

CHRISTMAS BY W. D. PENNYPACKER

IN HUMAN experience there is no page more replete with joyous association. The first Christmas we remember only as described in sacred story, and we visualize its influence through the spirit exemplified in the lives of our fellows.

The next Christmas we cannot recall. We may have lain in trundle-bed or cuddled in a mother's arms. That was a hallowed Christmas!

Then followed anniversaries teeming with visions of sleighs, Santa Claus, candy and toys, when the veriest romance of Yuletide was so real! We never forget those days.

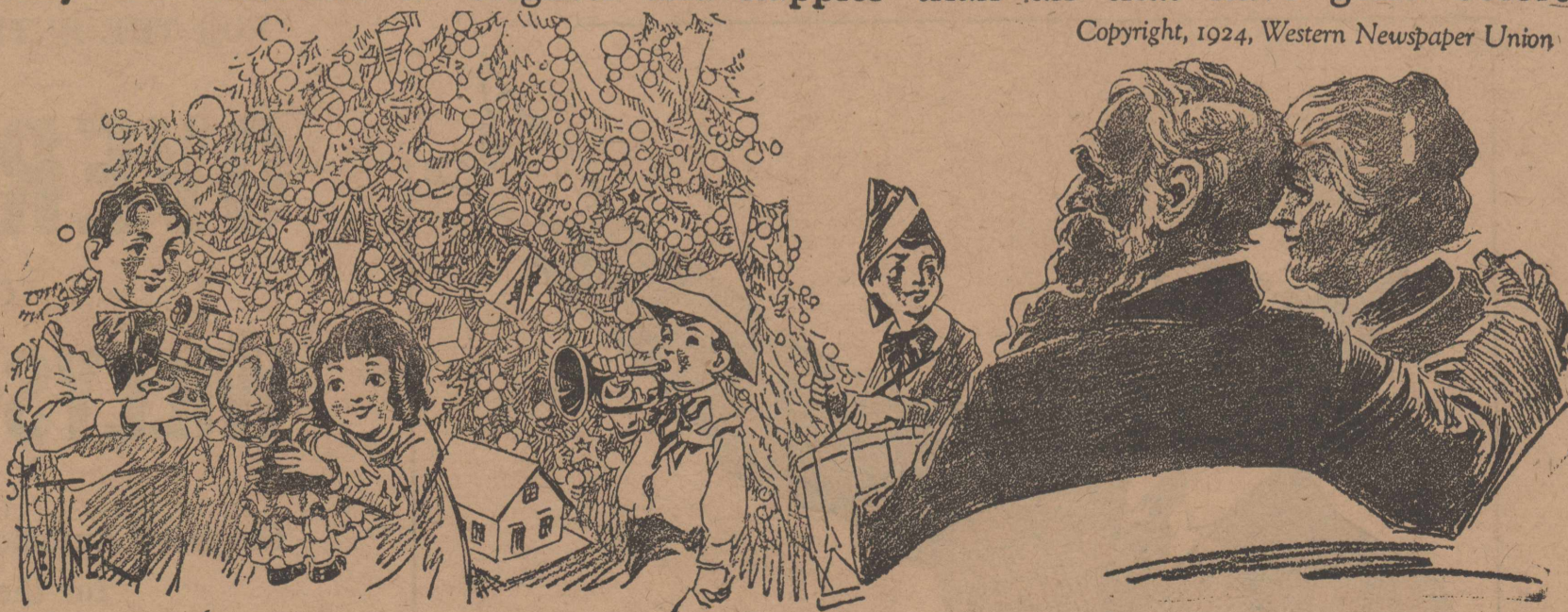
But how mystically they merge into another epoch. With the diminishing vision of Santa we become aware of a better Christmas in the conscious love and loyalty of others. And then—

In years that follow, the Christmas season becomes richer and more beautiful. It has lost the confusion of toys and confections. But in all these years there has been growing a tree that is ever green—upon it a thousand glittering spangles—hallowed memories of those who played with us around our earliest Christmas trees, or shared the season's festivities in later years.

Refreshing are the recollections that flood upon us as a newer generation takes our place in the pleasures and happy illusions of Christmas.

May this Yuletide be brighter and happier than all that have gone before.

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THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT

Christmas spirit necessarily finds
many men and women strained on the
shoal, off somewhere, far from the
general happiness.

Nevertheless, words of Chandos are
vital. "The faculty for happiness is a
gift in any temperament, whose wis-
dom and whose beauty this world too
little recognizes." Chandos' thought is
not easy for a certain type of mortal
to cultivate, but the holiday spirit may
to an extent help out. Self-recognition
was soundly urged by Marcus Aurelius
many centuries ago, and writings of
other Stoics preach tranquillity and
harmony through the philosophy that
says, "It may all be for the best." A
shipwrecked sailor, buried on this
coast,

Bids you set sail!
Full many a gallant barque, where he
was lost,
Weathered the gale.

**PUT CHRISTMAS WREATH
IN ITS RIGHTFUL PLACE**

They were putting up the Christmas
tree in the village community house
with happy anticipations. Meanwhile
two little folks and a dog were en-
joying themselves on a big ice cake
along the bay shore. As the ice moved
off with the tide the children laughed
with delight, but Pluto, after dropping
his tail and thinking a moment, sur-
prised them by giving a running leap
into the water and striking out for the
shore.

Not long after, Sim Ginnet opened
the door of his boat house to see what
the dog was barking about and was
greeted with a shower as Pluto shook
himself. Then the dog ran in, stood
upon his hind legs and begged, cock-
ing his eyes towards the open door. As
Sim did not understand this
Pluto caught hold of his coat and pulled
him towards the doorway. Think-
ing that the dog meant something,
Sim finally looked out and saw the
ice floating seaward with the two
small figures upon it.

It did not take the old fisherman
long to get his boat down to the wa-
ter and push it out through the float-
ing ice, and soon two youngsters and
a happy dog were huddled up in the
bow of the returning boat.

After the carols were sung that
night, they put the holly wreath that
had graced the top of the tree upon
Sim Ginnet's neck, but Sim took it
off and put it upon Pluto and he acted
as though he knew that he deserved
it.—Christopher G. Hazard.

**GAY CHRISTMAS THRILL
THE GREATEST OF ALL**

The love in our hearts toward our
fellow men; the happy, expectant, gay
eagerness of children and their joyous,
merry voices; the pure, white, soft
beauty of snow; the deeply refresh-
ing aroma of the forests which for a
brief period we bring into our homes;
the cheer of the home fireplace; the
bringing together of all members of
the family; the gaiety and the en-
thusiasm of Christmas shoppers; the
stores, decorated and looking their

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souls toward all; the carols which
ring out the Christmas spirit of ardent
worship; the bright, significant stars
twinkling down from the heavens a-
bove; the simplicity and the beauty
of the Christmas season; all form a
part of the great Christmas thrill.
There is no thrill in the world like
unto it!—Mary Graham Bonner.

**A LATE "IT" ARRIVAL
CAME JUST IN TIME**

Everyone was watching, waiting,
hoping. They all hoped "it" would
surely arrive on time.
They hoped "it" would not fail
them.

"It" helped the Christmas season so
much.

Everyone and everything loved "it".
The children loved "it," the grown-
ups loved "it."

The trees of the forest loved "it".
And then "it" arrived. "It" arrived
late—almost when everyone was giv-
ing "it" up. But even though "it"
was a late arrival "it" was not too
late for Christmas day. "It" came
late Christmas eve.

And haven't you guessed what "it"
is? SNOW of course!—Mary Graham
Bonner.

**CHRISTMAS, THE SNOW
AND THE SLEIGH RIDE**

It was Christmas night. The moon
was shining and the snow sparkled
like diamonds more rare and wonder-
ful than are ever seen in a jewelry
shop.

The bells jingled, the frosty air
seemed to say in its cool, cheery way:
"I'm here. I brush against your
faces so you can feel me and my cold,
bracing ways."

And the sleigh went merrily along.
Inside the sleigh were a man and a
girl. And they were saying things
which may not sound new to you.

"There is nothing in the world like
love," was one of the things they said.
"And to be in love, and sleigh-
riding on Christmas night after a perfect
Christmas day—there is nothing in
the world like it."

But it was as beautiful to them as
though no one else had ever said these
things. For beauty is not dependent
upon novelty. It depends on some-
thing far deeper and truer.

There is nothing new about love.
There is nothing new about Christ-
mas.

But that doesn't make either of
them any less wonderful!—Mary Gra-
ham Bonner.

CHRISTMAS IN BRITISH ISLES

Christmas was introduced in what
are now the British Isles under the
Saxon rulers and was continued, in
the winter solstice when the people
had little to do, by the Anglo-Saxon
kings and the succeeding monarchs of
Norman blood. The celebrations be-
ginning with court festivities and
graduating down to the poorest fam-
ilies were frequently uproarious. In
the reign of Elizabeth the Puritans at-
tacked the Yuletide festivities, but
the celebrations continued to flourish
until the rule of Queen Mary. The
Puritans, aided by the conditions
growing out of civil war, finally suc-
ceeded by 1647 in abolishing the holi-
day.—George Newell Moran.

**Those Christmas
Carols**

Beryl Sands stood outside the dingy
little restaurant, looking in at the
heavily steamed windows with the ab-
sent, vacant stare of one whose mind
is preoccupied with melancholy
thoughts. People walking along the
sidewalks crunched the fresh, dry
snow under their heels. Most of them
were talking and laughing with the
light ease of those who feel at rights
with the world. But their gay chat-
ter only made Beryl more and more
conscious of her loneliness. There was
not a soul in this whole city she could
call her friend, not one. And as for a
lover—Beryl winced. Twenty-eight
and never a lover! Think of spending
all of one's life alone. "Old Maid
Sands" it would be. Oh, how terrible
life was; how unutterably hard on
girls like her. Of course there had
been Jack Boulton. He had always
rather liked her; taken her home from
church parties and so on in the old
days when they lived in Alantown.
He might have fallen in love with her
if she had encouraged him. He was
the only man who had ever understood
her at all. Wonder where he was
now?

With slow, listless steps, Beryl en-
tered the little restaurant. She chose
the cleanest looking table in the room.
A man was already seated there. She
sat down opposite him and began to
read the menu card.

"Beryl, by George, if it isn't!"
She looked up quickly and recog-
nized with amazement the large, as-
tonished blue eyes.



*Fire Tragedies spring from
common things—rubbish, the
useless, the cast off, piled in
some corner, overlooked, for-
gotten,—spreading to the es-
sential and the valuable!*

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"Jack Boulton! Why, Jack, what on
earth are you doing here?"

He laughed that half-amused, half-
cynical laugh she knew so well.
"I'm down on luck, Beryl—broke
I came up here to Chicago three years
ago to put across a deal but things
didn't go so well, and I've been a lit-
tle on the rough ever since."

Beryl was sympathetic. "I know,
Jack, I think we're pretty much in
the same boat. I haven't quite won
fame and fortune here myself." They
both laughed.

Jack looked at her a long time.
She dropped her eyes under his steady
gaze.

"You know, Beryl, I like that sad
look in your eyes. I don't like to think
that you've been sad, of course; but
the look—it's appealing. It's the same
expression that came into your eyes
when you used to play those Christ-
mas carols at the church. Heavens,
how you could play them!" His face
lit up with the happy memory of it.

"Do you still play?"
"Occasionally. The piano at my
boarding house is a cheap one and I
hate it, but if you care to, we'll go
down there after dinner, and I'll play
you all those old Christmas songs.
You have no other engagement?"
"None," he said promptly, "And if

I did, I'd cancel it."
When Beryl had finished,
from the piano and faced hi
was looking at her intently, lo
"You are very fond of music
you, Jack?"
"Yes, when you play it I a
came very close to her and t
hands. "Beryl, I was just t
what harmony you could make
my discordant life, if you would.
you—could you ever—" he brok
His voice thick with surging em
"Yes, Jack, I could," and as h
her tightly in his arms, Beryl w
ultantly happy, and felt for th
time in her life, secure.

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OF CHRISTMAS

little village below the hill and ice-covered houses seeming up together among the order to keep warm. The locked their long arms to and moved restlessly to and now and then. Other pelessly bare and cold, shiv- the wind and crackled their ches. The beautiful Lady of with all her Snowflake Imps dance flitted about the village sliding gayly down the shop and flirting with the pass-

Man and the Child made their through the drifts toward the of houses. The Child ran and about, now in front, now be- the Man, shouting and laughing. loved the white old Winter and in Winter had commanded all his ts to be kind to her. So the Lady kissed and caressed her the Snowflakes played about her ily, touching her cheeks softly making them rosy.

at the Man hated Winter and now hurried along, giving no heed to beauties about him, wishing only the warm fire in his cottage. The ow Lady tried all her charms on n, but he only pulled his muffler hter about his throat and his cap ore firmly upon his head and went . Then the Snowflake Imps flew at m furiously. They stung his face ad buried themselves inside his muffer. The North Wind tormented him, o, blowing up his sleeves and twist- g his great coat about his knees un- he stumbled and muttered under is breath. When the Child laughed at him and would have thrown snow in face, he reproved her gruffly.

The Man was threshing over in his mind a question he had discussed with the Woman only the week before. They had decided to have no Christ- mas this year. It was foolish, very foolish to wear one's self out think- ing and planning presents for all one's relatives and friends for months be- fore, and then perhaps not be ready when Christmas came. They would not allow their child to keep her belief in the foolish Santa Clause myth which they had told her so long ago.

This was the hardest part, for both the Man and the Woman dreaded to tell the Child, and they put off the task as long as possible. Now it was

Christmas Eve and the Man had prom- ised to tell the Child as they visited the shops. But she had been so de- lighted with the array of toys heaped in windows and on counters, so happy in thinking Santa would bring her some of these wonderful playthings, that he could not bring himself to tell her Santa would never visit her again. And yet he must. She would soon get over the disappointment and be happier than ever, he told himself. Yes, it was the sensible thing to do, but he would wait and let the Woman tell her.

As they neared the cottages the Child threw out her arms joyously as though she would embrace the whole world of Snowflakes before she left them. And they, wild with delight fought for a place upon her little hood and shoulders that she might carry them away with her.

"Oh, Mother, Mother, the Snow- flakes have played with me and have told me the prettiest stories," cried the Child as she drew the Woman's hand across her cold, damp cheek. "And I have seen Santa Claus. He is visiting the shops now but he promised to come here tonight." She stood on her toes and clapped her hands in her excitement, and the words tumbled over one another as she tried to tell of all the beautiful toys she had seen.

The Woman sighed and looked re- proachfully at the Man. So he had not told the Child. Why did he al- ways put it off and leave it for her to do? The long discussions on the subject, the dread of spoiling the Child's happiness and the arguments as to which should tell her, had un- settled the Woman, usually so gentle and even tempered. She was vexed. She turned to the Child wearily, a lit- tle impatiently. She would tell her now.

"Dear, haven't you learned yet that there is no Santa Claus? You will not hang up your stockings tonight, for he isn't coming to fill them."

Then as the Child stood looking at her with wild, wondering eyes, she exclaimed, "Why do you stare at me so? Don't you see we have been playing make-believe with you all these years? There is no Santa Claus, and you are old enough to forget such foolish stories. It is expensive and tiresome to keep up this farce and we have decided never to have Christmas again."

To the Child it was all a strange muddle. Something dreadful had hap- pened; but as yet she could not under- stand what it was.

"No Santa— But I have just seen

him, Mother. He talked to me this af- ternoon at the shops."

Wrought up as she was, the Wom- an's voice sounded cold and unfeeling. "Go to bed now. You will understand better in the morning."

The Child obeyed silently. All her joyousness was gone. The laughter had died out of her eyes and in its place there was wonder and hurt. But she could not talk about it now.

When the Woman left her in the white bed by the window, she cau- tiously opened it so the snowflakes could come in. And then, with a great sob, she told them her troubles.

In the big room with the bay win- dow, the Man paced restlessly back and forth and the Woman sat by the table with workbasket and mending. But her hands lay listlessly in her lap and she gazed into the fire.

Once her face brightened and she murmured aloud, "But Father and Mother never forgot us, and of course they will send something for the Child—"

The Man wheeled about with a scowl. "We won't receive anything from them. Do you think we would accept presents, when we are not send- ing any? I have written them that we are not to have any more Christmas celebrations."

"Oh," gasped the Woman. "You do not mean we must send back every- thing we get?"

The Man hesitated. Then, as though he were sick of the subject, "I don't know. It is all your doing. It is you who has nervous prostration at Christmas after worrying about pres- ents."

"I do not," she denied hotly. "And you suggested this anyway. I wish we had never heard of Christmas!"

Their Christmas Eve was spent in quarreling, and that night they dreamed of horrible plots that Santa was planning against them.

A pale moon with icicles on his whiskers watched over the little vil- lage. The Snow Lady was asleep and the Snowflake Imps settled down to rest. One cottage gleamed colder and

whiter than the others and seemed to stand apart as though not of them. The Spirit of Christmas tried the door softly.

"Why, it is barred against me!" he murmured sadly. "This will never do."

So he walked about looking for a place to get in until he came to the window where the Child slept. Ten- derly he sprinkled happiness and joy upon her until her lips parted in a smile. Then he flew past her to where the Man and the Woman slept. To them he gave of all his essences.

The Woman wakened first, and with strange new feelings, she called the Man. They gazed long at each other. "Merry Christmas," whispered the Woman.

And with wonder and joy, peace and good will all mingled together, the Man took her in his arms.

"We must have Christmas, after all," he said. And the Woman nodded, toys. "Mother and Father sent them and I just couldn't send them back."

With shining faces and happy hearts, the Man and the Woman hung stockings by the fireplace and heaped them with playthings.

"Wait," cried the Woman, and laughing, she brought from their hid- ing place and assortment of beautiful her eyes beaming with happiness. "I must go to the shops and bring Santa Claus for the Child before she wakes."

"We will tell her she had a bad dream," said the Man.

"No," said the Woman softly. "We will tell her that Santa is the good Christmas fairy, who will always be welcome here."



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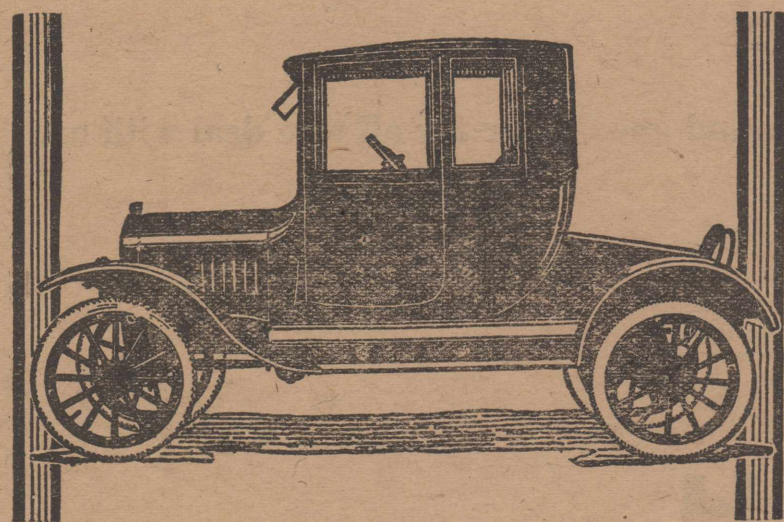
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It was trying, for this was the last of rural free delivery No. 3. The mail had been started as an experiment, but now was thought to hardly be worth while, and was to be dropped. John Holden had been one of the strongest advocates for it, and had obtained the route, leaving his oldest boy to look after the farm. The salary was not large, but in a year or so would enable him to stock the farm as he had wanted to stock it all his life.

