done in previous years—who has rendered the most notable service to agricultural development.

## Hedges Starts New Home on 26th Street

Newest addition to the parade of new homes under construction in Snyder is the five-room frame structure being erected by Busy Hedges at Avenue W and 26th Street.

Beveled siding will be employed on the structure, which will have a bath and modern conveniences when completed by January 15, will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Busy Hedges and their two sons, H. L. and R. M.

## Oily Business

In checking over county records at the court house, one Sharon Ridge oil field operator suggested Tuesday that owners of oil royalties and mineral leases in Scurry County are scattered all the way from Maine to California.

That royalty and mineral right holders of county property are not confined to a stretch across the United States alone is evidenced by the receipt this week at the county tax assessor-collector's office of a bank money order from the Montreal, Canada, branch of Barclay's Bank for taxes on property held by Interstate Royalty Corporation, Limited.

## Farmers of State Favor Quota Plan By 82 Per Cent

Complete and final returns on the December 9 cotton marketing quota referendum in Scurry and other Texas counties, tabulated by the state AAA office, show Texas cotton farmers returned a majority of 82 per cent in favor of quotas, X. B. Cox Jr., county agent, stated Tuesday.

A total of 169,859 Texas cotton producers went to the polls December 9 to express their wishes regarding quotas, Cox states. A total of 139,206 farmers in the state favored Triple A quotas for 1940, and 36,653 voted against them.

Preliminary results for the nation showed 81.2 per cent of the cotton farmers favored quotas, with only 8.8 per cent of the farmers casting "no" votes.

## FIREMEN GIVE YULE BASKETS TO 299 HOMES

### More Needy People of Vicinity Were Reached Than for Several Years, Chief Believes

A total of 299 Christmas cheer baskets were distributed to needy Snyder kiddies and old folks by the Snyder Volunteer Fire Department early Christmas morning, a check-up Wednesday by N. W. Autry, fire chief, revealed.

Basket distribution was made to 267 kiddies and 32 old people, whose Yuletide would have been barren had not Snyder Volunteer Fire Department and individuals who made donations remembered them.

Contributors to the fire boys' Christmas cheer fund included J. S. Bradbury, Frank Farmer, Dwight Monroe, J. V. Robinson, J. W. W. Patterson, Hugh Boren, J. O. Littlepage, Doc Bynum, Will Layne American Legion Post and others. Two local clubs brought contributions of Yuletide goodies, but their names were not obtained.

On behalf of the fire boys, N. W. Autry, chief, wishes to convey through The Times "the department's sincere thanks to all who in any way contributed to our Christmas cheer fund. We feel that more needy families were reached in this year's cheer fund gifts than at any time in recent years. Each and every donation gave some family added enjoyment and cheer on Christmas Day."

## W. A. Johnstons Enjoy Christmas Family Reunion

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Johnston, pioneer residents of the Dunn community, celebrated Christmas Eve Sunday by acting as joint hosts to their children, grandchildren and other relatives at a family gathering. A Yuletide dinner, with all the trimmings, was served at the noon hour.

Those present included Mr. and Mrs. Albert Johnston and children, Wayne, Norma, Lee and Glen, of Big Spring; Mrs. Susie Wright of Allred; Mr. and Mrs. Francis Johnston and children, Sidney, James and Robert, of Dunn; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Johnston and daughter, Rita June, of Westbrook;

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cotton and two daughters, LaVerne and Mary Lou, of Dunn; Mr. and Mrs. William A. Hunter and children, Jack, James, Dimple and Deana, of Comanche; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ingle of Odessa; and Marcus Johnston of Dunn. Two nephews, Chester Johnston of Snyder and Louie Johnston were present, as was a niece, Mrs. Ferrel Nipp of Ira and her husband. Only relative not present was Mrs. Cutler Robbins of Roswell, New Mexico.

## Ginnings Stand Near 20,000-Bale Marker

Information obtained by The Times indicated county ginnings through Wednesday stood near the 20,000-bale mark. Several gins in the county made plans to run one day this week and probably a day or two next week before closing down for the 1939 season.

Figures released Tuesday by Ira R. Sturdivant, official crop reporter for Scurry County, shows 18,847 bales of cotton were ginned in the county prior to December 13. This compares with 27,058 bales ginned prior to December 13, 1938.

**ODOM IMPROVES.**  
Condition of Ralph Odom, local undertaker, who was stricken two weeks ago, was considerably better this (Thursday) morning. Odom is continuing to show steady improvement he will probably be taken from a local hospital to his home, 1912 29th Street, this week-end.

## GINNER LOSES RIGHT HAND IN GIN THURSDAY

### L. G. Ely, Veteran Cotton Man of Snyder, Has Member Severed Above Wrist by Saws

One of the worst accidents that has happened at a local gin in recent months occurred at the Ely, Arnold & Ely Gin last Thursday afternoon, when the right arm of L. G. Ely was severed just above the wrist by a gin sland saw.

The accident occurred when a gin sland breast fell, and pushed Ely's right hand against a stand saw. Although not completely severed, the ginner's arm was left in such jagged stage, amputation of his right arm an inch or so above the severed section was performed at a local hospital immediately after he was rushed there for treatment.

Gin employees who assisted in getting Ely to a hospital stated the local ginner suffered a great deal en route from the severe pain. Temperature of the ginner, however, ran only slightly above normal following the treatment and dressing of his arm.

Although still suffering some from pain early Thursday morning, Ely was reported to be improving rapidly. His many friends hope he will be able to be up and about in the near future.

## Interest Shifts to Oil Activity Near City, Field Lulls

Scurry County drilling activities moved this week almost to the city limits.

Most exciting news in several days along the oil field front was woven around the spudding late last week of the Dennis & White No. 1 Winston, southeast of the well grounds near the oil mill.

A. E. (Pap) Dennis and Mr. White, who are drilling the shallow well, were drilling at 55 feet late Wednesday. They are drilling the test with a Fort Worth spudder, and expect to encounter their first marker formations within the next few days.

Older citizens of Snyder recalled this week that Scurry County's first test for oil was drilled some 27 years ago about 600 feet northwest of the present drilling location. Drilling contractor on the county's first oil test was Ed Smith.

The test, drilled on what then was the W. T. Thompson place, encountered, affidavits show, a heavy showing of oil at 564 feet. The well, drilled to 2,500 feet with rotary equipment, was not completed due to lack of present-day methods of completing a well where lime formations—such as found in Scurry County—are encountered in subsurface strata.

While has been employed for a number of months in the Sharon Ridge oil field by Paul Teas, head of the Ordovician Oil Company, Pap Dennis, who started drilling wells in 1898, has drilled a number of wells in Brown, Coleman, Nolan and Scurry counties.

## Lone Wolf Area In Watershed District

V. C. Marshall of Temple, board chairman of the State Soil Conservation Board, stated Tuesday the Lone Wolf watershed area of Southern Scurry County, Northern Mitchell and Nolan counties composed of the 67 proposed soil conservation districts the soil conservation service has been requested to establish in Texas.

The state board, after hearings and other investigations, has found that only 60 of the proposed districts are needed in Texas, but has not yet determined which districts shall be weeded out. A contemplated district consolidation would reduce to 52 the number of conservation areas in the state, covering approximately 49,569,000 acres.

## Highway Man and Family Escape Crash

Although the 1939 Ford V-8 coupe in which Mr. and Mrs. Bill Thompson and their daughter, Vera Marie, were riding was demolished Friday afternoon when it collided with another vehicle 13 miles north of Brady, no one was seriously injured in the late afternoon accident.

Thompson, local employee of the State Highway Department, managed to get what was left of the car to Brady, where he traded it in on another 1939 Ford V-8 coupe. The Thompsons continued their trip to Junction, where they spent Christmas with relatives. They returned Monday night.

Henry Clements of Sweetwater was over to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. W. H. Clements, other relatives and friends.

## Oil Field Quiet

Due to the fact the majority of Sharon Ridge oil field operators and royalty holders are spending the Yuletide holidays in scattered sections of the United States all the way from Minnesota to California and Connecticut, The Times is omitting this week its publication of Sharon Ridge field news.

News of the rapidly growing oil field will probably be gathered in time for next week's issue.

## POLL TAXES IN COUNTY CLIMB AS LIMIT NEAR

### Total of About 2,500 Poll Taxes Will Be Issued Before Deadline January 31, Darby States

Payment of 638 poll taxes for 1939 was recorded by the county tax assessor-collector's office up to Wednesday, Herman Darby, tax assessor-collector, states the payment of poll taxes has been speeding considerably the past two weeks.

Deadline for paying 1939 poll taxes is January 31, the assessor-collector's office reminds county voters. Since about 2,500 poll taxes will be issued by Darby and his assistant, Edgar Taylor, those who can be urged to pay their poll taxes promptly, to avoid a final week rush.

County residents who are 21 years of age between January 1, 1939, and January 31, 1940, are reminded they can obtain exemption certificates for free votes by calling at the assessor-collector's office.

January 31, 1940, has also been set as deadline for paying county and state taxes without penalties and interest being added.

## Locals Attend Final Rites of J. D. Farmer

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Farmer, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Farmer, Flossie Anderson and son, Bobby, returned last Thursday from Lampasas County, after attending final rites last Wednesday afternoon at Hilldale Cemetery for J. D. Farmer, 83-year-old father of Frank and J. A. Farmer.

Born in Missouri, J. D. Farmer came to Lampasas County in an early day. Mr. Farmer lived several years in Oklahoma, and had resided for a period of 18 years in Floyd County. Survivors included his wife, Mrs. J. A. Farmer; two sons, J. A. and Frank; four grandchildren. Interment was in the Hilldale Cemetery, located in the Izora community.

## J. C. Massingill New Chandler Operator

J. C. Massingill, former operator of the Woody Service Station, purchased the C. P. Chandler Service Station on East 25th Street this week, and has completed moving the service station to a new location one block west of Bell's Flower Shop.

Massingill has added electric pumps and will continue to handle Texaco gasoline and oils. He invites new and old friends to visit him in his new location.

## GRAYAMS AT LITTLE ROCK.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Grayam, their daughter, Mrs. Violet McKnight, and grandson, Grayam McKnight, left last Thursday to spend the Christmas holidays with old friends, the T. F. Bakers, in Little Rock, Arkansas. Grayam and Baker were partners in local business firms in the early days.

## TURNER HOSTS AREA SINGERS

Attention of singers and song lovers in this trade territory is being focused this week to Turner, which will be host Sunday afternoon to the Fifth Sunday Singing Convention. Earl Shepherd, president, states opening sessions will start promptly Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock.

A feature that is expected to attract a number of singers will be special numbers by duets, trios and quartets of Scurry and adjoining counties. New 1940 song books are scheduled to be on hand for Sunday afternoon's gospel song program.

Principal item of business to be transacted during the business session Sunday afternoon will be the selection of a site for the March session of the Fifth Sunday Singing Convention. Everyone is extended an invitation by convention officials to attend Sunday's session at Turner which is located 10 miles west of Snyder.

## EAST TRAFFIC DETOURS FOR HIGHWAY GAP

### Channel Work on East Section of Scurry County Route Is Being Pushed by Contractors

Detouring of Highway 15 travel from Snyder east via Camp Springs and Hobbs School was announced this week by the State Highway Department, in order that dirt work reached from the overpass eastward toward the Fisher County line may go forward as rapidly as possible.

The traveling public is requested to keep in mind the 20-mile stretch of detour routing from Snyder east. The detour route, marked along the way with regular highway signs, goes north from 25th Street to the Snyder Cemetery.

From the northwest corner of Snyder Cemetery, the detour route goes directly east through Camp Springs and east to the Hobbs school house, where traffic is turned south to the old Highway 15 roadbed.

Highway engineers stated Wednesday those going east from Snyder will find the detour by Camp Springs a much smoother road than Highway 15.

