



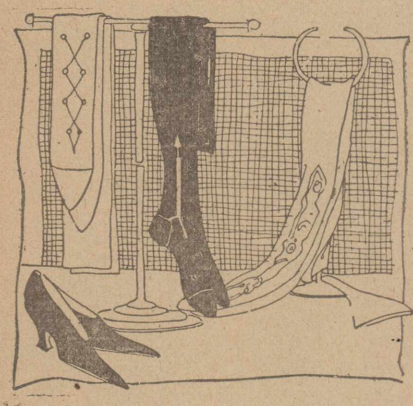
Receiving Orders

Our Christmas Bargains

At the Store of Dependable Merchandise

With Christmas and Christmas-giving uppermost in every mind we are delighted to be able to offer such a complete stock of Dry Goods, Ready-to-Wear and Furnishings, from which to make selections for Yuletide Presents.

Your particular attention is directed to the fact that Cotton Prices are sky-rocketing and that merchandise will surely follow. This has been the history of Dry Goods merchandising. This being the case it will be advantageous for our customers to shop NOW—not only for Christmas Gifts, but for actual needs as well. We present some Gift Suggestions, and also some bargains in Odds, Ends and Lines we are closing out.



Hosiery for Gifts

During the winter it is especially important to keep the children's feet well protected—and one of the easy ways to be sure is to come here for their Footwear.

A special showing of various styles and leathers offers a good selection from which to choose.

CHILDREN'S SHOES
75c, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00

Specials!

One lot Children's Union Suits, sizes 2 to 12,
Special 55c

One Lot Turkish Towels, goods size, specially priced for gifts, 6 for \$1.40

One lot Childrens School Shoes, broken sizes, extra good values \$1.95 to \$2.85

One lot Children's Coats, sizes 6 to 14, good values specially priced at 20 per cent discount.

One lot Ladies Silk Hose, black and brown, regular \$1.25 value, Choice 95c
\$2.25 Value, choice \$1.85
\$3.00 Value, choice \$2.45

One lot Men's Heavy Gray and Khaki Flannel work Shirts, regular \$1.25 value, at 98c

Special Discount on all Men's, Boys' Ladies' and Children's Sweaters. They make useful gifts.

One lot White Ripplette Bed Spreads, extra large, 90x100 inches. Special \$2.95

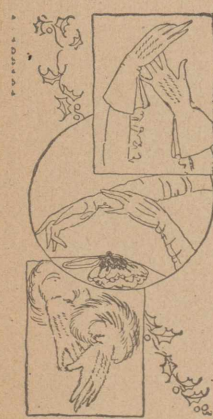
Sensible Shoes



for Children

Giving Hosiery at Christmas Time is a most sensible idea. You are making a Gift that will be sure to please and if chosen from our splendid showing you will be assured the newest styles and the best quality.

SILK HOSE \$1.00 to \$3.00
SILK AND WOOL HOSE
\$1.00, \$1.25 and \$2.00



Gloves--Every Style

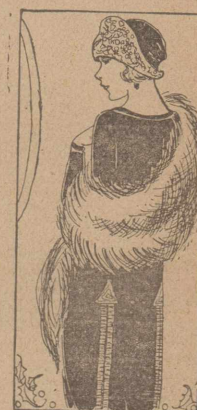
You may search far and wide but nowhere will you find a Gift more pleasing than a pair of Gloves chosen from our present display.

GLOVES
\$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50
and \$5.00

Has She a Fur?

If not, you cannot select a Gift that would please her more, nor prove near so serviceable. Our stock offers many to choose from.

FURS
\$8.50, \$12.50, \$19.50
Up to \$67.50



For Every Member of the Family—For Mother, Father, Daughter, Son or Sweetheart—Even for the little Kiddies—we have prepared. We have hundreds and hundreds of Gifts. Bring your Gift Problems to us.

C. R. Houston & Company

FLOYDADA, TEXAS



YULETIDE CHEER

As the Christmas time draws near and the day approaches for which the youngsters all look forward, it is well for those whose responsibility it is to make Yuletide Cheer a reality in the home to take stock of their business relations—to reflect on the ways and means of getting greater happiness out of life for their loved ones.

ARE YOU ALIGNED WITH A GOOD BANK?

Have you protected your Credit and co-operated fully with the bank with which you do business?

Have you managed your business in such a way as to get the greatest return from the investments you have made, from your farm, or other business?

All these and a hundred more questions bear directly on the welfare of your home.

They are questions, everyone of them, in which a bank must specialize to be of greatest value to its customers. Therefore, we have an interest in the answer which you make to them—so great an interest that we offer you the facilities of this bank, and whatever knowledge we may have of conditions, toward aiding you in their correct answer.

Although ours is a bank with a long record of usefulness in the community in which we live, and has a strong directorate and strong connections, we realize these are not the only things that go to make a useful bank—although necessary. Placing our facilities at your command to make your next year a better one than this, and the next Christmas of your loved ones a bigger and brighter one, is one of the ways we are glad to offer our aid.

First National Bank

“The Bank that Says Thank You”

Floydada, Texas



Shop Early



Ideas for Gift Seekers

The Christmas Season is here and every one's mind turns to the task of choosing some gift for some loved one; Maybe a friend, or maybe one of the family and as usual you will spend some time in pondering just what to buy.

We offer here some suggestions that may help you to solve the problem of what to buy. Take your pencil and check the lists and come here and make your selections. But do it as soon as you find the time for the stocks are sure to be depleted as the time is short and now while the assortments are complete you can be sure of getting the things you have decided on.

The earlier you shop the better service and the better selections you are sure to get so come in now and make your selections.

Select For Him

- Crossett Dress Shoes
- House Shoes
- Suit Case or Hand Bag
- Dress Shirts
- Wool Shirts
- Leather Jackets
- Stetson Hat
- Dress Cap or Fur Cap
- Suit or Overcoat
- Dress or Work Gloves
- Silk or Wool Hosiery
- Belts
- Ties
- Initial Handkerchiefs
- Cuff Links
- Pajamas
- Sweaters
- Bath Robe

Select For Her

- Silk Hosiery
- Silk Teddies
- Silk Bloomers
- Blouses
- Purses or Beaded Bags
- Leather Hand Bag
- Bath Robe
- Boxed Handkerchiefs
- Sweaters
- Kid Gloves
- Beads, Necklaces
- Perfumes, Toilet Water
- House Shoes
- Guest Towels or Bath Set
- Linen Towels
- Linen Table Covers
- Blankets
- Suit, Coat or Dress

Select For the Boys

- SHOES
- SHIRTS OR BLOUSES
- TIES, GLOVES
- BELTS
- CAPS

- WOOL SHIRTS
- OVER COATS
- SUITS
- HANDKERCHIEFS
- HOUSE SHOES

Select For the Kiddies

- MAMA DOLLS
- BAGS OR VANITY CASES
- GLOVES, SWEATERS
- SWEATER SUITS
- KNIT BOOTEES

- CRIB BLANKETS
- HOUSE SHOES
- BATH ROBES
- KNIT CAPS
- COATS

Choose wisely this Christmas and choose gifts that will be appreciated after the Christmas season has gone. We invite you to come in and we shall be glad to offer any suggestion that may help you in your Christmas shopping. Shop early.

BAKER-CAMPBELL COMPANY
"The Home of Good Merchandise"

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Prairie Dog Hash On

Friday Night Menu

Chamber of Commerce Drive for Members Will Close With Program In M. E. Church Basement

The close of the big membership drive, a big feed, and an excellent program will feature the meeting of the Floydada Chamber of Commerce Friday night to which the ladies have been invited as guests. The meeting will be held at seven thirty in the basement of the Methodist church, and, according to the special committee headed by R. T. Stribling, which has the arrangements in hand the program is going to take place rain or shine. "Plenty of light, heat, seats, and eats have been arranged for and you can't be anything else but comfortable no matter how bad the weather," is the way Stribling sizes up the situation.

Each of the captains of the membership drive, Roy Snodgrass and J. G. Wood is confident that the feed is going to be paid for by the other side, and since at the last count both sides were practically tied, it is expected that a great deal of enthusiasm and last minute strategy will feature the contest Friday night. Extreme activity has marked the actions of both sides for the past two weeks and the number of new members that has been obtained will swell the membership list far beyond its normal proportions if the many reports that have been broadcast over the streets for the past ten days can be relied upon.

The menu for the evening has all the characteristics of a West Texas affair.

Here is the menu as announced by the committee:

Mesquite Bean Cocktail
Prairie Dog Hash with Rabbit Gravy
Bear Grass and Blue Weed Salad
Prickly Pear Demitasse
All Served a la Chuck Wagon Style.
The program for the evening is tentatively as follows:

Toastmaster and presiding officer—R. E. Fry.
Music for evening by Floydada Orchestra under direction of Tom Colburn.

Report of membership drive and close of contest—Roy Snodgrass, and J. G. Wood.

"How we Won"—Impromptu address—by winning captain.

"When Grandmother Papered the Hall"—Bruno Quartette.

(Absolutely the first time this selection has been presented in Floydada.)

"To our guests, the Ladies,"—John H. Reagan.

"What our Chamber of Commerce May Mean to us"—Homer Steen.
"A Married Man and his Troubles"—Bruno Quartette.

"How to Make a Big Noise"—L. G. Mathews.

Reading—Miss Mattye Lee Richardson.
"Some Pungent Palaver"—J. Pat Horton.

"This program will mark the end of the re-organization program of the Chamber of Commerce, and no business will be transacted of routine nature," said Secretary Hopkins in speaking of the program. "The program has been devised and arranged with the idea in mind of getting the attention of a great part of the membership, when that is done there is a serious program of hard work that should be undertaken by the Floydada Chamber of Commerce. Floydada is a good town, but it has a number of commercial problems that needs the earnest consideration of every citizen of Floydada. We lack a whole lot of things to make Floydada the commercially successful and important place that its natural advantages should give it, and many of these could be successfully put over if we tackle the job in a business like, zealous, determined manner."

LOVEL JONES AND MISS ALICE ANDERSON MARRIED

Lovel Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Jones, of Lakeview, and Miss Alice Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Anderson, of Baker, were married in Plainview last Saturday afternoon.

Rev. Harlan J. Matthews, pastor of the First Baptist Church in that city, officiated at the wedding ceremony. The young couple stole a march on their friends, many of whom were still unaware of the happy event until the first of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones will make their home in this county, probably in the Lakeview Community.

DISTRICT EVANGELIST TO PREACH HERE SUNDAY NIGHT

Jasper Bogue, Evangelist and Secretary of the Panhandle District of the Christian Church, will visit the Christian Church here Sunday and will preach for the congregation on Sunday night, it is announced.

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, the pastor, W. H. Marler, will preach the sixth of a series of sermons on "Redemption." His sermon will take up the discussion of the size of heaven, who will be there and the recognition of friends and loved ones.

Sunday school at 10 a. m., J. C. Wester, superintendent.

Christian Endeavor at 6:15 p. m.

Bad Weather Stops

Red Cross Roll Call

Bad weather has made necessary a continuation of the Red Cross Roll Call, planned to have been completed by Dec. 8th.

County Chairman J. G. Wood said that a number of the workers had not had an opportunity to complete their efforts and that the drive for members in the Red Cross would not be closed until weather conditions were such as to permit these workers to finish.

Good results have been reported in sections of Floydada where the canvassers have worked over their territory sufficiently to make reports.

WHEAT PROFITS CONTROLLED

LARGELY BY YIELD PER ACRE, SAYS BAINER

"Increased profits from wheat production must come largely through increased yields per acre," says H. M. Bainer of the Southwestern Wheat Improvement Association. Continuing he says, "While a general reduction in the wheat acreage will cut down production, it will not insure satisfactory profits. The average yield per acre pays very little above the cost of production."

"Good farm practice shows that it costs about the same per acre to grow wheat regardless of whether the seed bed is prepared early or late, whether the ground is plowed reasonably deep or shallow, whether it is grown in rotation or continuously, and whether or not good seed is used."

"It has been repeatedly demonstrated that July plowing or listing will increase the yield from 2 to 7 bushels per acre over the same kind of work done in September."

"To rotate wheat with other crops and especially with legumes will increase the yield from 5 to 10 bushels per acre."

"To include summer fallow in a rotation system will often double the wheat yield, especially in sections like western Kansas and western Oklahoma. For example, seven years' work at the Hays experiment station, in western Kansas, shows an average yield of 11 1-2 bushels of wheat per acre immediately after kafir; but during the same time, where summer fallowing was practiced between the kafir and the wheat, the average yield was increased to 25 1-2 bushels per acre."

"Where livestock is kept and manure is available, 10 tons per acre as a top dressing to wheat will often double the yield."

"Data secured from five different sources this past year by the Association showed an average increase of 8 bushels of wheat per acre from extra good seed as compared to the yield from ordinary seed."

J. T. Wimberly, Briscoe Pioneer, Is Dead

J. T. Wimberly, for 33 years a resident of Briscoe County, died at his ranch 12 miles southwest of Silverton last Thursday and was buried in the Silverton Cemetery on Friday afternoon.

He was 67 years of age at the time of his death. He was a brother of Cooper Wimberly, Floyd County resident, who lives 10 miles north of Lockney.

T. S. Stevenson, of this city, and Rev. R. E. L. Muncy, of Muncy, attended the funeral service, the latter preaching the funeral. He had known the deceased for many years and was at one time his pastor, he having baptized the deceased 23 years ago when Mr. Wimberly became a member of the Baptist church.

John de Cordova, who is attending Floydada High School, spent Sunday with his parents.

City Council Calls

Sewerage Election

\$60,000 Bond Issue for Sewerage and Water Improvements Will be Voted on Jan. 22

The question of the issuance of bonds for the purpose of building a sewerage system in Floydada and making improvements to the water works system sufficient to take care of the additional demand for water which will be made by a sewer system, will be decided by the voters of the City of Floydada on January 22nd. \$60,000 in bonds will be issued if the issue is carried.

This was decided upon at a meeting of the City Council Tuesday of this week. The council's estimate on the sewer bonds needed is \$49,000. Approximately \$11,000 is the amount estimated to be necessary for water works improvements.

The figures of the council are based on estimates made by Gantt-Baker Co., consulting engineers of Oklahoma City. A chart of the proposed system has been gone over by the council. Much of the day Tuesday was spent by the council in a study of the proposal which will be submitted to a vote.

According to the present plans, which have not been put into an order yet, the bonds will be made on the basis of a 40 year serial issue, which means that the bonds will be spread over a period of 40 years but will mature one each year. This is tentative only and may be changed before the question is submitted to a vote.

Although the bond issue will mean a material increase in the city's tax rate for the ensuing year, the prediction is made that it will carry and that the sewer system will be constructed this coming spring and summer. The council expect the bonds to bring par on the market, if the vote is favorable.

While considerable opposition to the issue is expected to develop many business men are of the belief that the movement is absolutely necessary to the further growth and development of the town. It is the first step toward making Floydada a real city, they declare. The arguments against the issuance are based largely on the question of the increased tax rate and the belief that the town is not yet ready for the expenditure that will be necessary.

Floydada Boy Is A Walker And Picker

F. C. Harmon, Jr., seven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Harmon, has been managing for some Christmas money, and while he was at it has made himself quite a record.

He has been pulling bolls this fall when weather permitted, and last Saturday he walked two miles south of Floydada to the J. R. Terry place, pulled 135 pounds of bolls and walked in home again.

Not many seven year olds in this section hold this good a record for both walking and picking all in the same day.

COLD STORAGE EGGS ON SALE IN FLOYDADA

Grocery stores in Floydada are making history this week. They are selling cold storage eggs, a thing that has never been attempted heretofore at this point, it is declared by persons who have resided in Floydada many years. Floydada is so close to such a large producing territory for fresh eggs from the farm that it has been thought there would never be any sale for the cold storage product here.

But the bad weather has caused Old Biddy to strike and a dearth of fresh eggs has resulted. With fresh eggs hard to obtain grocers have turned to the cold storage plant for eggs to fill their orders. The cold storage eggs have been selling at 50 cents, while the fresh eggs when obtainable have retailed at 60 cents per dozen.

1922 STUDY CLUB

The 1922 Study Club met last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. T. S. Stevenson.

Rev. J. L. Henson attended the meeting and gave a very interesting talk on "How Home Conditions React Upon the Family." Mrs. W. I. Cannaday also gave an interesting talk on "Women in Industry."

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. J. M. Willson on Thursday afternoon, January 3.

Week Of Christmas

School Holidays

Mid-Term Examinations Will be Held Next Week—No Home Study in Some Cases

One week of holidays will be given in the Floydada Public Schools for the Christmas vacation, the board having set "Christmas week" as the time for the holiday season. School will dismiss Friday afternoon of next week, December 21st, and work will be resumed on Monday, December 31st.