At length the snow was cleared from sufficient space for the gate to be opened and swung back. Holden led his horse through the shed, then unharnessed and took him to the stable, where he fed him generously with the hay which Benson threw down from the mow. Then the two men returned to the wagon, and Holden quickly arranged his mail into a compact package.

"We'll take it right into the house," said Benson. "It'll be safe there till you're able to go on."

Holden smiled and shook his head. "I shall go right on now," he said. "Mail mustn't be delayed, you know. Besides, a lot of this is Christmas mail."

"But, man alive, you can't do it!" expostulated Benson, incredulously. "It's half a mile to the next house, and that drift right ahead is up to your armpits, an' too soft to stand on an' too deep to push through. You're crazy!"

"Mebbe," laconically, "but its got to be done."

All this time he had been fastening the package securely upon his shoulders. Now he straightened up, taking the broken half of a rake handle he saw near.

"If you don't mind, I'll take this along," he said. "It will help steady some."

Benson placed his hand upon his shoulder.

"Look here, Holden," he said, earnestly, "don't you try it. The thing's nothing more nor less than suicide, and you know it."

Holden met his neighbor's look squarely and smiled. "I don't think so," he answered. "I shall try to creep along the fences where it's bad, and stick mostly to the high, windy ground across lots, where the snow will be less deep. I wouldn't wonder if I could make it all right. It's only a half mile to the next house, an' not more than that between any two places, an' only fourteen miles round the whole route. Then there's another thing, the main one," his face becoming grave; "you forget the folks who are waitin' for their mail, especially a Christmas one. The ones away are writin' to their folks then. What will it mean to them if I don't get around? Of course I don't know much about what's in the mail, but there's the

Widow Cross, livin' alone, an' her son workin' up country in a mill. I've got a little for her this mornin'. Mebbe 't ain't the one, but I wouldn't be surprised if she was without wood or coal to keep her warm an' a scrap to eat, an' that this letter will fix her up all right. Then there's Johnson an' his wife, who have a sick son off in China. They're out to the box every mornin' waitin' for me. I've got a letter for them, an' it's from China. An' there's Almy Rose, whose husband is off to sea, an' little Nina Clark, whose fellow is up to the mines workin' hard to earn enough to start housekeepin'. I've got letters for both of them. An' 't ain't all the mail, either. I do errands for a good many. You know the Watts', whose boy is so awful sick. They ain't nobody to send for a doctor. What mightn't it mean if I didn't get there in two or three days? No, no, Benson, I wouldn't dare to stay if I wanted to. I'm only one an' they're a good many. Good-by."

Usually it required less than five minutes to drive between the houses, but it was two hours later when Holden struggled up on the piazza and knocked on the door, looking more like a crudely made snowman than anything human.

"For the land sake!" cried the woman who opened the door, "if it isn't Mr. Holden! How'd you ever manage to get through? But come right in. You can't go on any more today. My folks are almost scared to go to the barn. Come," throwing wide the door, "don't stand there in the cold. Take your wraps right off and set right up to the fire and warm."

"I haven't time now, thank you," Holden replied, as soon as he could interpose a word. "I must get on to Watts'. I have some medicine for the sick boy, an' he may need it. Here's your mail. Merry Christmas, speaking ahead." And once more he went out into the storm, disappearing in its blinding whirl almost instantly.

It was scarcely half a mile to Watts' but it took him twice the time to reach it. And when finally he stumbled up the steps, he had to pause to catch his breath before he could summon strength to knock.

"Merry Christmas, an' here's your mail, an' medicine," he gasped, as the door was opened. "No, I can't stop. I'm a good deal behind time, an' must reach the widow's tonight, an' Johnson's, an' Rose's an' others. They ain't much over a quarter of a mile. The storm's something terrible. Goodby."

When he reached the Widow Cross'

it was she who heard him fumbling about the door, and opened it, thinking it was a cat or dog wanting shelter. At first he could not speak, but held out her letter.

"If it's the right one," he whispered presently. "I'll take it down to the store an' get your supplies in a few minutes, soon as I'm rested. It's only a few rods. An'—I hope you'll have a Merry Christmas."

"You'll stay all night, of course," she said, anxiously. "You're completely used up an' it won't be safe to attempt going any farther."

"Only to Johnson's an' Rose's an' one or two more, just beyond the store," he answered. "I have letters for them which I want to deliver tonight."

The next day it was still snowing, and the drifts much deeper. Although he started early and struggled through the snow until after dark, he made little more than a mile. It was Christmas day, when mail was not supposed to be delivered, but Holden did not even think of that. He had letters to leave, and anxious people were waiting for them. So Christmas went by.

The third day the weather turned colder and the moist snow crusted enough to bear one's weight. The snow changed to a bitter, driving sleet.

It was much harder traveling, but the crust enabled one to go more swiftly. This day Holden completed his delivery, and returned to the post office with the mail he had collected on the way.

Three days later the roads were open so he could go for his wagon. In the afternoon he went back to his farm.

Rural free delivery No. 3, however, was discontinued only a month. Then a letter came to the post office and was sent out to John Holden. It read: "Owing to more definite information in regard to route No. 3 and to

the prospect of its betterment, and more especially to the manner of the last day's delivery, the department has reconsidered the matter. The route will be continued for one year, with the probability of being made permanent. John Holden is appointed carrier."

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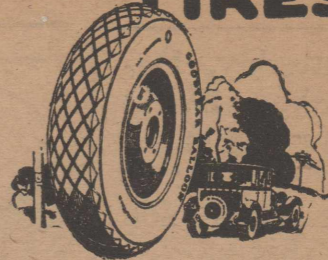
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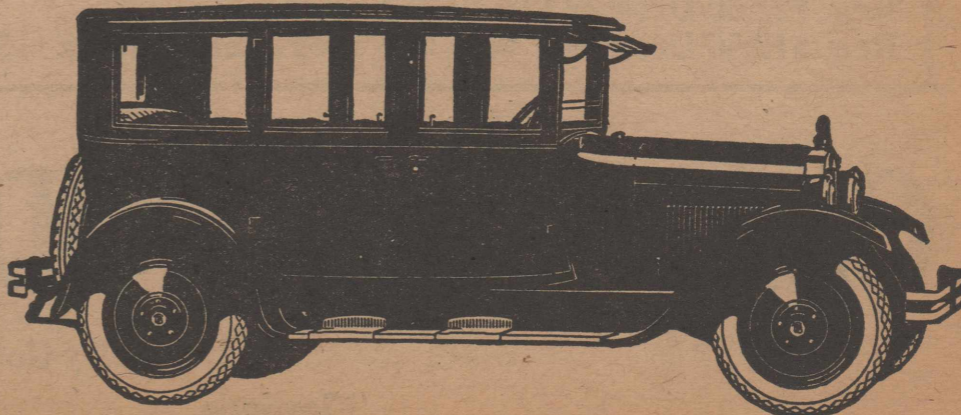
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**Mas and
God Bless Us
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Magazine writer not long ago stated that the real spirit was as deceased as the ghost—dead as the prodoornail—or deader. "We are dead," he said in substance; "modern men and women; even children have become too sophisticated to believe in its milk and myths..."

One who will deliberately and illic aforethought sit down before a wheezy old typing machine and rack out mildewed sentiments of a kind, without a single qualifying phrase attached, is either a born or a shameless glutton. Either into the world with light message or else he wrote that article day after the Christmas three helpings of juicy, brown nestling close to a sugary bed of cranberries, fragrant gilet and biscuits—southern style—on a golden turn; a feast in a steaming, raisin-studded and spiked plum pudding played a role.

It is a day of "movements." Suppose we start a brand new one. Suppose we go out and run to earth evour, dyspeptic, disillusioned, kill Scrooge in the land, tie ropes around each scrawny old neck and hang them high as Haman on the biggest, brightest Christmas tree ever made happy the hearts of boys and girls. (And serve them!) And we'll let them screech, "bug! Humbug!" as loudly as choose—once they are safely up.

It would be a sad world, indeed, if it not for the other kind of Thanks be to the gods that have alive the beautiful, child-like, rous spirit of them—those wonal ones, ever young, ever remembering, though their heads be as sil—who believe in Christmas; who believe in Santa Claus, in little laughing ren; in friendships vows renewed who believe in making the e,es of best beloved to shine like the ndmas stars themselves.

And here are three lusty cheers for men and women who stand boldly and stoutly maintain that "Ole stmas" has changed not one jot le throughout the ages—that it never change as long as child-lasts in the world, as long as ties bind and friendship's faith gains. Bless their hearts! May their stmas wish come true, be they h or poor, of high or low degree, in whatever place they bless with ir sweet presence.

Christmas was surely meant to be season of joy and laughter, as well one in which we glorify the birth the blessed Savior. Throughout the sturies a spirit of revelry has marked the tide of Yule. The observance of annual season of merrymaking es back even farther than the ad-t of Christianity. It is said that ere the birth of the Bible of ethlehem the ancient pagans celebrated a yearly feast near the winter astice. Romans called this the Satur-alia. It was marked with much wine-inking, dancing and eating.

In the ancient countries of the orth huge fires were kindled and as their leaping flames shot skyward human beings were sacrificed upon the stars to Thor and Oden. The Goths and Saxons called this the festival of Yule.

The Teutons selected a huge tree which they raised amid much chanting and shouting, in honor of the god of the sun. Bright objects and lights were placed in its branches to represent the light of day, the moon and stars. Animals were fastened to the branches, historians say, that the pagan gods might be propitiated in favor of their savage worshippers.

So we know that the Christmas celebrations were not in the beginning of religious significance. But with Christianity's dawn the many old customs that remained were given a religious symbolism. There are a number of our present-day customs that are picturesque and interesting because of their great antiquity.

When we tramp into the winter woods and bring home loads of scarlet-berried holly and mistletoe we are merely following in the footsteps of our pagan ancestors. When we wreathe our doorsills and windows with the beautiful, waxy white clusters of mistletoe, when we ornament

the mantle above the bright fire with its darkgreen clusters we are but unconsciously repeating the pagan custom of old when the Druids, the ancient priests, performed their mystical rites upon their feast altars.

The cutting and burning of the Yule log is, today, as important as a feature of the Christmas celebrations of the manor homes of "Merrie England" as it was before the world knew the meaning of a true Christian observance of the season. The cheery, heartening salutation "Merry Christmas!" originated in England. This greeting has never been known to fail in bringing a smile to even the most woe-begone countenance.

And an English Christmas is, indeed, a wonderful thing to experience. Even the very tales of the Englishman's Yuletide make our hearts beat faster and our imaginations run riot. The time has not yet arrived when Dickens' "Christmas Carol" with its descriptions of the Christmas market ing geese decorated with bunches of sage and onions, of tarts, puddings and sweetmeats will lose its delicious charm and mouth-watering powers.

And who can write about Christmas without thinking of the humble, though none the less delectable dinner presided over by proud Bob Cratchet—and Tiny Tim seated at the board with his frail, small fingers clasping his spoon and repeating honest Bob's blessing as he gazed upon his adoring family—"God bless us, every one!" Poor little Tim with his crutch across his knee!

Some authorities state that the Christmas tree as we know it originated in Scandinavia. Others claim that the Germans first made use of it. Certain it is that we, in our own land, did not have our brightly decorated trees until after the Germant immigrant arrived.

Christmas carols are sung in many lands; in England, in France where they are called "noels," in Wales, Ireland and Italy and in many other countries. In Italy, at the season of Advent, the Calabrian shepherds troop down from their hills and chant their unusual mountain songs in the cities. The word "carol" is derived from "contare," meaning to sing and "rola," an interjection of joy; therefore it is not a musical form peculiarly belonging to Christmas, although it is usually associated with the season. One of the most ancient, if not the very oldest carol of a religious nature is the exquisite, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night." It was written by Nahun Tate, England's poet laureate in 1692.

Quaint old English carols that are still sung are: "God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen," "Good King Wencesles" and "The Holly and Ivy." These were sung by the waifs who went from house to house in the old days. A whole book could be made interesting by recounting the customs of the ancient carol singers of the different lands.

In connection with the Christmas candle which has been used as a beautiful symbol in many countries from ancient days to the present it is interesting to know that even the gypsies, those wandering, mysterious vagabonds of unknown origin and self-confessed paganism, have a legend about a burning candle that was set at a certain season to light the way of a mother and child across the darkness of a desert land. This legend is to be found somewhere in an old book—perhaps it was recounted by George Borrow—but the writer of these lines has been unable to locate it again.

After all, it is the spirit of any observance that truly counts.

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Many Letters Tell Santa of Desires of Floyd County Children

Dear Old Santa: Dec. 3, 1924
Please bring me a doll buggy and a tea set. I also want all kinds of good-ies to eat.
I will not ask for much because I want you to be sure to go see all the little orphan children that have no Daddy nor mother.
With love
Fannie Ruth Patton

Dear Santa Claus: Dec. 5, 1924
As it is nearly Christmas I have been a good little girl I want you to bring me a ring, a doll bed, a doll buggy, a doll 42 inches long, a ring. Well I guess this will be all for this time.
From your little friend
Alta Vavian Lloyd.

Dear Santa Claus: December 2, 1924
I am proud to know that you are coming for it will bring joy to our hearts because it is a long time from one visit to another.
I want an automatic pistol, a boy's bicycle, water colors, fountain pen, watch, oranges, apples, nuts of all kinds, bananas, grapes, and candy; all so a kite but remember my brother at Austin and my two brothers and one sister at home that is all I want because there are lots of other poor little boys and girls but I know you won't forget them at all.
I have been a good boy the best I could,
Yours truly,
Leland Dalton.

Dear Old Santa:
I hope you will come to see me Christmas and I will be pleased with anything you bring me, just so it is play with. Please don't forget the other little boys and girls. Thank you Santa for your kindness.
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Your little friend,
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Dear Santa Claus:
Will you please bring me a doll trunk and a doll dresser set and a set of aluminum cooking utensils. Also bring my little brother a train, a drum, a tractor and a fluffy jumping rabbit.
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The Pioneer Bank of Floyd County Extends Its Christmas Greetings

The Spirit of the Approaching Yuletide Season prompts us to remember, with keenest appreciation, the happy business associations we have enjoyed with a multitude of customers during the 12 months that have passed since Christmas of last Year.

This bank, with a steadfast purpose to give the greatest service to the community, has seen many Christmas Days come and go. Its annual message of Christmas Cheer has gone out in good years and bad since the days of the open range. And today, though its years are many its "youth" is such that it is still vigorously pursuing the policy of filling the mission for which banks are established.

Through these many years we have established friendships, both new and old, whose loyalty and good will we cherish as among our most valuable assets. To these friends, old and new—we say Merry Christmas. May it be for you a forerunner of another prosperous year in 1925.

And we pledge ourselves anew: That, because ours is the oldest and biggest bank in Floyd County, we will also strive to make it the best bank in Floyd County.

The First National Bank



P. Collins New Head of McDermott Post

Selection of Officers Made in Meeting of Legion Monday Night.—In New Home Soon.

P. Collins was elected post commander of McDermott Post, American Legion, at the regular meeting scheduled for election of officers Monday night. He succeeds T. R. Webb at this post. He has been one of the leading spirits in the organization since its inception and is expected to make the post an aggressive head.

Other officers elected are: D. F. Tyler, first vice commander, J. W. Maxwell, second vice commander, Elmer Caudle, post adjutant, C. H. Davis, finance officer, F. J. Cleere, master of arms, E. G. Wood, chaplain, L. T. Bishop, historian and reporter.

A house committee will be named on by the new commander. This committee is made necessary by the fact that the legion will move into its new home soon and will need a committee whose duties it will be to have active management of it.

Present indications are that the post will be housed in their new home by January 1st. They are giving up the base on their present quarters on that date. It will be necessary to expend several hundred dollars for furniture and equipment for the new quarters, and this will be done at an early date.

Several new members have been added to the membership roll since the inception of the membership drive. Members are renewing for the new year in good numbers, and in every way the prospects for the coming year are bright for the organization, which has become one of the outstanding posts of the Panhandle country.

Lee Highway Bridge Contract Ratified

A contract, which is declared to have the sanction of the Bureau of Public Roads, was ratified at a meeting in Frederick, Okla., of representatives of Frederick, Davidson and Mon, Texas, business men on December 9th, for a bridge which fills the last travel-gap on the Lee Highway, transcontinental route from Washington, D. C., to San Diego, Cal. The bridge crosses Red River between Davidson, and Vernon, and the contract calls for an expenditure of \$10,000. When completed it will furnish excellent vehicular means of travel across Red River. Construction is started immediately, George D. Key, Oklahoma City, has the contract for the present the bridge will be a bridge until revenues pay off bonds on 18 per cent net revenue bonds.

It will be the longest bridge west of Mississippi River, 5,760 feet and will be a replica of the Bear Mountain-Hudson River Bridge being built by the Harriman estate in New York.

"PRINCE OF LIARS" ON TONIGHT AT HIGH AUDITORIUM

The Senior Class of the Floydada High School will present "Prince of Liars" at the school auditorium beginning at 7:45 p. m. Rehearsals have been going on for some time and a first class performance is expected to be given. Practically all the reserved seats, which number some two hundred, have been sold and it is believed a large audience will be present to enjoy the performance.

The "Prince of Liars" which is a farce comedy drama includes in its cast the following players: Ken Henry, as Arthur Hummingtop, in Brown as Ralph Omerod, Porterfield as Barbara, Garnet as Mrs. Hummingtop, Ina as Mrs. Gillibrand, Marilou as Rosa Colomber, Jean Ayres as Maitland and Roy Jameson as John.

Joye Mills, teacher of English at High School and a graduate of Emerson School of Oratory at Boston, Mass., is directing the play.

APPED TO ORPHANS JULIET FOWLER HOME

Ladies Aid Society of the First Church shipped off a box to the Juliet Fowler Home at Dallas, Texas. The box contained warm winter mittens and dummies for the little orphans.

BIRTH RECORD

Harry was issued the license in the office of the clerk to the following: Miss Mabel Jones, and Miss Lennie, December 13. Miss Norine Pitts, and Miss Sea, December 15.

DEAD

Mr. and Mrs. Zell, born on Sunday, which died on Monday, was buried at the Floydada P. Humphries funeral services.

Gins Close Tuesday For 5 Holidays

Gins of Floydada are going to give their hard-worked crews a holiday this Christmas, nearly a week of them.

According to announcement made, the gins will close down Tuesday night, December 23rd, after ginning off the cotton on their respective yards and will not re-open until Monday, December 29th.

6 O'CLOCK DINNER FOR BROTHER FROM OLD MEXICO

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Henry gave a six o'clock dinner at their home on Tuesday last in honor of Mrs. Henry's brother, Rev. W. A. Ross, Presbyterian missionary and teacher in the Seminary at Mexico City, Old Mexico.

The various preachers of the town were on the dinner list. Those who attended the dinner were Rev. J. L. Henson, Rev. and Mrs. J. Pat Horton, Rev. and Mrs. G. P. Humphries, Elder and Mrs. J. J. Day, Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Tubbs and Rev. Marvin Brotherton. Mrs. R. C. Henry assisted the hostesses.

Fire Prevention Essay Prizes Awarded

In connection with Fire Prevention Week Program held several weeks past pupils in the different grades competed with each other in writing essays on the subject of Fire Prevention, and prizes were offered for the best essay in each grade in Floydada Public Schools.

Announcement of the prize winning essays is made this week by Mayor F. P. Henry who has charge of the Fire Prevention Program and the prizes were awarded to the various winners at Chapel Service in the High School Auditorium last Monday morning.

The Third Grade was the lowest grade to enter the contest and the winner of the first prize in the Third Grade is Mildred Southern; the second best essay was that of Wanda Teeple.

Fourth Grade, first place, Willamina Salisbury; second place, Vivian Steggall.