Channel work on the east part of Highway 15 near the Fisher County line is progressing at a rapid rate this week. Employees for the contractor of the east Scurry County part, Ora Spear of Alvord, were scheduled to start hauling gravel for concrete work Wednesday.

Moving back of fences along Highway 15 right-of-way from the overpass eastward toward the Fisher County line is going forward at a good rate, members of the Commissioners Court stated Wednesday. Removal of fences to their proper width is expected to be completed from the overpass east to the Fisher County line within the near future.

Information obtained from the State Highway Department Wednesday reveals that preliminary dirt work on Scurry County's east part of the East-West Highway is expected to be started in earnest within the next few weeks.

## Standifer Family Gathers for First Time in 45 Years

Standifer brothers and sisters enjoyed a reunion, the first meeting of the 10 since death of their mother 45 years ago, Christmas Day at the home of Mrs. Alva Vest, near Hermleigh. Nearly 70 people gathered for the occasion, bringing food and gifts.

The house was decorated with evergreens and Christmas wreaths, and a Christmas tree stood near the huge fireplace. Falling of the winter's first snow made a perfect setting for the celebration. Several of the younger children had never seen snow fall, and they were amazed.

At noon the large dining table was centered with a large family cake, each of its 10 layers representing one member of the family. The 10 family members were seated at the table by ages, which ranged from 48 to 68.

After lunch, pictures were made in the snow, and an enjoyable day completed. Seven of the 10 brothers and sisters have at some time lived in Scurry County and are well known by many county residents. All except two were born in Nolan County at Hilton. Their father, J. F. Standifer, died in 1924.

Listed below are the 10 children, whose families composed the reunion group: Mrs. John Watkins of Medford, Oregon; Mrs. W. A. McFarland of Hermleigh; Mrs. J. V. Collins of Flora Vista, New Mexico; C. H. Standifer of Carizzo Springs, Jaiko Standifer of Holville, California; Mack Standifer of Strickler, Arkansas; Burt Standifer of San Angelo; Mrs. W. C. Green of Portales, New Mexico; Mrs. Alva Vest of Hermleigh; and Mrs. R. V. Parsons of Hale Center.

## New Scout Troop at Dermott Registered

The Dermott Boy Scout troop was one of 13 Scout troops registered in the Buffalo Trail Council area during the month of December, Roy O. Irvin, director of rural scouting for Scurry County, reported Tuesday.

Charley Paxton of Sweetwater, president of the Buffalo Trail Council, states "the council has enjoyed an unprecedented growth in membership during December, for which we are very thankful. We would like to remind scoutmasters and leaders of the Snyder District that the annual meeting of scout leaders for this area will be held at the Settles Hotel, Big Spring, January 18."

## Babson Says Best Era Of 10 Years Just Ahead

### Roger Babson's Word's-Eye View of Next Six Months

Highlights from Roger Babson's forecast for the next six months of activity in business affairs of the world, particularly in the United States, are pointed out below. A more complete story of the famous business analyst may be found in the column to the right.

Business—10 to 15% gain over first half of 1939  
Trend—Some dip from current peak levels  
Politics—No new important legislation  
Markets—Uptrend but no run-away prices  
Farmers—Prices, income and profits up  
Workers—Jobs, wages, strikes higher  
Retailers—Eight per cent gain in sales; prices up 4%  
Consumers—Less than 5% rise in living expenses  
Realtors—Rents, values, activity steady  
Investors—Selected securities to strengthen  
Summary—Best six months in 10 years

## GUARDS GO TO WINTER DRILL FOR ONE WEEK

### Captain Tim Cook, Major John E. Sentell Lead 70 Enlisted Men To Mineral Wells Meet

Approximately 70 enlisted members of Company G, 142nd Infantry, headed by Captain Tim O. Cook, left Wednesday morning for the National Guard unit's winter encampment at Camp Wolters, Mineral Wells.

Company G, which now has an enlistment strength it has not had in previous years, has three officers. The local guard unit is expected to have a key part in the seven-day encampment at Camp Wolters. Brigadier General Charles W. Nimmo, commander of the 71st Brigade, will be in charge of the winter gathering—probably one of the last before his retirement.

Major John E. Sentell, second battalion commander, led Wednesday morning for Camp Wolters. Major Sentell is scheduled to have a leading part in directing tactical maneuvers during the winter encampment.

Wives, sweethearts and friends of Company G members were informed Wednesday morning by Camp Wolters officers that the local guard unit will probably return from Mineral Wells encampment next Tuesday afternoon about 6:00 o'clock.

## Several Available For Appointment to U. S. Air Service

Several young men in this trade territory between the ages of 20 and 26 are expected to be in line for appointments within the next few months as flying cadets in the United States Army's "West Point of the Air" if they successfully pass examinations officials of the Eighth Corps Area office at Fort Sam Houston said Tuesday.

New classes are scheduled to enter training in February, March and April of 1940 at the nine civilian schools selected by the War Department in instruct cadets in the primary phase of flying. Approved Texas training school is the Dallas Aviation School and Air College, Dallas.

To be eligible, applicants must be unmarried, male citizens of the United States between the ages of 20 and 26. They must have completed two years of college work satisfactorily, or be able to pass a written educational examination in lieu thereof.

Physical requirements are particularly exacting, due to the nature of the training. Eighth Corps Area officials point out. Emphasis is given to vision, hearing and the nervous system. A cadet's meals, uniforms and quarters are furnished during the course of training, and in addition he receives a salary of \$75 per month.

## L. A. Chapman Buys Old Woody Station

L. A. Chapman, who has had considerable experience in the service station business, this week assumed charge of the Woody Service Station, one block north of Snyder General Hospital. The Woody Station was formerly operated by J. C. Massingill.

Red and green neon tubing has been added to the Chapman Service Station this week, and a blue neon sign placed over the ladies' rest room. Chapman states he will handle Good Gulf gasoline, oils and greases, and regular automobile accessories.

**FORMER RESIDENTS.**  
Mrs. Louise Darby and her son, Donald, spent the holidays with their mother and grandmother, Mrs. T. J. Ellis and other relatives and friends. The former Snyder residents, now of Austin, were greeting members of their old friends around the square. Mrs. Darby is employed by the Board of County and City Indebtedness in the capitol building. Donald, who attended the San Marcos Military Academy several years is a sophomore student in the University of Texas.

## FARM PRICES, JOBS, ETC. WILL CONTINUE UP

### Closer Approach to "Good Times" is Seen in 1940 Than Any Period Since 1929, Says Expert

By ROGER W. BABSON  
Babson Park, Mass., Dec. 28.—War or peace, business in the first half of 1940 will be the best for any six months' period since 1929. Jobs, wages, farm prices, business profits, and dividends should all turn in big gains over a year ago. They should even average higher than in the three months' period just closing! At the same time no sharp gains are in the cards for either taxes or living costs. Considering all factors, therefore, I predict that we will come closer to "good times" in early 1940 than in any half year since 1929!

Readers will say that I am going pretty far out on the limb with this forecast in view of the troubled and uncertain times. War, elections, neutrality, labor, Congress, taxes—these are just a few of the clouds lowering over the 1940 horizon. Business men, investors and workers are more confused and worried today than on any year-end since the World War. Despite all these uncertainties, however, my forecast is not as rash as it first sounds.

**Big First Quarter.**  
Leaving the "ifs" and "oulds" out of the picture, my forecast is that business will travel at high speed in early 1940. The first half should average 10 to 15 per cent above the same months of 1939. It looks now, however, as though the trend might turn down from current high levels as the months work along. My guess is that activity will be lower early next summer than it is now.

I use the word "guess" literally, too. Any forecast beyond June 30, 1940, at this time, is a mere guess. No man—not even Hitler or Stalin—knows what will happen abroad in the second half of the year. Despite the war, it looks now as though the 1940 session of Congress would be a typical election-year affair. Most Washington observers are forecasting a brief, routine session enlivened only by pre-election warm-ups and patriotic tub-thumping. No new reform or anti-business laws will be passed. Only major legislation which has a chance is pro-business, including amendment of the Wagner Labor Act, modification of the Wage and Hour Act, and passage of the Mead Credit Bill.

**Outlook for First Half.**  
I am reasonably sure that no new federal taxes will be imposed. Pay-as-you-go talk in December is one thing—action by Congress next spring is another. Secretary Wallace would like to see the processing taxes revived under some type of sugar-coating—but this wouldn't be good politics in an election year. You can bet your bottom dollar, however, that the total share of your income taken by Uncle Sam—counting both income and hidden taxes—will not be a penny less than in 1939.

But, because taxes are being "frozen," do not imagine that an economy wave is sweeping Washington. It definitely is not. Farmers' benefit payments will be almost as big as in 1939. Relief costs will still be heavy despite increased jobs. Outlays for defense will break all records—up half a billion dollars over 1939. If there is any paring down of expense it will be done purely for window-dressing purposes. Net result will be another whopping deficit for the treasury—as big, or bigger than, in 1939.

Hence, the Roosevelt administration will come down the straight—

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## More AAA Checks Arrive for Farmers

Arrival of 39 more checks on the 1939 farm program at the county agent's office, amounting to \$4,229, brings the total received to date in Triple A benefit payments to \$212,959.08.

Attaches at the county agent's office stated Wednesday the steady flow of Triple A conservation payments to Scurry County farmers is expected to continue for the next few weeks. Information received from the state AAA office at College Station indicates county farmers may receive slightly over \$300,000 on the 1939 farm program.

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## Saturday Quite Day In Final Court Meet

Very little of unusual interest was brought to the attention of district court officials Saturday on the closing day of the December term of district court.

Judge A. S. Mauzey stated Tuesday the speedy disposal of a great number of cases on docket during the December term was made possible by the close cooperation of district court officials and the sheriff's department.

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## COLDEST SPELL OF YEAR VISITS

The coldest spell of the year swept down across Scurry County Tuesday night on the heels of the biggest Christmas Day snow recorded over a 34-year period in West Texas, and left the mercury hovering Wednesday morning at six degrees above zero in Snyder.

Wednesday morning's low readings of six degrees above zero left service stations with frozen water pipes and many homes in Snyder without water facilities until water lines were thawed out. Temperature high Wednesday, according to Mrs. B. G. Johnson, official weather gauger, was 19 degrees above zero.





# The WOMAN'S Page



## Dan Cupid Puts in Overtime During Holidays; Five Marriages Announced

Holiday marriages have taken the spotlight this week from the homecoming college students. At least five marriages of local interest have been announced during the past week, beginning Tuesday of last week.

First of them was the marriage of Luella Greene and Roy Lee Merket in Sweetwater last Tuesday night. Next were the Christmas Eve marriages of Frances Rogers and Albert Hudnell, Mary Baugh and Wilson Justice of Spur, and Aleene Tate of Brownwood, former Snyder girl, to Firman Anderson Early of Louisville, Kentucky. Most recent was that of Virginia Will and Wilson Garrett of Jayton at high noon Tuesday.

### MERKET-GREENE.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Greene are announcing the December 19 marriage of their older daughter, Lucille, to Roy Lee Merket, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Merket of China Grove. The couple took their vows at the First Baptist Church, Sweetwater, at 9:00 o'clock last Tuesday evening. Only attendants were the bride's sister, Johnnie Greene, and Must Herod.

The bride, graduate of Snyder High School, wore a dress of heav-

ily blue crepe, a matching hat and other accessories in black. For something old she wore a gold locket, worn by her mother on her own wedding day.

Merket, member of a prominent China Grove family, graduated from the Dunn High School and attended Texas Technological College, Lubbock.

After a short wedding trip to points in West Texas, the couple will spend the holidays with local relatives. They will be at home after January 1 northeast of Snyder in the Plainview community.

### EARLY-TATE.

Marriage of Aleene Tate of Brownwood, formerly of Snyder, to Firman Anderson Early of Louisville, Kentucky, Christmas Eve is of local interest. Dr. Earl H. Moore read the service at the First Baptist Church in Brownwood.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, T. L. Tate, and her sisters, Eddie Lake and Anna Sue Tate, and Jennie Lou Moore formed a vocal trio for the pre-nuptial music. The Tate family moved from Snyder to Brownwood several years ago.