Mid-term examinations will be held next week at the South Side School, Superintendent J. N. Johnston announced this week. At the North Side School the first term will close on January 15th, on account of the loss of time early in the school season when the North Side building burned. Promotions will be made at that time.

In a discussion of failures to make grades in the schools this term Supt. Johnston declared a survey of the situation indicated that the big majority of failures in high school are due to lack of home study. "No home study is the cause of the greater per cent of the failures in high school," he said. "Scholarship, without home study, is practically an impossibility. In a few cases, making up a small group in the school, failures are due to the fact that the pupils are improperly classed. This group is not nearly so large as the group where home study does not prevail."

In an effort to keep the parents more closely in touch with the work their children are doing in the schools, and to avoid the failures in all cases possible, failures in tests and daily recitations are to be reported to the parents, so the troubles can be remedied at once, Mr. Johnston said. This plan will be instituted after the holidays if it proves practical for the teachers to undertake in addition to their other work.

PARENT TEACHERS' ASS'N

The Parent Teachers' Association met last Friday at the North Side School with Mrs. Wilson Kimble presiding.

The major part of the program consisted of a report given by Mrs. J. A. Montgomery, on the County meeting of the Federated Women's Clubs at Allmon, and a talk given by Miss Alva Morrow, Red Cross nutrition specialist, concerning her work in the county.

Christmas Mail Swells Receipts At Postoffice

Christmas packages and letters have begun to swell receipts at the Floydada post office, both outgoing and incoming mail having begun to move in increased volume.

The force at the local office has been organized to handle the mails here in the most expeditious manner. Last week the postmaster had instructions for his force to center their attention on dispatching the mails, and to refuse such accommodations as addressing or wrapping packages for patrons of the office. According to estimates made by the postal department a postal clerk can wait on an average of three customers at the window, while he is tying or addressing a package for one patron. Since the wrapping and addressing of packages is the duty of the person who wants to offer it for mailing, the department made the ruling so as to accommodate a greater number of persons at the window during a day.

Monday this office received 77 sacks of mail, besides the letter mail.

PIANO RECITAL DECEMBER 21

Mrs. Fannie M. Rush, teacher of piano, will present her pupils on Friday night before the Christmas holidays in recital.

The recital will be given at the Methodist Church.

J. W. Cox and family arrived Saturday from Hamilton. They will make their home on the E. Holmes place north-west of town.

M. W. Herring made a trip to Post Sunday. He was accompanied home by his wife who has been visiting in Big Springs for the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Tumlinson left Saturday for Los Angeles, California. They were accompanied by Miss Ruby Honea who has been transferred from the local office of the S. W. Bell Telephone Co. to that place.

3,772 BALES COTTON

GINNED TO MONDAY

Monday afternoon when the three gins at Floydada completed their runs before they were forced to close down once more by the snow, rain and sleet, they had turned out a total of 3,772 bales of cotton.

Estimates of gin men now place the figures for the territory in excess of 5,000 bales, depending somewhat, however, on the kind of weather that may be in store between this time and the time the pickers can finish their job.

If weather had been suitable during the fall and early winter the cotton gathering would have been completed sometime ago.

Floyd County "Exes" Of W. T. S. T. C. Organize

At the conclusion of almost enjoyable social last Saturday afternoon, the ex-students of the West Texas State Teachers College organized and laid plans for much constructive work as well as many pleasant socials for the future. An intensive campaign is being staged for the purpose of getting all the ex-students in the county enrolled, not only their present addresses are desired but also their addresses at the time of their attendance in college is desired, a permanent record will be kept.

The next meeting was set for the second Saturday afternoon in January. At that meeting a general rally and social will be staged. The final plans for the big Annual Banquet on Founders Day, February 17, will be formulated.

The following officers were elected: R. W. Castleberry, President; Miss Susie Stanley, Vice Pres.; Miss Vera Fry, Secretary-Treasurer; Miss Hazel Mathis, Reporter. The membership committee is as follows:

Frank Farmer, Chairman, Floydada
Miss Rose Stewart, Lockney;
O. W. Kirk, Floydada;
Price Scott, Mickey.

WEATHER REDUCES DISTRICT LAY CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

Attendance at the District Lay Conference of this district of the M. E. Church held in Plainview Tuesday, was materially reduced by the inclement weather.

J. L. Henson, pastor of the local church attended. Other local and district leaders residing here were unable to attend. They were Mrs. A. N. Gamble, who is president of the Missinoyry Society; J. M. Willson, who is district lay leader and L. H. Liston, who is lay leader for this church.

\$1 APPORTIONMENT MADE BY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

An apportionment of one dollar made on December 10th by the State Department of Education is announced by E. C. Nelson, Jr., ex-officio county superintendent this week, making a total of \$2 apportioned by the state during the scholastic year 1923-24.

The funds were placed in the depository Monday of this week and are being apportioned to the districts by the superintendent.

MARRIAGE RECORD

Licenses to marry were issued during the past week by Miss Clara Lee Johnson, County Clerk, to:

John Thomas Pittman and Miss Eula Fay Morris, Dec. 7th;
Clarence Eiland and Miss Fay Jones, December 8th.

More Moisture Falls; Lower Temperature

More than an inch of moisture fell during the Thanksgiving snow and the drizzly days which followed, lasting until Sunday of last week.

Only three or four days were allowed farmers for outdoor work, in the harvesting of feedstuffs and particularly cotton, when another very considerable downpour came beginning Monday of this week, falling mostly in the form of sleet. A little rain and a negligible snow accompanied the sleet.

Very considerably lower temperature accompanied the moisture. Tuesday night the thermometer fell nearly as low as 20 degrees above zero, and a layer of ice on the ground is expected to keep the temperature almost at the freezing point for the remainder of this week. About an inch of moisture fell Monday and Tuesday.

Motor License Seals

For 1924 Ready

Collector Grigsby's Office Ready for Rush of Taxpayers Soon Expected to Start

Tax Collector J. A. Grigsby's office is ready for the taxpaying rush expected to start within a few days, a gradual increase in the number of taxpayers already being shown by collections, which will start in earnest immediately after Christmas.

An innovation in the collection of motor car, truck and other motor-vehicles is furnished by the new law, which reduces the motor-power tax but adds a weight tax. The horse power tax goes to the county for the maintenance of county highways and the weight tax goes to the state, and will be administered by the State Highway Department.

Much work is added to the issuance of the motor license numbers by this change in the statute and J. R. Maddox, deputy tax collector said Wednesday that the sheriff's office is going to have to have the co-operation of the taxpayers to get the work done within the time limit given. A motor license taxpayer should have the following information when he calls to pay his tax. The year model of his car, the engine number, and if the car has been previously registered, the highway number. In the case of trucks, it will be necessary in many cases, at least, for the taxpayer to have his truck weighed.

The supplies for the 1924 registration have been checked in at the collector's office and they are now ready to register cars for 1924. This tax, according to the law, is due on or before December 31st. On account of the heavy work to be done in the collector's office the practice followed in recent years of making no arrests for failure to carry new numbers during January will probably be followed, the sheriff states. However, automobile or other motor vehicle owners should bear in mind that this rule may not be followed by any other county in this section, and a Floyd County motor owner in another county without the new license seal couldn't plead immunity because of the accommodation which will probably be extended in this county. The taxpayer who also owns a car finds it more convenient to pay all his taxes at one and the same time. This is the principal reason which prompts the local ruling, the state and county taxes not carrying a penalty until after mid-night, January 31st.

No new license plate numbers will be issued this year. Instead a seal will be issued for use with the 1923 numbers. The seal is red back ground with the numbers in white. Where one or both numbers are lost by the owner, new license plates will be issued for \$1.

WHALEY WARNS AGAINST COTTONSEED "BOOTLEGGERS"

Porter A. Whaley, general manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, in a statement last week warns West Texas against possible fraud in "bootlegger" cotton-seed.

Owing to the damp fall, much of the seed in west Texas will prove inferior, it is thought probable, and a considerable effort at illegal distribution of seed is anticipated. A provision of the last legislature made it unlawful to distribute seed which had not been inspected and approved by a competent authority. Cheap seed, or any other seed purchased without being tagged by state authorities as having been inspected, should not be purchased the West Texas Chamber of Commerce warns.

CHRISTMAS TURKEY MARKET HAS BEEN LISTLESS

The Christmas market for turkeys in the big consuming centers has been slow, with the result that local markets have reflected the condition. The announcement is made that the Christmas market will close Saturday night.

A considerable "carry over" of cold storage turkeys from last year, and the tremendous propaganda in the big centers against paying high prices for turkeys for Thanksgiving and Christmas are given as the reasons by many turkey dealers over the country for the listless market afforded turkey raisers this fall.

Several thousand turkeys have moved from Floydada during the progress of the holiday selling, but a considerable part of the crop is being held for later winter delivery, in the hope of better prices.

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CHRISTMAS AGAIN

All of us—or nearly all of us—still
get a certain amount of thrill from
recurring Christmases; and the kids,
of course, have been looking forward
ever since the last one.

Christmas will mean to each of us
according to the attitude we approach
the day. To those of us to whom the
bible is still The Book the recurrence
of Christmas brings to mind one of
the most thrilling stories ever read:

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came
upon them, and the glory of the Lord
shone round about them; and they
were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, fear
not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings
of great joy, which shall be to
all people.

For unto you is born this day in the
city of David a Savior, which is Christ
the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you;
Ye shall find the babe wrapped in
swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the
angel a multitude of the heavenly host
praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on
earth peace, good will toward men.

It will be an evil day when the savants
convince us the Immaculate Conception
was not such and the "good tidings"
recorded by St. Luke in his
second chapter, is a myth.

APPALLING WASTE

Short school terms and poor attend-
ance in the rural schools represent an
appalling waste. Statistics compiled by
the Bureau of Education show that
the average rural school term is ap-
proximately seven months and that
the average daily attendance is but
72.2 per cent of the enrollment. Even
this poor showing is bolstered up by
including as rural all places of less
than 2,500 population according to the
Census classification. If we count as
rural only the population of the open
country and the smaller villages the
situation appears much worse. Be-
cause of the poor enforcement of the
school laws in the open country many
children of school age are not enroll-
ed in the schools and because of un-
favorable rural conditions the attend-
ance is reduced. In these regions the
average school term is about six
months and the average daily attend-
ance is hardly 67 per cent.

Short school terms and poor attend-
ance waste the farmers' money,
reduce the future earning capacity of
children and permit coming citizens to
be handicapped by illiteracy. The
whole nation was made ashamed by
the high percentage of illiteracy re-
vealed by the examination of recruits
for our Army in the World War. So
long as we permit short school terms
and irregular school attendance in the
rural districts, just so long will we
continue to produce thousands of men
and women unfit to perform their du-
ties as citizens in a Republic.—Lub-
bock Avalanche.

OFFICERS' TELEPHONES

The attorney general of the State
of Texas has ruled that counties must
not furnish their officers with tele-
phones, so reports go, which means
that quite a hardship is going to be
worked on some of Floyd County's
officials, if the attorney general's
opinion has no qualifications. For the
same opinion declares that the tele-
graph and postage bills of the officers
must not be taken care of by the
county.

With one or two exceptions every
officer in Floyd County, who main-
tains an office is furnished a telephone
by the county, and some of them are
vitally necessary. Others might be
dispensed with to the considerable in-
convenience of the public, as well as
to the individual office holder. Surely,
there is a qualification to the attor-
ney general's ruling, or there is an
erroneous report of his ruling.

To make the officeholder pay his
own postage bill will not affect any
other than himself, of course, reduc-
ing his salary by that amount. Just
what effect theruling would have as
regards the telegraph we are not able
to say. It would affect only the
sheriff's and the judge's office prob-

ably. But to take the telephone out
of almost any of the offices of our
county would deter the transactions of
much of the county's business, and
prove as great an inconvenience to the
public as taking the telephones out of
the grocery and dry goods stores—
almost. Very likely some of the of-
ficers can afford to pay their own
telephone bills incurred in the per-
formance of duty. Other offices do
not pay enough to justify this.

Which will bring on some specula-
tion as to the attitude the officeholder
is going to take. He can't afford
to have a telephone in his office and
he can't afford not to have one, it ap-
pears, especially if he would like to
hold office again.

Perhaps the commissioners' courts
over the state, for the problem is the
same in every county, will figure out
a way for their officers to have their
telephones for the benefit of the pub-
lic.

COTTON, COTTON

All we hear nowadays is cotton.
And the man who does not plan a big
acreaage of cotton next year, if he lives
on the farm, is different from all his
neighbors.

We would not gainsay the value of
the cotton crop in Floyd County. In-
deed, we consider the crop we have
had this year, as every man must, as
having been our principal money
maker. But when bankers and mer-
chants and farmers all go wild about
a crop—any one crop—it is time to
stop and do some thinking. Cotton
will make money again and again for
the farmers of West Texas, but cotton
will again, some of these days be
a drag on the market and the wise
man will be he who continues on a
sound basis of diversification.

In 1920 we recall hearing many men
declare they would never plant an-
other stalk of cotton; now we hear
about an equal number saying the
same thing about wheat. When maize
gets dirt cheap almost the same thing
is said about the forage crops.

One crop ideas have bankrupted
more countries than all the other
troubles that vex the farmer. This is
not advice; it is something to think
about.

BETTER SEED

Either because he doesn't know or
hadn't thought about it the farmer of
Floyd County has let his forage crop
seed run down until it is very, very
difficult to find a "tipy" head of
maize, feterita or kafir in the county.
At least that's what the experts at
the fairs declare when they see Floyd
County products in competition at
such fairs as at Dallas. This is also
true of numerous other counties on
the plains. The seed are "running
out" on account of carelessness.

One result of the deterioration of
the seed in this section is a lighter
crop per acre—less production.

If what the experts say is true, and

we can hardly deny it, then the farm-
ers have a job of buying or producing
better seed. If every farmer in Floyd
County had purebred seed of the for-
age crops this imperial crop of Floyd
County could be sold, every grain of
it, at heavy increase over the regular
price as seed. Still we talk about
farmers of this section and that hav-
ing advantages over our farmers,
prices being too cheap, etc., without
end.

All the good automobiles do not
have to be bought with money from
the cotton patch, the bank or even
from white faced cattle on the range.
There is a good chance to make money
out of purebred forage seed here.

However, we do not mean we want
to see Floyd County farmers be easy
marks for some seed peddler.

RAILROAD TALK

The hearing before the Texas Rail-
road Commission which closed last
week in Austin stirred up much specu-
lation on the probability of more rail-
road building in West Texas in the
early future. The T. P. & G., from
Fort Worth to Tucumcari would serve
a tremendous big area that is now
working under a big handicap. Whether
it would make enough money to be
profitable, we do not know.

The Interstate Commerce Commis-
sion will not render a decision before
next spring it is thought. Meanwhile
all West Texas towns, whether on the
proposed route or not, are hoping the
people on the route get their railroad.
Railroads are a necessity to develop-
ment on a large scale, even in these
days of automobiles, and the increased
development of the territory to the
north of Floydada, between this sec-
tion and the Denver, would do Floyd-
ada a lot of good in more ways than
one.

An increase in the wealth and popu-
lation of Floydada and Floyd County
this fall that has been very pleasing
to note has been due in some measure
to the much better feed crop than
Floyd County farmers expected to be
able to harvest. A late frost and a
mild late fall and early winter have
made it possible, in spite of rain to

gather a better forage crop than was
hoped for. Many hundreds of acres
of good forage grain was gathered
by hand methods instead of the much
faster machine binder. This was
made necessary by the heavy rains
and snows which have kept the
ground too wet for heavy machinery.
And while the feedstuffs were hard-
er to gather after the fashion of our
fathers than with machinery it is just
as good feed as it would have been
otherwise. Floyd County has twice
as much feedstuffs than it appeared
on October 1st that we would have.
The value of the wheat fields has also
been great, although the stock could
not use them much of the time.

With the change in the manner of
financing roads and road-building in
Texas those counties which do not
build roads are going to help pay the
bills for other counties that do build,
and not get any of the benefits, either,
except in long-distance drives.

A grocery store in Tulia is adver-
tising Mackerel and overshoes.

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ever known is composed of the Ford
dealers of the United States. There
are 9,448 authorized sales stations and
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Dr. C. M. Thacker made a business
trip to Roaring Springs last week.