Fifth Grade, first place, Ruth Rutledge; second place, Pollyanna Pitts.

Sixth Grade, first place, Marie Wilson; second place, Victorine Fitch.

Seventh Grade, R. V. Husky; second place, Harold Webb.

Eighth Grade, first place, Jewell Abernathy; second place, Minnie Belle Willson.

Ninth Grade, first place, Ethna Green; second place, Margaret Henson.

Tenth Grade, first place, Gertrude Davis; second place, Minnie Norton.

Eleventh Grade, first place, Quinby Kizziar, second place, Jean Ayres.

All first prize-winning essays were awarded a dollar.

REV. ROSS TELLS OF MISSION WORK IN MEXICO

Rev. W. A. Ross, Missionary of the Southern Presbyterian Church, who is visiting his sister, Mrs. E. C. Henry here, filled the pulpit at the Methodist Church Sunday morning last by invitation.

He is a teacher in the seminary of the Presbyterian Church at Mexico City and gave his audience a story of the mission work of his church and that of others in that section of the country.

Rev. Ross has been here several days. He is in the States on a vacation from his duties in the Mexico mission field.

Sheriff-elect Wiley Pollard, of Amarillo, was here the first of the week on a visit with his niece, Mrs. E. F. Smith, 2 miles west of Floydada.

Dr. J. H. Massie, of Wichita Falls, is here on a visit with his brother, E. B. Massie and family.

Texas Utilities Co. Planning Extensions

Light and Power Company Will Serve Almost Double Territory by End of Year

Territory in the plains and panhandle country served by the Texas Utilities Company with high lines and power stations at various locations will be almost double by the end of 1925 that served by them at the beginning of the year 1924.

During the past year the company has bought the Slaton plant, the Canyon plant and a controlling interest in the Hereford plant, according to reports, and are considering entering Clovis, possibly, with the objective of a high line from that city down the Santa Fe to Lubbock, serving some six cities on the route. High line extensions from Plainview to Canyon and westward from that city to Hereford are also among the possibilities of the coming year.

Definite announcements of several improvements have been made. Among these is the installation of an additional 800-horse power unit at Plainview, now going in, an office building in that city and a modern ice dock. An additional 1200-horse power engine is being installed at Lubbock. Additional ice plants, probably at Canyon and Hereford, with enlargements of some of its other ice plants are also among the probabilities.

Four Sunday Schools to Have Christmas Trees

Plans for the Yuletide are already being made all over the community, and while some will have their Christmas trees at home the greater majority of the people of Floydada are planning to attend one of the Christmas trees to be held at four of the churches in Floydada.

Appropriate programs are planned for Christmas Eve at the Baptist, Methodist, Christian and Cumberland Presbyterian Churches, when decorated trees will be used for the distribution of presents. The likelihood is that Santa Claus will visit each of the trees with his assistants to make the evening jolly for everyone.

Every child present at the different Christmas trees will receive a present.

Programs not published in this issue of The Hesperian will be announced at an early date.

WOODMEN CIRCLE CHRISTMAS TREE AND PROGRAM

Good attendance and a very pleasant evening for all, is reported for the Christmas Tree and Program given by the Woodmen Circle at the hall Wednesday evening.

A short program preceded the giving of the presents. The hall was decorated in Christmas motif, with evergreens and holly.

FLOYD COUNTY LUMBER CO. RECEPTION FRIDAY

The Annual Reception and Banquet of the officers, directors and stockholders and employees of the Floyd County Lumber Company will be held tomorrow evening in the spacious office rooms of the company.

A delightful evening is anticipated.

Bishop 20 Years in Milling Business

Sam Bishop, new miller in charge of the Flour Mill of Boothe Brothers, who recently succeeded J. A. Abernathy, as owners of the Floydada Mill & Elevator, is a miller who is widely known in the down-state section of Texas, from whence he came here recently, with his family.

Mr. Bishop has been here some weeks and the mill is now going on full-time basis. Floyd County wheat has been in test and protein content in the United States, is being used at the mill.

LADIES AID PREPARES FOR CHRISTMAS TREE

The Ladies Aid Society of the First Christian Church met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. W. M. Houghton to fill the sacks for the Christmas Tree. Refreshments of cake and punch were served to the following ladies: Mrs. E. C. Nelson, Mrs. C. T. Stevens, Mrs. E. E. Stephens, Mrs. Fred Brown, Mrs. Ed Brown, Mrs. J. U. Borum, Mrs. A. J. Welch, Mrs. R. M. Morgan, Mrs. L. H. Dorrell, Mrs. L. B. Fawver, Mrs. Ruby Boteler, Mrs. Champ Walters, Mrs. E. E. Johnson, Mrs. W. M. Houghton, Mrs. J. B. Jenkins and Miss Oma Johnson.

OTIS HARRIS, MISS JOZAC RILEY MARRIED SUNDAY

Otis Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Harris, of Pleasant Valley, and Miss Jozac Riley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Z. T. Riley, of Lockney, were married Sunday afternoon in Plainview.

Mr. Harris resides in Lockney and employed with the Baker Mercantile Company. Miss Riley is a teacher in the Lockney Public Schools.

Both have been reared in Floyd County and are widely known, the groom during his high school days having lived in Floydada some two years with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Shurbet.

Charles Trowbridge Is Seriously Ill

Former Commissioner Stricken by Apoplexy While at Work on Roads for County.

Charles Trowbridge for many years a resident of this Precinct and at one time Commissioner, was suddenly stricken on Wednesday between one and two o'clock with apoplexy while operating the County Road grading machinery on the Rails Road.

Mr. Trowbridge's assistant noticed that Mr. Trowbridge was in a dizzy condition and helped him down from the grading machine and placed him on the ground while he went off to get a car. He rushed Mr. Trowbridge to the Sanitarium where he is now resting in a very serious condition.

All of his children have been notified of his sudden illness.

Mr. Trowbridge resides in Harmony

NEAR EAST RELIEF CONTRIBUTIONS CAN BE MADE

Accepting appointment as local receiver for funds for Near East Relief which is used to relieve the orphans of Armenia and other Near East countries, who were ruined during the World War, being left fatherless and motherless, Glad Snodgrass has announced that contributions for the fund will be received at his store.

"Golden Rule Contributions," the fund is being called, because the money is being expended solely for the succor of orphaned children in the war-stricken area adjoining Turkey.

Donations for the fund will be received until January 1st, when the total will be forwarded to Washington, D. C., American headquarters for Near East Relief. Gen. Pershing and other notable, including Herbert Hoover, are members of the administrative board, the organization being semi-official.

ANOTHER \$1 APPORTIONMENT MADE BY SCHOOL BOARD

County Superintendent Price Scott received this week another apportionment of \$1 per capita for schoolistics of Floyd County from State Superintendent S. M. N. Marrs, making the third \$1 apportionment made this year from the state department.

A total apportionment of \$14 will have been made by the state which may be expected before May 1st. Mr. Marrs says, \$6,786,400 has been apportioned to date since September 1.

During his rounds this week the County Superintendent visited some twelve schools, and he reports that he still finds the attendance very poor due perhaps largely to the fact that every one in the county is trying to speed up the work of gathering in the crops before the Christmas holidays. Most of the schools were very busy on their Christmas programs to be given tomorrow evening. In some few communities it is planned to hold the Community Christmas Tree tomorrow evening in connection with the special school programs.

Abernathy Building Home at Tulia

J. A. Abernathy, who recently sold his mill and elevator in Floydada to Boothe Bros., is expecting to move to Tulia about the first of the year.

He has a home under construction at Tulia which will be completed, probably, by the time his family removes to that city. He has purchased an elevator at Tulia and a site upon which he later intends to erect a mill similar to the one he owned and operated here.

J. W. Newsome, of Weatherford, visited his brother, J. C. Newsome, here Monday and Tuesday of this week.

W. I. Curtis, of Mineral Wells, visited in Floydada Tuesday, the guest of his cousin, J. C. Newsome.

P. T. A. "Greens" Make Good Hosts

The wind-up of the membership campaign which was waged hotly between the White and Green sides for the Parent-Teachers Association had its climax in the royal spread provided at the regular meeting of the Association at the South Ward School last Friday afternoon by the "Greens" the losers in the contest. Mrs. M. F. Huskey, leader of the losing side, assisted by Mesdames O. P. Rutledge, McCarty, W. M. Houghton, J. J. Wilson, Glad Snodgrass and Ed Johnson were hostesses to the winning side and served some wonderful eats that from all indications were very much appreciated.

The Primary Grades under the direction of Mrs. Thornton rendered a very interesting Christmas Program during the first part of the meeting.

Mrs. E. C. Henry, leader of the "Whites" said that she and the members on her side really enjoyed being the winners.

The next meeting of the Association will be held January 9 at the South Ward School.

T. M. Cox, Long Time Resident, Dead

Last Sunday night marked the passing of a long-time resident of Floydada, T. M. Cox, whose death came as a result of a stroke of paralysis sustained Saturday night at the home of his father-in-law, A. L. Bishop.

Until four or five years ago Mr. Cox had been one of the leading citizens of Floydada, and was widely known over this section among the barbers, and many of these attended the funeral service held at the Methodist Church, at which Rev. J. L. Henson officiated. Following the funeral interment was made in Floydada Cemetery with the A. F. & A. M. Lodge in charge of the Masonic rites.

Coming to Floydada in 1907, Mr. Cox soon became owner of the City Barber Shop and operated and owned the business until 1919, when he moved to the Pecos Valley living at Artesia. Some of the friends he made among the barber fraternity during that time acted as pall-bearers at the funeral and the shops of Floydada were closed out of respect for him. The pall-bearers were W. H. Hilton, B. G. Morton, Harry Stanley, R. E. Seoggin, W. C. Bills, P. D. McBride, Clyde Davis, Claude F. Martin and Howard Lane, all barbers in Floydada.

After his removal from Floydada Mr. Cox sustained a serious stroke of paralysis while living at Artesia. He and his wife and child returned here about two years ago to make their home. His condition has been unsatisfactory during this time and the end was not unexpected.

T. M. Cox was born March 17, 1881 at Farmersville, Texas, son of H. N. Cox. In 1910 he married Miss Nora Bishop. He was a member of the Methodist Church, the Odd Fellows Lodge and the Masonic Lodge.

Relatives from out-of-town who attended the funeral were his father, H. N. Cox, of Merit; his brothers, R. C. Cox of Merit and P. S. Cox of Dallas; Aubrey Bishop, S. M. U. student, a brother-in-law; Mrs. Tom Young, of Amarillo, sister-in-law; Other members of his family surviving, besides his wife and little daughter, are his brothers, E. F. Cox, of Cutler, Cal.; L. E. Cox, of DeWitt, Ark.; J. M. and I. H. Cox, of Merit; his sisters, Mesdames D. Dickens, of DeWitt, Ark.; T. J. Jefferson and M. Drain, of McKinney, and Mrs. W. E. Perry.

BIRTHS REPORTED

Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Campbell, Sand Hill, December 13th, a daughter.

T. L. King, of Campbell, December 16th, a daughter.

Agricultural Census of County Being Taken

County Subdivided into 3 Districts for Purposes of Agricultural Census Being Taken

As a part of the agricultural census of the United States, which is being made every five years by the Department of Agriculture, the Floyd County census taking has been in progress for the past few weeks with three census-takers at work. The county was subdivided into three districts for the purposes of the census, the approximate boundaries of which are as follows:

Territory surrounding, south and westward from Floydada is called District 16, with J. H. Green as census taker; territory surrounding north and westward from Lockney is District 17 with Ralph Thomas as census taker. The remainder of the county, lying to the east of Floydada and Lockney, and taking in a part of both Commissioners Precincts 3 and 4 is in District 18 and Mr. Finker is taking the census in that district. Only a census of agriculture is being made.

LITTLE DAUGHTER DEAD

The ten-day old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Buckner, of Carr's Chapel, died last evening at 7 o'clock.

Funeral services for the infant will be held at Carr's Chapel by Elder C. W. Smith this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Christmas Holidays For School Begin Friday

Re-opening Scheduled for Monday, December 29th.—Busy Week for Student Body.

School will close tomorrow afternoon for the Christmas holidays and not take up again until Monday following Christmas on December 29.

This week has been a pretty full one with a dinner on Tuesday evening given by the pupils of the Household Economics Department under Mrs. Clement's supervision to the School Board and their wives. Rehearsals every day for the Senior Class Play "The Prince of Liars" and the play itself which will be given this evening at the High School Auditorium. And examinations every day before the holidays.

Most of the teachers whose homes are not too far distant are planning to visit their homes during the Christmas week. Others will remain in Floydada during the week's vacation or else visit in neighboring towns. Miss Vera Carver of Valley View and Miss Ida Mae Jarvis of Brownwood will remain in Floydada during the holidays.

Miss Joye Mills whose home is in Tulia will spend Christmas at her home there.

Miss Annie Robert will spend the holidays at her home in Greenville.

Miss May Hood of Canyon and Miss Maisie Reeves of Matador will probably spend Christmas at their respective homes.

Miss Ruby Higgs of Preston and Miss Ivy Fain of Sherman will spend the holidays in Floydada.

Miss Lida Brown and Mrs. Patty M. Clebold will spend their Christmas visiting in Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Wilson will visit in Sherman during the Christmas holidays.

Sanitarium Notes

J. D. Hopper of Lakeview returned to his home on Monday last.

Little Dean Arthur of Dickens went home last Sunday.

Convalescing at the Sanitarium are Mrs. Hazel Loran who was operated on for appendicitis last Friday, and Mrs. Clarence Maddox who also underwent an operation for appendicitis on last Monday.

Dr. Joe Pennington who was injured a week ago last Sunday underwent an operation for a fractured patella on Tuesday last. He is the son of Dr. H. Z. Pennington of Floydada.

W. C. Erwin of Clovis, N. M., father of Mrs. Joe Montgomery is being treated at the Sanitarium.

Miss Annie Donathan commenced work as assistant nurse at the Sanitarium the first of this month.

The Sanitarium is very soon to have as its head nurse Miss Florence Green of Fort Worth who is a registered nurse.

BARREL OF COOKIES FOR BUCKNER ORPHAN HOME

A whole barrel of cookies for the children of Buckner Orphans' Home at Dallas, to be shipped on the afternoon of December 22nd, is the goal of Baptist ladies who have in charge of plans for helping to make the kids at Buckner Home happy.

Every Baptist lady and all others who will be asked to bring or send cookies to the church next Monday afternoon.

SCHOOL CHILDREN DELIGHT P. T. A. WITH PROGRAM

The Parent-Teachers Association met in regular session Friday afternoon, December 12th, at three o'clock, and were (after a short business session) delightfully entertained by the Ward School.

Each lady was given a card bearing Welcome and Christmas Greeting, decorated with holly. Pupils of all grades in the Ward School took part in the Christmas program, which was so beautifully rendered.

The P. T. A. sure appreciates the efforts of the teachers and their hearty co-operation.

After the adjournment of the club the losers served to the winners a light luncheon. About 50 ladies were present and all went away feeling that it was good to have been there.

Were you there? If not, why? Next meeting January 9th at the High School.

Hesperian Early Again Next Week

Because Christmas falls on Thursday, The Hesperian will be early in its issue of next week, printing Wednesday afternoon, to give the folks at the office a little holiday rest and fun, too, like regular human beings.

Persons having announcements, news items or advertisements are asked to co-operate with us.

An interesting co-incidence this year has been that all the holidays since July 1st have come on Thursday—4th of July, Armistice, Thanksgiving, Christmas. And now the New Year starts 1925 on Thursday, too.

The Spirit of Christmas. You feel it a-tingling away down inside, Expanding and growing within; Your being seems lighter, your eye flashes brighter, You find yourself smiling a grin. Perhaps you may whistle a gay cheerful tune, A tune without title or name, While o'er you is stealing a blithe gladsome feeling, You never can guess whence it came. Thus kindness, near-dormant, awakes in your heart, You cannot deny it, it's there; It bids you let gladness obliterate sadness, Let laughter abound every where. For cheer is contagious, a malady sweet, Be sure you will catch it each year—I'll whisper the reason why this is cheer-season; "Another Glad Christmas Is Here!" —Horace Grady Moore.

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CHRISTMAS AGAIN

As the years go by Christmas time recurs once more and the prospects that this Christmas will be much enjoyed by a greater number of Floyd County people than any since the period of depression began.

Apparently, Christmas Day is to be a real holiday in Floyd County. Practically every other holiday this year has found the farmer, the merchant and mechanic too busy to make the holiday unanimous.

GREAT PROGRESS

Floyd County and that great area of country which is Floydada trade territory has made wonderful development during the year that is drawing to a close—considerably more than a million dollars have been expended for better homes and better improvements both in town and country.

Floydada is almost in the class where it has all the conveniences in which he would choose to live. These are not far distant. With natural gas sure to come, with more paving in the town for fuel, with joining residential business and an early date as a district a surety already under way and a sewer system almost a much later day, Floydada will present a different prospect to the County in the town of 1916.

SWINDLERS' DRIVE BEGINS

Prosperity in the country this winter, broadcast to the world through the Government reports of record-breaking agricultural earnings, are sure to bring an even more intensive drive against the farmer's dollars by blue-sky schemers.

Commonsense is the best protection against unwise investments. Whenever a thing is touted to promise profits above those obtainable in ordinary business procedure it is time to be wary.

NOT ALL MATERIAL

All the blessings Floyd County people have enjoyed have not been material. There are other things which we celebrate on this day, one of which is the coming of the angels who announced "peace on earth, good will toward men."

While we have taken, through custom, from the English Yuletide, the making "merrie" we have also blended with it the beautiful story of the birth of the child in the manger, whose coming has meant the difference between hope and no hope for the world.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

To the many readers of the Hesperian, its loyal friends and supporters among the business men of the community, and its well-wishers in general the Hesperian owes a debt of gratitude which can be paid only by renewed determination to give them a good newspaper.

To these many good friends, who have graciously overlooked the shortcomings of this newspaper and have encouraged it with patronage, we say "A merry Christmas," and thank you.

BOY HELD FOR \$1,000 BAIL ON FORGERY CHARGE

A Clarksville, Texas, boy was bound over in Justice Gaither's Court Monday of this week on \$1,000 bond, on a charge of forgery alleged to have been committed in Floydada Thursday of last week.

Sheriff J. A. Grigsby accompanied by Mr. Moore, went to Crowell Friday to arrest the boy who is about 20 years old. Moore identified the young man.

The bond was granted by Justice Gaither following an examining trial. The young man had been in this section picking cotton. He was enroute home in his car when he was arrested.

"GRAIN SORGHUM FACTS" NEW CO-OP PUBLICATION

"Grain Sorghum Facts" is the title of a publication begun last week, by the Grain Sorghum Growers' Association, of which M. D. Ramsey is head, at Amarillo. The new publication has as its aim presentation of information to the members of the organization concerning the work being done by the officials and the spread of information concerning the co-operative commodity marketing movement in general.

Mr. Ramsey, former resident of this county, discussed in one article in the first issue, "Synopsis, Cause and Effect of Co-operative Marketing."

CASTLEBURY ACQUITTED

R. W. Castlebury, former teacher in the Floydada High School, was acquitted of charges of false swearing preferred before a Fort Worth District Judge and tried last month.

Castlebury was alleged to have sworn falsely as to the place of his residence, and in that case he did not know the residence of his wife.

The divorce was heard in the same city in January, and was granted.

OVERLAND SALES

Sales of the Overland and Willys-Knight cars during the past week by Cannon & Son, dealers, include the following:

Willys-Knight touring car, C. N. B. Attorney; Overland touring, I. J. Graham.

NEW PASTOR COMING TO FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

After a vacancy of some weeks the pulpit of the First Christian Church will again be filled, and on Sunday, December 28 the new pastor, F. L. Davis will arrive in Floydada to preach his opening sermon and take up active duties in the church.