Graduate of Howard Payne College, Brownwood, with major in music, Mrs. Anderson has been teaching public school music this year at the Lamar School in Abilene. Early, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Early of Bangs, is also a graduate of Howard Payne College. He is working on a Ph. D. degree at the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, where the couple will live.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents following the church wedding.

### GARRETT-WILL.

Virginia Will became the bride of Wilson Garrett of Jayton in a double ring marriage service read by Rev. J. E. Schubert, pastor of the Loraine Methodist Church, at his home there at high noon Tuesday. Rev. Schubert was formerly pastor at Jayton, where Miss Will has been teaching.

The bride, daughter of Mrs. A. D. Johnson of Snyder, chose for her wedding dress a black crepe frock worn with white gloves and other accessories of wine and a black fur coat.

Scholastic honors have fallen on the local girl since she began school, climaxing here with her being made valedictorian of her high school class and having her name on the permanent merit plaque the same year. She also graduated at Texas Technological College, Lubbock with honors and membership in Alpha Chi, honor fraternity. Her so-

## Annual Dinner Is Given Crusaders Class

Annual Christmas dinner was given Monday evening by members of the Crusaders Class of the Methodist Church by their teacher, Mrs. R. H. Odum. A three-course turkey dinner was served the group of 31 regular members and five honorary members at the Wilford Coffee Shop on beautifully decorated tables. Mrs. Warren Dodson gave the invocation.

After dinner the class went to the Odum home for their Christmas program and tree. The group sang "Silent Night," a Christmas story was told by Mrs. L. H. Butler, and Mrs. R. G. Dillard sang a vocal selection, "The First Noel." Santa arrived at the close of the program to distribute the gifts.

Attending were the following: Mmes. Price, Jowers, Hargroves, Meath, Wells, Biggs, Belk, Schmidt, Taylor, Farmer, Cotten, Hill, Robinson, Williams, Graham, Dillard, Howie, Major, Dodson, Cavin, Harvey, McClinton and Shoopman; Misses Hattie and Gertrude Herin, Neoma Strayhorn and Nellie Minix and the hostess.

cial club at Tech was Las Leales. She specialized at Tech in English and speech, and for the past year and a half she has been teaching speech arts in the Jayton High School.

Garrett, one-time Conoco wholesale agent in Snyder, is a son of the W. J. Garrett, well known Jayton ranch party. After his graduation from the University of Texas, he did graduate work there, lacking only a thesis for his master's degree. He also studied at McMurry College, Abilene. Principal of the Jayton School for three years, he is now a farmer-rancher in the Jayton section.

Mr. and Mrs. Garrett left immediately after their marriage for a trip to El Paso. They will return here for a brief visit Saturday before going to Jayton. They will live in town, and Mrs. Garrett will finish the year as speech teacher in the Jayton school.

### JUSTICE-BAUGH.

Mary Baugh, daughter of the Albert Baughs of Aspermont, became the bride of Wilson Justice of Spur in a service read Christmas eve night at Anson. Rev. Armstrong, pastor of the Anson Methodist Church, read the ceremony at his home there.

Mrs. Justice, who was born and reared at Aspermont, has been an employee of Maples Funeral Home in Snyder for several weeks. Her father is connected with the Guest Grocery at Aspermont. Justice is with the H. O. Wooten Wholesale Grocery Company at Spur, and the couple will make their home there.

### HUDNELL-ROGERS.

Marriage vows were taken by Frances Rogers and Albert Hudnell in a simple service held at the home of Rev. E. D. Dunlap in Sweetwater Christmas Eve afternoon at 4:00 o'clock. Rev. Dunlap, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Sweetwater, read the ceremony.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. James Roney, Lucille White and Weldon Strayhorn, all of Snyder.

The bride, daughter of Jess Rogers, is a senior in the local high school. Hudnell is a son of Mrs. Nellie Hudnell. He is employed at Smitty's Cafe, in East Snyder, and the couple will live here.

## CLASS OF 1935 BANQUETS AT ERWIN'S HOME

Annual party for the Snyder High School's graduation class of 1935 was held Tuesday night at the home of Evelyn Erwin, 2801 Avenue W. Alumni member coming the greatest distance for the annual affair was Mrs. R. S. West, the former Allene Wilson, who lives at Seneca, New Mexico.

Following a dinner party, games, stunts and other forms of entertainment were enjoyed by class members, who described this year's annual party one of the best held during the past three years.

In the business session which followed, Evelyn Erwin was elected president of the Alumni Association, Class of 1935, Eunice Duff was named secretary.

Attendees included Mrs. J. P. Nelson, who was class sponsor, Estline Dorward, Mrs. R. S. West and her husband of Seneca, New Mexico; William Miller of Gail, Mrs. Rex Gladson (the former Bonnie Neale) and her husband of Rotan, and other relatives. Also William Boren, Evelyn Erwin, Eunice Duff, and a guest, Miss Marian Mason of Gail.

Pans were drafted by the alumni group to have a larger party for 1940, with the attendance of more 1935 class members as a goal.

## Telephone Girls Have Sunrise Party

Employees of the local telephone office held their annual Christmas party in the office parlors Sunday morning at sunrise. Ethel Mae Sturdivant and Mrs. John Wesley Norred were hostesses at a coffee following the distribution of gifts.

Each year as people of the town remember the telephone operators with gifts they are placed on a tree in the office and opened at a party. Cinnamon rolls and coffee were served by the hostesses.

Present were the following: Mmes. Kate Davis, C. C. Tate, Claude Ingram and F. L. Pierce; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Newby, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Norred, Charlie Tate, Mary Davis, Loraine Todd, Glenn Holland and the hostesses.

### SPEND WEEK IN SNYDER.

Guests of the A. D. Johnsons from Friday through this week are Mrs. Johnson's daughter, Mrs. J. Van Moore, Mr. Moore and their two children, Robert and Iris Jean, of Forsythe, Missouri. Mrs. Moore, the former Pay Holcomb, and her husband were formerly Snyder residents. Mrs. Johnson's brother, M. J. Sims of Happy, and his family are also guests of the local people.

## Tech Girls Host Dinner Wednesday

Four Snyder girls, home from Texas Technological College, Lubbock, for the Christmas holidays, were hostesses last Wednesday evening to a group of friends for a dinner party. The four, Dorothy Winston, Jonisue Cogdell, Milton Joyce and June Clements, entertained at the Wade Winston home.

Christmas tree candles marked places for the guests, and centerpieces for the foursome tables were silver bells filled with Christmas candies. Other decorations included the Christmas tree and lighted candles in entertaining rooms.

Out-of-town guests were Marian Lee Mason and Rose Jean Rodgers of Post. Other invited guests were: Horrence Leath, Paul Hicks, Irene Taylor, Margaret Gray, Billy Lou Thompson, Juanita Sentell, Meba Ann Odum, Louise Bowers, Jeanne Taylor, Peggy Burt, Lola Jo Rogers, Wanda Jean Sims and Wynona Keller.

### HOLIDAYS AT RANCH.

Mrs. Josie York Lemley and son, Joe Rue, of San Angelo spent the Christmas holidays with their mother and grandmother, Mrs. J. S. York, and other relatives. Also visiting at the Borden County ranch were two Lubbock sons of the J. N. Yorks, Homer and Lee Francis York, and Mrs. Lee Francis York. Joe Rue Lemley is a freshman student at A. & M. College, and he was due back to San Angelo Tuesday evening for the A. & M. College students' banquet and dance. Mrs. Lemley is teaching at the McChill School in San Angelo, and she will move soon into the new modern native stone building with her department.

### HEROD CHILDREN VISIT.

Visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Herod, and brother, Mutt, are Carl Herod of Arp and Mildred Herod, student in Texas State College for Women, Denton. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Herod and son, Mack, of Brownfield were guests of the family Sunday and Monday.

### GUESTS OF WADES.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Wade had as their guests over the holidays her mother, Mrs. Pearl Erwin, and Miss Eula Godwin, both of Pampa, and Mr. and Mrs. Jate A. Erwin of Tulla. Mrs. Cecil Worley and small son, Garland, who visited here recently, arrived at their home at Sparrows Point, Maryland, Saturday. She spent several days in Pampa and Dallas also.

### HERE CHRISTMAS EVE.

In Snyder to spend Christmas Eve are night with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Davis and small daughter, Nancy Lou, of Post. They were guests here of his mother, Mrs. Kate Davis, and sister, Mary. The younger Mrs. Davis was formerly Johnnie Griffin of Arah.

## Minister's Wife Is Hostess to Class

Victory Bible Class of the Methodist Church met at the home of Rev. and Mrs. I. A. Smith last Wednesday for an all-day quilting and turkey dinner. Mmes. E. B. Baugh and A. W. Waddill were assisting hostesses with Mrs. Smith.

Launch was sent to Mrs. I. W. Boren, class president, at the local hospital since a home accident several weeks ago. Good reports of visits, trays, garments and flowers to sick, shut-ins and strangers were heard in an afternoon business session.

On program in the afternoon were two Christmas carols, "Joy to the World" and "O Come All Ye Faithful," sung by Mmes. Kula Higginbotham and D. P. Strayhorn; prayer by Mrs. A. M. Curry; a story, "The Christmas Candle," by Mrs. W. H. Cauble.

## Christmas Program Heard by Ingleside.

Ingleside Study Club met at the home of Mrs. H. P. Redwine last week for its Christmas program. Mrs. Clyde M. Boren, president, was leader. Child welfare work the club is doing was discussed during the business session.

Mrs. R. J. Randalls reviewed Henry van Dyke's "The Other Wise Man," and Mrs. Boren read "How Come Christmas?" Harold Lewis Wade, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Wade, was presented in two accordion numbers, "Whispering Hope" and "Jingle Bells." He also played accompaniment for Frances Sentell, daughter of the C. F. Sentells who played "Silent Night" in chimes.

The members exchanged gifts, and were served tasty refreshments by Mrs. Redwine.

## Prompt Help For A Listless Child

Scolding won't help a boy or girl who is listless, dull or cross from constipation. But, here's something that will!

If sluggish bowels have your child headachy, bilious, upset, give him a little Syrup of Black-Draught tonight. Like the original famed BLACK-DRAUGHT, its principal ingredient is an intestinal tonix-laxative. Helps impart tone to the bowel muscles.

Children like the taste of Syrup of Black-Draught. It is an all vegetable product. When simple directions are followed, its action is gentle, but prompt and complete. Comes in two sizes: 50c and 35c.

## Christmas Party Enjoyed by Duce Club

Margaret Deakins, assisted by her mother, Mrs. E. M. Deakins, was hostess to the Duce Bridge Club at its annual Christmas party last Wednesday evening at the Manhattan Hotel. Mrs. R. C. Miller Jr., president, was in charge of plans for the Christmas box, money for which was furnished by the club members, for a local needy family.

High score prize at the close of bridge play went to Mrs. Loy Logan, and Frances Chenault retained the traveling prize. Refreshment plates of ambrosia in orange cups, open-face sandwiches, fruit cake, salted nuts and coffee were passed on tables centered with pine boughs in gay red pots.

The following members were present: Mrs. Logan, Frances Chenault, Frances Boren, Johnnie Mathison Ruby Lee, Mrs. Miller, Evelyn Erwin, Mrs. Sam Joyce, Mrs. Buck Williams, Mrs. Buster Curtis and Allene Curry. Mrs. Joyce will be next hostess to the bridge club.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Hamrick, teachers in the Wingate School, are visiting this week with Mr. and Mrs. Ab Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Mitchell and other county friends. Mr. and Mrs. Hamrick will return to Wingate Friday.

## Evening of Music Held at Teachers

An evening of music with pupils and mothers at the home of Margaret Dell Prim last Tuesday was enjoyed by a small group. Santa Claus and a few invited guests also were present.