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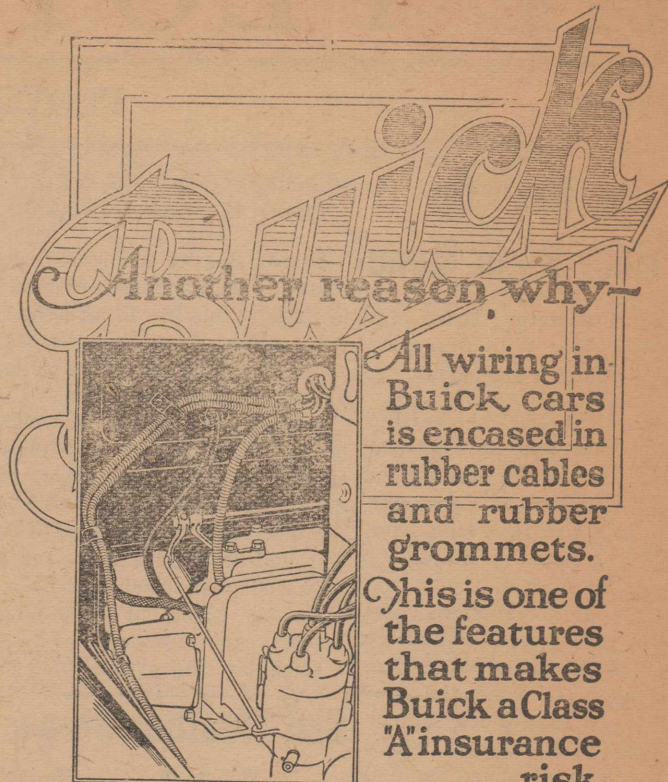
FLOYDADA VARIETY STORE.

**J. H. DONALDSON BRIEF
VISITOR IN FLOYDADA**

J. H. Donaldson, former resident of
Floydada, who is now making his
home at San Diego, Cal., was here
over Friday night last, the guest of
Geo. A. Lider, while he spent a short

time renewing acquaintances.
He had been at Plainview following
the death of his father, W. A. Donald-
son, who was buried in Tulia Tuesday
last.

Messrs. John and Lawrence Lewis
made a trip to Plainview Sunday.



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FLOYDADA, TEXAS

LOCKNEY PEOPLE WANT RAIL EXTENSION FROM FLOYDADA

Organizer Talks Klan to Lockney Men—4,000 Bales Cotton Expected at Lockney

From The Beacon:
At the regular weekly luncheon of the Lockney Community Chamber of Commerce Monday noon, the extension of the railroad from Floydada to Fort Worth was up for discussion, or the building of a line of railroad from Floydada to Matador to connect with the Q. A. & P.

It was decided that Lockney would ask the co-operation of Floydada and Plainview in an effort to put a movement on foot for either the extension of the Santa Fe into Fort Worth, the building of a new line from Floydada to Fort Worth, or the building of a short line from Floydada to Matador or Roaring Springs to connect with the Q. A. & P.

The Lockney gins had ginned 2,005 bales of cotton at 10 o'clock this morning, and if the weather continues fair and dry within the next day or so both gins will be overrun with cotton. It is estimated that from one-third to half the amount is still in the fields, and it is believed that from 3,500 to 4,000 bales will be ginned and marketed here.

J. N. Jordan Construction Co. began the laying of brick on the few feet of unfinished paving in Lockney Thursday morning, and by the time this issue is off the press, in all probability, the paving will be finished.

Lockney people have seen the benefits of the paved streets during the recent bad weather, and it is hoped that more of the work will be done in the near future.

Miss Tress Stone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Stone, has accepted a position as superintendent in the operating room of the Municipal Hospital at Houston, and left last Saturday for that city.

Tom Hill, age 40 years, came near taking his own life late last Thursday afternoon, when he was attacked by a choking spell, and in an effort to relieve himself stuck a knife in his throat just below the adam-apple, the knife penetrating very deep and causing an ugly gash and loss of considerable blood. Dr. Pennington was summoned and attended the wound and Mr. Hill is now recovering.

Elder W. C. Wright, former pastor of the First Christian Church of Plainview, but now an official in the Plainview Klan, was in Lockney Monday, and Monday night held a meeting in the City Grocery, for the purpose of explaining the purposes of the Klan to all who desired to learn about the Klan, and for the purpose of organizing a klan here, if the membership was sufficient, or to recruit members for the Plainview klan from Lockney.

There was possibly thirty men present at the meeting, and Elder Wright explained the klan proposition to them.

Those present gave Elder Wright a respectful hearing and no interruption were had, and at the close he stated that he was ready to answer any questions that the audience would ask, but no questions were asked.

At the meeting of the school board of the Lockney Independent School District on Tuesday night, a petition, fostered by the Lockney Community Chamber of Commerce, was presented and passed on calling an election to be held Saturday, January 5th, for the purpose of voting \$35,000 worth of bonds for the building of an annex on to the present school building, equipping the same, and the purchase of sufficient ground to care for the school.

G. C. Hartman and family, who live in the Providence community, northwest of Lockney, expect to go to Hereford next week, where they will make their future home. Mr. Hartman recently traded for a section of land in that country, and has 250 acres of it in wheat.

Advertise in The Hesperian. It Pays

CENTER NEWS

Center, Dec. 4th.—Some more bad weather and everything wet again but clear and the sun shining again after the solid week of gloom and snow.

Machen Meredith is at Waco taking some Masonic work.

The Volunteer Band from Wayland College will be with us Saturday night and Sunday. They are to be entertained in our homes Saturday night.

School opened Monday with a very good attendance but the continued bad weather will cause some to have to stop when it is dry enough to work.

We forgot to say in our items last week that Mrs. Tom Adair and children visited Saturday and Sunday with her parents, W. C. Spence and other relatives.

Friday was general neighborhood hog-killing day at the Jordan home. Twenty hogs were butchered by six different families so spare-ribs, backbone and sausage are in abundance for awhile.

Mrs. Scott continues to have serious trouble with her afflicted limb. Suffers intensely at times.

ALTUS TURKEY TROT RESULTS IN DISASTER

Over at Altus last week a turkey trot was held and by the time the farmers reached town the market had dropped and there was no demand for the birds. Night came and the farmers drove the birds down in a flat near the Northwestern Railway depot to keep them from scattering during the night. A freight train pulled in about dusk and the turkeys covered the train to find roosting place, as these birds will not roost on the ground. After much work many of the birds were driven from the train but it is reported hundreds were on brake beams, truss rods, couplers and other places when the train pulled out.—Childress Index.

That's not all. Our friend, Fred Guy, says that after the train left the birds lit on a man's barn and broke in the roof.—Motley County News.

U. OF T. EXTENSION MAKES PLAYS AVAILABLE TO TEACHERS

Austin, Texas, Dec. 8.—Teachers who are desiring plays to be acted by the students for entertainments and special occasions may now receive a collection of plays suitable for the purpose from the Extension Loan Library of the University of Texas, according to an announcement which has just been made by Miss Le Noir Dimmit, head of the library. Any teacher who will write to the library telling what type of play is preferred, the number of characters, the age of the children, and the time and occasion for production will receive several plays for a week's examination. Then full information will be furnished as to where to order the plays, the price, and whether or not there is a royalty. There are now in the library twenty plays suitable for Christmas entertainments, and lists appropriate for other holidays will be prepared from time to time.

Miss Lola Walling returned Saturday from San Antonio where she has been for the past two months.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Allen and son, Relis, of Lorenzo, were visiting with relatives in Floydada Sunday.

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One of the boldest forgers in the country struck Childress a few days ago, claiming to be a solicitor for Capper's publications. Approaching J. J. Castleberry on the streets, he finally induced him to subscribe for one of the Capper papers for 98 cents per year. Being very obliging, he made out the check for the price and Mr. Castleberry signed it and went his way for a few days, not dreaming that anything was wrong. When he received his bank statement and his canceled checks for the month, he was considerably shocked to note that instead of showing up 98 cents, the amount it had been first drawn for, the check read \$11.98! In drawing the check, this smooth forger had carefully left spaces for the insertion of the extra \$11, so that there was no chance left for detection by the banker.

Each fall these subscription fakirs appear and each time they file their people out of some good, honest money. A very good rule is to patronize only agents you know something about.—Childress Post.

PASCHAL HAMPTON FRUSTRATED BIG BURGLARY AT SANGER

Paschal Hampton, former resident of Floydada, son of M. F. Hampton, of this city, frustrated a big burglary of a dry goods store in Sanger one day last week, when he was making his rounds trying the doors of the different stores of the city.

He is night watchman at Sanger. The burglars had about \$2,000 worth of dry goods stacked in an alley, and were nearly ready to make their getaway in a high-powered automobile. Hampton crowded them so closely that they left their auto but escaped themselves.

THE MUSIC MAKERS PLAY TO FULL HOUSE

The Music Makers entertained a full house at the Olympic Theatre last Thursday evening. This was the third number of the lyceum course and considered one of the best numbers of the season.

The major part of the program consisted of horn and vocal quartets, varied with a few numbers on the piano and mandolin.

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Miss Willie Hale of Canyon spent last week end in Floydada visiting with relatives.

Carroll Barnett left Monday for Clovis, New Mexico, where he has accepted a position.

Mrs. S. A. Henry, of Amarillo, was here the latter part of last week visiting her mother, Mrs. R. F. Fry, who has been in the sanitarium.

T. R. Fuston, prominent ranchman of the Turkey country, was a business visitor in Floydada last Friday.

T. M. Cox returned Thursday of last week from Merit, Texas, where he had been on a visit of several weeks with his father, H. N. Cox.

W. L. Odell, of Petersburg, was a business visitor in Floydada Saturday.

COTTON SHIPMENTS DELAYED BY HEAVY WEATHER

Not only the gathering of the fleecy staple has been difficult in the South Plains area this season, but in instances the cotton has been difficult to move after it reached the yards. At Floydada congestion of cotton due to bad weather has been the cause of considerable inconvenience to dealers. The same condition has been true at most other points in this territory where the production of cotton has been heavy.

M. E. CIRCUIT NOTICE

We have been re-appointed since annual conference and are back on the Floydada Circuit and will fill our appointments just as they were last year.

Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Brotherton.
Read the Hesperian Want Ads.

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To any new friends or customers coming our way we wish to extend to you every courtesy and accommodation in our power for good business relations.

We have a general line of shelf hardware, queensware, cutlery, stoves, notions radio and school supplies, and while we do not have the largest stock in town we are trying to carry a well-assorted stock of every day needs, and anything we do not have, it will be our desire and pleasure to get for you at the lowest market price.

We have a nice line of heating and cook stoves, both oil and coal, on which we will give you exceptional values.

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We are making some special prices on Radio Goods and invite you to come in and see us if interested in same.

In view of the strenuous times we have had we have marked our goods at the smallest living profit it is possible to make.

Yours for business and a profitable 1924,

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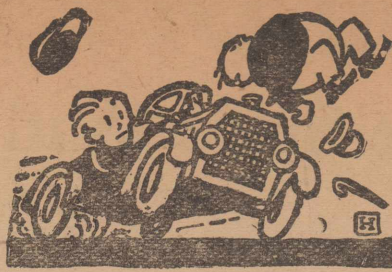
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- Group 3—Values up to \$35.00 sale.....

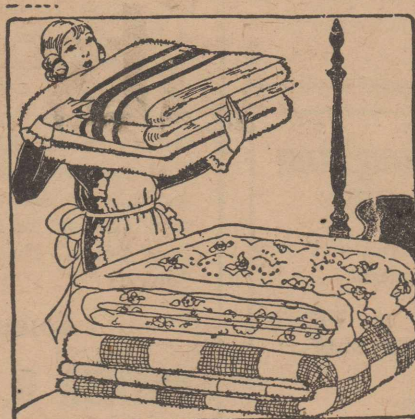
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- PUSSIE WILLOW BLOOMERS AND RADIUM**
- \$3.45 and \$3.75 values, sale price.....\$2.98
- SATIN PRINCESS SLIPS IN WHITE AND COLORS**
- \$4.85 values, on sale for.....\$3.75
- \$6.95 values, on sale for.....\$5.68
- SILK CAMISOLES**
- \$1.25 values, on sale for.....98c
- \$1.75 values, on sale for.....\$1.48
- \$2.00 values, on sale for.....\$1.68

Gifts for Men

NoFade Shirts, Van Heu-sen Collars, Phoenix Hosi-ery, Cuff Buttons, Gold Knife and Chain, Ties, and Gloves.

Handkerchiefs for Gifts

- Women's pure linen handkerchiefs in white and colors, only.....25c
- Pure linen handkerchiefs, white with hand colored em-broidered borders, each.....\$1.50
- Fancy white and ciled linen handkerchiefs with lace footing edges, each.....\$2.00
- 3 white btiste handkerchiefs embroidered corners, in fancy boxes, per box.....39c
- 3 colored betiste handkerchiefs in fancy boxes, hand em-broidered, per box.....\$1.25
- Betiste handkerchiefs, white and solid colors, 3 in fancy box, per box.....65c
- Men's pure linen handkerchiefs.....25c
- Men's initial handkerchiefs, each.....25c
- Men's pure silk Pongee handkerchiefs, plain and fancy, each.....75c and \$1.00

Fall and Winter Merchandise

We have a large stock of choice Fall and Winter Merchandise—every department stocked full and run-ning over with real values in wanted goods.

You will find our sales people courteous and anxious to please you down to the smallest detail. We strive to make this store a real service to our customers. We satisfy them or cheerfully refund their money. And re-mem-ber that we handle only standard brands of mer-chandise.

Good Deeds In One Act

Help us" Turn Our Winter Stocks Into Benefits Will Be Mutual.

Martin Dry Goods Co.

"The Store With the Goods"
Floydada Texas

What Will Bring Crowds to See of New Dresses, Suits and Coats

ten fabrics for street, afternoon and evening wear,
Price range in three groups:

..... \$14.85
..... \$16.85
..... \$29.75



ch- A Coat Suit Special

GROUPED IN ONLY TWO GROUPS

Group 1—Only 10 suits, values up to \$29.00,
on sale for only..... \$14.85

14.75
19.75
25.00 Group 2—Only 16 suits, values up to \$49.00,
on sale for only..... \$25.00

SILK SALE--REAL VALUES

Dress Satin 36 in. wide, regular price \$1.95, sale price..... \$1.69

Dress Satin, regular price \$2.25, sale price..... \$1.78

Pussy Willow, plain colors, regular price, \$1.95, sale price... \$1.69

Satin Canton, 40 in. wide, regular price \$4.85, sale price..... \$3.78

Canton Crepe, 38 in. wide, regular price \$2.48, sale price..... \$1.98

Georgettes, 40 in. wide, sale price..... \$1.49

Crepe de Chine, 40 in. wide, regular price \$1.95, sale price..... \$1.50

Krinkle Crepe, regular price \$2.98 sale price..... \$2.39

Crepe Dento, regular price \$4.50, sale price..... \$3.68

Staple Dry Goods

Everfast Crepe weave 36 in. wide, Reg. price 65c, sale price..... 49c

Everfast Basket Crepe, 36 inches wide, Reg. price 75c, sale..... 49c

Nofade Madrass 36 in. wide, Reg. price 39c, sale price..... 29c

Light Figured Percals, 36 inches wide, Reg. price 25, sale price 19c

Utility Gingham 32 inches wide, long fold, Reg. 29c, sale price 19c

32 inch Gingham, regular price 19c, on sale at..... 15c

Gilbrae Gingham 32 inches, regular price 65c, on sale..... 47c

Arrowhead Hose For Women..... 25c

Men's \$1.00 and \$1.25 Blue Work Shirt..... 75c

To Wait Later
You Pay More

HUNDREDS OF YARDS OF NEW WOOLENS AT PRICES BELOW THEIR WORTH

Wool Flannel for Men's Shirts..... 65c
Storm Serge 38 inch, special..... 87c
Sport Flannel 28 inches, suitable for middies and dresses, colors in all the new shades, per yard..... 98c
Storm Serge 56 inches wide, regular price \$2.98, Sale price..... \$2.69

Poirot Twill 46 inches wide, regular \$3.25 per yard, Sale price..... \$2.73
Needle Cord 56 inches wide, regular price \$4.75, Sale price..... \$3.78
Tricotine 58 inches wide, regular price \$4.50 per yard, Sale price..... \$3.40



Boys' Suits

And here's how to save money on boys' suits. In keeping with MARTIN'S custom we are now sharply reducing suits for immediate clearance. Every boy that's ever worn

Perfection Clothes

likes them; every mother that bought them got her money's worth.