Rev. F. L. Davis comes from Groveton, Texas. He made his first trip to the Plains about two weeks ago when he preached at the First Christian Church at that time. Mrs. Davis will accompany her husband to Floydada and later after the college term is over their two children will take up their residence in this city.

ALLMON CLUB

The Allmon Home Demonstration Club met Friday, December 12th, with "Grandma" and Mrs. C. L. Allmon, with a good number present.

Miss Faulkner explained the kitchen contest to us. Christmas gift ideas were exchanged. Then the candy making and it was surely good.

The next meeting will be with our president, Mrs. A. S. Green, December 26th. This will be an all-day session.

DR. K. J. CLEMENTS CLOSES FLOYDADA OFFICE

Dr. Kirby J. Clements, of Plainview, who for the past few months, has been spending some time in Floydada this week announced that his office here would be closed.

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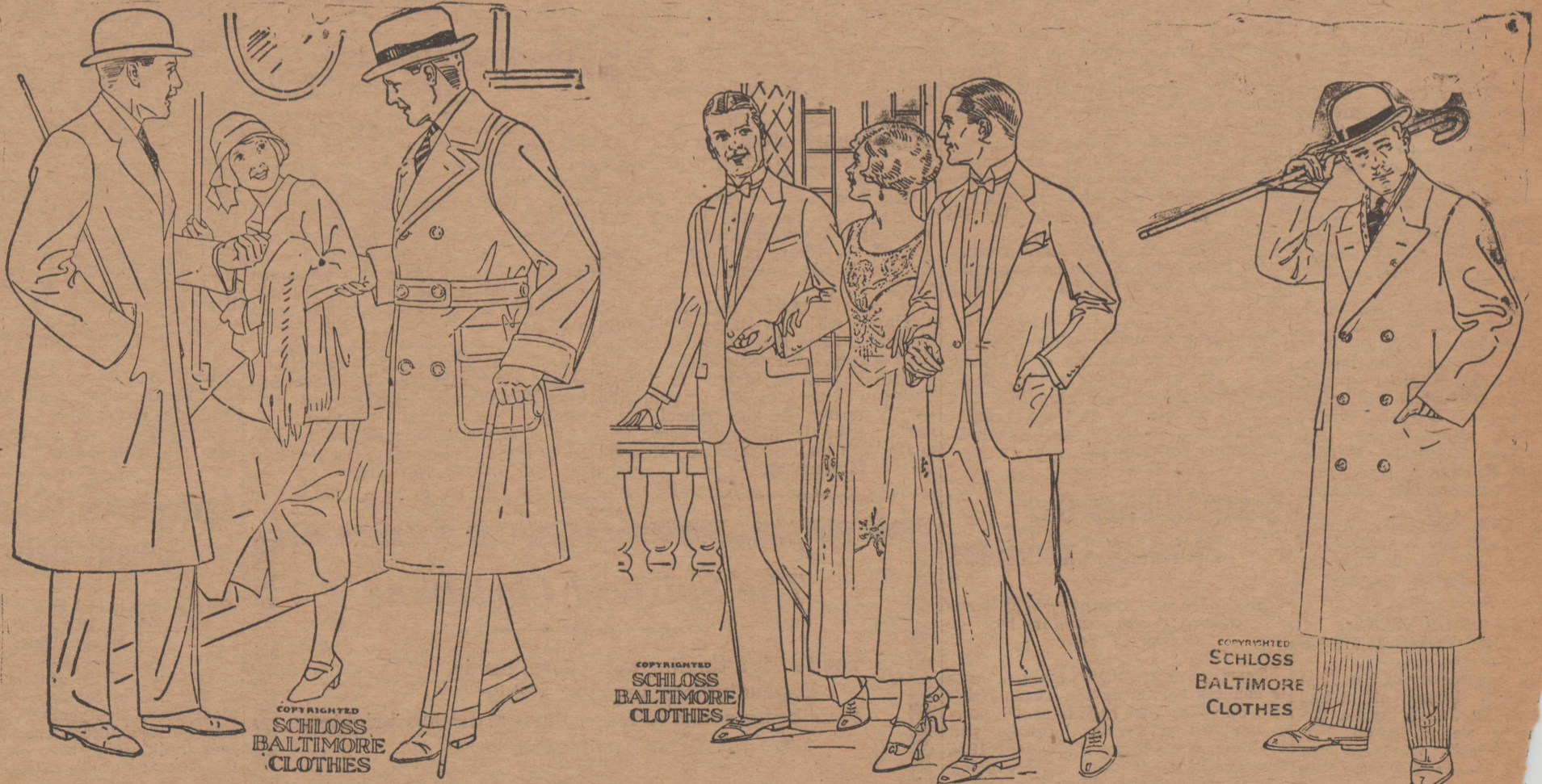


Santa Claus Coming Saturday

December 20th, with headquarters at

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ere Are Some More Letters, Santa Claus

Dec. 13, 1924.
Dearest Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll, a trunk and little broom. Also some candy, nuts, and fruit. Bring my brother, David, a little car, and don't forget my tiny new baby brother.
Evelyn Beck
P.S. Don't forget any of the little children.

Dec., 8, 1924
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a rocky horse and a little bank, a box of candy and lots of good things to eat. A little boy,
Robnette Gordon

December 13, 1924
Dear Santa Claus:
I am writing you a letter to tell you what I want for Christmas. Please bring me a doll like I got last Christmas only smaller. And a little dresser. And please bring other little girls and boys some too.
Your little friend,
Jean Bain.

December 13, 1924
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a wagon, ten boxes of sparklers and ten packages of fire crackers.
From,
Kenneth Bain.

Dec. 8, 1924.
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a little car, a bank, a box of candy and lots of good things to eat. A little boy.
F. A. Gordon

Dec. 8, 1924
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a story book, a telephone and some candy.
Your friend,
Mildred Gordon

Dec. 4, 1924
Dear Santa:
I am a little girl of six and this is what I want for Christmas: A doll, a doll carriage, a broom and plenty of candy. I have a baby sister and I want you to bring her a rattler and rubber doll. I thank you for what you brought me last year.
Your little friend,
Leone Jameson

December 13, 1924
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a little cabinet, a pretty doll, a pair of skates, and a little electric cook stove. I would like to have some fire works, and nuts and fruit. I thank you for the many pretty things you brought me last year.
Your little friend,
Folia Randerson.

Dec. 13, 1924
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a train that will run on a track, a belt, candle sticks, and lots of sparklers and fire crackers. Bring me all you can but not more than my part.
Hal Reid Bethel.

Dec. 11, 1924
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl six years old who tries to be good. I would like for you to bring me a doll that sleeps and a purse. Please bring my brothers, Kyle Deal and Berne, what they are wishing for and don't forget daddy and mother.
Your little friend
Rogene Glover

December 13, 1924
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a cowboy suit and a pair of cowboy boots and a saddle to fit my little pony; also an airgun and some fruit and candy. Now, Santa if you think this is too much bring me what you can. Don't forget my teacher and the other kids. I thank you for my little pony you brought me last Christmas.
Your little friend,
Waldo Houghton.

Chowchilla, Cal., Dec. 11.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am just a very little girl and don't ask for much, so please bring me a mamma doll, one that goes to sleep, and I want a buggy for to push her in and a little set of dishes, set A B C blocks and lots of candies and nuts. Please, Santa, don't forget mamma and daddy for they want something nice, too. As ever, little,
Opal Moore

SPECIAL

Just received a shipment of
Loose-Wiles Famous Jersey
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BROWN BROS.

Dec. 12, 1924.
Dear Santa Claus:
Santa, I've tried very hard to be good, and if you think I've been good enough, please bring me a football, a coaster and one of those little over and under toys. Santa, please also bring me lots of candy, fruits and nuts.

Your little friend,
Warren Irvin Allen

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl six years old. I have been good so I want you to bring me a doll, doll blanket and a set of dishes. Also bring candy, nuts and fruit.
Be good to all of the little boys and girls.

Your little friend,
Dorothy Louise Allen

Dear Santa Claus:
Please give me a doll and a set of dishes, and a little tub and a wash-board. Also fruit and nuts and candies. Don't forget the other little children.

Effie Mae Shelton

Dec. 14, 1924
Dear Santa:
Please bring me a set of doll furniture, some paper dolls, some nuts, candy and fruit. Don't forget anybody. I'll try to be good till you come.
Best wishes,
Ione West

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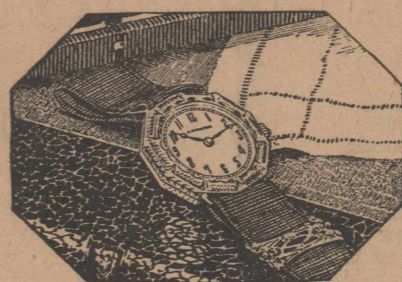
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Remember that in this picture you will find the best of Zane Grey's desert stories of heroism and love romance, and to miss this picture is missing one of the rare treats in the moving picture world. Now showing at the

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Matinee at 2:00 o'clock both days—Bargain Prices on Matinee 15c and 35c

To add to the list of recipes for making candy suggested in last week's issue as being a very suitable gift for Christmas, we are giving a longer list below of rather a wide variety that will help make the gift boxes and baskets very attractive and extremely palatable. Fondant is the basis for many delicious candies and after it has been mastered, and it is very easy to make, we assure you, there are many more combinations than have been suggested below that you will be delighted to discover for yourself.

Divinity

3 cups of sugar
3-4 cups of corn syrup
2 egg whites
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup of nuts
1 cup of water
Boil sugar, water, and syrup until it spins a thread when dropped from the tip of the spoon. Pour 1-3 of the mixture over the well beaten egg whites and beat well. Cook the remainder to the crack stage. Add it slowly to the egg mixture and beat until it begins to cream. Add vanilla and nuts. Turn into buttered platter and cut into squares.

Date Loaf

3 cups of sugar
1 cup of milk
1 package of dates
1 cup of nuts
1 teaspoon vanilla
Cook sugar and milk together until sugar is dissolved. Then add chopped dates. Cook until it forms a soft ball. Remove from fire and let cool before adding nuts and vanilla. Then beat until creamy and pour into a slightly dampened cloth forming a roll. Slice crosswise in 1-3 inch slices.

Heavenly Hash

2 cups of brown sugar
2 cups white sugar
2 cups milk
1 teaspoon vanilla
Lump of butter
Cook until it forms a soft ball in water. Then add vanilla 1-4 lb figs, 1-4 lb dates, coconut and nuts to suit taste. Prepare as date loaf.

Chocolate Nut Caramels

2 cups granulated sugar
1 1/2 cups pure corn syrup
2 cups cream
1 cup butter
3 or 4 squares chocolate
1 1/2 cups walnuts
2 teaspoons vanilla
Put the sugar, syrup, one cup of cream and butter over the fire stir and cook until the mixture boils vigorously; then gradually add the other cup of cream. Do not allow the mixture to stop boiling while cream is being added. Cook until when a little is dropped in cold water a hard ball is formed. Remove from the fire, add the chocolate and nuts and beat until the chocolate is melted; then add vanilla. Turn into a biscuit pan nicely buttered to make a sheet 3-4 inch thick when nearly cold turn from pan and cut into cubes.

Fondant for Soft Chocolate Creams
2 cups sugar
3-4 cups water
1-4 teaspoon cream of tartar or 3 tablespoons pure corn syrup.
Put ingredients into a smooth granite stew pan. Stir, place on range, and heat gradually to boiling point. Boil without stirring until when tried in cold water, a soft ball may be formed that will just keep in shape. After a few minutes boiling, sugar will adhere to sides of kettle; this should be washed off with the hand, first dipped in cold water or a rag dampened and wrapped on the tines of a fork. Have a pan of cold water near at hand to dip hand in. Be sure to keep the adhering crystals wiped off as this will cause lumps in the candy. Let candy stand in vessel cooked in until perfectly cold. Pour on to marble slab or platter or plate and work with a wooden spoon or spatula until creamy and white. It will quickly change from this consistency and begin to lump; then it should be kneaded down with the hands until perfectly smooth. Put into a bowl and cover. Let it stand for twenty-four hours before using. If kept well covered it will keep indefinitely.

Bonbons

The centers of bonbons are made of fondant shaped in small balls. If White Fondant is used, flavor as desired, vanilla being usually preferred. For coconut centers, work as much shredded coconut as possible into a

... cherries are often used in this way. Allow balls to stand overnight, and dip the following day.

To Dip Bonbons in Fondant

Put fondant in saucpan, and melt over hot water; color and flavor as desired. In coloring fondant, dip a small wooden skewer in coloring paste take up a small quantity, and dip skewer in fondant. If care is not taken, the color is apt to be too intense. During dipping keep fondant over hot water that it may be kept of right consistency. For dipping, use a two-tined fork or confectioners' bonbon dipper. Drop centers in fondant one at a time, stir until covered, remove from fondant, put on oiled paper, and bring end of dipper over the top of bonbon, thus leaving a tail-piece which shows that bonbons have been hand dipped. Stir fondant between dippings to prevent a crust from forming.

To Dip Bonbons in Chocolate

Take a quantity of bitter chocolate place in teacup and melt over boiling water. Add enough paraffine to thin the chocolate. The purpose of using paraffine is first to give the bonbons the desired glaze and next to cause the chocolate to harden. The process for dipping bonbons in chocolate is the same as given above for dipping in colored fondant.

Cream Mints

Melt fondant over hot water, flavor with a few drops of oil of peppermint wintergreen, clove, cinnamon, or orange, and color if desired. Drop from spoon on oiled paper.

Cream Nut Bars

Melt fondant over hot water and flavor, stir in any kind of nut meat chopped in pieces. Turn in an oiled pan, cool and cut in bars with a sharp knife. These nut bars may be dipped in melted chocolate if desired. See process for dipping bonbons in chocolate.

Buttercups

1 cup sugar
2 cups molasses
1-2 cup boiling water
2 tablespoons butter
1-3 teaspoon cream of tartar
Fondant flavored with vanilla
Boil ingredients (except fondant) until, when tried in cold water, a firm ball may be formed in the fingers not stirring until the last few minutes of cooking. Pour on a buttered platter, and when cool enough to handle, pull until light-colored. Shape on a floured board, having strip wide enough to enclose a roll of fondant one inch in diameter. Place fondant on candy, bring edges of candy together, and press firmly over fondant. With both hands

Practical Nurse Tells

Mrs. N. E. Snow, of Route 1, near Paris, Tenn., tells the story of her experience as follows:
"I am 62 years old and I have been a practical nurse for more than 20 years, taking mostly maternity cases. One of my daughters suffered from cramping at . . . She would just bend double and have to go to bed.

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

was recommended to her and she only had to take about two bottles, when she hardly knew that it was . . . she suffered so little pain.
"My youngest daughter was run-down, weak and nervous, and looked like she didn't have a bit of blood left—just a walking skeleton, no appetite and tired all the time. I gave her two bottles of Cardui. It built her up and she began eating and soon gained in weight and has been so well since."
Cardui, the Woman's Tonic, has helped suffering women for over forty years. Try it. At all druggists'.
E-100

BLANCO CLUB IN MEETING

The Home Demonstration Club met at the home of Mrs. J. M. Gambin Monday afternoon with 9 members present. We had a demonstration of candy making, which was fine and was enjoyed by all present. Miss Faulkner is so kind with her help till it is a real joy to work with her. As the roll was called each member who could answer with a Christmas gift suggestion.

The next meeting of the club will be with Mrs. Nora E. Jones on Thursday afternoon January 1.

We will be glad to have any visitors present as you will spend an afternoon well worth the while.

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Its our purpose to make each service helpful to those who attend. Our prayer is that we may have no service that is not helpful.

Sunday School meets at 10 a. m. preaching at 11 a. m., and 7 p. m. Endeavor at 6:15 p. m.

No Missionary Society Monday. A special Christmas program Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

You are always welcome here. G. P. Humphries, Pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Hamilton and Thelma and Oneca, visited Mrs. Hamilton's sister in Lubbock over the week-end.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION ON APPOINTMENT TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATOR

The State of Texas: To the Sheriff, or any Constable of Floyd County, Greetings:—

You are hereby commanded to cause the following notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published, for a period of not less than one year, preceding the date of this notice, in the County of Floyd, State of Texas, and you shall cause said notice to be printed at least once each week for a period of ten days, exclusive of the first day of publication, before the return day hereof.

NOTICE

To all persons, interested in the Estate of J. B. Crain deceased.

It appearing to the Hon. E. C. Nelson, Jr., County Judge, of Floyd County, Texas, that the interests of the estate of J. B. Crain, deceased, require the appointment of a temporary administrator, and he, the said County Judge, having, by an order in writing, under his hand and seal of the County Court of Floyd County, Texas, attested by the Clerk thereof, on the 15th day of December, 1924,

APPOINTED

O. W. Fry Temporary Administrator of the estate of J. B. Crain, deceased.

NOW, THEREFORE, All persons interested in the welfare of the said estate are hereby notified to appear before the county court of Floyd

County, Texas, at the next regular term thereof, to be held at the court house in Floydada, Texas, on the 19th day of January, 1925. Then and there to contest such appointment if they so desire; and, if such appointment is not contested at the term of court so named in this citation, then the same shall become permanent.
Herein fail not, but of this writ make due return as the law directs.
423tc
J. A. Grigsby, Sheriff

When You Buy Your Xmas Goodies

AT AWTRY'S

You know you are getting fresh and dependable goods.

We carry groceries of all kinds at moderate prices with a service that is unexcelled.

Awtrey Gro. & Produce Co.

South Side of Square Floydada, Texas

Only 5 More Shopping Days UNTIL CHRISTMAS

And for these five days we are going to offer you a real opportunity to buy



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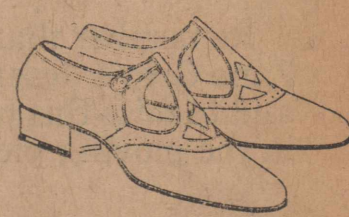
Buy him a Hart-Schaffner & Marx Suit or Overcoat for Christmas

Hart Schaffner & Marx Suits and Overcoats at a Great Reduction

Hart Schaffner & Marx Suits and Overcoats, Values to \$60.00	at \$44.75
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One lot Frat Suits and other brands, Values to \$32.50	at \$23.00
One lot of All-wool Worsted Suits, good Patterns,	for \$19.75



Shoes! Shoes! Shoes!



For these 5 days we are going to close out 1 lot of Ladies' Dress Slippers. Materials are black satin, Black Patent and Black kid, the styles are strap pumps, gore pumps, and one and two hole ties. All good styles. Values up to \$8.00

At \$4.95

Martin Dry Goods Company

Floydada "The Store with the Goods" Texas

Xmas Specials

- 1 Doz. Large Cans Peaches \$2.75
- 1 Doz. Cans Sunny Field Corn,..... 1.65
- 1 Doz. Cans Salmon,..... 1.65
- 1 Doz. Cans Tomatoes,..... 1.40
- 1 Doz. Large Cans Hominy,..... 1.35
- 1 Gallon Can Pineapple,..... 1.00
- 1 5-lb. Box Seedless Raisins,..... .65
- 1 lb. Can Cocoa,..... .25

Our motto is "Pay Cash, Pay Less, and One Price to All."