Pupils presenting piano and vocal numbers on the program were: Jeanne Browning, Carla Jean von Roeder, Patsy Snodgrass, Margaret Eugenia Taylor, Bonnie von Roeder, Helen Joy Taylor, Frances Stavelly and Sara Frances Kruse.

THE TIMES will pay three cents a pound for clean white cotton rags —no strings or heavy work clothing accepted.

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- Nice Saddles
- Special Attention Given to Children

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**You Have Been Good to Us . . . And We Want You To Know That We Greatly Appreciate It—**

The past year might have been much better—certainly it could have been worse. All in all, we find a lot to be thankful for, chief of which is the loyalty of those patrons who have remained with us year in and year out, and the new friends we have been privileged to make.

You have all been good to us and we want you to know that we appreciate it. We'll do our best to give tangible expressions of this appreciation from day to day as the calendar leaves of the New Year are turned.

**Burton-Lingo Co.**  
PIONEER LUMBERMEN

**Happy NEW YEAR**

With the passing of the Old Year, we take this opportunity to thank our many friends for their past courtesies and patronage, and wish for you the best that life can offer throughout Nineteen Forty!

**PENNEY'S**  
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### Political Announcements

The Times is authorized to announce the following as candidates for election to office, subject to action of the Democratic Primary, Saturday, July 27, 1940:

- For Tax Assessor-Collector:** HERMAN S. DARBAY (Re-election)
- For County Clerk:** J. P. BILLINGSLEY CHAS. J. LEWIS (Re-election)
- For Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:** J. E. SANDERS A. M. McPHERSON
- For County Treasurer:** MOLLIE PINKERTON (Re-election)
- For Commissioner, Precinct No. 4:** SCHLEY ADAMS
- For County Attorney:** BEN F. THORPE (Re-election)
- For Sheriff:** JOHN LYNCH (Re-election)

### A. M. McPherson In Commissioner Race For Precinct No. 2

One of the first candidates to throw his hat in the county political ring for 1940 is A. M. McPherson of the Bethel community, who announced Tuesday he will be a candidate for Commissioner of Precinct No. 2.

A county resident for 38 years, McPherson is well known to the farming and ranching people of Western Scurry County. He has been engaged in farming for a number of years.

"My desire," McPherson states, "is to be a commissioner for the entire precinct if elected. I feel that my residence in the west part of the county has given me a practical knowledge of the needs of Precinct No. 2. Not only do I ask county residents to investigate my record as a citizen, but consider me as a candidate seeking the commission of Precinct No. 2 on its merits."

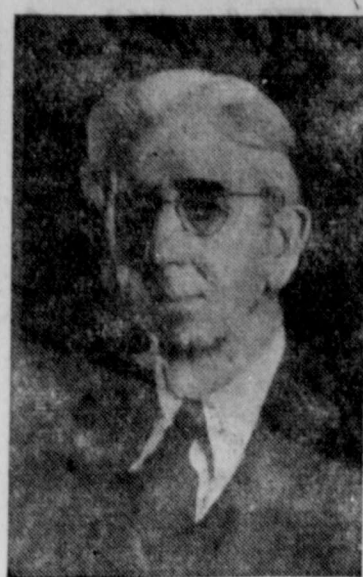
#### ADAMS IN RACE

Schley Adams of Pyron announced Wednesday that he will be a candidate for commissioner of Precinct No. 4. Adams states he will issue a formal announcement to the voters in the near future.

**MRS. PINKERTON IN RACE**  
Mrs. Mollie Pinkerton, county treasurer, announced first of the week she will seek reelection to the office for second term. A formal statement will be made later.

### Charles J. Lewis In Running Again for County Clerk Place

It is with a heart full of gratitude and kindly thoughts for past favors and pleasant associations that I again ask your support for my reelection to the office of county clerk.



I have endeavored to discharge the duties of this office in a careful and conscientious manner, and now it is for you to say as to whether or not I have succeeded.

If to our trust we have been true, Change not the old one for the new.

Sincerely yours,  
CHAS. J. LEWIS,  
Candidate for County Clerk.

#### THORPE ANNOUNCES

Ben F. Thorpe asked The Times to announce his candidacy for reelection to the office of county attorney. He will make a formal statement later, he says.

Buster Stacy, until recently of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was home to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. M. Stacy, and other relatives and friends. Stacy was transferred December 1 to the Montgomery Ward store in Fort Worth.

The Alexander children were all home for the Christmas holidays to make them unusually enjoyable for Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Alexander. Lyle came in from the University of Texas, Austin, Weldon from Dallas and Kenneth from Colorado City.

### Jimmie Billingsley Throws Hat In Race For County Clerk

To the Voters of Scurry County: In announcing my candidacy for county clerk of your county, I do so on the basis of a promotion. It is a more responsible position and would furnish a more adequate support for myself and family.

I have served you for the past three years as your district clerk, and during this time I have endeavored to give satisfaction to all. If my efforts have been satisfactory to the voters of this county, I would like to be promoted on this basis.

I shall ever be grateful to the voters for electing me as your district clerk, and if elected as your county clerk I will do my best.

J. P. BILLINGSLEY.

### J. E. Sanders Seeks Precinct 2 County Commissioner Place

Second person to announce this week as a candidate for Commissioner of Precinct No. 2 is J. E. Sanders of the Dermott community.

A resident of the Dermott community for a number of years, Sanders was candidate for the Precinct No. 2 commissioner's place four years ago, but was voted out by the election of J. E. Huffman to this place.

"I'm going to do my best to see all county voters possible," Sanders states, "because I believe the commissioner of Precinct No. 2 should be acquainted with the people he is working for." Sanders has had considerable experience with machinery, and at present is in business at Dermott.

### John Lynch Seeks Re-election to Place As County Sheriff

John Lynch, serving his first term as sheriff of Scurry County, announced Wednesday that he will be a candidate for re-election. Lynch was the successful candidate two years ago for the sheriff's office over Clyde Thomas.

Lynch stated that he will make a formal announcement to county voters in the near future in regard to his candidacy for re-election.

"I'd be glad for anyone to check county court records any time to find out how the sheriff's office has stood the past two years on law enforcement," Lynch said. "I feel sure the record made by me as sheriff the past two years can be more accurately spoken of if checked by court records than in any other way."

### Mrs. T. A. Weems Dies at Her Home Near Hermleigh

Death claimed Mrs. T. A. Weems, 45-year-old Scurry County resident, Friday at the family residence, five miles northwest of Hermleigh following a lengthy illness. Born August 9, 1894, at Sulphur Springs, Mrs. Weems had been a county resident for a number of years.

Rev. C. E. Leslie, assisted by Rev. R. H. Montgomery of Sweetwater, conducted funeral services Saturday afternoon 4:00 o'clock, at the First Baptist Church, Hermleigh.

Survivors include her husband, T. A. Weems; her father, J. G. Tolson of Sulphur Springs; and a brother, Raymond Tolson of Hermleigh.

Burial services were held at the funeral home, with interment in Hemmigh Cemetery.

#### FAMILY GATHERS

Mrs. Taylor Cotton and daughter, Miss Melie, were hostesses during the holidays to several out-of-town members of the family, besides those in Scurry County. Loren Cotton and family of Seagraves, the B. L. Klumel family of Littlefield and E. R. Cotton of Lubbock were among those present. Three of the sons live at Dunn—Fred, Houston and Lloyd—and came for the visit with their families.

### PALACE Theatre

Friday-Saturday, Dec. 29-30—  
"Range War"  
featuring William Boyd, Cassidy in the tightest spot of his action-packed career, being his way through a rain of lead to end a reign of terror. Musical and Comedy.

Saturday Night Prevue Only, Dec. 30—  
"The Secret of Dr. Kildare"  
with Lew Ayres, Lionel Barrymore, Lionel Atwill and others. His new adventures... best of them all. Dr. Kildare thrills and loves again. The most thrilling of all his adventures.

### TEXAS Theatre

Friday-Saturday, Dec. 29-30—  
"Riders of the Frontier"  
starring Tex Ritter with his horse, White Flash. Tex routs out the last bandit stronghold on the range. Last chapter of "The Oregon Trail" and Comedy.

**PEACHES AT BISON.**  
Lemone G. Lewis, minister of the local Church of Christ, will preach at Bison Sunday afternoon, 3:00 o'clock. All members of the congregation and visitors are invited to attend the services.

Mrs. Herbert Bannister and children of Lubbock were guests of the R. C. Granthams for the holidays.

Leon Autry, sophomore student in Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, returned to school yesterday for basketball workouts. He has a good change for the traveling squad this year after being on the freshman team last year.

Charlie Morrow, with the State Highway Department at Big Spring, spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Morrow, here.

Mrs. O. L. Jones and son, Marshall Jones, of Carlsbad, New Mexico, visited friends and relatives here during the Christmas holidays.

The Jones family formerly resided in Snyder. Christmas cards at the Times.

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**YOUR NUMEROUS COURTESIES . . .**

The many courtesies which you have shown us through the past months are by no means forgotten and will remain forever with us as pleasant memories of the good year Nineteen Thirty-Nine.

Now with the joyful expressions of the Yuletide period ringing in our ears, we join in the universal chorus by thanking you and wishing for you and yours a Glorious, Happy and Prosperous New Year.

**Happy New Year**

**The Fair Store**  
"BEST FOR LESS"

**HERE SHE COMES!**

There's a glimmer on the horizon. It grows a bit bigger, moves a little nearer. It's taking form—why, it's old Prosperity herself! Let's welcome her with a clarion call of "Happy New Year!"

Thanks, Friends, for a Fine Business During Our Past Months in Snyder

**Western Auto Associate Store**  
Home Owned and Operated by PAT BULLOCK

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Office Over Lockhart's Barber Shop  
General Medicine, Obstetrics  
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**Just Thinking of You**

And remembering again how long we have been friends. Just reminiscing over the many fine things you have done for us. Thinking, too, of how much you have made of Scurry County in your struggle to build homes, schools, roads and churches—all the things that go to make a county worth living in.

Not all of it has been smooth going—but, Lord, we're glad we had a part in it and a chance to work alongside of you.

**NEW YEAR, AHOY!**

And may it be a great one for you and yours. Let's remember the lessons old 1939 knocked into us, and use permanent common sense as a foundation in all our building for the future.

We are firm in our determination to make it another year of honest, fair dealing with you, and to render, if possible, even greater service to Snyder and Scurry County.

**Hugh Taylor & Co.**

May We Help You Keep a New Year's Resolution to . . .

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By Trading Regularly at Browning's

<b>FLOUR</b>	Bewley's Best, Extra High Patent	48-Pound Sack	<b>1.49</b>	24-Pound Sack	<b>79c</b>
<b>Shortening</b>	Vegetable	8 Pounds	<b>69c</b>	<b>THANKS!</b>	It would be decided ingratitude if we failed to express our sincere appreciation to our numerous good patrons for a splendid business during the year that is closing. So here's a straight-from-the-heart real "Thank you."
<b>SUGAR</b>	With Other Purchase—Pure Cane	25 Lbs.	<b>1.23</b>	<b>Dairy Feed</b>	Bewley's 24% 100-Lb. Sack <b>2.05</b>
<b>COFFEE</b>	Bright & Early	1 Pound	<b>18c</b>	<b>Eggmash</b>	Bewley's Five 100-Lb. Sack <b>2.25</b>
<b>Peanut Butter</b>				<b>BRAN</b>	Wheat 100-Lb. Sack <b>1.29</b>
					For Quick Lunches, Half Gallon Bucket <b>49c</b>

**We Resolve Again for 1940: We Will Not Be Undersold**

<b>Fruits - Vegetables</b>	Fresh, Crisp	Large Head	<b>LETTUCE.....5c</b>	<b>In Our Meat Market</b>	Half or Whole	Pound	<b>Armour's Star HAM.....19c</b>
	Fancy	Quart	<b>CRANBERRIES.....15c</b>		Steak or	2 Pounds	<b>PORK CHOPS.....25c</b>
	Large Winesap	Dozen	<b>APPLES.....15c</b>		Choice Baby Beef	Pound	<b>BEEF ROAST.....12½c</b>
	Nice Size	2 Dozen	<b>ORANGES.....25c</b>		Fresh Ground	Pound	<b>HAMBURGER.....12½c</b>
	U. S. No. 1	10 Pounds	<b>POTATOES.....17c</b>		Fresh Pork	Pound	<b>SAUSAGE.....12½c</b>
	Golden Yellow	Pound	<b>BANANAS.....5c</b>		Sirloin, T-Bone or Porterhouse	Pound	<b>STEAK.....23c</b>

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO OUR HUNDREDS OF LOYAL CUSTOMERS**

**Browning Food Market**

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**JOY AND HAPPINESS FOR THE NEW YEAR!**

That's our wish for you! May 1940 be a banner year for you and all the members of your family.