GROUP 1—
Special lot..... \$5.90
GROUP 2—
With two pair trousers..... \$7.90
GROUP 3—
Values up to \$13.85..... \$10.75
GROUP 4—
Values up to \$25.00..... \$19.75

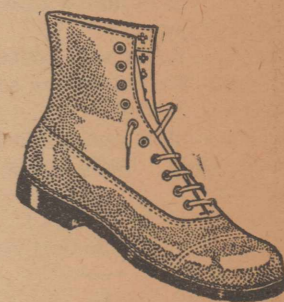
OUR SHOE PRICES TALK LOUD

One lot of women's Brown and Black Kid military heel Boots, all standard makes, values up to \$6.00, Special price..... \$3.85

We have just received some Fall and Winter footwear for women. They are cleverly turned strap effects and shapely oxfords in the most favored shades, Priced..... \$3.95 and \$4.95

CHILDREN'S SHOES

One lot children's kid and calf skin shoes, black and brown, sizes 6 to 2, regular price, \$2.45, \$2.75, \$2.85, Your choice for..... \$1.98



Men's \$5.50 and \$6.50 Beacon Shoes made on the newest last, special price..... \$4.95

ARMY SHOES

These shoes were made by the Government and are the best that money can buy.

\$2.98, ALL SIZES, 6 to 11

Ladies Felt House Shoes, colors Orchid, China Blue, Shapphire, Etc..... 98c

Hose For All the Family

We handle only standard brand of hosiery, hose that will stand up to the test for the price paid.

Phoenix Silk Hose for women, Cadet and Arrowhead hose for misses and children.

We also have the same brand of hosiery for men.

Hosiery make a splendid GIFT.

When you are wondering what to give Mother, Father or some of the children, give them a pair of hose. It is something that is always appreciated. We have them in all prices from 15c a pair to \$3.00.

NOTIONS!

Are something that is seldom mentioned, yet it is something that is an every day necessity. A thousand of these little things that we have, but we will only mention a few of them here.

Best yet hair pin cabinets, large size, per box, only... 10c
Brass pins size 3, two hundred pins to the paper, only 5c
Doublewear hair nets, large cap shape, double mesh, two nets for..... 25c
Single mesh, three for only..... 25c
Black and White Elastic in all widths, per yard..... 5c, 8 1-3c and 15c
Dress Combs..... 15c, 25c, 50c and \$1.00

Do Your Shopping Early

Do your shopping early in the mornings, and avoid the rush that comes in the afternoons

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus:

We are glad you will soon be coming to see us. Jack wants a little car and a drum, a pair of house shoes. I want a pair of house shoes and a cedar chest big enough to put my clothes in and a set of dishes.

This is all we want this time.
Mary Anne Kimble,
John Wilson Kimble.

Dear Santa Claus:

How are you? I am fine. I am a little girl, seven years old, I want a big doll that says mamma, and plenty of nice nuts, candy and fruits.

Please do not forget Aunt Lillie. She would like a box of chocolate candy, and Mr. Clements, a nice young man, bring him something nice. He is so timid, don't have much to say.

With Love,
Margaret Louise Anderson.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a new wagon, for mine is about worn out. I want some overshoes, so I won't have to stay in the house when it is snowy or muddy, and too, I want a tie; the kind that dad wears, and just anything else that you have for little boys. I am six.

Hal Reid Bethel.

Dear Santa Claus:

Will you please bring me a little baby doll with a bottle and nipple? I would also like a cedar chest for my doll clothes. Bring anything else you would like for me to have. Please bring Billie Boy some nice toys, too, and remember all the little poor children.

Your little friend,
Gladys Ruth Brown.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am going to tell you what I want. Please bring me a doll and a doll buggy, candy and nuts. My little sister wants a doll and a doll buggy and candy and nuts.

Your little friend,
Lela Jones.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a doll and doll buggy and a little table and some nuts and candy.

Please bring P. D., Jr., a toy gun and a tricycle and some candy, apples and oranges and a little knife.

Rachel Adams,
P. D. Adams, Jr.
Canyon, Texas.

Mr. Santa Claus,

North Pole.

Dear Santa:

Will you please bring me a big doll that will walk, talk and sleep? I would like to have a little set of furniture, too.

And Santa, don't forget the candy, nuts and apples.

Your little friend,
Worth Gwendolyn Shipley.

Huntington Beach, Cal.

Dear Santa Claus:

Mother and daddy said Santa Claus always reads The Hesperian, so I will send this to Floydada.

I want a stopper gun and a bicycle and some candy. Little buddy wants a kiddy car.

Love,
Homer Carl Mince.

Dear Old Santa Claus:

When you come to see us I am going to give you a big hug and kiss. Please bring me a kiddie car, a dollie and everything else you think would be nice for a little girl like me. With love.

Little Katilee Martin.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a baby doll, cap and scarf, then some candy and fruits. Be sure to come to our tree at home.

With love,
Anna Laura Martin.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a football and a gun. I love you, and a horn. And bring my little brother a kiddy-car if you have one and some candy and some nuts, please.

Your loving friend,
R. C. Henry, Jr.

Advertise in The Hesperian. It Pays

Mrs. T. C. Russell is in Fort Worth and Dallas this week for a brief visit with friends.

Miss Annie McGlinchey, of Aledo, Texas, is here on a visit with her sister, Mrs. Wilson Kimble, for the Christmas holidays.

Thiess Wofford, of Amarillo, was here the first of the week visiting his brother, F. V. Wofford. He had his tonsils removed at the Smith & Smith Sanitarium while here.

Mrs. Callie V. Wolf of Brady, Texas, is here on an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. W. E. Brown.

Miss Ruby Houston of Abernathy was visiting in Floydada with relatives last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Stone of Clovis, spent last week end in Floydada with Mr. Stone's sister, Mrs. G. R. Strickland.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Ivey of Slaton, are visiting with Mrs. Ivey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Surginer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Davey of Lorenzo were visiting in Floydada Monday.

J. D. Starks, L. B. Maxey and R. C. Scott returned the latter part of last week. They attended the Royal Arch Grand Chapter at Waco, and R. C. Scott also visited in San Antonio during his absence.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Wilson spent Sunday in Lockney with Mr. Wilson's mother, Mrs. John Wilson.

Elmer Stearns, of Matador, was in Floydada Saturday.

Mrs. S. A. Henry returned to her home in Amarillo Monday after a week-end visit with her mother, Mrs. R. F. Fry.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill McDaniel of Lorenzo were visiting in Floydada with relatives Sunday.

Mrs. J. M. Hughes who has been spending the past several weeks in Mineral Wells, has gone to Ft. Worth to visit her sister, Mrs. Jimmie Liston, during the holiday season.

SHERIFF'S SALE

The State of Texas, County of Floyd.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Alias Execution issued out of the Honorable County Court of Hale County, of the 17th day of October, 1923, by Joe Wayland, Clerk of said court for the sum of Two Hundred Seventy Six and 97-100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a certain judgment, in favor of Commercial Credit Company, in a certain cause in said court, No. 1031 and styled Commercial Credit Company vs. M. F. Husky

and placed in my hands for service, I, J. A. Grigsby, as sheriff of Floyd County, Texas, did, on the 28th day of November, 1923, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Floyd County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: All of Lots (10) ten, (11) Eleven and (12) twelve Block (1) one Honerhea addition to the Town of Floydada, Texas, and levied upon as the property of M. F. Huskey and that on the first Tuesday in January, 1924, the same being the first day of said month, at the Court House door, of Floyd County, in the town of Floydada, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p.

m., by virtue of said levy and said Alias Execution I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said M. F. Huskey.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Floyd County Hesperian, a newspaper published in Floyd County.

Witness my hand, this 28th day of November, 1923.

J. A. GRIGSBY,
40-4tc. Sheriff Floyd County, Texas.

Drs. Smith & Smith

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For Medical and Surgical Cases

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FLOYDADA, TEXAS

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Bring us your films today
And get your prints tomorrow.

WILSON STUDIO

MRS. JNO. W. SMITH

CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY CLERK
—OF—
FLOYD COUNTY.

Today A House
Tomorrow Ashes



That may happen to you tonight. It has happened to hundreds of thousands over night. Some of them were protected by insurance. To some it represented a complete loss—the savings of a lifetime.

Are you prepared for the Demon Fire? Will you be in position to rebuild on your insurance money? If not, TODAY is the day to see us and get such protection as will assure you of a minimum-loss.

Floydada Insurance Agency

J. G. WOOD—Managers—T. R. WEBB

Portraits for Christmas

Your friends can buy anything you can give them—Except your photograph.

Phone us NOW, No. 162

Wilson Studio

Why Not Buy a
DIAMOND FOR CHRISTMAS

on our

Easy Payment Plan

Make your own selection from our big stock—see what you are buying—and have the satisfaction of wearing while you pay.

PAY NO MORE

We don't charge you a fancy price just because we are selling you on terms. We sell you a diamond at the established price, whether you pay cash or buy on terms.

DROP IN AND LET'S TALK IT OVER.

C. H. DAVIS, Jeweler

LOCATED AT WOODY DRUG CO.



The
GIFT of GIFTS
for
All who write
Remington
Portable

HESPERIAN PUB. CO.
Telephone No. 8

Plenty of Fruits

We have plenty of Fruits for the Holidays and ask you to see the

APPLES, ORANGES, BANANAS, GRAPE FRUITS, and ALL KINDS OF NUTS AND CHRISTMAS CAKES at this store.

INGREDIENTS FOR CHRISTMAS FRUIT CAKES; CIGARS IN CHRISTMAS BOXES FOR GIFTS.

WRIGHT'S LIQUID SMOKE
AND HAM PICKLE

Star Cash Grocery

Phone 40

South Side, Floydada



S. E. Duncan
AETNA—IZER
Floydada, Texas

Big Ben Getsya Outuv Bed So Does Fire Alarm Nuff Sed

Department

Best grade kerosene at Stephens' Store. 39-tfc

Bring us your turkeys. We pay the highest market. Christmas market closes Saturday night. Awtrey Gro. & Produce Co. 41-1tc

See FLOYD COUNTY ABSTRACT CO. for City property, improved and unimproved. We represent the owners of more than 800 lots in Floydada. Room 7 First National Bank Building. 28-tfc

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FOR SALE—Pure White Leghorn cockerels hatched by Bryan Hatchery, \$1.25 each. D. S. Battey, Rt. 2, Floydada, Texas. 37-6tp

WANTED TO BUY

Good second hand farm implements, 20 rod mouldboard sod plows; 10 listers, walk and ride; 10 planters, walk and ride; disc harrows; two-row monitors and cultivators. No junk wanted. Leave your name and specifications, if you have anything for sale, with The Hesperian. 41-1tc

Bring us your turkeys. We pay the highest market. Christmas market closes Saturday night. Awtrey Gro. & Produce Co. 41-1tc

Best grade Pennsylvania lube oils at Stephens' Store. 39-tfc

FOR SALE—5 large-roomed house, 2 porches, garage, sidewalks, 3 blocks west of square. A bargain. See Will Morgan. 39-1tc

FOR SALE—Single comb Buff Minorca hens and pullets, your choice \$1.25 each. Try this wonderful new breed of chickens and be convinced that they are better than the best to lay in the fall and winter. Phone or write. Mrs. S. D. Irwin, Route 3, Floydada, Texas. 42-2tp

Little rugs and rockers for small Xmas gifts. Harmon. 41-1tc

unimproved. We represent the owners of more than 800 lots in Floydada. Room 7 First National Bank Building. 28-tfc

LOST—In Floydada 11x14 wagon sheet in good condition, 12 oz. Wire loops in end seams. Return to Massie Wholesale Grocery. 41-2tp

SECOND hand Victrolas and PLAYERPHONE MACHINES. Come see them. Very attractive prices and terms. Floydada Drug Co. 32-tfc

FOR SALE OR TRADE—One Maxwell Roadster. What have you? Maury Hopkins. 41-1tc

WANTED TO BUY

Good second hand farm implements, 20 rod mouldboard sod plows; 10 listers, walk and ride; 10 planters, walk and ride; disc harrows; two-row monitors and cultivators. No junk wanted. Leave your name and specifications, if you have anything for sale, with The Hesperian. 41-1tc

\$275 buys Howard piano and stool in good condition at Mrs. J. T. Kirk's home. For further information see Mrs. J. T. Kirk, or write Myra Pack, Post, Texas. Reason for selling, going to school. 40-2tc

Cedar Chests—Another shipment just arrived—good selection. Harmon. 41-1tc

For marble or granite Monuments see S. B. McCleskey. 4-tfc

CHRISTMAS APPLES

We have in transit a car of fancy apples consisting of King David, Wine Sap, Jonathan, Pearmain, Gapa, and Grimes Golden. These apples are all hand picked and boxed and good winter keepers and will come but little higher than bulk apples. We expect the car in a few days. A. D. White Pro. Co. 40-tfc

FOR SALE—4 standard bred White Leghorn cocks \$1 each. See A. D. White. 40-2tc

See our line up of Suits, also odd pieces of furniture, rugs and linoleum. Harmon. 41-1tc

For cleaning, pressing, alterations and hat work phone 22. Pope's Tailor Shop. 19-tfc

Smoke Stands and Floor Lamps for Xmas gifts—Harmon. 41-1tc

Best grade kerosene at Stephens' Store. 39-tfc

HEMSTITCHING

I have installed a new Singer Hemstitching machine at Clark-Wood Dry Goods Co. Will appreciate your patronage. Mrs. A. J. Welch. 41-2tp

We invite you to see our line of Cedar Chests, Rockers and Rugs, Nice gifts—Harmon. 41-1tc

FAREWELL ENTERTAINMENT

A Sunday school social at the home of Mrs. M. B. Holmes was enjoyed very much by the members of the Senior Class of the Sand Hill Union Sunday School Wednesday night, Dec. 5th.

It was given in honor of Bryan Wales, of Glenrose, a nephew of Elder C. W. Smith of Sand Hill. Mr. Wales has been serving as superintendent of the Sunday school the past summer but returned home Thursday to spend Christmas there and attend college in the spring.

Several games were played after which delicious cake and hot chocolate were served. Mr. Campbell, president of the class, presented Mr. Wales with a bible as a present from the class to show him their appreciation of him and his services while here. Several songs were sung, the closing one being "God Be With You." This was followed by prayer by Mr. Wales.

The class now has twenty-four members. However, there are several young people that do not belong. It is a good lively class, but your membership and friendship will strengthen it. Visit the class. You are more than welcome.

Some kind of an entertainment is to be enjoyed every month. It is hoped that these Sunday school socials will cause no hard feelings whatever. They are certainly not given in that spirit.

—Contributed.

Mrs. M. Anderson of Sulphur Springs is visiting in Floydada with her brother, A. J. Ryals, having arrived Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zimmerman of Wichita Falls are in Floydada this week having arrived Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Shropshire of Duncan, Oklahoma, were in Floydada last week end, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Dorrell.

Charley Taylor, of Slaton, was a visitor in Floydada Sunday.

sonic Grand Lodge in Waco, returned home Monday. Machen Meredith who also attended from this lodge is expected home the latter part of the week.

W. J. Fairy of Plainview was in Floydada Wednesday on business.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

The State of Texas,

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Floyd County,—Greeting:

You are hereby Comanded 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 the notice in the County of Floyd State of Texas, and you shall cause said notice to be printed at least once each week for the period of ten days exclusive of the first day of publication before the return day here of:

Notice of Application for Probate of Will, and Letters Testamentary

The State of Texas:

To all Persons interested in the Estate of C. M. Stribling, deceased, Sarah E. Stribling has filed in the County Court of Floyd County, an application for the Probate of the Last Will and Testament of the said C. M. Stribling, deceased, which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing the Third Monday in January, A. D. 1924, at the Court house thereof, in the City of Floydada, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said application should they desire to do so.

Herein fail not, but have you then and there before said Court this writ with your return thereon endorsed, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal

(Seal) CLARA LEE JOHNSON
Clerk County Court, Floyd County,
Texas. 41-3tc. Influence.

Christmas Specials

Fancy Budded Walnuts, Paper Shell Peccans, Filberts, Almonds, Brazil Nuts, Black Walnuts.

All kinds of Candies, Oranges, Apples, Grapes, Bananas, Dates and Figs. Loose-Wiles Fancy Chocolates. Cocoanuts and Christmas Vegetables.

Special prices on Christmas Tree Candies and Fruits.

Brown Bros.



Christmas is rapidly approaching. It is nearly time for you to make your Christmas Gifts materialize. You will find no better place—certainly no more willing—than our store to aid you in your selections.

For the Lady:

Fountain Pen and Pencil
Cut Glass
Toilet Set
Manicure Roll
Dresser Set
Stationery
Toilet Water
Boudoir Lamps
Ivory
Electric Curling Irons

For the Man:

Box Cigars
Smoking Stand
Smoking Set
Razor
Shaving Stand
Kodak
Flash Light
Thermos Bottle
Travelling Set
Combination Fountain
Pencil and Pen

For the Boys and Girls

WE ARE EQUALLY WELL-PREPARED. HUNDREDS OF USEFUL, BEAUTIFUL AND ORNAMENTAL GIFTS THAT ARE SURE TO PLEASE.

Woody Drug Co.