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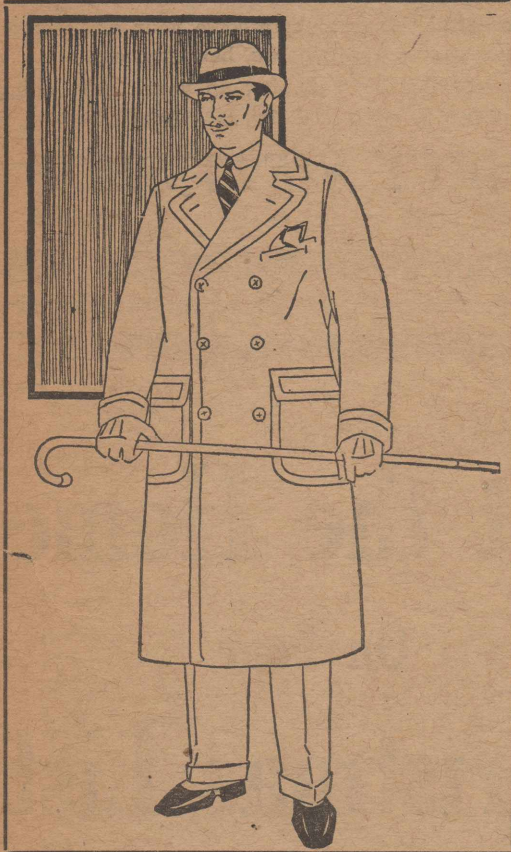
3rd Door South First National Bank

The Store of Yuletide Cheer

Suggestions to Help You Solve Your Christmas Shopping Problems

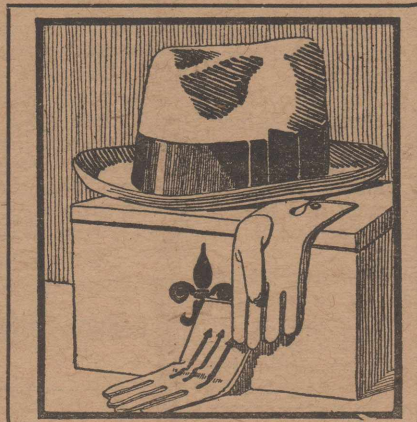
There are only six more shopping days left between now and Christmas. Every day that passes makes the time shorter. We have made preparations and can offer assortments second to none. We cannot attempt to enumerate the many different articles suitable as gifts, but, if you will come to this store, capable, efficient, salespeople will give you every assistance in making a most satisfactory selection. If possible shop in the mornings, and avoid the rush. **BUT SHOP EARLY AS POSSIBLE AND SHOP HERE.**

MEN'S O'COATS



—There's no gift more suitable than a good all wool new Style snappy Overcoat for Dad or Buddy and we want you to know that we are showing a big range for you to choose from and styles and fabrics that he will like and be delighted with. Don't worry thinking the price will be more than you can afford for the prices are the most reasonable that you'll see anywhere.

**\$15.00, \$17.50, \$20.00
\$25.00 and \$30.00**



Make Him Glad With A New Hat

—We know most men are particular about their hats, but we offer an assortment of New Styles and the new popular colors in Stetson hats that are second to none and we have his style and color here. We'll be glad to assist you in choosing the right shape and color to his particular liking.

\$7.00 to \$15.00

Men Like Nice Gloves

—We are showing a beautiful line of Men's gloves in kid, silk jersey lined and in popular colors. We can fit his hand too, for we have all sizes from 7 1/4 to 11. **\$1.00 to \$2.50**

MEN'S SUITS

—We all like to look our best at Christmas time and we all like New Clothes. We can save you a bit of money on your purchase if you will come here and let us sell you a Suit for we are showing a wonderful assortment for you to choose from and the prices will astonish you for such suits as we offer. All the new popular shades and fabrics and the New Styles are here. Your model is here no matter how hard you are to fit. Stouts, Slims, Regulars, Stubs. Two and three button models. The two Pant Suits are economical to buy for you can double the life of the suit with Two Pants and we show a mighty good range of them, too.

One Pant Suits \$20.00, \$25.00, \$30.00 & \$35.
Two Pant Suits \$27.50, \$30.00, \$35.00 & \$40



SILKS A SPLENDID GIFT

—Enough silk for sister or mother an evening frock or dress, even Grandmother, or Auntie can be delighted with a pattern of beautiful silk and a gift of this kind will be sure to please.

—Let us show you our line of Piece Goods and help you choose a pattern that will please her and we'll be glad to help them plan the dress too.



Dress Goods Popularly Priced

Make Her Happy with a New Bag

—Women like pretty bags and we are showing a big line. We have just received for the Christmas shopper in new styles and all the new popular colors and shapes. The prices will interest you.

Home Folks Like Pretty Linens

—Beautiful Quality Linens—What more elegant? The snow white plain patterns or the beautifully scrolled designs with the Napkins to match. We have some pretty patterns for you to choose from.

Solve Your Christmas Problem With Gloves For Her

—Our stock of novelty gloves includes the smartest ideas in novelty scalloped cuffs, perforated, ruffled, flare and turn back styles, with fancy embroidery. Priced very reasonable and a good range of sizes.

ONLY 5 MORE SHOPPING DAYS BEFORE XMAS

Include House Shoes on Your List

—They make mighty fine gifts and are always appreciated and are inexpensive too. We have a very fine assortment for you to choose from and styles galore in pretty colors Satins, Felts and Kids.



SILK HOSIERY GIFTS

—Women and Misses all appreciate pretty hosiery and we show a beautiful line of silks for your choosing in all silk and Chiffons. Let us show you.

A Grip, A Handbag, A Hat Box

—What better for those who go visiting or are on the road? A handsome case, handbag, or hat box will fill the bill exactly. Gifts for men or women that they will get lasting good out of.

HANDBAGS, \$6.00, \$10.00 and \$15.00
GRIPS, \$3.50, to \$12.50
HAT BOXES, \$5.00 nicely trimmed.

GIVE FOOTWEAR

—The joy of receiving a gift of footwear knows no bounds. There is ample reward for your thoughtfulness in real appreciation. Scores of Styles make choosing very easy. Beautiful Satins, Patents, and Kids in Blacks and the new shades of brown that are so popular and in advance New Spring Styles

We are unable to make an appeal about every article in this space, but offer a few suggestions below which may be a help in solving your problems. Take your pencil and check the items you want and come in and we'll be mighty glad to assist you all we can in making your selections.

<p>WE SUGGEST FOR HIM</p> <p>Shoes. Hosiery Sweaters Neckwear Gloves Shirts</p>	<p>Underwear Hats Caps Belts Bath Robes House Shoes Hand Bags Suit Cases Handkerchiefs</p>	<p>WE SUGGEST FOR THE KIDDIES</p> <p>Shoes Hosiery Dolls Sweaters Knit Caps</p>	<p>WE SUGGEST FOR HER</p> <p>Blankets House Shoes Hosiery Shoes Gloves Scarfs</p>	<p>Dresses Towels Bath Sets Handkerchiefs Boudoir Caps Hand Bags Suit Cases Purses Sweaters</p>
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Our Grocery and Hardware Departments Are Ready for You With Christmas Things

We want to call your attention to a few items in our Hardware and Grocery departments that you can't afford to overlook for no Christmas is complete without a supply of these things.

Buy Her Something Electrical

—Buy her an Electric Percolator, a Toaster or an Iron and save her a many a worry and step and she'll surely appreciate a gift of this kind for they are nice things to have around the kitchen or dining room and they are labor saving devices. —Prices are very reasonable and attractive.

Buy Her Cut Glass

—Nothing is nicer or more appreciated by the women folks than Beautiful Hand Cut, Hand Engraved Glassware, we are showing a very nice line for you to choose from. The Price is exceptional low.



Take home a box of those fine delicious apples. All the family will like and enjoy them.

Take home several dozen oranges, they are a healthy food to eat and we have plenty of good juicy ones that will satisfy your taste.

Buy the kiddies a box of our mixed candies, they won't eat too much, but will enjoy going in and having a piece or two all during the day.

Oranges Candies Apples Nuts Bananas Lemons — Buy Your Christmas Supplies Here

BAKER - CAMPBELL COMPANY

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Christmas be merry, and withal,
And feast thy poor neighbors, the
great with the small.

So wrote the poet Tusser many
years ago, but the suggestion is just
pertinent today as it was then. If
anything, we need to be reminded of
duty to our fellowman more to-
day than our fathers did—more today,
indeed, than ever before. This is true
because the need for brotherhood is
even more patent than at any other
period of the history of the world.

We live in an age when we think
solely of ourselves and our immediate
families and we should have brought
to our attention the fact that we owe
a debt to our neighbor and that that
debt must be paid. The story is told
of a rich man who prayed—
Oh, Lord! bless me and my wife,
My son, John, and his wife;
Us four
And no more!

We blush for shame that there could
be found one who is so narrow, yet I
am assured that such people exist to-
day. There are those who, when they
have satisfied the needs of their own
assume a self-satisfied air and say
that they have done their whole duty.
Approach such a person and remind
him of the need of a friend or a neigh-
bor and he will ask the time worn
question: "Am I my brother's keeper?
Haven't I enough to do to look after
my own family?" The teachings of
Jesus Christ answer the first question
in the affirmative (and the latter in
the negative) with even more empha-
sis than God answered Cain when he
originated the selfish inquiry. Jesus
taught that the Decalogue is summed
up in the greater commandment—
"Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thy
self," and His definition of "neighbor"
is any one who needs our help. Ter-
ritorial or other limitations do not ap-
ply when the case of one in need is
before us.

There is no geographical limitation
when we are extending the hand of
assistance to one who needs our help;
wherever there is found one or more
whom we can (and should) assist,
there neighborliness must begin.

A minister once approached one of
his parishioners with the request for
a contribution for the purpose of do-
ing Christian work abroad. The par-
ticular field he had in mind was China.
The man replied that he was willing
to help his neighbors but did not
think he was called upon to help those
so far away as China.

"Whom do you consider your neigh-
bor?" asked the minister. "The man
whose farm adjoins me," was the
prompt reply. "How far down into the
earth does your land extend?" was
the next question and the farmer just
as promptly answered: "To the center
"Very well," said the minister quickly
"There is a man down in China whose
land joins yours at the center of the
earth; he is therefore your neighbor
and needs your help." This was a new
thought to the slow-going church
member. He learned his lesson and
we need to learn the same. Only as
we do so will we be able to broaden
our lives into the fullness of the life
of Jesus the Christ.

The application of the teaching of
Jesus to business and society would
produce a perpetual Christmas season:

DAD'S CHRISTMAS

(By Gertrude Friend Scoggins)

Did you ever wish for a million or
two
And sigh and harbor a fear,
That you wouldn't be able to see it
thru
This Christmas that comes each
year?

There's so darn much a fellow must
buy
There's no dodging the issue at all
Ah, Gee! How swiftly the days do fly
When the winter grows out of the
fall.

A fellow's just got the last year's bills
All met, when it's time again
To climb all over these Christmas hills
With many a heart ache and pain.

Your wife "just must have a lovely
fur"
Because Mrs. So and So has,
You grit your teeth and buy it for
her
Then take to drinking and Jazz.

There's all the uncles and aunts on the
list
To remember with tokens of love,
You'd like to do it with doubled-up
fist,
With never a fear from above.

Then sonny and baby must have ever-
thing
That heart could wish for at all,
From a train and a tractor to a top
and string
Doll baby and buggy and ball.

Then the wife decides after all of that
She must have a davenport bed;
A fellow prepares to pawn his
hat
And secretly wish himself dead.

But to cap the climax and make it a
joke
She follows the housewifely fad—
And buys him a present when she
knows he is broke;
Of course, she checks on poor dad.

Now, Christmas Cheer is well and
good,
When there's money in the boat,
When there ain't—it's time to

a time of peace and joy and happiness
lasting throughout the year.

The giving of cheap presents or
money, however, does not constitute
Christmas; as well expect a bouquet of
flowers (however lovely) to consti-
tute summer! The Christmas spirit,
rather than the Christmas show, hon-
ors Him whose birth, no less than His
life, was the greatest Christmas gift
the world has ever received. The
Christmas spirit brings us into closer
touch with Him whose very life was
an exemplification of the precept: "It
is more blessed to give than to re-
ceive."

As we celebrate the anniversary of
the birth of Jesus let not the going
down of the sun mark the decline of
the Christmas spirit but, as the days
come and go, and we enter the new
year, let us each one reach out the
loving hand to the sick, the unfortu-
nate and the outcast, remembering
that Jesus the Christ said: "Inasmuch
as ye have done it unto the least of
one of these, my brethren, ye have
done it unto Me!"

A FOURTH OF JULY SANTA CLAUS

It was the great day of the Fourth
of July, and Tommy, like all other
seven children of the busy Allister
family was out bright and early. Tom-
my had a great friend in the lady next
door. So, Tommy had learned, and, by
the way, kept it a safe secret from
the rest of the troupe, that when his
stomach growled too loudly, if he were
to go to next door he most always
could get a piece of the best bread
and jam, and perhaps run an errand
or two for her to ease his conscience.

Tommy, bright and early, had
found his way over to Mrs. Askins',
as he called her. She was busy getting
ready to go to a picnic.

"You see, Tommy," she explained in
answer to his questions, "this man
who is coming with his car to take us
out to his house where we are to have
our picnic, is an old chum of Mr. Has-
kins."

As they loaded the things into the
car Tommy trooped along and was in-
troduced to Mr. Miller. While they
stood there Tommy spied a balloon
man coming down the street, as the
noise of the horn grew nearer, Tom-
my's eyes enlarged.

"Aren't those whoppers, though,"
Tommy sighed. "Gee!"

"Wouldn't you like one, Tommy?"
suggested Mr. Miller, digging into his
pocket. "Now, I'll tel you Tommy,
if you know my name next year when
I come after these folks on the fourth,
I'll buy you another balloon.
Tommy was once more in the Haskins
kitchen, watching preparations for an-
other feast, but of a different sort.
The most wonderful pies, cakes and
puddings were being evolved. Sud-
denly, Tommy burst forth:

"Say, Mrs. Askins, do you remem-
ber what that man said?"
"No, Tommy; what are you think-
ing about?"

"Do you suppose he will come back?
You know he bought me a balloon,
and said if I remembered his name he
would buy me another when he came
back."

"Of course he will," said Mrs. Has-
kins.

"Oh, I am so glad. My mother she
just says I am silly when I ask her
and says, 'I am too busy to be bot-
ered with that. Run along now!'
You know," Tommy hastened to add,
"I haven't forgotten his name either.
It's Mr. Miller."

That night Mr. Miller dropped in
for a minute at the Haskins'. Before
his departure Mrs. Haskins had a
moment of conversation with him
alone. He said, "All right," leaving
with the merriest kind of a twinkle
in his eyes.

Christmas eve came. Daddy and
Mother Allister were doing their best
to keep from looking sorrowful. They
knew only too well that they could
never begin to give the children the
number of things each wanted. The
children had all gone to bed. Just
Daddy and Mother Allister were in
the parlor fixing up a little, scraggly
tree when a knock ever so gentle on
the front door, attracted their at-
tention.

"I am sorry to bother you at this
hour, but I wanted to wait until I was
sure Tommy would be in bed. Per-
haps you would feel better to know
my name—Miller," he said, shaking
hands with Mr. Allister, after deposi-
ting his load on the table. "I've a tree
outside here," and he hurried out to
get it.

The next morning was never equal-
ed in all the annals of the Allister
family. Such excitement, such hap-
piness. Tommy, after his recovery
from surprise and rapture over his
toys, ran to his happy mother as she
was trying to get breakfast. Tugging
at her skirts, he said, "You see, moth-
er, that man I met on Fourth of July
was Santa Claus, and his name is Mr.
Miller."

Prickly pear cactus, imported into
Australia from America in 1788, has
spread to such an extent that thou-
sands of acres of land in that country

FACULTY MEMBERS, TRUS- TEES SERVED BY FOOD CLASS

Superintendent J. J. Wilson and
wife, High School Principal J. C. Wes-
ter and Ward School Principal Mrs.
A. H. Thornton, head of the music de-
partment Mrs. Fannie Rush, with sev-
eral members of the board of trustees
of Floydada Public Schools with their
wives, including the following: Mr.
and Mrs. E. C. Nelson, Sr., Dr. V.
Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Kiz-
ziar, Mrs. Tom Stiles, Mr. and Mrs.
E. C. King, were served a delightful
dinner in the Home Economics
rooms of the high school Tuesday
evening.

One of the rooms was converted into
a "living room", with a fire place, and
a general "homey" atmosphere. Yule-
tide decorations being used.

Following was the menu for the
dinner:

Fruit cocktail
Cream of Tomatoes, Soup, Saltines
Baked Chicken, Dressing, Giblet gravy
Cranberry Sauce, Creamed Potatoes
Buttered Peas, Olives
Biscuits and Butter
Mince Pie
Coffee

All of the 16 members of the class
had a part in the preparation and serv-
ing of the dinner. Members of the
class are Jean Ayres, Adelaide Scott,
Johnny Courtney, Clara Tubbs, Gar-
net White, Beryl Nix, Mabel Fawver,
Alice Chapman, Mildred Carter, Sy-
ble Covington, Adria Baker, Louise
Jackson, Wilna Martin, Jessie Foster,
Nettie Nixon, Nova Austin.

The dinner was given, Mrs. Clemen-
ts, teacher of the class, explained,
for the purpose of showing the ap-
preciation of the girls to the trust-
ees and faculty members for their
support of the department and to give
them an opportunity to see what the
class is accomplishing.

Following the serving of the dinner,
Supt. Wilson and E. C. Nelson, Sr.,
made short talks congratulating the
class on its excellent work and thank-
ing them for the evening, following
which the "party" was brought to a
close by a visit to the laboratory room
where the visitors watched the girls
finish their work.

Olympic Theatre

High Class Productions

P. W. CLOUD, Mgr.
Floydada, Texas

PROGRAM FOR WEEK

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY
DEC. 18 and 19th:

"WANDERER OF THE WASTE-
LAND", a Zane Grey story entirely in
natural colors, featuring Jack Holt,
Kathlyn Williams, Noah Beery, Billie
Dove, and a super-feature. The scen-
ery is beautiful, the coloring wonder-
ful and the story extra good. The
scenes were actually produced in the
Painted Desert of Arizona and Death
Valley of California; this picture is
perhaps the greatest and most success-
ful novelty the screen has ever offered
you, beautiful beyond anything that
can possibly be conjured up by the
mind's eye. Our "tip" is not to miss
one of Paramount's "Famous Forty"
Public and Critics alike acclaim the
all-color production of Zane Grey's
"Wanderer of the Wasteland". Also
good Two Reel Comedy.

SATURDAY, DEC. 20TH.

"WESTERN LUCK," featuring
Buck Jones, and full of action from
the start. This is one of "Buck" you
are sure to like. Also Series 10 of "The
Telephone Girl."

MONDAY AND TUESDAY

DEC. 22nd and 23rd.
"THROUGH THE DARK", featur-
ing Colleen Moore, Forrest Stanley,
Hobart Bosworth. This is a mystery
creek story, a Class A Boston Blackie
story, and Colleen "is there" with her
cute little "mannerisms" that have
won for her a host of admirers. We
believe this will please 100 per cent.
Also Fox News and a good Two Reel
Comedy, extra: "Queen City Concert
Company," engagement extraordinary,
with six finished artists in per-
son.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24th.

"WHY MEN LEAVE HOME", featur-
ing Lewis Stone, Helene Chadwick,
Alma Bennett, Mary Alden, William
V. Mong. This is a comedy-drama and
a wealth of entertainment. The ele-
ments that make for success have been
developed to their fullest extent, a
cracking good picture—by all means
one that should be seen; Also Comedy:
Extra: "Queen City Concert Co.," the
most Expensive Musical Act ever of-
fered.

THURSDAY, DEC. 25th.

"UNGUARDED WOMEN", featur-
ing Bebe Daniels, Richard Dix and
Mary Astor. This story is a drama in
its most gripping form. You'll love it,
another Paramount "Famous Forty".
Also Fox News and good Two Reel
Comedy; Extra: "Queen City Concert
Co." Hear the "Silver Saxophone
Quartette" and "The Harmony Sing-
ing Three."