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**START THE YEAR OFF RIGHT!**

Resolve to wear clean clothes every day in 1940—and see what difference they make in your appearance and your success.

**Moffett and Rogers**

TAILORS — HATTERS



**NEW YEAR GREETINGS**

We resolved to make the New Year a brilliant success in co-operation and service to every customer.

**McGlaun and Son**

Texaco Dealers



**LET US HELP YOU MAKE 1940 A SUCCESS!**

Start off the New Year resolving to look more attractive than ever!

**Marinello Beauty Shop**

Bess Fish



**1940—THE BEST YEAR OF ALL!**

With a New Year just ahead we want to thank all of our patrons for their loyalty, and wish for them good luck and great success!

**Gordon and Maule**

BARBER SHOP



**THE CARDS ARE IN OUR HANDS**

There's a New Dealer at the helm. As all of us to realize the past year is only a memory, let us make 1940 the brightest year in our lives. Let us do what they can to make this a

**NEW YEAR GREETINGS**



Success in 1940! That's our New Year Greeting to you . . . and we hope that you will enjoy the fullest measure of Happiness and Good Health.

As always, we will adhere to our policy of furnishing quality Dairy Products at the lowest prices.

**ROBINSON'S SANITARY DAIRY**

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**Happy New Year**

Years that pass in the night—1939 passing out . . . 1940 coming in. In their passing comes another opportunity for us to wish all happiness and success to our friends and patrons.

We have been blessed with a good business during the old year—and we shall strive to merit your continued patronage.

**STIMSON MOTOR COMPANY**

BUICK and PONTIAC

**Happy 1940**

We hope that you can keep every resolution you make and that the New Year will bring even greater success than you expected.

BEST WISHES TO ALL!

**THE SNYDER GIN**

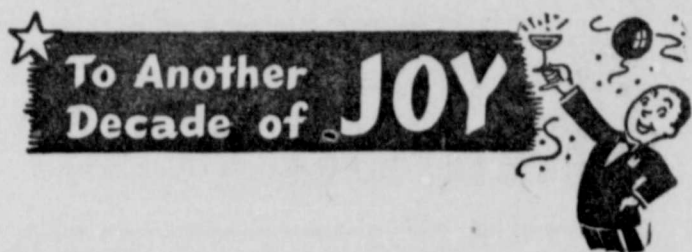
Anton White, Manager

To Every Patron and Friend We Say—



**STINSON DRUG COMPANY**

TWO REXALL-NYAL STORES



Until now we've never kept a New Year's resolution. But here's one we will remember: No needless growing, worrying or weeping in 1940! And here's hoping that you'll be just as cheerful in a long year of Happiness and Good Cheer!

Thanks, friends, for a nice business during 1939!

**MILLER BODY WORKS**

R. C. (Bud) Miller, Prop.



The Year just closing has been kind to us—you have given us a good business, and we are grateful to you for every courtesy.

As we enter upon duties of the New Year, our aim is to continue to serve you by constantly improving our products and service.

**PIGGLY WIGGLY**

Scientific Merchandising

Old 1939 did a pretty good job—but we are counting on you, 1940, to do really big things.

How about handing out the Happy New Year we're all hoping for?



**BIGGS SERVICE STATION**

On Corner South of Palace Theatre

Here's to you—a Happy New Year . . . as we come to the close of an eventful year and face the dawn of another 12 months, which offers fitting rewards to those who work for them.



**O. D. McGLAUN, Agent**

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The inspiring words of our President, uttered a few months ago, may be well repeated here . . . "The only thing we have to fear is the fear of fear" . . . so Happy New Year to you and yours!



**IDEAL WASH HOUSE**

Charles Westbrook, Manager

Joyous New Year! You know there's nothing like a good beginning; and we hope this little greeting will do its part in starting 1940 off in a pleasant way for you.



**N. M. HARPOLE**

A Red & White Store



Ring out the old . . . ring in the new. Another year dawns with renewed hopes for all mankind. For all of our friends we wish them a Happy and Prosperous 1940.

Your patronage during the year closing has been appreciated, and we shall strive during 1940 to merit continued business.

**SNYDER FARMALL & TRUCK Co.**

TELEPHONE 380



No matter what your hobby may be, we wish to start you off on the New Year course with our Best Wishes for a successful ride and a winning one.

THANKS, FRIENDS, FOR YOUR PAST PATRONAGE!

**BRANUM'S FOOD STORE**



Be merry! A New Year is nearly here. Greet it with cheer and song. And let us add our mite in extending to you and yours every good wish during the New Year!

Thanks, friends, for a generous patronage during the past year!

**WADE'S SERVICE STATION**

Phone 500



The old king is dead . . . long live the king. A New Year is here, bringing with him many golden opportunities for achievement. May you realize your share—and a Happy New Year!

As we close our books for 1939 we hasten to thank our friends for a liberal patronage.

**SNYDER STEAM LAUNDRY and Modern Wash House**



# New Year



### FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Once again we extend the Season's Greetings to all our loyal customers.

**A. P. Morris**  
South of Palace Theatre



I am thankful for a nice business the people of this community have given me during 1939. Wishing all my friends gained in 20 years in Snyder a very Happy New Year

**P. Benbenek**  
SHOE SHOP



Don't think we're exaggerating when we say this is about as sincere Happy New Year as you will ever receive.

And we are mighty thankful for a good business in our hardware store.

**H. L. WREN**  
HARDWARE



We can do nothing less than use this ad to thank our friends for a good patronage in 1939, and to wish for them a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

**D. & D. Auto Supply**  
North of Bank



To you and yours for 1940 we extend every good wish for a Happy New Year.

We are thankful for the pleasant dealings with our friends during 1939.

**Shipp & Butts Barber Shop**  
North Side Square



Desks are cleared, old worries are put behind, a new calendar stands ready to click off the days . . . and every day dawns fair with new opportunities. New Year arrives and with it comes our best wishes that it may be a Happy, Prosperous, Healthy one!

THANKS FOR YOUR 1939 BUSINESS!

**POLLARD at SNYDER GARAGE**  
Conoco Products—Studebaker Cars



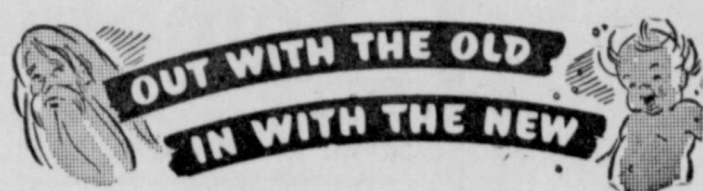
Each hour, each day, each week, each month, each year is but the dawning of greater opportunities for all mankind. In greeting a New Year we are reminded of all that time unfolds for us. Resolve to carry with you our sincere hope that 1940 may be a Happy Year for you and yours.

**SNYDER COOPERATIVE GIN**  
West of Bridge on 25th Street



If we had the gift of sooth-sayers, we could see no more of Happiness, Prosperity and Health for you during the next year than we wish at this hour for all of our friends.

**SNYDER GENERAL HOSPITAL**  
An Open-Staff Hospital



An incalculable division of time . . . and 1939 will have become 1940. Nothing has happened to us or the world or time. Then why all the excitement? Because a New Year means new hope . . . a new episode.

And with the beginning of this new episode, Ely, Arnold & Ely and employees extend a wish that it will be a Happy, Prosperous one.

**ELY, ARNOLD & ELY GIN**  
Round and Square Bales



Before closing the books on an eventful year, which was good to us in its manner of making known to us true friendships, we pause to thank our friends and patrons and in turn wish them each and every one a Happy New Year!

**A. E. DUFF—FURNITURE**  
"WE TRADE"



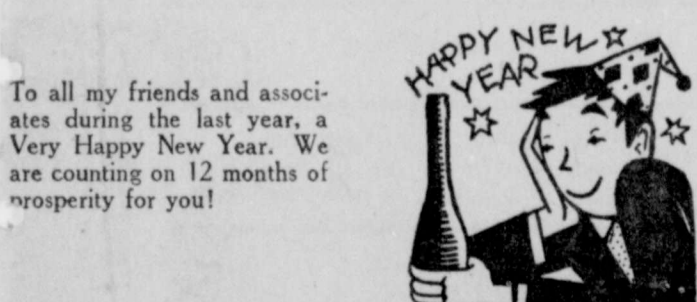
to our friends the Season's Greetings—and a whole-hearted wish for 12 months of Happiness and Good Cheer!

May all the good things come your way, regardless of how the past has dealt with you.

**SPEARS REAL ESTATE**  
Over Economy Store

## AVOR! LET'S GO IN 1940

New Year approaches, it would be well for memory, contributing its mistakes and success of a lifetime. You will find this same of them have resolved to serve you better sly Happy New Year!



To all my friends and associates during the last year, a Very Happy New Year. We are counting on 12 months of prosperity for you!

**YOUR COSDEN DEALER**  
Claude McCormick

We are thankful for the fine business our friends have given us in 1939.

Let's ring in the New Year with confidence—Happy New Year!

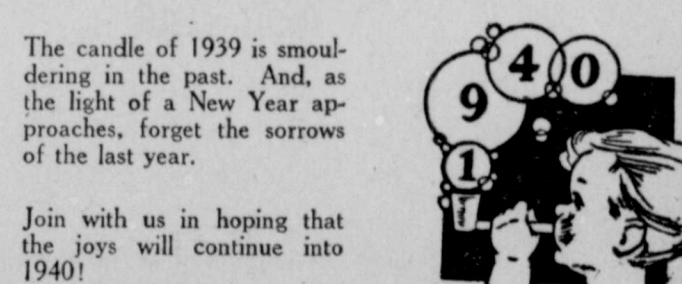


**E. & H. CAFE**  
Worley Early and Clark Hudnell Rear of Times Bldg.

Citizens of Scurry County have proven their courage during days of adversity, and their reward is certain—a more Prosperous New Year. Such is our wish for you.



**W. W. GROSS—PRODUCE**  
South of Palace Theatre



The candle of 1939 is smoldering in the past. And, as the light of a New Year approaches, forget the sorrows of the last year.

Join with us in hoping that the joys will continue into 1940!

**DEAN COCHRAN GROCERY**  
2409 Avenue R



Can you keep a secret? Well, here's one: Next year is going to be the Happiest, Most Prosperous collection of joyous days we've had for a long time. And if you think we're talking through our hat, stick around. You'll see we are right!

THANKS, PATRONS, FOR A NICE BUSINESS DURING 1939!

**PARKS MEAT MARKET**  
East Side of Square



Let's forget last year's mistakes and resolve to make 1940 the best year of all. We pledge our service and prices will set even greater records!

THANKS, FRIENDS, FOR A LIBERAL PATRONAGE IN 1939!