FLOYDADA, TEXAS

A Real Cut-Price

Removal Sale

We have never in the history of our business put on a sale unless there was a reason for it. We have never put on a sale unless we CUT THE PRICE and sold the goods just as we advertised them. Our reason for this sale is because we are going to move to the west side of the square the first of January. We want our stock as low as possible by that time.

Select Christmas Gifts Now

It is time now to begin the selection of your Christmas Gifts. You will find this store the best place to select your gifts. It will be a pleasure to us to assist you in any way that we can. Let us wrap your packages. Leave them with us to be mailed. Our entire sales force is at your service. We are showing a large assortment of Men's Ties, Gloves, Hosiery, House Shoes, Traveling Bags, Handkerchiefs of all kinds and Bath Robes and many other useful articles that will be serviceable and very much appreciated.

Clark-Wood Dry Goods Co.

Floydada "Goods of the Better Kind" Texas

ec. 12.—We are glad to have the sunshine today after the worst spell of weather we have had this winter.

KING

Gathers in Homeless Tots for Christmas Festivities

THE dining room of this exquisite home was beautiful, spacious and furnished in the best of taste. Its massive Jacobean high-backed chairs, long table, draperies all harmonized. But that quality which puts one at ease was lacking. It looked austere and unfriendly. The servants had decorated the table and room profusely, trying to give a little of the Christmas atmosphere. The forbidding look still asserted itself, though. From the length of the table and amount of edibles piled upon it, one might have judged there was to be quite a party, but only four places were set.

The dinner gong sounded. A middle-aged, well-dressed man and woman appeared.

"And you say, Thelma went out in the car?"

"She didn't say where she was going, Robert," replied his wife.

"She probably thought Hubert was taking too long in getting over here, so she took it upon herself to go after him."

"Undoubtedly," assented Mrs. Fremont.

Thelma came soon bursting in upon her folks, coat and hat still on. To be sure, she had Hubert with her.

"Dad, mother," she exclaimed, "come and see what I have out here!"

She led her folks into the front hall. To their astonishment, they found the



butler and a maid occupied in removing coats and hats from six children.

"Well, where did you get these?" said Mr. Fremont in his blustering way.

"It's like this, Dad," began Thelma with a rather apologetic air: "When I came downstairs this afternoon and saw that dining room table heaped up with good things—well, I just went for Hubert; together we found the name of the nursery or home or whatever you call it, near here and we went over there. I had the matron give me half a dozen children, and here they are." She pointed to the group in front of her, who were busy taking in their surroundings. "Children, this is my father and this my mother. Now, Dad, here is Tony, Rose, Frederick, Charles, Anna and Marie," as she gathered the children to her. "Now, children, we are going in and have dinner. Let's see, Hubert, you take Frederick and Charles, Dad take Tony; Mother, you take Anna, and I will have Rose and Marie."

The children, ranging from six to eight, were rather shy until they set eyes on all the goodies on the table; then they were all excitement. Thelma winked at Hubert, and then looked at her dad. He was busy keeping meat enough cut up for Tony, supplying his numerous other demands, and keeping up with his many questions. The children were fairly stuffed when they climbed down from the table.

"We are going to play some games now," said Thelma. "Hubert, you get on that side of the circle; come on, Dad and Mother." But no amount of coaxing could bring Dad and Mother. Dad thought he had done his share.

"What do you think?" said Thelma to the children a little while later:



"Hubert tells me he was just in the library, and Santa left a Christmas tree and some gifts for you in there." They all made a dash for the door.

"Where do you suppose she got these things?" queried Mr. Fremont of his wife.

"I can't imagine," she replied; "this must have been the planning of more than today."

It came time for Thelma to give the dread announcement that they were to leave for the home. Before doing so she surveyed the scene before her: There was Dad, on his hands and knees, crawling about the floor with Tony, playing train. Tony had succeeded in winning over Mr. Fremont. There sat her mother reading a story to three of the youngsters, and Hubert—she could hardly believe her eyes—sat cuddling a little sleeping form in his arms. She went over and sat down on the arm of his chair.

"You dear old thing," she said, putting her arm around him; then, "Hubert, look at Dad. Won't you say this day was a success?"

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UNDER THE MISTLETOE

"Oh, professor, see the big bunch of mistletoe I have hung on the chandelier," exclaimed the young lady, standing under it and smiling roguishly.

Young and Learned Professor (looking near-sightedly through his glasses)—"Ah, yes, it is an excellent specimen of the *Viscum Album*, of the order *Loranthaceae*. It is a jointed dichotomas shrub." And that was all.

Loda Barnett has returned to his home at Electra after spending several weeks on the Brewer farm.

Our teacher, Mrs. Wheeler, is preparing a Christmas program and expects to have it with a tree, Friday night, December 21st, as she expects to leave Monday to spend Christmas with a sister at Cisco.

Herman Burns, of Slaton, spent Saturday night with his friend, Wilbur Snell.

Mrs. Scott and family, of Electra, have been here several days visiting her sisters, Mesdames Gamblin and Ross.

Travis Morris, of Ladonia, is visiting his uncle, T. J. Morris and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar McCarty have rented their farm out and are planning to go to California soon. Mrs. McCarty expects to spend Christmas with her sister at Cisco.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Fry spent last week end in Amarillo. Mr. Fry returned Monday but Mrs. Fry will remain in Amarillo for a couple of weeks.

W. O. Murry returned Tuesday from Abernathy where he has been the past five weeks.

Give Useful Practical Gifts

It's a problem, a real problem, to answer the question, "What shall I give?" and be certain that my gift will be welcome. Make your selection here and you can enter wholeheartedly into the Christmas spirit.



For Miss or Mrs. She

A pair or pairs of Silk Holeproof Hose. Pair Chiffon Silk Holeproof Hose. Pair Glove Silk Holeproof Hose. (In gift box).

A Diamond Ring, Pearls or other Jewelry.

A Silk Parasol in Colors, Red, Brown, Purple and Navy.

Trunks and Traveling Bags.

Any lady will be pleased with a gift selected here.

For Him

A box of Holeproof Hose. Brand new Xmas tie or one of those "brush wool" Overcoats and a pair of Stetson silk lined gloves. A 19 jewel South-bend watch, Gold knife and chain. A Snowsheel shirt in one of those new fadeless colors.

"Lessley Barrow" caps that fit any head.

Pair Florsheim Shoes, shoes that stay put.

Cuff links and a 'Scratch' Hat.

Traveling Bag, Sweaters and a leather vest.



Yes, some of the keenest suits and overcoats ever shown in Floydada, ready to slip on.

Ask the multitude who has worn them, then take a pencil and check your wants.

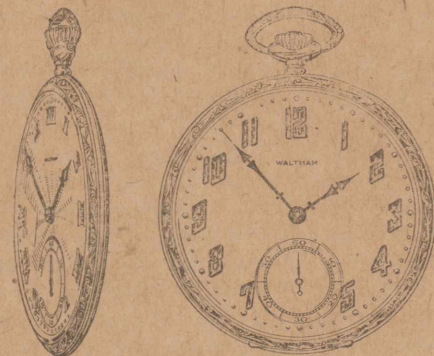
GLAD'S

Gifts for Every Member of the Family--50c Up Gifts that Last



Don't wait till the last minute to do your Christmas shopping. We usually have such a rush the last few days before Christmas that we cannot give each customer the time he ought to have for selecting. Don't wait till the last minute for your engraving and special order work.

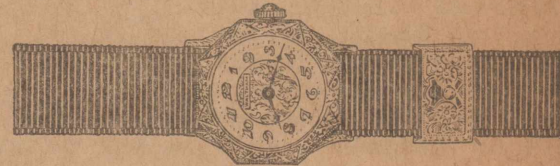
Here are some jewelry values that are worth your consideration: We have a fine selection of blue white diamonds in rings \$7.40 to \$300.00. Diamond bar pins \$15.00 and up. Diamond lavalieres, \$10.00 and up. We have ladies' reconstructed ruby rings \$3.25 and up. Scarf pins 50c and up. Watch chains \$1.50 and up. Genuine coral and cornelian cameos \$7.00 and up. Baby pin sets 85c and up. Waldemar gold-filled and pearl handled knives \$2.00 and up. All other lines of jewelry in proportion.



Watches

We have the largest line of Gents' watches we have ever shown, in solid gold, gold-filled and nickle cases, prices \$8.00 and up.

Ladies' wrist watches in the white gold, yellow and green gold. Prices from \$10.00 to \$56.00.



Cut Glass

Everything that is usually carried in up-to-date jewelry stores. Our prices are very low, as we bought direct from the manufacturers.

French Ivory

Toilet sets, \$7.50 to \$35.00. Manicure sets \$1.50 up. Manicure rolls \$1.50 up. Military brushes \$4.00 and up. Combs 40c and up. Hair brushes \$2.00 and up. Trays \$1.00 and up. Puff boxes \$1.50 and up. Dresser sets \$2.00 and up. Clocks \$3.50 and up.

We are prepared this year to do electrical engraving on our French Ivory, in gold and silver, which adds very much to its beauty.

Leather Goods

We are specializing on leather goods. Our stock consists of hand tooled and hand laced bill folds \$3.90 and up. Genuine leather bill folds, factory stamped, \$1.50 and up. Ladies' genuine steer hide hand bags, hand stamped and hand laced, \$7.50 and up. Ladies' and misses' hand bags in genuine leather \$2.00 and up. We are also prepared to do fine electrical engraving on all our leather goods in gold and silver.

BOX STATIONERY—The finest line we have ever shown. Price per box 35c to \$5.00.

SETH THOMAS CLOCKS—And other standard brands in newest designs—priced \$2.50 to \$30.00.

BOOKS—By all means you should look over our stock of books. We have a very nice line and new ones coming in every day. The latest fiction by popular authors. Also a fine assortment of children's moderate priced books.

CHINA WARE—We have the largest line of China ware that has ever been shown on this part of the plains. Haviland and Bavaria sets and hand painted odd pieces of all kinds.



Silver Ware

Before buying silverware you should call and see our latest designs in YOUREX Silver. Guaranteed not to rust or turn and is absolutely the best silver ever manufactured. Prices about the same as Community. We carry one of the largest lines of Community on the plains. Come and make your selection while the stock is complete.

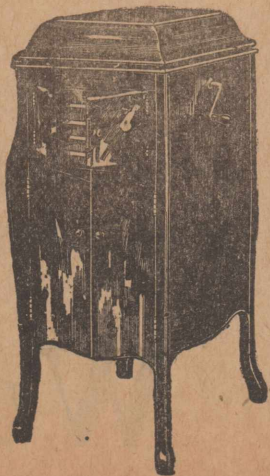
NOVELTIES—Vanity cases, \$1.50 and up. Cigarette cases \$2.50 and up. Photo lockets \$1.00 and up. Gent's folding combs \$1.50 and up. Ladies' and children's mesh bags \$2.00 and up.



FOUNTAIN PENS



Conklin and Ingersoll Fountain Pens and Pencils, priced 50c to \$8.50.



Victrolas AND VICTOR RECORDS Christmas Cards

Small payment down and balance in monthly payments.

You should see our large assortment of steel die Christmas cards, priced from 5 cents to 25 cents.

Wilson Kimble

WEST SIDE SQUARE

FLOYDADA, TEXAS

STROUD "MYSTERY" SOLVED BY RANGERS AND SHERIFF

Monday morning when Ranger Sergeant J. W. McCormick and Sheriff Jim Crane arrived in this city from Wichita Falls and they went at once out to Northfield and verified some facts already learned concerning the movements of P. C. Stroud, who disappeared from the Tell community Monday night, November 26. From several eye-witnesses it was learned that on the Monday night Stroud disappeared he merely continued his journey on westward past Tell and over into the Northfield community where he stopped at the home of Bill Jones about daylight and asked for something to eat, stating that he had been walking all night and was hungry.

His request was granted and after taking breakfast with the Jones family Stroud hired a cotton picker on the place to take him to Matador in a car. Mr. Jones decided to go along and all three rode together to that place. During the day Stroud hired another man to take him from Matador to Lubbock, where he bought a railroad ticket to Los Angeles, California, and is now believed to be in that city.

This, in brief, is the story as told to The Post by Ranger McCormick and Sheriff Crane Tuesday night. They claim to have positive proof of the facts and stated that to Stroud's folks they offered to make a trip to Los Angeles, if it were desired, and bring Stroud back. The offer was not accepted but they stated that it might be later.

On learning these facts, McCormick and Crane both agreed that no further search was necessary, as Stroud had committed no crime unless it were wife desertion.—Childress Post.

NEW FORD PLANT BBEING BUILT AT COPENHAGEN

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 8.—By next spring the Ford Motor Co. will have completed an immense new factory at Copenhagen, Denmark, which will be one of the finest in Europe, introducing in that part of the world new standards in design and operation.

The growth of the Copenhagen plant since its opening in June, 1919, has been remarkable and it is now the second largest among the foreign companies, first place being held by the plant at Manchester, England.

A total of thirteen countries are served by Copenhagen. These include Denmark, Iceland, Faroe Islands, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Free State of Danzig, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Ukraine and Germany.

The demand for Ford cars during the present year has been particularly good in the three Scandinavian countries, Denmark, Norway and Sweden, and the Fordson Tractor has come into extensive agricultural use. Construction work on the new plant at Copenhagen is well under way. The site covering four and one-half acres is admirably situated on the south harbor of Copenhagen. The building is being erected so that ocean freighters coming up the North Sea can dock on two sides of it, permitting direct delivery of assembly material from the Manchester Plant and from Detroit, via New York. Railroad service also will be direct to the property.

Don't handicap Opportunity

Opportunity can only help the man whose resources are prepared to meet it.

Opportunity may fail completely when met by a sudden financial loss or an unexpected destruction of property.

Do not handicap possible opportunities. Insure.

Insure your resources. Insure your property, your valuables.

Insure before you need insurance. Afterwards is too late.

We are at your immediate service.

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STOP THAT ITCHING

Use Blue Star Remedy for Eczema, Itch, Tetter or Cracked Hands, Ring Worms, Chapped Face, Poison Oak, Sunburns, Old Sores or Sores on Children. It relieves all forms of Sore Feet. For Sale by Woody Drug Co.

CATTLE GOING INTO WINTER IN GOOD CONDITION

Houston, Dec. 1.—All classes of stock are going into the winter in the best condition in recent years with more than the usual amount of range per head, it is reported by H. H. Schutz, Statistician, Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates. There is an excellent season in the ground, grass and winter weeds are plentiful, there is an abundance of water everywhere and if the winter is not too severe grazing should hold out well. In the farming sections an unusual abundance of small grain pasturage and stalk fields are available for small herds, many of which will be fat enough for market early in the year. A big calf crop is expected next year, particularly if rainfall early in the year should be normal.

No change is noted in the high range condition reported last month and it remains at 91 per cent, a marked improvement over the 80 per cent of a year ago. Winter weeds are growing, but in the main were somewhat short for grazing. Grass on rolling lands is very good in most sections and the canyons and draws were still full of green grass and weeds previous to the low temperatures late in the month.

Last year at this time cattle condition was down to 79 per cent; now, however, with an average condition of 93 per cent they are in good shape almost everywhere. With cake at around \$45.00 and other feed out of proportion in price with that of cattle, it is fortunate that both the condition of cattle and range are so good. The range prices seem to indicate a slight improvement in calves and in yearling and two year old steers, while the average of the cow prices shows an increase of -4.50 per head. In the market centers heavy runs of cows and heifers from the grain states further depressed prices on shipments from the west.

Fred Patton of Matador was in Floydada Friday, enroute home from California where he has been for the past few months.

AMARILLO SANDIES EASY FOR ABILENE HIGH SCHOOL

The Amarillo High School Sandstorms champions of Districts One and two, were easy pickings for the Abilene High School Eagles at Abilene last Saturday, the Abilene boys running away with the game 48 to 0.

Wichita Falls High School also won their intersectional game from Texarkana 13 to 6, and the Abilene and Wichita Falls teams will tie up for championship honors of eight districts or the north half of the state.

The winner of this clash will meet some other team down-state for state championship honors, probably Waco shortly before or after Christmas.

FEAR OF SCARLET FEVER CLOSES TAHOKA SCHOOL

Fear of the spread of scarlet fever among the student body of Tahoka Public Schools, has led to an order from the board of that district closing the school for a period of several days.

The diseases is not epidemic as yet, it is stated, cases in only one family having been reported, with one death.

BRUNO QUARTETTE TO SING AT ALLMON SATURDAY

The Bruno Quartette will furnish a part of the musical program for a meeting at Allmon on Saturday night, December 15th, when the Parent Teachers' Association of Allmon will stage a pie supper.

Dr. L. V. Smith will talk on "School Sanitation" at the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stearns of Matador visited in Floydada with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Davis Friday.