A CHRISTMAS SUGGESTION

The Hesperian

Will pleasantly remind some friend of
you each week.

GIRLS OF F. H. S. WIN FROM LORENZO IN BASKET BALL

The Girls Basket Ball team played
their fourth game of the season when
they met the Lorenzo team at Lorenzo
last Friday. The score was 20-14 in
favor of the Floydada team. The girls
now have four victories to their credit
and if they keep up this record will
without doubt be winners in the Coun-
ty Meet to be held February 7. The
team needs the moral and financial
support of the townspeople and the
showing they have made so far goes
a long way to merit such support.
The line-up on Friday's game is as
follows:
Forwards, Audrey Stiles, Adalaide
Scott; Centers, Arie Gamble, Beth
Pitts and Audrey Felton; Guards,
Mildred Carter and Sible Covington.
Mr. Johnson of Lorenzo faculty and
Miss Ida Mae Jarvis of Floydada act-
ed as umpires.

Meat Preserving Formula is Given

County Agent T. Scott Wilson gives
the following as a practical formula
for a sugar-cure meat preservative
that can be successfully used for any
size hog:

For each 100 pounds of meat mix
thoroughly 8 pounds salt, 4 pounds
brown sugar (substitute granulated if
necessary), 3 ounces of salt pater, 2
ounces each black and cayenne pepper.
Apply like salt.

After the mixture is applied to the
meat, pack down and after three days
apply again, rubbing thoroughly.
Leave three weeks and hang.

As an indication that the meat is
curing properly, after 2 or 3 days the
blood will be oozing freely from joints
where bones project.

B. Y. P. U. NOTES

Last Friday night Miss Margaret
Grigsby entertained some twenty
young people at her home. After play-
ing various games, refreshments were
served. Everyone had a nice time.

All young people who have reached
the age of 16, are invited and urged
to come to the B. Y. P. U. next Sun-
day. The following program will be
rendered.

Doctrinal meeting, "The spirit of
strictness in religion."
Leader.—Miss Pinkie Hubbard.

"Three things about the Bible."
Henry Smith.

Solo.—Elmer Wood.

"Why strict and about what?"—
Miss Lela Windsor.

"Strictness applied three-fold."
Thyra Eubanks.

HOSTESS TO SUNBEAMS

Mrs. Elmer Caudle was hostess
to the Sunbeams of the Baptist Chu-
rch last Wednesday afternoon from 4
to 5 o'clock. Many games were play-
ed after which refreshments were serv-
ed to the following: Mildred Souther,
Evelyn Hicks, Thelma Covington, Mil-
dred Strickland, Vivian Stegall, Haze-
Borum, Jane Margaret Huffines,
Helen Grigsby, Mary Wilson Hicks,
Joyce Grigsby, Ray Landrum, William
Huffines and Bunyan Hatchell.

A skelton believed to be that of
King Richard the Third, who was kill-
ed at the battle of Bosworth Field
in Leicestershire in 1485, has just been
unearthed and handed over to the Le-
icester museum.

Christmas is Nearly Here. Are You Ready?

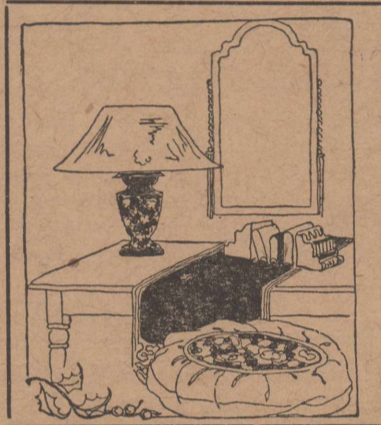
Have you discovered some one forgotten at the last moment?
But it is not too late yet to give that hand-made gift. Our line of
package goods in the Needlework Department includes many, many
suggestions that can be worked very quickly, and they are also pret-
ty and effective when finished. Let us help you in your eleventh-hour
need.

Have you ever looked over our gift shop department? You
will find many beautiful things to help solve your gift-giving prob-
lem in pottery, glassware, flower bowls, basketry, etc.

We have everything for wrapping up your gift daintily—
Christmas boxes, tissues in green and red, seals, and ribbons.

THRIFTY FIFTY SHOP

Mrs. W. J. BURKE, Prop. Floydada, Texas



Put the Home On Your Christmas List



Let Us Suggest

- Living Room Furniture
- Dining Room Furniture
- Bed Room Furniture
- Breakfast Room Furni-
ture.

A Beautiful Odd Piece For Any Room

- Sellers Kitchen Cabinets
- Beautiful Axminster Art
Rugs.
- Gold Seal Congoleum Art
Rugs.

- Oak Buffets
- Dressers
- Dining Chairs
- Odd Rockers
- Fancy Mirrors
- Telephone Sets

The custom among families of giving
a joint gift to the Home is growing
more popular every year.

A Home is never complete. There is
always something to add, something
of beauty, something of comfort.

If your family hasn't followed this
fine custom, begin this Christmas—
pool the family finances and buy the
Home a Christmas present.

Select at Once—We Will
Deliver When You Say

Quality
Service

F. C. Harmon

"Where You Save The Difference in Fur-
nishings and Floor Coverings."

Price
Terms

Center News

er, Dec. 15.—We are having picking weather again after the well and snow of last week. The changing around has already before the New Year gets here. Bud Jackson is moving to Canyon. Mr. Claude Carpenter is coming to Mr. Jackson lived. A. C. Jack will move this week from the brick place to the Hancock place in Campbell Community. Don't yet who will come to the Hamplace.

O. Spence and family and A. L. and family will leave this for Abilene and Winters, Texas, and the holidays.

er Cox and family, who have here with the former's grandparents, will return to his home in Mills County.

r. and Mrs. Noland entertained to a crowd to dinner Sunday. There Mr. and Mrs. King and daughter, Mrs. Montgomery and children, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Spence and children, and W. B. Jordan and family, with several other callers in the afternoon.

Friday the teachers and pupils put on a clean-up program at the school by scrubbing the house, and Saturday the trustees met and re-arranged the seats and put in some new ones and new black-board.

Mrs. Foster is able to be up some again after a two weeks in bed.

I. S. Boyle spoke at the church here Sunday night to a very good crowd.

Miss Maudie Meredith spent the week-end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Meredith came back from their Waco trip Wednesday of last week, and are staying at the Rutledge home until their house at town is completed.

There are still several bales of cotton to pick over the community, but guess Christmas week will get most of it.

The quilting that was to have been at Mrs. King's last Wednesday was put off until Tuesday, December 23rd. Let all those who are interested come and bring the same dish that was assigned you first time.

There will be a program and Christmas tree at the church Christmas Eve. Bro. Shannon is expected to preach next Sunday.

L. G. MATHEWS SPEAKS AT P. T. C. SOCIETY MEETING

Judge L. G. Mathews, of Floydada, made a very interesting talk at the regular meeting last Friday night of the P. T. C. Society of Sand Hill, in which he discussed the need of co-operation between rural communities or the farmers, and the business men of the town. We cordially invite any business man of Floydada out to speak to us along this line or any other line they wish that they think will interest. Later on we will have a set time in our programs in which we will have outside speaking of this nature.

Our Society now has "season tickets" to sell. We think the price of these tickets is as nothing compared to the much better programs we will be able to present. Buy one when they come around to you, if you are a booster for Sand Hill, or expect to be close enough to come to see our programs.

"Light House Nan" will be presented by the Society on Friday night, December 26th—the day after Christmas. The season tickets will be good for this play as well as all others that will be given until November 17th of next year.

RECOVERING FROM GRADE CROSSING ACCIDENT INJURIES

O. E. Stevenson, owner of the Stevenson Variety Store of Lockney, which he recently purchased from Mr. Bowman, was brought to Lockney Sunday afternoon from Plainview sanitarium, where he had been since he was hurt in an accident, when a passenger train at Plainview struck the automobile in which he was riding, en route to Lockney.

Mr. Stevenson is still confined to his bed but is improving, and it is hoped he will soon be able to be up again. Mrs. Stevenson and Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Kester went to Plainview after him Sunday.—Lockney Beacon.

TRUCK DEALER WINS BUICK SALES TROPHY

Mark Filling Station last week and now has on display a beautiful silver loving cup won by the Regional Sales Contest of Buick Motor Car Co., for having sold the largest number of Buick cars during the months of August, September, and October, 1924.

Mark Garage sold the largest of cars in zone 23, which embrace the Panhandle-Plains and parts of Oklahoma.

Mr. Filling, the manager, is very proud of the record they have made this year.—Lockney Beacon.

FORD SEDAN PRICE REDUCED \$25.00

Rich.—A cut of \$25.00 in the price of the Ford sedan, one of the most popular of the Ford line, was announced by the company late Monday afternoon. The announcement came with reductions on all other models. The new prices become effective Monday, December 2nd.

FREE SUPPER

Free box supper at Hill Street Monday night, December 15th. All are invited to come.

CHRISTMAS TREE

Christmas Tree at the Presbyterian Church on Monday, December 15 p. m. Those going elsewhere for the tree are very welcome. Superintendent

Sand Hill News

Sand Hill, Monday, Dec. 15.—Sand Hill is making preparations for the celebration of Christmas at the school house on Christmas Eve. There will be a tree and a short program. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus are expected to be present. Everyone welcome.

The music work is progressing very nicely in school with Prof. Morgan as teacher. More pupils are expected after Christmas. Prof. Morgan has pupils in voice, piano, saxophone and violin. Let all who are musically inclined take advantage of the opportunity to study music on their favorite instrument or voice.

Many pupils are expected in school after Christmas.

Judge Matthews was at the P. T. C. Society Friday night and gave us an interesting talk. A good crowd was present.

The Sand Hill Singing Class met and had a very good singing last Sunday afternoon.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Campbell Saturday Dec. 13. Preaching services Sunday morning at the Church of Christ by Elder Mullins of Floydada.

Singing Sunday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rogers. Everyone reported an enjoyable time.

There was Sunday School as usual Sunday morning. W. A. Robbins and L. H. Liston of Floydada held services after Sunday School.

Mrs. O. B. Timmin and children of Floydada spent the week with her father, C. W. Smith.

TUDOR, OF PLAINVIEW, MAKES "MYTHICAL" SQUAD

Lexington, Mo., Dec.—Vincent Tudor, of Plainview, Texas, who was a member of this year's football eleven at the Wentworth Military Academy here, was awarded the quarterback position on the first all-conference mythical eleven. The selection was made this week by coaches and officials in the Missouri State Conference.

Tudor is considered one of the headiest team generals in the Missouri State conference. Not only is he adept at guiding teams to victory, but he is noted for his ability as an open field runner. Last year he was placed on the second all-conference team. Tudor is playing his last year at Wentworth. He will finish his college course at the end of the present year.

Fred Bourland, of Matador, was a business visitor in Floydada last mid-week.

WANT MOTOR CAR SERVICE ON SANTA FE TO LOCKNEY

At the meeting of the Lockney Chamber of Commerce last week the mail service came in for some discussion and the Beacon has the following relating to the action taken by the Chamber of Commerce with regard to the service:

Homer Howard, postmaster, made a talk about the mail service, and stated he thought the best remedy for the mail service we receive in Lockney would be to get a motor car run double-daily from Plainview over the Santa Fe, the car leaving Plainview just after the morning trains, and returning to Plainview about noon bringing the mail back to Lockney after the 3:15 train each evening. The matter was discussed by the club and a committee composed of A. R. Meriwether, chairman; D. P. Carter, T. B. Hill, F. M. Kester, G. A. Thomas and H. B. Adams were selected to go to Amarillo and confer with Santa Fe officials in regard to putting on the motor car and also to build a cotton warf at the Lockney station.

At the Chamber of Commerce banquet there Tuesday night Z. T. Riley, vice president, R. F. A. Truitt, secretary, H. B. Adams, secretary, and L. H. Gruver, treasurer.

METHODIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday morning, the pastor's theme will be "The World Made Flesh or the Fuller Meaning of The Christmas Message." The Male Quartette, Messrs. Scott, Gamble, Stribling and Randerson will sing.

At 7:00 p. m. the sermon will be on "He That is Born King or The Grounds of Our Yuletide Faith." The Mixed Quartette, Messrs. Randerson and Steen, Messrs. Randerson and Stribling will sing.

Our reports are to go to the General Secretary within five minutes after classes assemble. Those who come in later are not present in time to be shown in our General Report. So we are able to report only 243 as present last Sunday. The showing ought to be better. "It's all in the habit" Supt. Daniel begins the Sunday School promptly at 9:45 Sunday morning. Let's be on the dot.

J. L. Henson, Pastor

The Black Stone at Mecca is the most kissed object in the world; even more kissed than the Irish Blarney Stone. No true Moslem, after having made a pilgrimage to Mecca, would think of leaving without first kissing this sacred stone.

Locals and Personals

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Baker spent Wednesday to Friday in Munday last week.

Homer D. Baker arrived from Munday last Tuesday and is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Baker at present.

Mrs. Grady Parker's uncle, Mr. Rankin of Spur, left Thursday of last week for home after a brief visit with her here.

Mrs. J. L. Heim, of Paducah, was in Floydada recently, looking after her farm interests here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Huckabay are planning to spend the principal part of the winter near the Gulf Coast. This month they plan to spend a short visit down-state with relatives, returning here for Christmas at home and leaving soon thereafter for the south.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Armstrong have taken up residence in the Sam Abston house for the winter months during the latter's stay in California.

Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Woody spent Sunday and Monday at Jayton.

Mrs. C. P. Presley of Wellington accompanied by her brother, D. L. Foster of Pasadena, California, motored up from Wellington, last Sunday to visit Miss Dessie Walker.

Mrs. Edgar D. Tarpley and daughter of Clovis, New Mexico, are visiting Mrs. R. F. Jackson, Mrs. Tarpley's mother.

Roy Haines, during the past summer a reporter with the Hesperian, who is taking his second year work at Texas University, was issue editor one day last week for The Daily Texan, a newspaper issued by the students in the Department of Journalism. He has been a regular reporter on the staff of the Texan this fall.

L. V. Baker, lineman for the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, arrived Tuesday afternoon in Floydada, and will have charge of the installation of the new equipment for the local exchange.

Mr. Bartruff, manager of the Amarillo branch of the J. I. Case Threshing Machine Company, was here on a visit with J. H. Reagan, local dealer, Saturday.

J. A. Price, who is making his home at Mineral Wells again this winter, was here one day last week transacting business and renewing acquaintances. He visited with his son, Dewey and wife, at Plainview, while in this section.

Tom Ables, city marshal of Slaton, was here on official business Sunday last.

A nice five room cottage is being built by J. A. Nickels of the Floydada Gin in the northwest part of town on Jackson street. If good weather prevails Mr. Nickels expects to occupy his new home very soon.

S. L. Rushing who has been spending the winter months at Mineral Wells arrived in Floydada last Tuesday accompanied by his daughter, Willie Mae, and will remain here for about ten days attending to business matters. During their stay here they will be at the home of Lee Rushing in Fairview Community.

Mrs. R. F. Kirchner of San Antonio who arrived here last Tuesday will visit her mother, Mrs. A. P. McKinon for several weeks.

Miss Mabel Willis is expected home tomorrow from C. I. A. to spend the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. H. J. Willis.

Mrs. W. I. Cannaday who spent three weeks away from home visiting friends in Dallas and visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Stewart at Mart arrived home last week. Miss Belle Cannaday is expected home tomorrow from Baylor-Belton to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Cannaday.

Dr. C. Williams of Collinsville was visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dickey and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Scoggins over the week-end. Dr. Williams is an old family physician in the Dickey family.

SPECIAL

Just received a shipment of Loose-Wiles Famous Jersey Maid Chocolates 60c lb

BROWN BROS.

A Miller With 20 Years Experience

Since succeeding Mr. J. A. Abernathy as proprietors of the Floydada Mill & Elevator Company we have secured the services of

Sam Bishop as Miller

Mr. Bishop has had 20 years experience in the milling business and we are confident that he can mill as good flour as can be found on the market.

The mill is now running full time, turning out a high-grade flour, made from the finest wheat grown here, which is the best in the United States.

We also have home-made meal, Whole-wheat Flour, Cream of Wheat, Breakfast Food and other Mill Products.

Give our mill a trial. We think you will be satisfied with the products we are putting on the market.

Boothe Bros.

Successors to J. A. Abernathy

CHRISTMAS GREETING AND GOOD CHEER TO OUR CUSTOMERS AND FRIENDS

We have just received a nice new line of Christmas goods and will be glad to have you call and look them over. Have a good assortment of Dishes, Stoves and General line of Shelf Hardware.

E. R. Borum & Sons

Phone 231

Floydada

XMAS GIFTS

That express more than the mere value of the goods, and embody the spirit of the year with usefulness and beauty—

TWO-TONE IVORY AND AMBER—SETS AND PIECES; AMBER GOLD, GOLD INLAID; AMBER AND PEARL

CIGARS AND CANDIES CUT GLASS; ART GLASS

—For the entire family. In fact, father and mother, brother, sister and baby. And we haven't left out the other fellow's brother or sister, either.

—Look over our stock before you buy. It is a pleasure to show you.

Woody Drug Co.

REMEMBER—If its in town, Woody Has It.

Prospectors Are Coming

LIST YOUR FARM LANDS WITH US

Mr. Farmer, if you want to sell your farm list it with us. Price it right and we'll make an effort to sell it for you.

We are having many lookers now and they are going to want to buy during the next few months, and lands priced right are going to move. Drop in at the office or see us on the street.

If you need a loan, we have the best loan proposition we have ever been able to make. Low rate of interest, liberal options and minimum amount of red tape.

Gamble Land Co.

Floydada, Texas

Many Letters Tell Santa of Desires of Floyd County Children

My dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me for Christmas a little goat wagon and a croquet set. I want some candy and fruits. But don't forget my little brothers. I am nine years old.
From James Badgett.

Dec. 2, 1924.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me a ring and a little doll buggy. I have been a real nice girl. Be sure and bring this many things.
From
May Katherine Smith.

Dec. 2, 1924.

My dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me for Christmas a coaster wagon, an air gun and some apples, some oranges, candy and nuts. I have been a real good boy and have studied my lessons good.
From your little friend,
George Lewis Simpson.

Dear Santa Claus:
We are two sisters and a brother, and we have the nicest times together. We have tried to be good, and we will be thankful for anything you may bring us. Santa Claus, please bring me a stove, some stove vessels, and a dolly with light hair, sleeping eyes, and that will say "Mama".
Your little friend,
Melba Ruth Scott.

Dec. 2, 1924.

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good little boy and I want for Christmas a little car, some candy, fruits and nuts. Don't forget my little brothers and sister.
Yours little friend,
Wayland Dalton.

Floydada, Texas, Nov. 23, 1924
Dear Santa Claus:
I have not gone to school long enough to write, so I have asked my mother to write a letter to you for me. I am telling her what to say.
I have tried to be a good boy, so you will bring me what I want. I want more than anything a pair of skates and a tool chest, and then if you think you can, bring me a toy car and an erector set I will be happy. And too, Santa, I need a good book satchel and an overcoat. I hope you don't think I have asked for too much for I have tried to make my list short.

Dear Santa, I hope you will remember all the poor little boys. Lots of love, from, Junior Sanders.

Dear Santa Claus:
We have got some little lambs. We hafta go and get them and carry them to the barn and go get the cows and go to the mail box. I have been picking cotton hard. I have got two big half dollars and a quarter and some nickles. I want a car. La Von wants a tricycle. Arliss wnts a dog, candy, nuts and cracker Jack, and bananas. We need three knives. We have got a dog but he won't hurt you.
Norvil and La Von Rainer.
P. S. Elvin wants a gun and a bicycle.