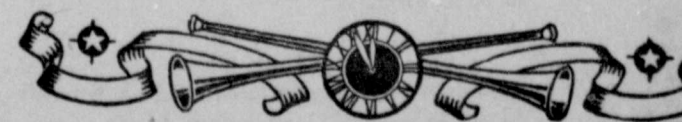
**WINSTON FEED STORE**  
Grain—Hay—Salt—Coal



Riding through the space of time comes the hour when 1939 makes its bow to this world of ours. At that very second we wish to extend to you our sincere greetings of a Happy New Year.

A good patronage has been ours during 1939, for which we are grateful.

**FULLER COTTON OIL COMPANY**



Pick & Pay Store and employees wish for you a most satisfying New Year—a year far beyond even your greatest expectations.

We are grateful for a splendid patronage during the old year of 1939.

**PICK & PAY STORE**  
Northeast Corner of Square



### China Grove News

**Correspondent**  
**Mrs. Jim W. Varner**, left Thursday for California to spend Christmas with Mrs. Allen's father, Lee Allen.  
 O. Brown and family joined relatives in Colorado City to spend Christmas in Corpus Christi.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Adam Merket, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Merket and son, Jack, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Merket and children, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Merket and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee Merket were guests in the Roe Rosson home near Snyder Christmas Eve.  
 Cliff Stevenson and son, Thomas O'Don, spent the Christmas holidays with his parents in Longworth.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Jess Brown had as their guests Christmas Day Mr. and Mrs. Bug Brown and son of Colorado City, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hall and son, M. D., of Valley View, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Merket and daughter and Bobbie and Lila Pope. Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Merket, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee Merket, Frank

Stevenson and family of Snyder, Floyd Merket and family were dinner guests at Jim Merket's Christmas Day.  
 Frank White and Mrs. Cliff Stevenson spent Christmas Eve with Mrs. C. F. Clarkson at Ft. Collins.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Marel Anderson are in Commerce visiting relatives.  
 Miss Dortha Merket of Abilene is home for the holidays.  
 Polly McGee of Colorado City visited in the Krop home Christmas Eve.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Dunn have moved from this community to Post.  
 A new house is being erected on the Marshall place, recently purchased by Adam Merket from Floyd Merket.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Leo Allen spent Christmas Day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Shoemaker, at Colorado City.  
**IN SNYDER, IDALOU.**  
 Mr. and Mrs. Max Brownfield and sons, Jimmy and Bobby Max, of Goldsmith were Christmas holiday guests of the J. W. Scotts and other relatives in Snyder and the P. M. Brownfields at Idalou.



### May the New Year's Dawn Be Bright and Clear—

RADIATING RAYS OF PROMISE AND BETTER DAYS FOR ALL

Our wish for our friends and patrons is that the New Year will open with bright rays of hope and cheer, revealing new opportunities for people in all walks of life.

But, better than this, we hope for each that whatever the New Year brings we will take it as it comes, making the best of whatever opportunities that are ours—that we will look for the good and shun the bad; that we will be of good cheer, and use every faculty we possess for making life worthwhile for all with whom we come in contact.

We Extend Thanks for All Favors of the Old Year!

## J. H. Sears & Co.

WEST SIDE SQUARE



The world has been impressed in 1939 with new emphasis of the true value of friendship, good will and the joy of fellowship with one another, and pleasant relations that make life sweeter and better.

So we come to this season with hearts attuned to the spirit of peace and fellowship. We come giving thanks for the loyalty of those who have made our business possible during the past year and who have made it possible for us to do business.

All things else we cast aside, and as earnestly as we know how, send to our patrons everywhere every good wish for the coming year.

Member Federal Depositors Insurance Corporation

# Snyder National Bank

### Union Chapel

**Health Officers Urges Inventory Of Human Stock**  
 Stock-taking or inventory time will be at hand within a few days, and Dr. George W. Cox, state health officer, urges everyone to visit his family physician and have a thorough physical examination.  
 Each year merchants take an inventory of their assets to determine the condition of their business. Personal health is a big business for everyone, and we should take stock of our physical condition at least once a year.  
 Perhaps it is a lack of persistent warning, but it seems to be mere carelessness that permits one of the greatest life-savers yet developed by science to be neglected by the majority. For, in spite of repeated statements concerning the advantages of early discovery and treatment of conditions which are only possible by way of a physical examination at a time when one looks and feels well, the antiquated idea of forgetting the physician until pain and illness overtakes one still rules.  
 Cancer, tuberculosis, nephritis, diabetes and heart ailments are below the belt niggers. Being master criminals, they attack silently and frequently have their victims in their power before they are aware of their presence.  
 It is urgently recommended that those who wish to live as healthy and happy as possible should have a complete physical examination. The correction of any defects in their early stages save much time, suffering and money, Dr. Cox said.

**OUT OF HOSPITAL.**  
 J. I. Burrough of Lubbock, formerly a Scurry County resident, was in Snyder early this week. He is just out of the Santa Fe Hospital at Clovis, New Mexico, following nine days of medical treatment. Eight inches of snow fell in Clovis and it will be of great benefit to the country, he said.

**CARNES, WIFE VISIT.**  
 Hubert Carnes and his wife, the former Imogene Brooks, spent the Christmas holidays with their parents, the A. J. Carnes and Ben F. Brooks, in Snyder. Both graduates of the local high school, Carnes is now connected with the Euclys Tool Company in Houston, and Mrs. Carnes is a hospital dietitian there.

**GRAY CHILDREN HOME.**  
 Gwen Gray of Abilene and Robert E. Gray Jr. and wife, former teacher in the local high school, now of Dallas, were home for the holidays. Gwen is working in an Abilene dress shop, and Bob is traveling for a drug concern out of Dallas.

**JOINS WIFE HERE.**  
 Cloyce Drinkard of Booker joined his wife, the former Gladys Lewis, in Snyder for the Christmas holidays. They were guests of their parents, the J. G. Drinkards and J. S. Lewis, leaving early this week to move their furniture from Memphis to Booker, where Drinkard is supervisor for the Farm Security Administration. Frances Lewis of Lubbock and Victor Drinkard of Odessa are also spending the holidays here. Cayton P. McCelvey of Lubbock was a guest of the Lewis family Sunday.

E. B. Yeatts, resident engineer, for the State Highway Department, and Mrs. Yeatts left Saturday for Rule, where they spent the Yuletide holidays with relatives and friends. They returned Monday night.

## Snyder Insurance Agency . . .

### Says: THANK YOU!

The friendship which you have shown by your patronage is appreciated. May our friendly relations continue for many years to come. And we wish you all a



Nothing much more to say—for these three words express an age-old sentiment of good will and good cheer as no other words can.

H. J. BRICE  
WAYNE BOREN  
A. N. ERWIN

SOUTH SIDE SQUARE

SNYDER

### Dunn News

**Mrs. L. A. Scott, Correspondent**  
 Mr. and Mrs. W. Linecum and children, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Linecum and Mrs. G. W. Linecum and children spent Christmas at West Columbia with relatives. Mrs. G. W. Linecum joined her husband there to make their home.  
 Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hooks were guests of relatives at Austin during the holidays.  
 Misses Edith and Laura Murphy of Corpus Christi are visiting their parents, the H. M. Murphys.  
 Boys home for Christmas are W. S. Goodlett and Melvis Ellis of A. & M. College, Laverne Cotton and Leo E. of John Tarlet, Stephenville.  
 Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Scott and Eddie were Mr. and Mrs. Matt Allen of China Grove, O. D. Gray and Jo Ann of Lone Oak, Miss Dorothy Wright of Ira, Robert Hollis of Roswell, New Mexico and Mrs. C. Vaughn.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Paul Johnson and Byron Johnson of Houston spent Christmas here with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cockrell and children left Monday morning for a visit with relatives at Wichita Falls and Clarksville.  
 Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Echols and Mary Allen, Mrs. O. H. Bowers and Charles Oscar left Thursday for a week's visit in East Texas.  
 Mr. and Mrs. B. Bolin and Raymond, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sherrod of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. G. Bowers and James, Mr. and Mrs. John Sherrod and Bennie were Sunday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sherrod and Buck.  
 Ray and Zeddie West of Corpus Christi visited with their sister, Mrs. Ruby West, last week.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Pat Nail of Hillsboro are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Nail and children.

**SCOTT'S RETURN HOME.**  
 Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Scott of San Angelo returned home the middle of the week after a Christmas holiday visit with their son, J. D. Scott, and family and the J. W. Scotts. They were going up to their farm near Tahoka before making the return-home trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fowler and daughter, Fontaine, returned Monday night from Ozona, after spending Christmas with relatives and friends.

### New Portable Arc Welder

has just been purchased by our shop. We can now go to out-of-town work—anywhere within range.

ACETYLENE WELDING ALSO AVAILABLE  
A. L. POTEET  
Block North of the Square

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**TURNERS IN SNYDER.**  
 Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge W. Turner of Wink, Mr. and Mrs. Derol Turner and daughter of Rotan and the Ed Turners and three children of San Angelo were all holiday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Turner and other relatives here. Accompanying the Wink couple, who also visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Witherspoon, was Mrs. Herman Morton of Wink, daughter of Mrs. A. M. Curry.

**GUESTS OF BORENS, DARBYS.**  
 Mr. and Mrs. Billy Boren and children, Billy Jack and Mary Sue, of Mount Dora, New Mexico, near Clayton, spent the Christmas holidays with the E. L. Darbys, Mrs. I. W. Boren and other relatives. The Borens, formerly ranchers of the Polar section, now have a ranch in New Mexico, and since the Christmas snowfall, they were anxious to return there to take care of their sheep and other livestock.

### DR. J. G. HICKS

Dentist

Office—Over Snyder National Bank

Phone 116 Snyder, Texas

**FORMER PRINCIPAL.**  
 Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Cary of Pampa have been Christmas holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Richardson at Dunn. Mrs. Cary is the Richardson's daughter, and Mr. Cary was formerly principal of the local high school.

**NEW MEXICO VISITORS.**  
 Holidays guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Browning and sons, Tommy and Billy, were the Myron H. Ross and daughter, Rose Marie, of Clovis, New Mexico. Misses Rose and Browning are sisters. The Hollis Brownings drove over to Colorado City late Sunday for a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Browning, and the Brooks Browning family of Bronie, who spent the holidays in Colorado City.

**MOFFETTS HAVE GUESTS.**  
 Marshall Hendryx and his younger brothers, Happy and Joy, all of Lubbock, were Christmas holiday guests of the B. P., B. H. and W. J. Moffett families here. Mrs. Albert Wilson and young son, Jimmy, of Abilene visited with the W. J. Moffett family. Mrs. Wilson is their daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Tanner and daughters, Gwendolyn and Sally, of Olney visited with the B. P. Moffetts.

LeRoy Fesmire arrived here Sunday from Albuquerque, New Mexico, to spend several days with his mother, Mrs. Mary Fesmire. He leaves this week for Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Patterson of Snyder and their daughter, Chae, of Post are spending Christmas holidays with Mrs. Patterson's mother, Mrs. Thurman, in Cisco.

### Boren-Grayum Insurance Agency

All Kinds of Insurance  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
Bonds — Legal Papers  
Abstracts Drawn

**WEDGEWORTHS AWAY.**  
 Superintendent C. Wedgeworth and daughter, Ann, of Snyder and Superintendent and Mrs. E. O. Wedgeworth and daughter, Anita, of Ft. Wagona are due to return from a Christmas holiday visit with their mother and grandmother, Mrs. J. R. Wedgeworth, in Naacodoches late this week. They were to meet other members of the Wedgeworth family in Naacodoches.

**FROM THE BORDER.**  
 Mr. and Mrs. Wren O. Moore of Laredo arrived Saturday to spend several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Shultz, and other relatives and friends. The two, former Snyder residents, are due back at Laredo January 10. Moore is a border patrolman.

**BANDMAN AT TATUM.**  
 Curtis Jarratt, band director at Tatum, New Mexico, Mrs. Jarratt, the former Charlene Wellborn, and their three-month-old daughter, Celia Ann, are spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, the C. M. Wellborns. Reports say that Jarratt is doing a creditable job with the Tatum band.