Miss Mollie Crum
Dressmaker—Spiella
Corsetiere
Shop in Room 5, Mitchell Building
FLOYDADA, TEXAS

MISS OPAL BRADLEY RESIGNS AS CHIEF OPERATOR

Miss Opal Bradley, who for nearly two years has been officiating as chief operator for the Matador Phone Company, has tendered her resignation, same to take effect December 15th, much to the regret to the management and the public, as Miss Bradley has proved a very efficient, courteous and obliging operator.—Motley County News.

DEMONSTRATION OF WHITE SWAN FOOD PRODUCTS

A demonstration of White Swan food products was made by a representative of the Waples-Plater Grocery Company in Floydada Saturday.

It was White Swan day among retail grocers of the city, many of the retail stores featuring White Swan products in their windows and on their shelves.

The demonstration was held at the Floydada Drug Company.

Dewey Price and Tom Macallon have sold their grocery store in Plainview to Sam Looper.

Ingredients for Christmas Cakes

Sliced lemon and orange peel, dates, cherries, currants, raisins, and all the other ingredients that go in the Good Fruit Cake for Christmas.

Everything fresh and sanitary, at the cleanest store in town.

PHONE 92

Awtrey Grocery & Produce Company

SOUTH SIDE

FLOYDADA, TEXAS

HESPERIAN WANT ADS—QUICK RESULTS

New Prices On Goodrich Cord Casings

Size	Commander	Silvertown	H. Duty
30x3 1/2	\$11.15	\$13.65	
31x3.85		\$15.30	
30x3 1/2 S. B. Reg	\$15.30		
30x 3 1/2 S.B. Oversize	\$16.25		
32x3 1/2	\$16.10	\$19.45	
31x4	\$18.20	\$22.05	\$21.10
32x4	\$20.25	\$24.25	\$24.80
33x4	\$20.75	\$25.25	
34x4	\$21.40	\$25.75	
32x4 1/2	\$26.00	\$31.20	\$36.15
33x4 1/2	\$26.65	\$32.15	\$32.50
34x4 1/2	\$27.10	\$32.75	\$38.95
35x4 1/2		\$34.45	
33x5	\$32.40	\$37.70	\$41.15
35x5	\$33.95	\$39.15	\$43.55

Floydada Tire Service

GULLION & SON, Props. - Floydada, Texas

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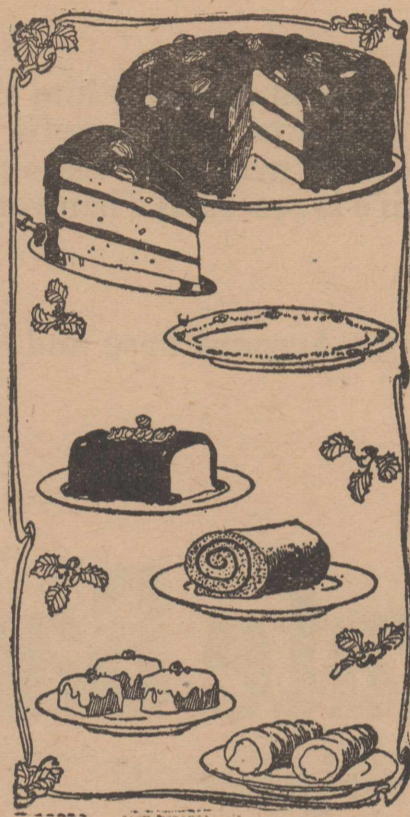
Cotton seedHulls, Cottonseed Meal, Bran, Shorts, Barley Chops, Maize Head Chops, Alfalfa Hay.

COAL

We are better stocked on the various kinds of feeds you will need this winter than we have been in sometime.

Edwards Grain & Elevator Company

TELEPHONE 106, FLOYDADA



Christmas Fruit Cakes

Why worry with preparing your own FRUIT CAKES for the Holiday Feasts when you can so easily

Telephone No. 223

and let us take the worry off your hands. We will have an ample supply of Good Fruit Cakes and all kinds of pastries to take care of your needs, all done by an expert baker.

E. E. Boothe Bakery

FLOYDADA, TEXAS

PUBLIC SALE

ON THE NEWT NELSON LEASE, 7 1/2 MILES DUE EAST OF FLOYDADA ON THE MATADOR ROAD. AS I AM GOING TO FARM FOR THE OTHER MAN THE COMING YEAR I WILL ON

Thursday, Dec. 20th

SELL THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

MULES AND MARES

- 1 Iron gray mare mule, coming 3;
- 1 Brown horse mule, coming 3;
- 1 Black mare mule, coming 2;
- 1 Bay mare mule, coming 2;
- 2 Gray horse mules, smooth mouth, 15 1-2 hands;
- 1 Bay mare, 8 years old;
- 1 Bay mare, 5 years old, with colt by side;
- 2 Gray mares, smooth mouth;
- 1 Brown mare, smooth mouth, weight 1250
- 1 Gray horse, coming 8, weight 1400 lbs.;
- 1 Gray mare, coming 9, weight 1,000 lbs.

FARMING IMPLEMENTS

- 1 John Deere Single Row Lister;
- 1 P. & O. single row lister, nearly new;
- 1 18-foot drag harrow, nearly new;
- 2 slide go-devils;
- 1 Single Buggy;
- 1 Hack;
- 1 Emerson Disc Harrow, 8 foot;
- 1 Single Row Cultivator;
- 1 Two-row John Deere Lister-Cultivator;
- 1 Slide with knives;
- 1 3 1-4 Wagon; 1 Newton Wagon; nearly new;
- 1 Bundle frame, 3 1-4, nearly new;
- 1 Set Chain Harness;
- 1 Set Leather Harness;
- 1 Single Harness;
- Many other farm implements, collars, pads, bridles, forks, Etc.

BUNDLE FEED

- 6,000 Bundles of Maize;
- 1,500 Bundles of Kaffir;
- 600 Bundles of Higari.

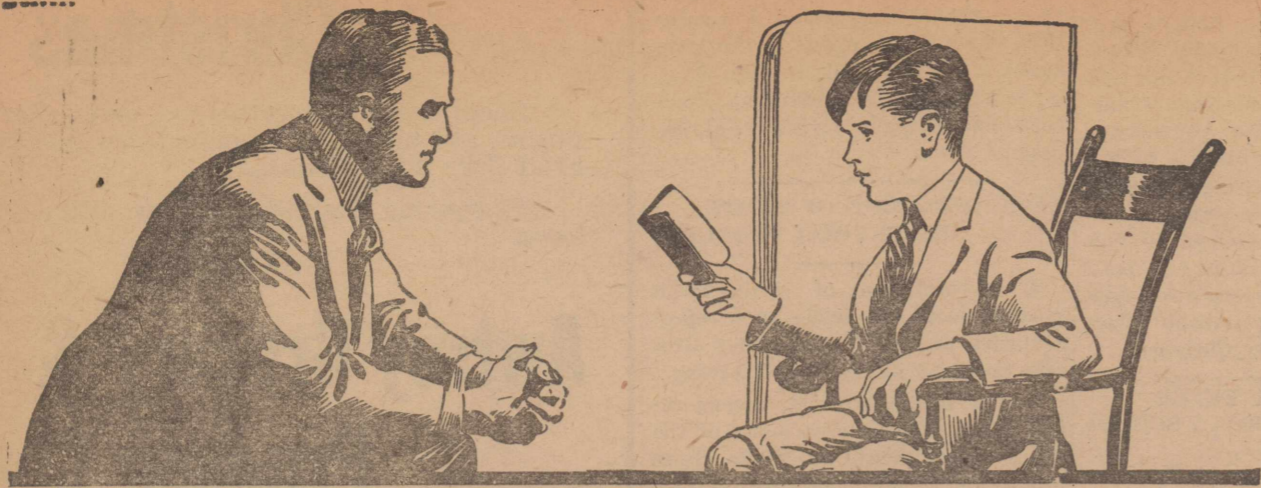
Free Lunch on Ground

TERMS OF SALE: Sums of \$20 and under cash. On sums over \$20 ten months time on approved notes bearing 10 per cent interest, or 10 per cent discount for cash.

PETER CARDINAL, OWNER

SEALE & NASH, Auctioneers

J. I. HAMMONDS, Clerk



Talk it Over With Him this Xmas

The boy of today is the man of tomorrow. You owe it to him as well as to yourself to talk over the problems of life with him and give him the benefit of your experience. Christmas is a good time to start, and one of the most vital lessons is that taught by the Bank Book. A marked step in your boy's life is recorded when you show him the value of a savings account.

We invite you to start your boy's Savings Account here and we will give him every advantage of our banking facilities.

First State Bank

This is Guaranty Fund Bank
Floydada, Texas

"THE BANK OF FRIENDLY SERVICE"

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a tricycle, a harp, a dancing top, some candy and nuts. I live near Sand Hill.

Melvin Taylor.

Dear Santa Claus:

Will you please bring me a coaster wagon and a box of tools. Then some candy and fruits and anything else you think I would like.

Your little friend,
J. G. Martin, Jr.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me an air gun, drum,

Express wagon and toy car, also a train that makes figure eight.

Bring my little sister, Nell, a large doll that says mamma, also a doll buggy. That's all.

T. S. Stevenson, Jr.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me an airgun, an airplane, a set of timber-toys and a real good football, a lot of fire works and fruits, nuts and candy.

Your little friend,
Hunter King.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl 5 years old. I want you to bring me a little piano, a

songbook, a little water set, and anything else you care to bring will be appreciated. I have been a pretty good girl and have picked some cotton. Do not forget my little cousins, Florie, Price and Jodie Boy.

Your little friend,
Mary Lois Conway.

Dear Santa Claus:

We are two little girls that live way out here in the country by Fairview school house. We each want a doll that can say Mamma and some little dishes and please fill our stockings with candy, apples and oranges. Little sister Margaret wants a rattle.

Your little friends,
Elizabeth and Marian Beedy.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl, 6 years old. Please bring me a sleepy doll that says mamma, a rubber ball, house shoes, some candy, Ethel Joyce, wants a doll that says mamma. Please put a pink dress on her. She wants a Teddy Bear and a kitty, candy, nuts and fruits.

Edelle and Ethel Joyce King.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a sleepy doll with curls, also a desk, and candy and nuts. Santa, don't forget other little children.

Ediclair Stevens.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a little wagon, a French harp, some nuts and candy, and please bring my little sister Voncille, a doll, a little set of dishes and some apples and oranges. I live near Sand Hill.

From your little friend,
Eston Taylor.

ALLMON

Allmon, Dec. 10.—This promises to be another snowy week. Most of the farmers have their crops gathered.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hicks, of Lorenzo, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Moore.

Jessie Cross was severely scalded last Friday when a pan of boiling water dropped on her feet.

A. S. Green, W. A. Curb and J. H. Davis were business visitors in Lorenzo last Friday.

Our teachers, Mrs. Tom Baisden, Miss Lou Featherston and Miss Ola Baisden, spent last week end in Plainview.

A. C. Krause left last week for his home at Plains, Kansas.

TRAFFIC SITUATION CUTTING DEMAND FOR AUTOS

Roger W. Babson in Interview Says Heavy But Declining Production Still Effectuated

The outstanding features of the automobile situation are: (1) heavy but declining production; (2) declining demand; (3) fairly stable prices with downward adjustments here and there; (4) keen competition, and (5) generally good financial condition of the more important companies, according to a survey made by Roger W. Babson, the statistician which is summed up in a statement issued today.

"The production of cars and trucks for the first ten months of this year averaged 307,635 cars and 32,029 trucks per month," says Mr. Babson, "this total output is about 60 per cent better than the output in the corresponding period of 1922. Notwithstanding this heavy rate of production stocks of new cars have apparently not accumulated to a burdensome degree. Sales during the first three-quarters of the year kept pace with production.

"Demand last spring and summer exceeded dealers' expectations and many found themselves without cars large enough to meet the needs of their customers. With this in mind dealers are now inclined to plan on liberal stocks for next year. Manufacturers apparently are also inclined to look for another heavy increase in sales and are planning on a much larger output.

"The industry has been favored not only by an unusually strong demand but also by the fact that automobiles are cheaper, relative to pre-war ideas of value, than most other commodities. By reason of the large number of the necessity of lower prices in order to appeal to successively lower levels of purchasing power, the trend in price has been downward and there is nothing in sight that indicates a change in this trend.

"There is nothing in the action of motor stocks which suggests a different market movement from the list as a whole," continued Mr. Babson. "An average of 13 representative issues, both car and truck, sold at a high, in the spring, of 48, declined to a low last summer of 31 and have rallied to around 37; seven motor accessory issues from a high of 76 declined to 48 and now maintain a level around 57. All issues used are New York Stock Exchange, listed and represent body, wheel, carburetor and similar plants. Tires, however, are

not considered. Examining the movements of individual issues in these groups one fails to find any evidence of a movement in specific issues in opposition to the trend. The apparently greater intensity of competition in the popular priced car field than in other departments of activity in the motor business might seem to suggest varying trends in the different issues. All, however, have recovered from 25 to 40 per cent or 50 per cent of their decline.

"Present demand for automobiles is exceedingly good when you consider that general business as reflected on the Babsonchart is running 7 per cent below normal.

SAND HILL NEWS

Sand Hill, Dec. 10.—Very little snow has fallen so far with the north-er that made its appearance Sunday night.

Rev. Mullins preached here last Sunday morning. A large crowd was present and gave him good attention.

A large crowd at afternoon singing. Everyone seemed to enjoy it immensely.

Plans are being made for the Christmas Tree, the night of the 24th. Everyone invited.

Mrs. Gross entertained the young folks with a singing Sunday night.

Bryan Wales, superintendent of the Sunday School at this place, has returned to his home at Glenrose to spend Christmas. We regret that he will not return. A farewell social was held last Wednesday at the home of Mrs. M. B. Holmes. At this time the members of the young people's class presented him with a nice bible.

We have made plans for a box supper here on Friday night, December 21. The proceeds will be used to buy playground equipment. Don't forget the box supper. Come and bring a box.

There are quite a few cases of measles in this community. Calvin Golleher, Mrs. James Holmes and some of Mr. King's children are sick. We hope they will soon recover. We also hope there will be no more cases of measles in this community.

Leonard Holmes has recovered from the measles and attended religious services here Sunday.

We expect to have Rev. J. L. Henson with us next Sunday afternoon at 3 P. M. We hope he can arrange to give us a regular appointment in 1924.

C. Y. Carter returned to Wayland Wednesday morning after a few days visit in Floydada with his mother, Mrs. S. Y. Carter.

ONLY A FEW MORE DAYS LEFT FOR

Xmas Shopping

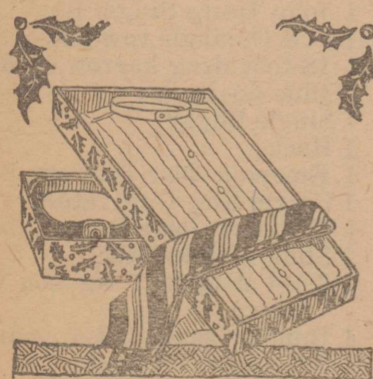
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Christmas Goods, Greeting Cards and Notions

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New Shirts

We have just received a new shipment of White Broadcloth Shirts that will make excellent Xmas Gifts. See them before buying

Lots of new Neckwear in Knits and Crepes. A good selection of Pajamas for the men.

Hosiery in different shades and stripes.

Don't do your Xmas shopping till you see our stock.