Dec. 2, 1924.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy 8 years old and have been a very good boy. I want you to bring me Christmas a little car, some fruit, and nuts.
Your little friend,
Choice Dalton.
Dec. 2, 1924.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a little car, nuts, candy and fruits for Christmas. I have been a good little boy and worked hard.
Your little friend,
Clarence Walding
P. S. Please, Santa, I want an air gun too.

Dec. 2, 1924.

My dear Santa Claus:
I am going to write and tell you what I want you to bring me Christmas.

I want you to bring me a big doll that will go to sleep, say "Mama" and will be about 20 inches tall. Santa, please bring me a little doll buggy too. Bring me apples, candy, oranges and nuts. I love you bushels and bushels. And oh, Santa, if you will only bring me a doll and a little buggy I will always say, how I love Santa Claus for bringing me a doll and a doll buggy.
Your little friend,
Jessie Dalton.
P. S. I am 11 years old and I have been a very good girl.

Dec. 2, 1924.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a mitt and a ball, fruit and I want lots of candy.
Your friend,
Woodrow Badgett.

Dear Santa:
I want a baby doll. Carlene, my little sister, wants a mamma doll, and I want a cradle, lots of fruits and nuts.
Edclair Stevens

Dec. 2, 1924.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a little Kiddie Car, some apples, candy and oranges. I have been a real good little boy and Santa don't forget my three little sisters.
Your friend,
Buster Simpson.
Dec. 22, 1924.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me more this Christmas than you did last Christmas.
Bring me an air gun, whistle, drum and a bank to keep my money in. Santa please bring me this much anyway. I have been a good boy to be 9 years old.
Your little friend,
Buck Walding.

Dear Santa Claus:
We are three little girls that live in the country. We want you to bring us a wagon, and each of us a doll. Bring Margaret a little rocking chair, and please bring us lots of candy and nuts and oranges.
Your little friends,
Elizabeth, Marian and Margaret Beedy.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am going to tell you what to bring me Christmas. Please bring me a doll and doll buggy, some candy and a toy stove. Now Santa Claus, if this is too much for you to bring to one little girl, take some to some other little girl. Bring this to
Hazel Sparks.

Dec. 5, 1924.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a fountain pen, and a box of candy, bring me some water colors, and a comb, and bring me some story books, and some perfume. Thank you for what you brought me last Christmas. I will be at Arcadia, La., this Christmas, so bring them there.
Your friend,
Margaret Sims.

Dec. 9, 1924.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am only going to ask for one thing for myself as I think of other little boys and girls. Will you please bring me a mahogany desk and chair. My little dog Dixie wants a red, white and blue ball and a belt to wear on his neck. And if you have enough you may leave me some fruits and candy.
Your little friend,
Gwendolyn Snodgrass.

Dec. 2, 1924.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am proud that you are coming for it is so long between visits. I want a wagon and an automatic pistol, a boy's bicycle, water colors, fountain pen, watch, oranges, apples, nuts of all kinds, bananas, grapes and candy.
Good bye Santa Claus,
W. B. Cates.

Dec. 2, 1924.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me Christmas a wrist watch, some fruit, and nuts and candy.
Yours truly,
Lyda Belle Walding.

Santa Claus, all I want is a little red rocking chair, and a sweet little dolly that I can rock to sleep. Our baby sister wants a rattle, and a baby book.
From your little friend,
Merna Beth.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy 3 years old. I would like for you to bring me a train that runs on a track, some tinker toys, a little iron, candy, nuts and oranges. Also bring my little brother a Tom Tinker doll and some bright beads.
Your little friend,
Leeman Norman.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please don't forget me this Christmas. I've tried so hard to be a good boy. Now, please bring me a train with some box cars a track and don't forget the ingen. I want a horn to blow and an air gun. Santie Claus, don't forget the other little boys and girls.
Lillburn Cox.

Dec. 7, 1924.

Dear Santa Claus:
I wish you would please bring me a large sleepy doll with brown, natural hair and eye lashes. One that will say "mama" and will walk. I would like her to have a gold heart around her neck. I want a pair of house slippers and a bob comb, also Billy Boy wants a rock horse and a little tractor. Please remember all the little poor children.
Your little friend,
Gladys Ruth Brown.

Dec. 2, 1924.

Dear Santa:
I am writing you and ask to please bring me a piano, stool, inet, washtub and rub board. I tried to be good Santa. Please nuts and candies.
Your little friend,
Juanita Phillip

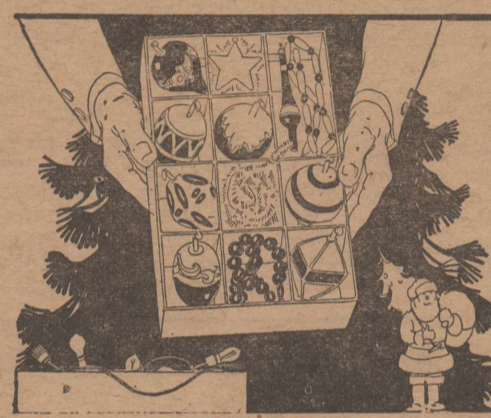
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy five years old. I want for Christmas an air gun, some tinker toys, a little wagon, some nuts and candy.
Your little friend,
Preston Bader

Please, kind Santa Claus, I want a tool box with carpenter tools so that I can make many things for myself and my sister. I want a little Jackie Coogan doll.
From your little man,
Price, J.

Practical Gifts At Christmas Time

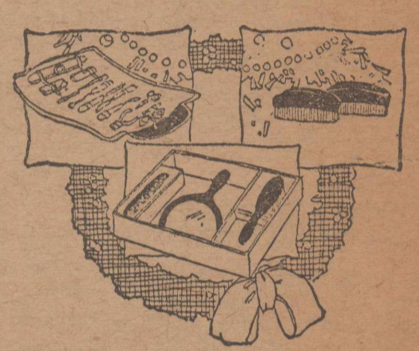
Show the good taste and judgment of the giver and give more pleasure and satisfaction to the one receiving. Therefore, we have stocked a big, well-assorted line of practical articles for Christmas Gifts.

The prices are as practical to you as the presents are for those to whom you will give them.



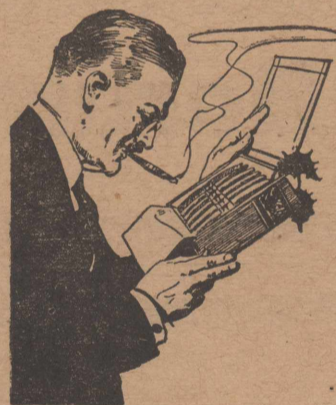
Tree Decorations

We have small Christmas Trees and all kinds of decorations, so brighten the home on the day that comes but once a year—Christmas.



Toilet Sets

Also odd pieces of Ivory and Amber Goods. The prices on these enable you to double the number of pieces.



He Smokes

—And enjoys his cigars.
High grade cigars in Christmas boxes of 10, 25 and 50 to the box. Make him happy as well as the others



Fine Stationery

Never before have we been able to show our customers such a variety in HIGH GRADE STATIONERY as we have on display this season. The prices will meet your approval.

PEARLS.—GUARANTEED INDESTRUCTIBLE PEARLS, 24 and 30 INCH STRINGS, \$5.00 to \$30.00

Solid Gold JEWELRY Green-White Bright and Old Gold

Another one of our side-lines with prices that will enable our customers to give just what they want to give and still have money left for other things.

Standard-made Watches—Walthams, Elgins, South Bend, Hamiltons, also Ingersolls.

Do not expect us to list all our Christmas goods in this ad, for we have GOTEVERYTHING.

Be sure to get your Colonial Clock Chimes Tickets. We give it Christmas Eve.

Brazier & Arwi DRUGS

South Side of Square

GOTEVE

BATTERIES

At Bargain Prices

Wood Case \$14.95 Rubber Case \$17.50

You know how far General Tires go to make Friends?

Well, it's "a long way"

TOURIST GARAGE

Wright & Loran, Props.

Floydada

GIVE YOUR CAR A TREAT THIS CHRISTMAS

"Shoe" it with Balloons

We take your Dodge, Ford, Star or Chevrolet old wheels and casings on New Balloon Casings and wheels

Re-tire with Miller Geared-to-the-Road Tires

We also feature Lee Puncture-proof Tires and tubes

CENTRAL FILLING STATION

Corner Tourist Camp Grounds

Phone 70

"Service With A Smile."

Santa Claus' Headquarters

At Plainview

THE LAMB DRUG CO.

OLIN B. SCOTT, Manager

The House Of a Thousand And One Gifts

THE MERRIEST OF ALL SEASONS HAS AGAIN ARRIVED, BRINGING WITH IT THE SAME HAPPY SPIRIT FOR GIFT-GIVING THAT THE INTERVENING YEARS CANNOT DIM. SUCH A SPIRIT DOMINATES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LAMB DRUG COMPANY.

JUST SOME OF THE MANY INTERESTING VALUES AWAITING THOSE SEEKING GIFTS OF DISTINCTION. GIFTS OF ENDURING CHARM.



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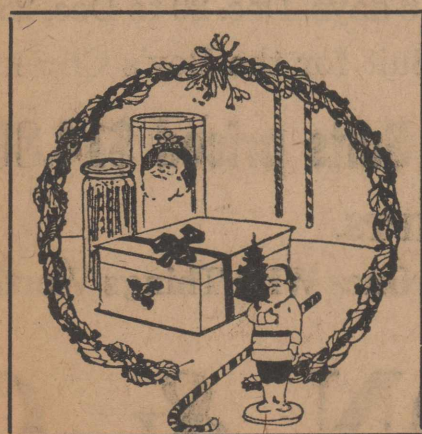
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Exquisitely decorated cases, filled with imported toilet specialties. Just the thing for the vanity table.

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Mamma Doll—Smartly dressed, lovely hair moving eyes, walks and says 'mamma'.

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Saturday, Dec. 20th, in Floydada, beginning promptly at 1 p. m. Last sale of the year 1924. Bring your stuff and let's make it a snappy sale. 421tc

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THE KIND—Of sandwiches you like, at Kozy Kandy Kitchen. 421tp

WHITE LEGHORN Pullets.—I have some choice full blood pullets for sale at \$1.25 each. Also a few hens and cockerels. Mrs. David S. Battey, Floydada, Texas. 424tc

THE DAY of the Knight is here. Touring on the floor. Take a ride and realize the difference. Gullion & Son, 411tc

LOST in Floydada December 6, Cameo Brooch. Finder return to Hesperian for reward. 421tc

LOST Shell Rimmed Spectacles with shell bows. No good to any one except owner. Finder please return to Mrs. G. E. Bond at Hesperian for reward. 421tc

FOR SALE—Good residence, A-1 location. Write L. H. Earthman, Box 168, Amarillo, Texas. 371tc

The easiest steering car in America. A pleasure for any woman to drive. Both smoothness and quietness are found in a Willys-Knight. Gullion & Son. 411tc

LOST—Hudson Six crank in Floydada or on road to Sand Hill. \$1 reward for return to Hesperian Office. 421tc

FOR RENT—200 acres of good land to man who will buy my teams and farming tools. See Tom Shaw at Russell's Store. 412tc

We have the glass replacement lights for Baby Overland rear curtains. McCleskey Top Shop. 413tc

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We fix cushions and upholstering the right way. McCleskey Top Shop. 413tc

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FOR SALE—Work mules, cash or bankable note. Frank Hamilton. 3 miles south of Sand Hill. 394tp

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FARM LANDS for rent.—I have some excellent farming land for rent or lease on good terms. These are Price Bros. lands located in Swisher County, Texas. See or write Meade F. Griffin, Plainview, Texas. 401tc

TWO FARMS FOR RENT.—Teams and tools for sale. See C. H. Owens. 413p

SPECIAL LESSONS—Given from now until Christmas at lower prices. Mrs. Frank Cleere. 41tc

HAND-PAINTED—China makes appropriate Christmas Gifts. See Mrs. Frank Cleere. 41tc

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Just received a shipment of
Loose-Wiles Famous Jersey
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60c lb

BROWN BROS.

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WANTED—To trade my equity in half section 4 1-2 miles of Plainview, for an unimproved section in the Panhandle. 300 acres in cultivation, 150 acres in wheat, No waste land, phone, main road, R. F. D., good improvements. Immediate possession. Federal loan only to assume. What have you? Address owner and occupant, R. R. Fields, Plainview, Texas. 413tp

We have the 1925 glass replacement lights for Ford rear curtains. McCleskey Top Shop. 413tc

FOR SALE—160 acres good smooth land, 4 miles from Friona, price \$17.50 per acre. \$800 cash, balance one to 6 years, 6 per cent interest. M. A. Crum, Friona, Texas. 413tp

You had as well have a comfortable car as your neighbors. Let's make it that way McCleskey Top Shop. 413tc

We sure can fix your top and side curtains right. McCleskey Top Shop. 413tc

FOR SALE—with rental of place, teams, tools and implements. 160 acres known as Neta B. Pitts farm, 1 1/4 mile of Lakeview. See D. S. Battey. 413tc

WANTED—To trade Buick or Ford roadster for town lot. W. O. Tye. 413tc

FREIGHT SERVICE TRUCK—Headquarters at City Market, phone 118. At your service for hauls anywhere, any place, any time. Ray Kinnard, Floydada. 414tp

Have your Abstracts made by ARTHUR B. DUNCAN The Old Reliable Abstract Man. 181tc

see S. B. McCleskey 411tc

FOR SALE—Fresh milch cows, Calvin Steen. 412tp

FOR SALE—4 room house, in Floydada, good barn and garage. See C. T. Stevens, owner. 291tc

SERVICE CAR with or without driver. Call Tourist Garage. 3-1tc

FEED FOR SALE—See me for good bundled kaffir, maize or cane. This feed is located northeast of Tulia east of Kress, northeast of Plainview, and near Floydada. Meade F. Griffin, Plainview, Texas. 401tc

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For Six Per Cent Farm Loans see T. R. Webb, First National Bank Bldg. Floydada. 401tc

In order to give our customers the best of service we are installing a new electric top machine. McCleskey Top Shop. 413tc

See FLOYD COUNTY ABSTRACT CO. for City property, improved and unimproved. We represent the owners of more than 300 lots in Floydada. Room 7 First National Bank Building. 23-1tc

MULES!—Mules! Mules!—50 head of good broke horses and mules, 34 head of straight mare mules, all with baby teeth, grain-fed read to go in the collar. If you are going to need any mules it will pay you to see these. Why wait and pay more money. Cash or credit. Jess Shurbet. 411tc

roaster. Reward for return to Mrs. Dora Reagan. 421tc

PARTY who got little wagon and kiddy cart return at once to avoid having us send out after them by the authorities. Floydada Variety Store. 421tc

For bargains in lands and town lots see Arthur B. Duncan, Floydada, Texas. 401tc

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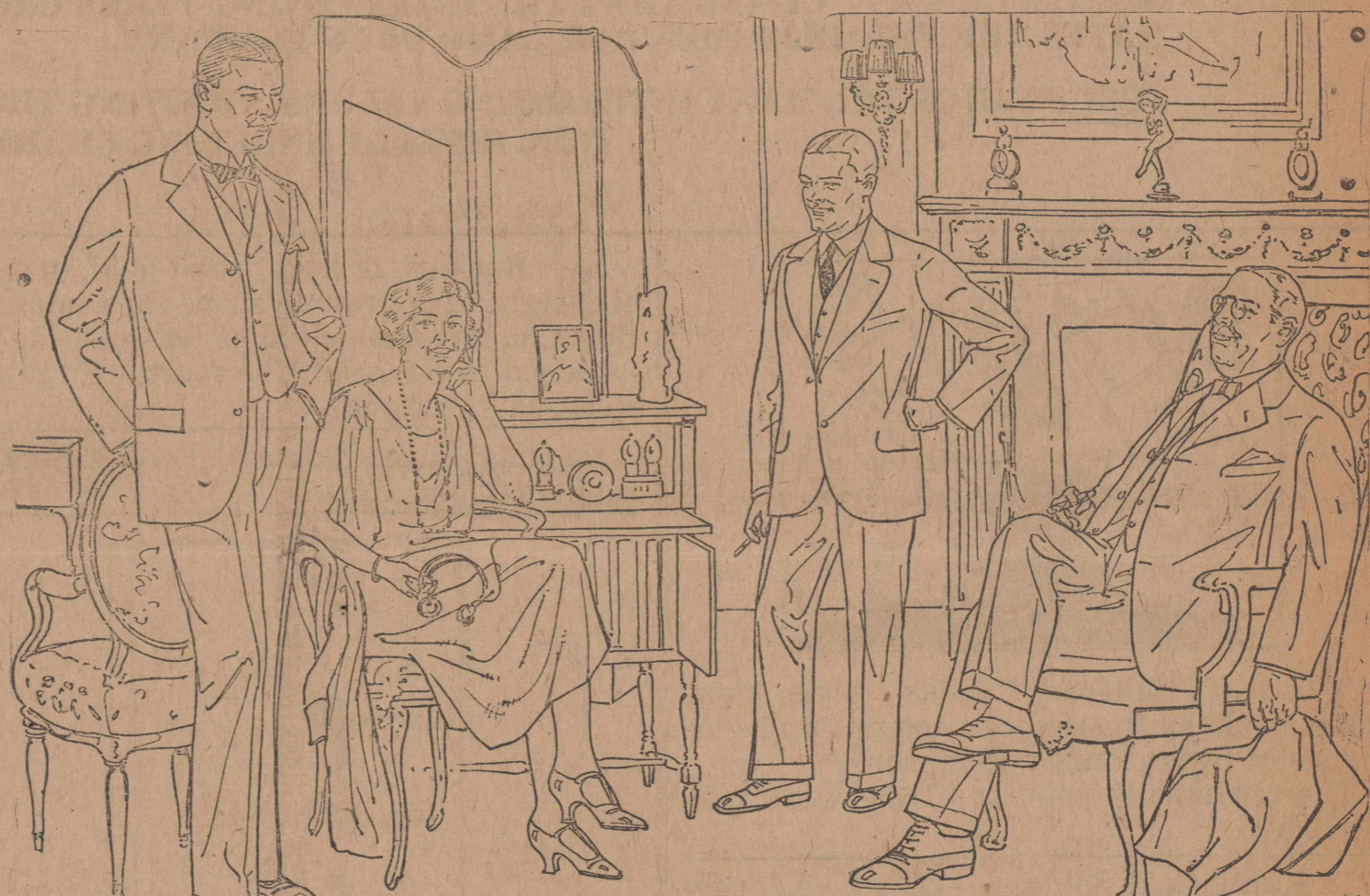
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We are "shaped up" to help him out of this trouble with the biggest shipments of Candy and Fruits we have ever received. We have a Big Supply and the prices are as reasonable as will be found anywhere in this section.

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Whether you like Turkey, Chicken or Goose best for Christmas we have all the trimmings that go with them. Shop here and shop here soon.

We can supply you with all the staples and practically all the delicacies you want for Christmas.