**GUESTS OF PARENTS.**  
 Mr. and Mrs. Enal "Sonny" Slovacek Jr. of Priona were in Snyder for the holidays, guests of their parents, the Billy Welfords and the Emil Slovaceks Sr. Sonny left Tuesday morning, returning to Priona, and Mrs. Slovacek, the former Billy Jean Welford, is remaining for a week's visit in Snyder.

**FROM LOCKNEY, PAMPA.**  
 In Snyder for the Christmas holidays were J. L. Suits, publisher of the Lockney Beacon, Mrs. Suits and their two daughters, Jerry Nell and Jeanne. They were guests of Mrs. Suits' mother, Mrs. W. T. Baze, her sister, Inez Brown, and other local relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Suits, former Snyder residents, and Jerry Nell live in Lockney, and Jeanne Suits is on the society staff of a Pampa newspaper.

Robert Patterson  
LAWYER  
Now Located  
Over Snyder National Bank



Towle Jewelry Company and employees take this opportunity of wishing you a Most Happy and Prosperous New Year, and continued good luck for 1940!

## H. G. TOWLE JEWELRY COMPANY

Over 35 Years in Snyder

Tomatoes Hand Packed, Four No. 2 Cans 25c

LIFEBUOY SOAP The Health Soap, Regular Bar 5c

MOTHER'S OATS With Premium, Large Package 23c

Flour Home Queen—Every Sack Guaranteed—48-Lb. Sack 1.17

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OXYDOLCHERRIES Only ..... 19c | 1-Lb. Box ..... 17c

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ALAMEDA CATSUP Large 14-Ounce Bottle 9c

BROOMS Good Quality, Each 19c

Garden TOMATOES Fresh, 2 Pounds 15c

Fresh LETTUCE Crisp, Per Head 4c

POTATOES Colorado No. 1, 10 Pounds 19c

Green BEANS Fresh, Pound 7½c

CARROTS Crisp, 2 Bunches 5c

Brick CHILI Fresh, Pound 18c

Sliced Bacon Armour's Faultless 15c

CHEESE Longhorn, Pound 20c

Stew MEAT Or Brisket Roast, Pound 12½c

Quality Foods East Side of Square

## BRANUM'S FOOD STORE

Telephone 270

Free Delivery



Bell News

Mrs. H. G. Gafford, Correspondent
Miss Alberta Sturgeon of Kermit is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Sturgeon.

German News

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Daniels of Post, Mrs. Berthe Stringer and Jess King of Canyon and Mrs. W. H. Sterling of Snyder.

Fluvanna News

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lee spent several days last week visiting the latter's sister, Mrs. Will Taylor, and family at Ranger.

Ira News

Mrs. Mabel Webb, Correspondent
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Taylor and children spent the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. Wheeler, at Commerce.

Sharon News

Verlyn Trevey, Correspondent
People in this community rejoiced Christmas morning when they awoke and found the ground covered with snow.

Lloyd Mountain

Edice L. Reynolds, Correspondent
Mrs. Roy Joyner of San Angelo spent from Thursday until Sunday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Pambro.

Canyon News

Mary Pherigo, Correspondent
Mr. and Mrs. Evan Millholland and daughter, Sarah Louise, spent the Christmas holidays at Elvard visiting her mother and sister.

Rainbow Market Place
Salad Dressing Fresh Maid, Per Quart 15c
CRACKERS Salted Sodas, 2-Lb. Package 12c
Beanut Butter Full Quart Jar 23c
SYRUP Johnnie Fair, Golden-Gallon 45c
CORN Texas Famous, Two Tall Cans 15c
Baking Powder Dairy Maid, With Bowl Free 22c
BRAN 100-Pound Sack \$1.29
Pork Chops Fresh Cuts, Per Pound 15c
Sliced Bacon Cudahy's or Dold's, Per Pound 15c
Mixed Sausage Per Pound 10c
Seven Roast Or Steak, Per Pound 11c
WIENERS Medium Size, Per Pound 12 1/2c
POTATOES U. S. No. 1, 10 Pounds for 17c
CARROTS Nice Ones, Per Bunch 3c
APPLES Nice for School, Per Bucket 25c
ORANGES Hamlin Sweets, Per Dozen 12c
LETTUCE Firm Heads, Each 4c
Come In and See Other Specials!

Those who enjoyed Christmas dinner with Mrs. J. M. Pagan and son were Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Pagan Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wells and children and James Hubert Wells, all of Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Light and children of Plainview and A. J. Burney of Big Sulphur.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Huffine of Marfa and Rossa E. Smith of Kermit were home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Blackard and son, Roger Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Blackard and daughter, Dawnell, and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Williams and children, Mary Ellen and Billy Wayne, all of Snyder, spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Blackard.

Those enjoying turkey dinner in the Emmett Trevey home Christmas Day were Mr. and Mrs. Syles Trevey and daughters and Willie May of the Canyon community.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence O'Bryant and son, Marvin, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Upshaw, at Hamlin.

Relief At Last For Your Cough
Creomulsion relieves promptly because it goes right to the seat of the trouble to loosen germ laden phlegm, increase secretion and aid nature to soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial mucous membranes.

Jack COLWELL
NU-SHEAN DRY CLEANING
Tailored Suits a Specialty
PHONE 55
Southwest Corner of Square

Dr. O'Dell Ryan
Chiropractor and Masseur
Colonic Irrigations
Electro Therapy
Across Street from First Baptist Church

January 1940
The old year will soon be history. We cannot change it. The New Year is before us. We can make of it what we will. We face 1940 with renewed enthusiasm and more determination to press forward than ever before.
We hope you will start the New Year with resolves that will make you and yours happier than you have ever been before—that your every effort will be rewarded with a realization of your hopes and ambitions.
PHONE 98
Graham & Martin
MASTER TAILORS AND CLEANERS

We're Thankful
Take our word for it . . . we are mighty thankful for the way 1939 has treated us, and we're glad of the opportunities of having served you.
The former Pauline Beaver of Roby was in Fluvanna visiting last week.
Sunday, December 31, Bro. Guss Farmer of the Dawson Church of Christ will preach at both the 11:00 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. hours in the pulpit of the Fluvanna Church of Christ. The entire public is invited to hear Bro. Farmer at both services.—Reporter.
As we approach a new hour on the clock of 1940, we want to wish all our patrons and friends the best of health, wealth and happiness.
Bryant-Link Co.
QUALITY MERCHANDISE

J. B. EARLY Garage
Automobile and Tractor Repairs
Ford V-8 Is Our Specialty
All Work Guaranteed
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Acetylene Welding and Cutting
Block North of Square, Formerly Gulf Service Station
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In Scurry, Nolan, Fisher, Mitchell, Howard, Kent, Borden and Garza Counties—	
One Year, in advance	\$2.00
Six Months, in advance	\$1.25
Elsewhere—	
One Year, in advance	\$2.50
Six Months, in advance	\$1.50

## About Resolutions

Sunday marks the final day of the good year 1939. It's the three hundred and sixty-fifth rising and setting of the sun. Three hundred and sixty-five times this year we will have made some sort of mark on our record-book for 1939. And, tritely said, all those days will have carried the opportunities for good doing with them when midnight comes Sunday.

Most of us admit our failure to take advantage of opportunities for living unselfishly. We think of our own comfort, our own pleasures, our own well-being. Most of us even think little enough of our own families. We let them rustle for themselves. We speak sharply and crossly with them. We fail to acknowledge the little kindnesses that our associates afford us. We forget the "thank you's" that would mean so much to our loved ones.

Monday will be a new day, a new year. It affords new opportunities—a brand new slate that has no black marks against our records. On our slates we can start writing as we will.

We believe in New Year's resolutions. Most of them are never carried to completion, but, as the poet said, "It's better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all." It's better to resolve to live better than never to have recognized past oversights with a desire to improve.

Make a New Year's resolution along with us to live not so much for self alone. Think of your family, your friends, your school, your church, your community; think of your school teacher, your preacher, your merchant, your doctor, your office-holders.

Resolve to say "Thank you," "Howdy, neighbor," "Stay in there, son!" more. We believe 1940 will mean more to all of us.

## Teacher Business

Snyder's school superintendent recently called his teachers into conference to speak frankly and honestly with them about a matter that strikes home to local merchants. Among other things, he said in effect:

"Snyder people make our jobs possible. Our salaries and equipment are provided principally by funds which these people, especially merchants of Snyder, pay in school taxes. They are entitled to every consideration we can give them, and the best way we can show our appreciation is by patronizing them. We owe our business to them as our tax to them. Let's buy everything we can from those who pay taxes for our schools."

A Snyder merchant related to a Times publisher that his Christmas business from teachers this year was the best his store had experienced since his place was established way back yonder. Others probably had the same experience. This merchant stated that he, in turn, felt that he was getting more for his school tax dollar than he had ever felt before.

This age-old idea of back scratching from each side builds cooperation, brings communities together, and breeds mutual prosperity.

## Editorial of the Week

### HUMILITY

It is regrettable that so many of us think meanly of humility. Perhaps we confuse this noble quality with the counterfeit "be humble" of smirking, cringing, hypocritical Uriah Heep, that noisome creature of Charles Dickens' imagination.

For humility, next to love, is the queen of graces, to be truly humble is to be teachable, spiritually strong, intellectually honest, morally trustworthy.

One of my earliest teachers, who went from a little Missouri town to the headship of a publishing business in Chicago, wrote this fine paragraph about humility:

"Humility is greatness bending but not yielding to the storm. It is power reserving its strength. It is faith, ready for the test. It is patience willing to wait. It is wisdom, parting with ambition. It is unselfishness, leaving worldly honor to others. It is confidence, prepared for the call. It is love anxious to serve."

To which I would add: Humility is Thomas A. Edison patiently and persistently searching out the secrets of electricity; humility is Abraham Lincoln bearing with the irritable Secretary Stanton and the scheming Secretary Chase; humility is Jesus of Nazareth girding himself with a towel, taking a basin, washing and wiping dry the dust-stained feet of his disciples who, in the absence of a servant, should have done this menial service each for the other.—Edgar DeWitt Jones in The Detroit News.

The apparent quiet in India at the moment is very misleading, according to officials of the British government, who have secretly sent Sir Stafford Cripps to the nation of 222 dialects in the hope India's demand for independence from Great Britain can be met with an offer of full war support without giving an unqualified independence pledge in return. . . . Quite a few British statesmen feel that India's teeming millions are not yet ready for any kind of independence, especially in view of the fact the country is entirely defenseless without Britain's aid.

Fortune, the great commandress of the world, Hath divers ways to advance her followers; To some she gives honor without deserving; To other some, deserving without honor; Some wit, some wealth—and some, wit without wealth; Some wealth without wit; some nor wit nor wealth. —George Chapman.

## Current Comment

### BY LEON GUINN.

Sulphite, formerly a waste product in paper manufacturing, is being used at present to produce vanilla, basic ingredient of vanilla extract. . . . Milk is being utilized as never before by industry in making coated paper, glue, plastics and paint. . . . And heat, which is the basic source of converting raw materials into finished goods, has even come in for consideration, with use of a chemical known as Dowtherm, making it possible to apply heat at much lower pressures than is possible with the use of steam.

More trees for the shelterbelt district of the high Plains of West Texas highlighted a meeting of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce directors from that region at Childress recently. . . . W. B. Hamilton of Wichita Falls, who presided over the meeting, stated an enlargement of the federal government's tree planting program in the high Plains area was necessary if dust storms in this fertile region of the state be checked each spring to any considerable extent.

It will be recalled the first shelter belt planting in Texas was started in Childress County in the late spring of 1935. . . . Since then, 1,599 miles of trees have been planted on 2,046 farms in the 31-county district at an over-all cost of less than six cents per tree. . . . In addition to providing a coverage for wild life, the project has proved a powerful factor in increasing money return from the land and in giving the United States Forest Service a chance to experiment successfully with the type of trees that will stay with the Plains country—despite sand, drought and irregular rainfall.