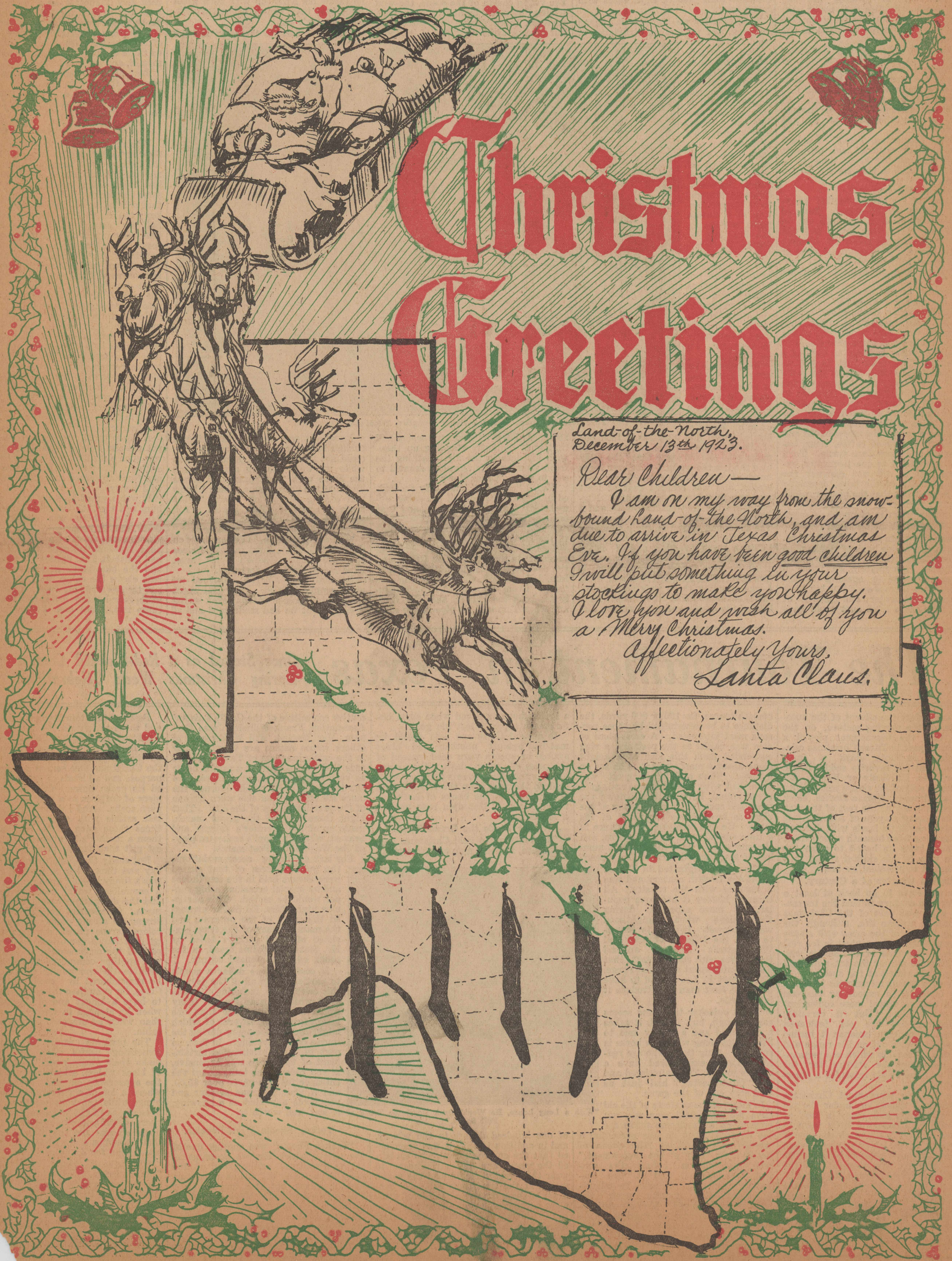
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Christmas Greetings

Land-of-the-North,
December 13th 1923.

Dear Children—

I am on my way from the snow-bound Land-of-the-North, and am due to arrive in Texas Christmas Eve. If you have been good children I will put something in your stockings to make you happy. I love you and wish all of you a Merry Christmas.

Affectionately Yours,
Santa Claus.

A Christmas Hunt and Dinner

Deer, Turkey, Quail, Cooked and Served
Christmas Day in the Hills of Southwest Texas
By AUSTIN CALLAN.

Tom McCoy seemingly enjoyed his pipe better than anything else. It had a short stem, a black bowl and a strong scent, and no one could endure it as well as Tom, yet it was not altogether a love for the weed that kept him so busy puffing away at that antique briar-root. Along in the fall of the year, when the winter-winds would begin to winnow the fallen leaves across the old lanes, this old hunter would hunch down with his pipe in his mouth and as he sent blue rings up towards the sky would see a camp-fire out under the stars and a big buck hanging up in a tree. That was what he liked in life best of all.

Just about a week before Christmas I happened to drop in on Tom, who, by the way was the watch-maker and gunsmith of the community. He was seated before his work-bench probing into the vitals of an Ingersoll which had something the matter with the carburetor, or some other part of it, and wouldn't run.

"What you doing, Tom?" I asked. "O, piddling with an old worn-out biscuit that couldn't keep time if a brass band were to play for it," he answered.

"Been out this season?" "Nope, but I'm getting ready," he replied. "Come an' go along. Three of us calculate spending ten days out on the divide twixt Bear Creek and the forks of the Llano river, in Kimball county, Texas. We'll make our camp at Nigger Head hill; Old Bench says deer and turkey both are plentiful in them parts."

I jumped at the chance, and about noon the next day Tom, McCoy, D. G. Benchoff, Charley Graham and myself were off. My contribution to the "munitions of war" was a sixteen gauge shotgun and several boxes of shells. The high-power rifles appealed to me and I wanted to kill a buck just as bad as any one of the outfit, but at the same time I was hungry and in case we fell down on getting venison, I intended to slip around and make a shock-formation charge on a covey of Bob Whites.

In addition to the armament, we carried along a complete cooking outfit and a generous supply of coffee, flour, bacon, spuds and Mary Jane syrup. Tom, who always acted as quartermaster, explained that he did not distrust the hunting ability of the boys, especially "Old Bench," but that the powder might get wet, and besides he liked a change occasionally when in camp.

Ideal Camping Spot.

It was late when we reached the chosen place, and a blue bank of clouds piled up along the north warned us to hustle for shelter. Fortunately we found a thicket which had an opening to the south, where there were a few big trees along near the center and plenty of wood. No more ideal spot could have

been selected for such a camp. In fact, nothing was missing but water, and it was less than a mile to where we could go and fill our keg from a clear, bubbling spring.

A big fire was built and supper prepared, after which we lounged around in camp until midnight, telling stories of other hunts, discussing the merits of certain rifles and digressing occasionally to pass judgment on the ability of friends of ours to get the right kind of a kick in their juvenile experiences with home brew.

Shortly after we retired it began snowing, but we had an abundance of bedding and "tarps" were pulled up over us so that no discomfort whatever was experienced. A snow storm is rare in that section of Texas. Perhaps the ground is not covered with snow on an average of once in three years. Daybreak, however, brought to us the recollection of a certain poem written in the long ago by James G. Whit-tier. We were truly snow-bound, some six or eight inches covered the surface of the earth, and every limb or blade of grass was beautifully upholstered in pure white.

Immediately after partaking of breakfast, consisting of strong black coffee steaming hot, camp biscuits, broiled bacon and molasses, I took one of the high-power rifles and set out to make good the old story that "the early bird catches the worm." Not over three hundred yards from camp I saw deer tracks, and was assured that at least we were in a big game country. Nigger Head hill was not far away and I directed my steps in that direction. The snow had ceased falling. Climbing up one slope of the peak I could see for miles in every direction, and I noted that there was a wooded point only a short distance across a deep ravine. It was covered with cedar trees, and while I was standing there watching the occasional sun-glints as they shot from behind the clouds and set a million dia-

monds to twinkling, a big buck walked out into the open space.

No prettier picture ever met the gaze of a mortal. Nature was at her best and robed in her grandest garments, and occupying a central position on the "screen" was this beauty of the wilds.

"Cracked Down."

For a time I looked on in admiration, forgetting that there was such a splendid limb back at camp to hang meat on. The virgin charm of the scene, the wild setting untouched by anything of man's creation, these fairly captivated me. But after a while my "animal instinct"

and commenced training his Long Tom on my buck, I knew that somebody's shooting record was going to smash, and that it wouldn't be his. I was in hopes, however, that he would miss for I did not relish the "guying" I knew would follow. But Tom didn't miss; in fact "miss" wasn't his name. The buck ran for a short distance and fell. We reached him about the same time. Apparently the big fellow was dead, but when Tom thrust a knife into his neck he threw his horns up with such great force that they almost broke that veteran hunter's leg.

Tom went back to the camp and got

were satisfied; that night as we sat around the fire we planned to remain over and cook our Christmas dinner in camp. Benchoff declared that it would not seem like Christmas without egg-nog, and Charley said that he could do without the egg-nog but that he had to have a turkey to keep him from getting lonesome.

Having made a failure at getting venison, I decided to redeem myself in a conquest against the turkeys, and the next day I shouldered a shotgun and went out to look for a roost. A pecan grove about two miles from camp rewarded me. At a glance I knew some of the great American birds had roosted there the night before, so I concealed myself, and lay in wait for them.

Just about dusk the turkeys commenced flying into the trees and I "knocked down" four, one of which we named the Sultan and decided to bake for our dinner.

Primitive Christmas Dinner.

When Christmas day arrived we had five bucks hanging up in camp, besides the turkeys and a large number of quail, and we had something else, too. Tom had found a bee tree and brought in some fine looking honey. The only thing that puzzled us was how to cook the turkey; the dutch oven we had was not half big enough. Charley suggested that we wrap it up in a wet sheet and roast it like you do a calf's head by burying it in the hot ashes and coals. This proved very successful, and dressing was made to go with it. Tom found some pecans when he went to cut the bee tree and these we added in with the onions and sage and corn bread.

Some of the venison was also baked and some of it was broiled Bill Cody fashion; that is done by throwing big thick slices into a hot skillet and letting it sear on both sides, driving the juices to the center. When you are reasonably sure that it is done through and through, you scrape off the charred sides and put the steak into a platter with plenty of butter on it and keep in a warm place until the butter is melted or absorbed.

A dozen quail, too, were made into a pot pie and served steaming hot. It was such a meal as would have satisfied a king. Even the biscuits were fluffy and fine and served as a desert with our wild honey.

It was a great hunt we had—a great hunt and a great feast served on a great day. Everything was simple, clean, fresh, and in keeping with an occasion marking the dawn of a world's light of hope, freedom and good will. When we had finished, Tom lighted his pipe again and the blue rings of smoke, as they rose above the camp table, grew wider and thinner, floating away on the winds, while four hunters gazed into the dying camp fire, silent and thoughtful.



"Four Hunters Gazed into the Dying Campfire, Silent and Thoughtful."

returned; I felt hungry for venison and that buck defiantly standing up there with his nose in the air breathing the fresh aroma of the morning, seemed to say to me: "Crack down!"

Well, I "cracked," but I only succeeded in spilling the pose of the noble animal. My bullet went astray, and that buck simply folded his rocking-chair antlers back on his weathers and took to the lowlands.

Tom McCoy was several hundred yards off in the valley when I fired and the deer seemed to run directly toward him, but stopped within shooting distance. From my position I could plainly see both the hunter and the deer, and when Tom laid his pipe in the snow

a horse. It was one of the biggest bucks I had ever seen and the two of us could not have packed him. It was while we were walking along leading the horse with "our" prize tied across him that the ordeal came, which I knew was coming sooner or later. "What made you miss?" Tom asked. "You sure had a pretty-shot and that is said to be the best gun in Menard county."

"It's the ammunition," I declared. "You can't hardly get a good cartridge since the war. Some German spies must have gotten into the factories."

Benchoff and Charlie returned at night empty handed. They had spent the day in the hills without even seeing a deer. But we had made good and all

The Tournament in Texas

Once Staged as a Red-Blooded Contest
During Christmas Week Celebrations.

It was before the advent of the automobile, or the moving picture, or the radio, that the tournament played a prominent part in Texas Christmas celebrations. In those days a man talked about his favorite saddle horse, rather than his Stutz or Henry, and the screen star of his choice was neither Norma Talmadge, Marion Davies, Mary Pickford nor any of the rest of the now famous moving players of America. It was some shy little lassie with dazzling eyes flashing from beneath a sunbonnet, on whose brow he hoped to place the laurels won by his skillful riding in a red-blooded tournament contest.

Back a Quarter of a Century.

We will have to go back at least a quarter of a century to find the tournament a popular part of the Christmas program in civilian life, although the cavalry branch of the army still stages it occasionally. The contest is for real horsemen, for men of the saddle who must learn to master the art, poise and daring while riding at full speed.

The auto has its advantages in shortening distance, in expediting business and in making travel more convenient and comfortable. But it certainly sounded taps for the old fashioned tournament contest, because it turned our saddle ponies out on the range and gave us a citizenship which has permanently abandoned the stirrup for the clutch and the "bride reins" for a steering-wheel.

The last big tournament Christmas celebration I remember, under the old order of things, took place in 1897 at Menardville, a beautiful little town in Menard county, in the stock country of Southwest Texas. Men participated in it who afterwards came to be known as cattle kings and who were rated at the banks as "seven figure financiers." They led in the thought and influence and social life of the city; they were real builders. But their most skillful accomplishment was riding and the tournament afforded them the best public opportunity to show how well they could ride.

The way to stage a tournament contest was by erecting high polls along a

smooth course, for 100 or 200 yards, the distance to be determined by those persons most interested. A cross-piece or arm was nailed to the post and a ring suspended from this arm at a height along about a man's breast as he sat on a horse. Then each participant was furnished with a long lance, and, at a given signal, he would dash down the track full speed catching as many of the rings as he could on the point of his lance. He had to make the distance in a time agreed upon by the judges, and the one who secured the greatest number of rings was decorated the winner.

The game originated in France about the twelfth century and was a favorite with the royalty. All through history it has been popular, but more especially during those days when Knighthood was in flower. It came to America with the Pilgrim Fathers and Washington's soldiers amused themselves with such contests that bleak winter spent at Valley Forge. Col. Robert E. Lee is said to have been the first man to introduce it into Texas.

To an onlooker the game seems easy enough, but, indeed, it takes a cool head and a steady arm to lift a single ring when the horse is running. Only those who are red-blooded and experienced have a chance to win. The uninitiated and the "faint-hearted" had just as well stay out of the game.

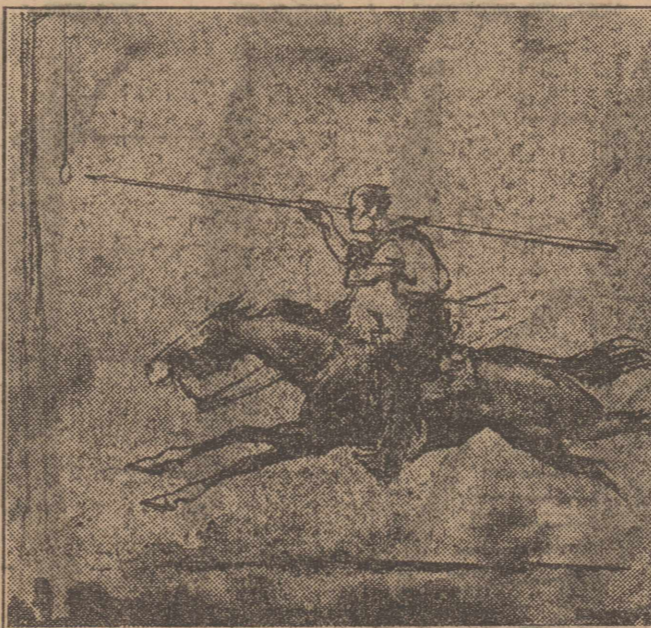
In many of the contests of the old days the successful man was not only given a handsome purse for his dexterity, but he was presented a wreath as a favor, by "the queen of beauty," or "lady of the tournament," who was chosen before the contest was staged, and it was customary for the winner to gallantly place this wreath upon the brow of his best girl. This often-times made the riding more spirited. Two fellows contending for the favor of the same girl would become rivals and exert every energy to "string the most beads" in order to secure her smiles. Many hearts were won that way, and many

a bright hope vanished when some unfortunate aspirant lost his goal.

In ancient times one side would be matched against another and blunt swords or spears were used instead of the poles of later days. The kings would attend such events and they were held all the way from the Black Forest of Germany to the banks of Loch Lomond, where a MacAlpin rode against a MacGregor.

Winner Leads the Grand March

The tournament held Christmas day, at Menard, 25 years ago, was for a purse



"With a Long Lance, He Would Dash Down the Track at Full Speed."

of one hundred dollars to the winner, and in addition to this, it was announced that the one contestant who captured the purse, and the girl chosen to wear the wreath, should lead the grand march at the Christmas ball. No program of those days was considered complete without this feature, and to have the distinction of leading the grand march was an honor practically as great as that of being chosen caller for the quadrille.

Among the contestants were Ed Mears, who is now a member of the ex-

ecutive committee of the Cattle Raisers' Association, Frank Wilhelm, Jesse Burnam, Max Russell, Will Wilkerson and others whose names are very familiar in the cattle kingdom of Texas. Mears rode Red Bird, as pretty a saddle horse as ever graced the open prairies, and the black and gold which adorned the lance Ed carried was also worn by one of the prettiest belles of the city. That night these two led the grand march, made up of the frontier's fairest and bravest, while Phillippi's orchestra played the Washington Post march.

For lack of better accommodations, the public dances of that period were always held in the courthouse and on special occasions a big supper would be served. This particular night, Mrs. Ed Sieker arranged that part of the program and the main delicacy of the feast consisted of roast turkeys killed by Mr. Sieker on Saline creek, in the south edge of Menard county.

It cost just one dollar a couple to participate in all of the joys of this celebration, including the banquet, while such an amount today would be nothing more than one insignificant tip, several of which might become necessary during the course of one evening. In fact, no part of the Christmas entertainment of that time was expensive. If you rode in the tournament the entrance fee was never over \$5.00, and if your girl was present and you made any kind of a showing, it was well worth it.