Star Cash Grocery

Phone 40 South Side Floydada

Here Are Some More Letters, Santa Claus

Dec. 4, 1924
Dear Santa:
I thought I would write you and tell you what I want you to bring me Christmas. I want some skates. I already know how to skate and I am expecting you to bring me some. I want a basket ball so I can learn to play, and I want a magazine called "Child Life" so I can read it. And lots of nuts and candy. I hope you will not freeze coming from the North Pole. Are you coming in a sleigh or an airplane?
Your little friend,
Margaret Louise Anderson

Lakeview, Dec. 11, 1924
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me an air gun and please bring me a tricycle, and bring all the orphan children some toys too.
Your little friend,
S. L. West

Dec. 11, 1924
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy six years old. Please bring me a little car and a popgun so that I can go hunting. Hurry and come out to Mayview to see us.
Orland Jones

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a pretty doll that talks and goes to sleep, and a doll buggy, and bring Oneca a doll and doll buggy just like mine, and bring us a set of dishes, and some fruit and don't forget other good little boys and girls.
Thelma Joe and Oneca Hamilton

Dec. 13, 1924
Dearest Santa Claus:
Please bring me a little wagon, a little racer car, and some candy, nuts, and fruit. Don't forget papa and mama.
Earl Beck
P. S. Please remember grandma too.

Dec. 11, 1924
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a tricycle and a little wagon. I go to school and wouldn't have time to play with anything else, so please leave the other things for Roy Lee and Ione.
Good bye,
Talmage Linch

Chowchilla, Cal. Dec., 11.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am just a little girl, four years old, and live in the Far West. I live in California, and please don't forget me, for I want a real big doll that can say mamma and can go to sleep. Please don't forget to bring her and I want a doll bed for her and a little stove, set of dishes and please don't forget little sister, and all those good things to eat. As ever little,
Ruby Moore

Dear Santa Claus:
Don't forget the poor little children. I will like anything you bring me.
Yours truly,
Arthur Earl Gamble

Dear Santa Claus:
Don't forget me, Santa: I am leaving it up to you to bring me what you want to. Don't forget Virginia Belle. She wants a doll and other playthings. Hoping to soon hear your bells.
I am,
J. W. Gamble

Dec. 13, 1924
Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me a coaster, a set of tools and some candy, nuts, oranges and apples.
Your friend,
Cloy and Albert Lyles
P. S. Don't forget my Grandmas.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy 2 years old. Please bring me a bicycle, French harp and some candy and nuts. I have a little brother 11 months old. Please bring him a little ring, sweater, and rattler.
Your little friends,
L. H. and Edward Smith

Dear Santa:
I know it is a long way to come through the ice and snow down here. But I want you to bring me a little car with a spotlight on it, and a little gold-handled knife. And Santa, bring me some fire crackers, and popgun rolls if that's not too much. I thank you very much for what you brought me last year. Don't forget my little friends and bring them lots of toys.
Yours truly,
Willis Hall

Dear Santa:
Will you please bring me a nice dolly, a pair of shoes and a ring? Also I would love to have a rocking chair to sit in when I study my lessons and some fruit, nuts and candy. And please don't forget my little sister, Dorothy Dell. She wants a dolly that can go to sleep and say mamma, some little house shoes and a kiddy car and anything else you want to bring her. We are trying to be good little children and will love you bushels.
Your little friend,
Virginia Stoval

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a doll, a doll buggy, some apples, candy, oranges, and some nuts.
From,
Esther Patterson

Dear Old Santa Claus:
I am writing you for what I want for Christmas. I want a doll that can shut and open its eyes and that can cry mamma.
I want a comb to wear around my neck. I want you to bring me candy, oranges and bananas. That is all I want.
Mary Ilen Harris

Dear Santa Claus:
As it is about Christmas time I will remind you of a belt and tie. Please don't forget the orphan children. Bring my teacher something nice, and bring other little children something nice. Please bring plenty of candy, oranges, apples and nuts. Thank you.
Roy Lee Anderson

Dear Santa Claus:
I am not going to ask for many things but I would love so much to have a pair of skate, house shoes and a ring. Also a doll and music roll, lots of fruits, nuts and candy. I think you are a dear, good Santa and I love you lots. Your little friend,
Genell Stovall

Dear Santa Claus:
As I have tried to be a good boy since you were here last Christmas will now tell you what I want. Please bring me fire crackers, little wagon, nuts, oranges, and apples. Don't forget to bring me a toy pistol. I am anxiously waiting for you to come down the flue.
Your little friend,
Wilson Connelley

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll, a set of dishes, a little cape with the doll, a sack of candy, a little bed and a little pair of doll shoes.
Your little friend,
Mildred Luttrell

Dear Santa Claus:
Will you please bring me a doll buggy, and a tea set and all kinds of fruits, candy and many other things. Do not forget other children. From your little friend,
Claudie Myrl Patton

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a basketball, air gun, machine gun, candy, nuts, apples, oranges, and fire crackers. Be sure you make all the orphan children happy.
Orval Newberry

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a popgun, fire crackers, nuts, oranges, and fruits. Bring all the orphan children many nice presents. Your little friend,
G. W. Smith

Dear Santa Claus:
Since Christmas is nearly here I want to tell you what I want and that is this:
A stopper gun, rubber ball and some candy, nuts, oranges and apples. That is all.
Your friend,
Herman Nelson.

Dear Santa:
I want to tell you what I want. I want a basket ball, an air gun, watch, some candy, apples, oranges, and nuts. Don't forget the other little boys and girls. Please bring my little brother a stopper gun, a ball, some oranges, and candy. Your friend,
Homer Newberry

Lakeview, Dec. 11, 1924
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll, doll buggy and a string of beads. Please bring all of the orphan children some toys too.
Your little friend,
Lavada West

Mayview, Dec. 15, 1924
Dear Santa Claus:
I want a tricycle and some nuts and fruit. I am a good little boy five years old. I go to school and study sometimes. Please hurry and come to see me.
G. W. Lotspeich

Dear Santa Claus:
Will you please bring me a doll and a doll buggy and some fruits and nuts and candy, and Santa, do not forget other children. Your friend,
Floriene Dorrell

Lakeview, Dec. 8, 1924
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl six years old and am going to school and I want you to bring me for Christmas a doll that can walk and a little bed for her and a little purse and some nuts, candy, oranges, apples and be sure and don't forget my brothers and little baby sister.
Your little friend,
Lorene Battey.

Dec. 12, 1924
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl two and one half years old. Please bring me a doll that can say "mamma" and a little tricycle fruit and nuts. You will find me at the McCoy Christmas Tree.
From little,
Wynona Smith.

Lakeview, Dec. 8, 1924
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me some fire works, please bring my little sister a pretty doll and a little trunk. Please bring my brother Joe a little wagon and some tinker toys. Please remember the little orphan children too. Thanking you I am your friend,
Price Conway.

Dec. 14, 1924
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl seven years old and in the second grade. Please bring me a doll, some skates and a story book that I can read. My little sister Marilyn is five years old. Please bring her a baby doll like mine, also some skates and a doll bed with rollers.
With much love,
Maxine Fry

Dec. 17, 1924
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a fire-wagon, a wagon with horses hitched to it, a gun, a humming top, some candy, nuts, oranges, apples and anything else that you think I should like to have.
Your little friend,
James Fry Gibbs

Dec. 16, 1924
Dear Santa:
Please bring me an air rifle and a scooter wagon and a fountain pen and all of the nuts I can eat. And bring me a little airplane. And don't forget the other little children that live far away.
Your truly friend,
John E. Smith

Dear Santa:
Will you please bring me a sleepy doll that says mamma, a little doll buggy, a tea set and don't forget brother and Helen.
Gerlden Gamblin

Locals and Personals

Mrs. C. R. Houston who has been visiting relatives and attending to business matters in Lockhart for the past month returned to her home in Floydada on Monday of this week.

T. M. Amburn of Campbell Community left for Jacksboro on Wednesday morning where he will spend the winter months visiting relatives at that place.

J. A. Arwing and Elmer Wood were off quail hunting last Monday.

Mrs. C. A. Clark of Ralls visited her sister and sister-in-law, Miss Willie Mae McSpadden and Mrs. J. W. McSpadden this week.

I. D. and B. M. Gamble returned last mid-week from Dallas and counties of that section, where they had been for some weeks on business for the Gamble Land Company.

Mrs. Paul Foster left Monday for El Paso where she will enter a sanitarium for treatment.

J. R. Hall of Idalou, was here on business Tuesday. Mr. Hall is in the wholesale oil and gasoline distributing business at Idalou.

Noble Lloyd, of Fort Worth, representative of the Trans-Continental Oil Company, spent Tuesday here with C. Foster, manager of the Consumers' Fuel Association.

Geo. I. and R. G. Dunavant returned last week from Eldorado and Altus, Okla., where they had been for a week on a visit with friends at their former home.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dunavant of Shawwater, visited here Saturday and Sunday with his father, Geo. I. Dunavant and family.

Rufus Lowry and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Lowry, left this week for the Gulf Coast where they plan to spend the winter. Their first stop will be Rockport.

Mrs. Otto Faulkner arrived from Los Angeles, California, Tuesday of this week and will spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gamble and family moved last week from Clovis, New Mexico, to a farm just west of town. Mrs. Gamble is Mrs. Joe Montgomery's sister.

Joe Montgomery left Tuesday morning for Memphis where he will remain for about a week on business.

Bonner Baker will arrive home today for the Christmas holidays from Canvon.

W. J. Gardner and H. G. Gardner, of Grayson County, were here prospecting the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Cloud spent Sunday and Monday in Stamford visiting Mr. Cloud's parents.

Miss Mabel Wilkerson of Girard, was the guest of Miss Vera Fry last week-end.

S. S. McCord of Dallas was here Thursday and Friday of last week visiting J. G. Wood and T. R. Webb of the Floydada Insurance Agency. Mr. McCord is a member of the above firm.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT FOR MARTHA BIRLS

The Martha Girls Sunday School Class were entertained with a Christmas Tree last Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. N. A. Armstrong. After assembling together around seven o'clock several games were played followed by musical numbers by Mrs. C. M. Wilson, Miss Dessie Walker and Mrs. Calvin Steen.

Santa Claus officiated at the Tree, in the person of Mrs. Travis Collins, and distributed presents to each member of the class. Refreshments were then served to the following members of the class: Mesdames J. B. Bartley, Carroll Hopkins, Calvin Steen, Travis Collins, C. M. Wilson, Ona Mitchell, Glenn Banker, Jim Curry, J. B. Bishop, Misses Newell, Roma Swain, Daltis Rea, Kate McFall, Lillie Solomon, Hood, Ruby Higgs, Ivy Fain, Era Gamble, Emma Lou McKinney, Hester West and Dessie Walker.

Miss Rhea is teacher of the class.

Only one hundred of the four hundred twenty-five miles of railroad which would carry the products of the great northwestern grain-fields of Canada to salt water at Hudson Bay remains to be finished. However, due to the fact that it will cost approximately \$22,500,000 to complete the railway, erect terminals and dredge the channel, it is doubtful if the work will be finished.

Some whales travel twice a year more than a quarter of the distance around the world. They will be in the Arctic regions in the summer and on the other side of the equator in the winter.

FOR SALE—A new rag carpet. Mrs. John L. West. 432tp

--Only 5 More Shopping Days THEN Santa Claus

If you have not made your Christmas Purchases THIS STORE IS A GOOD PLACE

For the "hurry up" to find Gift Things for men

SELZ SIX SHOES	MALLORY HATS
in the latest styles	Mid-Winter shades
HOUSE SHOES	IMPERIAL SHIRTS
We have his size	new patterns
FREED CAPS	BELT SETS
One Week From Broadway	With Initial Buckle
GLOVES	
Silk-lined and other kinds	
Ties, Cuff Buttons, Hosiery, Overcoats, Etc.	

RUSSELL'S STORE
Phone 66 Floydada

NEW HOMES

Two modern farm homes are nearing completion in the Sand Hill neighborhood. These homes are being built for J. T. McLain and Oliver Gross. Scott Alexander is also having two houses erected on his farm near Sand Hill.

Mrs. A. Hathaway is having a modern five-room house built on her farm close to Petersburg.

C. A. Clark of Ralls, is building a four-room cottage in northwest Floydada. It will be rented when finished but Mr. Clark may occupy the residence himself later.

CARD OF THANKS

We are deeply grateful for the aid of loyal friends of T. M. Cox and ourselves, during his illness and death, and for the many expressions of sympathy, the floral offerings and other tokens of the esteem in which he was held by a wide circle of friends.

Mrs. T. M. Cox and daughter A. L. Bishop and family
H. N. Cox and family

In South Africa the government has appropriated \$1,500,000 to fight a plague of locusts, the worst on record. In one district near the Orange River a single swarm of locusts, which extended in an unbroken mass 150 miles in length, is reported to have devoured all vegetation.

When John Milton died he left three thousand dollars to his wife, who, by the way, was his third wife. When she died, at her request, a tombstone was erected over her grave which bore the inscription: "Elizabeth, the third and best wife of John Milton, the poet."

Our Christmas Wishes

Without the door let sorrow lie;
And if for cold it hap to die,
We'll bury 't in a Christmas pie
And ever more be merry.

—George Walker

Gifts--- For the Younger Men --and for Men who Stay Young

Those who believe men "hard to give to" will do well to see our special selection for men. Gifts designed for a man's daily use and enjoyment. Ingenious gifts, handsome gifts, gifts so practical they will be in constant service, so enduring they mark an affectionate thought.

GLAD SNODGRASS
THE MAN'S STORE
For "Men Who Care."

Christmas Goods

We want you to see our big stock of Christmas Goods before you buy. We have as complete a line of Christmas Fruits, Candies, and Nuts as will be found in the county.

Our stock of PRACTICAL and USEFUL Christmas Gifts includes Aluminumware at prices never seen in Floydada before—for instance: Tea Kettles \$1.50; Dish Pans \$1.25; Roasters \$1.00; Percolators \$1.00; 6 qt. Stewers 85c; and scores of other articles at similar prices.

Dishes in a half dozen patterns at prices in reach of all. New Perfection Oil Stoves in four types at lower prices on two types. See the imported dishes in our show window in one of the latest copyrighted designs.

We sell only the best, high-grade merchandise that carries a money-back guarantee.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

BROWN BROS

Here Are Some More Letters, Santa Claus

Dec. 8, 1924.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl three years old. I want you to bring me a big black-headed doll and a purse, a string of red beads, and any kind of toys you can find to bring. Be sure and bring me some candy and fruit. And remember all the other little children.
Your little friend,
Nadine Lightfoot.

Dec. 8, 1924.
Dear Santa:
I am a little boy eight years old. Please bring me a toy pistol and a necktie, a sack of marbles, and be sure to bring me some fire crackers and candy and fruit. And remember my little brother. He wants you to bring him a toy pistol and a story book, a necktie and don't forget the fire crackers and fruit.
Your little friend,
Druille and Troy Lightfoot.

Dec. 9, 1924.
Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to please bring me a little car, a gun, a wagon some fire crackers, a drum and a good strong pipe, also some candy, nuts and fruit.
Your little friend,
Raymond Lusley Dunn.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll, doll house with furniture in it, and a doll buggy, also some gloves.
Please put some nuts, candy, fruit and fire crackers in my stockings. I will try and be a good little girl.
Jessie Belle Massie.

Dear Santa:
How are you getting along? I hope you are all right. I am now writing you a letter. I want you to bring me a doll table and a doll dresser and a doll suite for a play house. And I want a bracelet, and a doll. Now it must be pretty, and a doll rocking chair, and a ball to play with, and bring me some candy and a whole lot, because you know what children like, and some fruit of all kinds. That's all. I will be a good girl.
Good bye,
Venita Borum.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am writing to you to tell you what I want. I want a bicycle and a sled, a few apples, oranges and some candy. I will hang my stocking near the door so you will not have to go on the roof. I will have the door unlatched just drive your sleigh up to the gate and come right in.
Your friend,
Clifford Maynes.

Dec. 9, 1924.
Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to please bring me a big doll that will say mama, a little rocking chair, a set of dishes, and some candy, nuts, bananas and a big red apple.
Your little friend,
Evelyn Madeline Thacker.

Dec. 8, 1924.
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a wagon or a car, so I can go riding, a watch and chain, some fireworks, nuts and candy. I will try to be a good boy and will love you ever so much.
Your little friend,
Melvin Blasingame

Dear Santa:
Will you please bring me a little coaster wagon, a little gun and a horn and nuts, candy and oranges, apples.
A friend,
R. U. Bartlett.

Ash Fork, Arizona, Dec. 9-24.
Dear Santa:
I will send you a letter telling you what I want. My name is Clifford Le May and I have a little sister Minnie Jewel Le May. I am 11 years old and sister is 2 years old. My sister wants a doll buggy, a doll and some dishes. I want a sled, knife, a sack of candy, and lots of fruit. I live at Ash Fork, Arizona and my father runs a store so I will be easy found.
From,
Minnie Jewel and Clifford Le May.

Dec. 9, 1924.
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a tinker dragon, a fuzzy rabbit, that will jump, a monkey that will walk and most any other toy you find ready but as I am a new one on your list please don't overlook me. Be sure to put in plenty of candy, nuts, fruit and fire crackers, and I will be your friend,
Kenneth Baird Bishop.

Dec. 10, 1924.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy six years old. Will you please bring me some boxing gloves, air gun, a slide trombone. I would like to have an airplane, also some candy, fruit and nuts.
Your little friend,
Elam Morris.

Dec. 9, 1924.
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a big sulky for my doll and a glide car and a big rag doll and a doll blanket, some candy, oranges, apples and nuts.
Your friend,
Mary Anna Ross.

Dec. 10, 1924.
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a little chest of tools, a foot ball, skates and lumber and brick and tin to build me a little barn, also hinges for the door and nails.
Please bring me candy, fruits and nuts, some nigger toes too.
From your little friend,
John Wilson Kimble.

Dec. 6, 1924.
Dear Santa Claus:
North Pole:
Please bring me a great big Joy Ball, a little red wagon with disc wheels and balloon tires, a little rabbit that can jump and squeal, also some candy, nuts, oranges, apples and some fire crackers. As this is my first Christmas be sure and stop and see me.
Your friend,
Jo Dick Moore.

Dec. 4, 1924.
Dear Santa Claus:
Hello, Santa, how are you feeling. I hope you are well enough to come to see me Christmas. Please bring me a doll one that has black hair, a little doll bed and some dishes, and a few nuts, fruit and candy.
Your little friend,
Alma Ruth Nelson.
P. S. Don't forget my little sister, Lena Mae.

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a shot gun, a coaster, a bathrobe and house shoes and some blocks with letters on them. Of course I want candy, apples and nuts.
From,
Kyle Savage.

Dec. 2, 1924.
Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to please bring George Fry a drum and a rocky horse. He is two years old. Please bring Malcom a scooter and a set of tinker toys, a box of fire crackers, skyrockets, and roman candles. Please bring me a pair of skates, a baby bump doll, and I want you to bring me a box of sparklers and roman candles. We thank you for the things you brought us last year.
Your dear friend,
Selma Louise Lider.

Get a Good Position

You can do it if you will take up the World-Famous Draughon Training January 1. Ten times as many positions as graduates make it easy to place you at good salary. Write today for Special Holiday Offer on scholarships good at any time. Draughon's College, Abilene, and Wichita Falls, Texas.

Cotton Farmers!

The Undersigned

Gins of Floydada

Will Close Down for the

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

At The Close of Business

Tuesday, December 23

in order to give all hands a few holidays

**Will Begin Ginning Again
Monday, Dec. 29th**

We will appreciate it if all our customers will keep these dates in mind.

- Floydada Gin Co.
- West Texas Gin Co.
- Lewis & Davis Gin Co.

**In Appreciation of
The Patronage of Our
Many Good Customers**

For several years we have enjoyed the good patronage of a host of friends and customers in Floydada and surrounding territory, and as another Yuletide rolls around, with a new year around the corner, we look over the increasing list of patrons and are prompted to express

**Keen Appreciation for the Favors
of the Past Year**

We venture to hope we will be favored with your continued patronage and good will, and in this connection wish to assure you that we are striving in every way to give you better service—added equipment, added lines of market merchandise, and added sales force, with close attention to your orders.

The City Market

Jones & Howard, Props. Floydada, Texas

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