The perennial hope of finding a burglar-proof lock has been again renewed with the announcement by a Chicago firm that it has perfected a new type of lock that can't be jammed, drilled or sawed. . . . It has four sets of tumblers instead of one and is opened by a patented key with four operating edges that cannot be copied by commercial key machines. . . . Whether or not the lock is burglar-proof remains to be seen, but it at least may cause would-be thieves and vandals in general some worry for awhile.

A report Monday from the agricultural marketing survey of the United States Department of Agriculture indicated that the 1939 cotton crop is expected to turn out 11,792,000 bales. . . . Despite the fact that farmers harvested fewer acres of cotton this year. Average lint yields of 235.9 pounds per acre makes this year's average lint yield the biggest on record except for the all-time record high year of 1937. . . . Cotton harvesting has progressed so rapidly this fall that slightly over 11,000,000 bales had been ginned up to December 1 leaving—if crop estimates were correct—less than 400,000 bales for harvesting in the entire Cotton Belt after December 1.

When a group of Mexican oil exporters, who term themselves the Mexican government oil trust, last week planted a news story with United States correspondents, they got unexpected results that rocked the already economic structure of our neighboring country to the south. . . . Oist of the story was that an American group was almost ready to contract for distributing 30,000,000 barrels of Mexican oil yearly. . . . The State Department promptly pounced on this release, realizing such a set-up would tear down the unofficial United States and British blockade oil companies of these respective nations have imposed to force Mexican settlement of the expropriation issue and inserted a quota clause in the U. S.-Venezuelan trade agreement that limits imports of Mexican oil to the palty amount that has leaked through the blockade.

In Texas, 134,575 cotton producers voted in favor of cotton marketing quotas for 1940, while 29,853 voted against them, George Slaughter, chairman of the State Agricultural Conservation Association, reported after returns on the December 9 cotton marketing referendum were completed. . . . Marketing quotas, which carried by an 81.8 per cent majority, indicated that the rank and file of cotton farmers prefer to go along with the Triple A—especially the soil conservation check features—rather than try to bump up against the increasingly tough marketing world alone.

Out of 20 counties which last year did not give even a simple majority in favor of marketing quotas, nine counties now favor them by more than the necessary two-third majority, Slaughter stated. . . . Most remarkable voting change was in Cameron County, where 74 per cent of the farmers favored 1940 cotton marketing quotas, but where only 17 per cent of the farmers favored quotas last year. . . . Lavaca and Throckmorton were the state's only two counties which did not vote as much as 50 per cent for 1940 quotas.

One is likely to hear a great deal in the near future of revived administration talk to the effect military training should be provided in the CCC camps. . . . Most popular scheme at the moment is to make such training optional, with special camps for youths who want to try it. . . . Due to the fact Director Fechner has opposed a plan of military training in CCC ranks, Roosevelt shelved the idea over three months ago but since a great number of congressmen are switching to the military training school of thought, the proposal has been referred to a committee for "careful study."

## Mrs. H. B. Cross, County Pioneer, Dies Christmas

Death claimed Mrs. H. B. Cross, 82-year-old Scurry County resident, Christmas Day at the family residence, three miles southeast of Hermleigh, following a two-day siege of pneumonia.

A county resident for 50 years, Mrs. Cross moved to Scurry County from Milam County. She came to Milam County from Alabama as a 17-year-old girl.

Rev. R. H. Montgomery of Sweetwater, assisted by Rev. C. E. Leslie and Rev. L. H. Bean, conducted funeral services for Mrs. Cross Tuesday afternoon, 2:00 o'clock at the First Baptist Church, Hermleigh.

Mrs. Cross has a wide acquaintance in the southern part of Scurry County. She was born April 13, 1857.

Survivors are two sons, W. A. Cross of Hermleigh and Aec Cross of Post, 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Palbearers were Ray Higginbotham, Oscar Barfoot, Tom Groves, Roy Coates, Hoyt Murphy and W. A. Beavers.

Misses Lois Fern Higginbotham, Evelyn Higginbotham and Mmes. Lora Taylor and Ruth Walker were in charge of floral offerings.

Mapes Funeral Home was in charge of funeral arrangements with interment in Pyron Cemetery.

**DICKSON VISITS CAPITAL.**  
Ray E. Dickson, local manager of Scurry County Chamber of Commerce, returned Tuesday night from Austin, after spending the Yuletide holidays with friends and relatives in the Capitol City. Dickson reported Monday's snowfall extended as far south as Coleman.

**DIBBLE IN MINNESOTA.**  
M. Z. Dibble left last Wednesday for Minnesota to spend the Christmas holidays with friends at Minneapolis, St. Paul and other points in the state. The local oil operator plans to return next week.

**MRS. MILLER HOSTESS.**  
Mrs. Lora Miller's two daughters spent the Christmas holidays in Snyder. Mr. and Mrs. Forest Wade and children, Charles Wade and Adna Laverne Saylor, came over from Clovis, New Mexico, and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Stoker were here from Abilene. Charles and Adna Laverne will spend the rest of the week with Mrs. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Wade leaving Wednesday.

**WILSONS VISIT HERE.**  
J. W. Wilson and family of Jal, New Mexico, were visiting with relatives in and around Snyder during the holidays. Wilson has been doing team work at Jal for several years, after having left his farm west of Snyder. He reported snow at that place when he left Friday, which moisture was much needed.

**HOLIDAY GUESTS.**  
Christmas holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Green and granddaughter, Tippy Burns, included Carl Green of Fredericksburg, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Davenport of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Burns of Big Spring.

**DEMING VISITORS.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Higgins and small daughter, Mary Marshall, of Deming, New Mexico, left Tuesday after a holiday visit with his mother, Mrs. A. W. Waddill. Higgins is a member of the Border Patrol at Deming.

## HERE IS MORE CONCERNING BABSON

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away of its last year with the eighth consecutive deficit and a national debt of nearly \$45,000,000,000—up \$20,000,000,000 since 1933. It will be a sorry record indeed for a president who chided his predecessor's administration as "being the most peace time government anywhere at any time." Despite this record, Mr. Roosevelt is still popular with the majority of voters. They particularly like his foreign policy and his mammoth defense program.

### Higher Payrolls, More Strikes.

Payrolls are another story. They should be 20 to 25 per cent bigger than in the same months of 1939 and even moderately higher than at present. Wages will be pushed up where union pressure is strongest while the Wage and Hour Act will force up weekly income where overtime is concerned. With business riding the crest of the wave, it is only logical to expect more strikes. I doubt, however, if there will be any serious tie-ups such as we had in 1937. Right now it looks like the aviation industry is the odds-on favorite to provide the labor trouble headlines.

These plants—and nearly all others—will be running under forced draught. Machine shops, locomotive and car shops, construction outfits and shipyards will be working at top speed in the next few months. Soft coal miners will be much busier than a year ago. Metal mines are slated for a big six months. Steel mills should average above 80 per cent of capacity. More autos than in any similar period in three years will trundle off the assembly lines—well over 2,000,000. Railroads are in for their best first half year since 1930.

### Let-Down for Consumer Lines.

Activity in chemical, electrical equipment, farm tool, furniture, paper, tire and rubber and metal plants should top the early months of 1939. Use of electricity and petroleum products is destined to set new all-time records. A let-down from current boom levels in such consumer lines as textiles and shoes would not be surprising. Woolen and rayon plants, however, will continue full blast. With industrial activity wide open, service businesses will be in the clover and professional men will see the best collections in many months.

### Farm Income Up.

Beef, lamb and pork will not sell much higher than in the early months of 1939. I do not foresee any big gains in butter, cheese, eggs, milk, poultry or fruits. Cotton exports are rising and demand is tremendous. This indicates that King Cotton is getting a new lease on life. Consequently, farm income ought to be 10 per cent higher than in the same months last year. The drought in the West is a very serious factor. The moisture situation is the worst on record at this season. If it gets no drier, however, it could easily lift, rather than lower, total farm income. Barring a continuation of the drought, total production on all farms in 1940 may be close to the 1939 figure. The increase in prices will not be all gravy for the farmers.

### GUARD AGAINST PYORRHEA

Do your gums cause you annoyance? Druggists return money if first bottle of "LETO'S" fails to satisfy.—Irwin's Drug Store.

However, their costs will go up, though perhaps not so much as their prices. With farm profits a bit better, farm land values should continue to edge up a little.

### Big Gains in Trade.

With only a modest step-up in living expenses and an increase in consumer "take," retail trade will be better. A gain of eight per cent sounds about right to me, if the increase is measured in dollars. Only about four per cent more goods will be sold, however—the other four per cent being accounted for by luxury and semi-luxury lines should register the biggest step-up in sales in this past three months is any barometer.

Another key industry which should see big things in the next six months is construction. Building commissions will be averaging 10 to 15 per cent more contracts than in the same period of 1939. Public buildings will be shaken down about 10 per cent; but this drop will be more than offset by big jumps in industrial and residential contracts. With factories straining every nerve to meet delivery dates, industrial building plans, shelved since 1937, are being trotted out. This type of construction should chalk up a 40 per cent gain over early 1939.

World commerce is all muddled up. You cannot make any strong forecasts about it. The best you can say is that our trade with Canada, South America and Italy will be the high-spot of the export and import picture in early 1940. Our commercial treaty with Japan expires January 15. If it is not renewed our trade in the Pacific may be sharply curtailed. However, I think something will be worked out with the Japanese.

No forecast on the war or its duration is possible at this time. It may be all over tomorrow, or it may drag on for years. The important point right now is to recognize

that war's effect on business is being over-emphasized. So far, it has neither helped nor hurt American business. When, and if, fighting breaks out in earnest, Allied war orders will help our business. But under no circumstances would the belligerents buy as much from us as they did in 1915-17. The war is in no sense the major prop under

our current boomlet. That's why I say, "War or peace, early 1940 will see the best business in 10 years."

Jack Gorman, engineer on Highway 101 work from Dunn south to the Mitchell County line, and Mrs. Gorman returned Monday night from Abilene, where they spent the Yuletide week-end with relatives.



## As We Look To The Future

—What the past has been we cannot help, but the future gives promise. It is before us and ours is the opportunity to make the best of it. For our part, we want to make it a good year—a year of progress and of better times, and we are going to do our best to contribute somewhat at least to this end.

—We hope the New Year will be a good year for you and at its close that you will be richer, happier, healthier and better in every way than you have ever been before. Surely we could not make a better New Year's wish for our friends.

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**THANKS TO THE SALES FORCE!**  
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Nathan Rosenberg, Manager  
**Ben Franklin Store**

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## Greetings of the Glad New Season!

AS WE APPROACH the close of another year of business dealings in Snyder, we are conscious that the past 12 months have been good to us in a material way. But aside from the material part, we believe we have made more friends, and have retained old ones.

WE ARE GRATEFUL for the patronage of all those who have come in contact with our institution. Our constant aim shall be to improve our service and facilities in a way that will continue to merit the patronage of our patrons.

Again we turn the page of life. May Peace, Health and Happiness be yours.

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## ODOM FUNERAL HOME

Ralph Odom Mrs. Odom Gaither Bell

## Apologizing TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

If we seemed a bit grouchy or out-of-sorts the week or so before Christmas. We worked hard and put in long hours trying to get your PREFERRED VARIETY STORE attractive and convenient for your shopping. We take pride in your PREFERRED VARIETY STORE and wanted you to be pleased with the goods and the service.

NOW, we are caught up on our sleep and rest, etc. and will try to serve you better and more efficiently so come again to your PREFERRED VARIETY STORE and see for yourself! Many thanks.

## And a Happy New Year!

The Sales Force Gang

## BEN FRANKLIN STORE

P. S.—The "Boes" was grouchy as usual, but we excused him 'cause he worked every night till 1:00 and 2:00 a. m.

## Texas Public Utilities Corp.

J. E. BLAKEY, Manager