Turkey Shoots Were Popular.

"Turkey Shoots" was another one of the sports which figured prominently in the Christmas celebrations of the early days. You did not shoot at turkeys, however, but at a target, either with a rifle or a pistol, the scorer of the most "bullees" winning the turkeys. Contests of this kind drew a large crowd and there were always any number of good shots, especially with the six-shooter, because most of the frontier men packed a "hog-leg" and knew how to bore straight with it.

Besides the tournament, the dance and these turkey shoots, which formed a part of that last big Yuletide celebration, back there when the cowboys were on the range instead of in the Rodeo, the Christmas tree served a gladdening purpose and all kinds of presents adorned its green bowers from a sparkling piece of cutglass to a pair of home-knit yarn socks. And I do not mention this last article with any disdain. Sometimes those yarn socks carried with them a mother's love which is the holiest gift that can be given.

But really the Christmas tree of that day and time, when in fruitful regalia, was a funny looking concern. As a rule, a committee would decorate the tree and the decorations would be all home made. Cranberries and pop-corn were strung on strong cords and a lot of colored crepe paper, cut into ringlets by deft hands comprised the principal part of the ornamentation. And there was another committee to see that no child in the community should fail to be remembered by good old Santa Claus, for even then the old man seemed to have a longer and a stronger arm when he stopped in front of a castle than when he stopped in front of a cabin.

The presents would generally be something useful. The girls would make their "beau-lovers" neckties out of black ribbon, which gave the tree the appearance of one great gibbet where a lot of unfortunates had been hung, while the boys would pick such presents as might prove useful in after years—wall-pockets, picture frames, photo albums and the like, and maybe there would be a wash-board for mother and a pipe for dear old dad.

Of course it would be considered "tacky" today. Even in the remotest regions we have learned "the big town stuff," and if the parents of today were to take their children to the same kind of a tree they would doubtless be told where to "get off." We have moved up and on into a more expensive sphere. But as more modern Yuletide come 'round that we celebrate

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CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS

By J. H. LOWRY

MERRY CHRISTMAS



This is not said in a perfunctory way. There's nothing mechanical about it. I don't say it as matter of rote, as a careless or indifferent performance of duty or custom. I mean it. Whoever you are, wherever you may be, I wish you a merry Christmas. I confess that there are a few people in this world of whom I am not very fond. There are some whose ways of saying things and doing things nettle me. Some there are who are so unlikable, so despicable, and whose acts have been so low and mean that at times I have felt that if it were in my power I would have Heaven drop fire on them and consume them; but now I wish them, and all others, a Merry Christmas. There is in this wish a bit of selfishness, but it's a case of pardonable selfishness. I want to have a Merry Christmas, and I have lived long enough to learn no person can have a Merry Christmas who would deny a Merry Christmas to any of God's creation.

A dull Christmas is the tragedy of all tragedies. It would be a tragedy indeed if the skies above us should lose their amethystean glow. It would be a tragedy if the stars that gem night's radiant brow should put out their holy lights to shine no more forever. It would be a tragedy if the sun should lose its warmth, lose its golden glow, and never again send forth its straight and level beams to gladden and bless the earth. An unhappy bride is a tragedy; the death of a beautiful child, with the dew of beauty and innocence upon its brow, is a tragedy that tears the heart; but the greatest of all tragedies is a dull, sad Christmas. And who will have a dull Christmas? All who remain with their ledgers when the great day comes. All who remember their grudges, all who recount their disappointments, all who draw their purse-strings a little tighter, all who minister

to their baser desires. Who will have a Merry Christmas? Those who grasp the great truth that joy is a condition of the heart and mind, and not the gratification of an appetite or the triumph of a selfish desire. A Merry Christmas cannot be purchased with gold, it cannot come in the possession of goods or chattels, or high position. It comes from within, burgeoning and blooming in the life which has been purged of the tares of selfishness and low aspirations. He who forgets ambition for gain or power, and gives of his store of smiles and good cheer, will reap the reflex as surely as the mirror reflects the golden lights of the sun. And neither poverty, nor affliction, nor sorrow can cheat such a one out of a Merry Christmas. And so, as the great day draws on, may it be given unto all of us to put away all selfishness, all strife, all envying, and wish every heart a full measure of happiness and every creature well.

HANGING THE STOCKING.

Many beautiful customs cluster around Christmas—customs we always think of when we think of the glad anniversary of the Savior's birth. One of these beautiful customs is the hanging of stockings as receptacles for good old Santa's gifts. Christmas without stockings suspended from the mantels or walls would be as the trees of springtime without bud or leaf. My mind goes back to the early days in the country where I was reared, where the custom was for each child to drive a nail in the mantel or wall upon which to hang the stockings on Christmas eve. The nail was never withdrawn, unless the grim monster invaded the home and the silent boatman rowed its owner to the other shore. If death came to the child the nail was withdrawn and buried, that there might be no vacant nails to touch sorrow for the dead into the lives of the living when Christmas came again. This custom makes me think of Harry Marriner, one of the sweetest singers who has lived and sung in our beloved Texas, and especially of one of the last poems this sweet singer wrote. Each day for several years Harry Marriner contributed a gem of verse to the Dallas News. But his great soul lived in a frail body, and nine years ago the white plague claimed the sweet singer as a victim. The sick man was sent to a western town with the hope that the high altitude and balmy airs would drive the destroyer away and restore

his wasted strength; but alas, the fangs of disease had struck too deep, and slowly but surely it sapped the life of Harry Marriner away. The sick poet wrote on, even to the day of his death, and some of his sweetest verses came from the couch upon which he was dying. Christmas eve came on. With only two more days to live, Harry Marriner caught the spirit of the glad day. He looked at the old mantel, in the old home which he had rented to spend his last days in, and he saw there the nails which had been driven long ago as supports for the children's stockings on Christmas eve. Though the bugler from the dim shadows was sounding to Harry Marriner the summons of an unrelenting fate, he gazed upon those nails, mute messengers of the joys of Christmas tide to those he knew not, and he thought of the days when a nail was driven for his stocking, and of the later days when nails were driven for his children's stockings, and, while propped in bed, wrote these lines:

"This is just a home we've rented, but tonight we tasted tears, Looking back to days departed, when, forgotten in the years, Tacks showed in the old wood mantel, telling us their tale at last, Of the limp, expectant stocking that once swung there in the past.

They were driven in so firm—sure and safe against a fall— You could almost see the babies as they hammered on the wall, Driving tacks to hold their stockings just where Santa Claus could see, Just where now some other stockings on those hard-nailed tacks will be."

Who can deny a love for simple verses like these—verses that carry us back to rosy youth, when we drove nails in the mantel or wall to hang our stockings on; or to the even happier days when we saw our own children, so happy in the expectancy of Santa's coming, drive nails and hang their little stockings? Read the simple verses of the dying man again. They will draw you closer to the children of today and breathe into your life more of the Christmas spirit.

ABOUT GIVING PRESENTS.

No person can safely give advice in the matter of making holiday gifts; that is no one can safely tell you what to give. But from experience many of us can give valuable advice along the line of what to give. First let me say, don't give any of the surplus cups and saucers, or

other such bricabrac you have accumulated as gifts from previous holiday seasons. This is dangerous. Memory is treacherous, and no person can remember who gave the presents received a year or two years ago. A good woman within my acquaintance found herself in possession of many cups, saucers, pitchers, etc., which she had received as presents and didn't need. The happy thought came to her that she would give these to her friends instead of purchasing other gift goods from the stores. It was a fine stroke of economy, but it blasted a beautiful friendship of many years standing. To one close friend a beautiful cup and saucer, received the Christmas before, was sent. But alas and alack! She sent the pretty cup and saucer to the lady who had sent it to her only a year before. In a few days this good lady received a curt note from the former friend saying she appreciated very much the return of her cup and saucer. And again, I warn all men against selecting as gifts for their wives such things as hats, dresses, wraps or other wearing apparel. Men are very smart along some lines, but when it comes to selecting a becoming hat, gown or wrap, they are as dense as the most benighted heathen of darkest Africa. If you must give the fairy queen of your home a hat, dress or wrap, by all means let said fairy queen do the selecting, and don't attempt the dangerous experiment of trying to do "female shopping." Once upon a time there was a Texas man who had stayed out all night with a "sick friend." Knowing what awaited him at home, the man worked out a plan which he hoped would lessen the fury of the storm, and so as he passed by a dry goods store on his way home next morning, he purchased for friend wife a very flashy wrap. When the flashy cloak was laid at the feet of the queen of the home she threw it on the floor and inquired why he had brought home a horse blanket. Poor hubby was told that "the thing" couldn't stay in the house, but if he would give her as much money to buy a real cloak as he lost the night before playing poker, the dog might sleep on his purchase. Of course the poor fellow was broke. What became of the flashy cloak, I don't know, but I do know that for a time the man got very poor meals and very few smiles and caresses.

Another don't. In all seriousness, when you select a present for your small boy, don't select a gun. A gun and a small boy make a dangerous combina-

tion. All over the country there are maimed and crippled children because of the companionship of small boys and guns, and in the cemeteries there are many hallowed mounds that would not mark the resting places of the dead if small boys had not been given guns. You owe it to your child, and to your neighbor's children, and to the birds that sing in the trees and destroy harmful insects not to give your small boy a gun.

THE CLOSING YEAR.

The good year of our Lord 1923 is rapidly drawing to a close. Perhaps I should say that with Time, as with men, there is no death. What seems so to us is merely transition—a moving forward. The diurnal journeys of the sun, the waxing and waning of moons, the coming and exit of seasons, mark the periods that we call years, and when the round has been made the calendar is marked up and we say the old year is dead. But, in a few days 1923 will be numbered with the years that were but are not, and take its place in the dusty halls of the Past. Taken as a whole, the year brought our nation and people good. The seasons were gracious, the soil yielded well, and the boll weevils left us enough to give a glimpse of prosperity's lights. We have more money in the banks than we had when 1923 came. We have a great many more Ford cars and much better roads. What more could we ask in material things? Better than this, we have been at peace with the world and have done something towards bringing peace to others. And, as a people, we have not been selfishness or stingy. We have sent bread to Russia and Austria and China. We are helping Japan rebuild her ruined cities. We are even sending food to the hungry children of Germany, the country that tried to destroy the world a few years ago. All in all, 1923 has been lovely in its ministrations, and will be precious in memory. But the year grows old and soon must pass. It totters with age and the sands in the glass run low. As we gaze upon the dying embers let us breathe a prayer of gratitude for what the year has done for us, and for what it has given us the ability and the will to do. And let us read in the flickering light of the smouldering heap the death of all our fears and the renewal of hopes that befriended us most and nerve our arms and steel our souls for greater and better things.

Fishin' Tales of Me and Jim

Catching Bream and Bass a Week Before Christmas at Lake Park, Near Tyler.

By JACK MAXWELL.

I hope you folks who reads these here fishin' tales whut Me and my sidekick is a ritin' git's a whole doggone lotta fun outta them, fer the follerin' reason: It's sho funny to Me fer to set down with my stubb lead pencil an' try to sew this dope together fer you all to read—an' besides, the editur whut got Me and Jim into this mess, is a payin' us rite hansomely fer the wurk; in fact, I bought Lindy Lou a pair uv stockin's with my part uv the pay we got fer the last tale.

Now, don't fail to rite an' tell us how you like the tales—so that I can show the leter's to the editur, as that will encourage him to keep rite on a payin' us sum uv his hard-earned dollars.

As I was a sayin', it's grate to go off on a fishin' trip and jest lazy round fer a few days, a ketchin' fish, fightin' miskeeters an' a goin' a swimmin'. Of coarse, if a feller is a fishin' down here in Texas in the winter he can't be expected to go swimmin' an' freeze hisself to death. But if the weather is sorter cold, an' a feller has gotta sleep under a pair uv blankets why, he can still have lots uv fun a fishin' an' a wanderin' round in the woods, a kickin' up the brown leaves an' a listnin' to whut the leetle folks out in the "open" have gotta say. Yep, the leetle folks uv fur and feather can sho talk, an' if a feller understans their langwidge he can have a rite smart bit uv fun a listnin' to whut they's popping off 'bout.

Fall of the Year Best.

Durin' the years whut Me and Jim has fished together we has kum to the konklusun that we likes the fall-o'-the year, the best uv all, fer fishin' an' a trampin' round out in God's big out o' doors, when the leaves is fallin', the black-hawes is ready to eat an' everythin' has got on hits fall suit an' the mornings are nice an' crispey.

Of coarse, down here in Texas we has purty nigh the same kind uv weather in the month uv Desember as the folks up North have in October—jist cold nuff to put pep in a feller an' make him step round like a jack-rabbit walkin' in plowed ground.

Nope, Me and Jim don't stop a fishin' jist bekaus hits winter, an' a guy has gotta have a fire to keep warm. No, indeed, we never let's up on our piskatoreal art—whut konsists uv feedin' wums, minnies an' artfishshul bugs an' flies to the unsostifikated ish whut swims an' frolicks in our



"We Likes the Fall-'o-the-Year the Best uv all fer Fishin' an' a Trampin' 'round in God's Big Out o' Doors."

Texas lakes, rivens an' cricks. An' knowin' this to be a solunn fact, why the editur uv the Magazine Section uv your Home Town paper, said he wanted Me and Jim to tell a tale about fishin' fer whut he called "bream," down in East Texas. Yep, that's whut he said, an' by gosh, he's gonna git his wish, fer Me and Jim is well acquainted with the fishin' kundishuns down about the little city uv Tyler—havin' fished down thar more'n onct.

The trip whut I have on my mine is one we tuk a year ago this Christmas, a comin', an' I must say that we had one deeliteful time an' ketched a hole lot more fish than we could eat; cooked 'em rite at the water's edge—so to speak—an' slept out in the woods whar we cud hear the owls hoot an' see the stars twink'in' thru the dark.

As afore stated, 'bout the fust week in Desember last year, Me and Jim gotta figurin' on goin' down to Tyler fer a few days uv fishin', an' Jim rites to a friend uv his, whut lives down thar, that we would likes to run down, say 'bout a week 'fore Christmas, provided he wud be at home. Well, in two er three days here cums a leter tellin' us to cum rite on, everythin' was a settin' purty, an' he'd be in frum off the rode an' wud go with us to Lake Park—an' we'd have wun grand sweet time.

When the week 'fore Christmas rolled 'round hit foun' Me and James with our fishin'-tackel, cookin'-utinsuls an' whut not loaded into Jim's ol' lizzie an' headed fer Tyler; when we got thar Mr. Taylor—(yep, hit was Chas. S., an' I bin a nowin' him fer over 20 years, an' a durned fine skout, too)—was a lookin' fer us, an' we soon was on our way to Lake Park, a body uv water whut is so purty that hit makes you wanta rite a poem on hit's beauty.

"Lake Park" is close to Tyler, an' has gotta lotta woods around hit—sweet-gum, hickory post-oak an' black jack, the best stuff in the world to cook fish with—espeshally, if a feller is a

usin' a oyster-pot fer to cook 'em in. Well, when we gits to the lake Mr. Taylor sez to Me and Jim: "Boys, whut kind uv bate air ye a goin' to use? An' I up's an' tell's him that, so fer as I am personally kuncerned, I'm a gonna try fer bass with my castin'-rod, an' if he an' Jim wanta fish fer brim why, have at hit; then and thar each uv us got bisy a riggin' up his poles.

"Chas. S." an' Jim got 'em a boat an' went after the brim, an' I took my castin'-rod an' meanderd off down the shore-line to try my luck with ol' bruther bass—that fightin' son-uv-a-gun whut Dr. Henshall speaks so highley uv in his book "The Black Bass," whut tell's why a black-bass is the seckond kusin' to a sun-perch, an' a whole lotta other things pertainin' to the piskatoreal art.

A Real Fish Fry.

Talk about fishin', boy, Me and Jim have bin over the grater part uv two counties, in Arkansas, an' have fished over the most uv Texas, but honest-to-gudness, we had the best time down thar at Tyler on this fishin' trip, that we ever had in all our fishin' in the hole state uv Texas. We fit 'em an' fought 'em, an' we caught 'em an' we lost 'em—an' best uv all, we sho did cook 'em! Did I say cook 'em? Yes, indeed, an' I'll say hit agin, fer we cooked 'em rite out in the woods, whar all natcher is at 'er best, whar the brown leaves was a playin' hide-an'-seek, an' the kool Desember brezes tuched a feller's cheek, jist like a kiss frum his best gal at a corn shuckin'.

Fer three days an' nites, we camped 'side the riplin' water's uv Lake Park, jist out away from the shore, in the edge uv the woods. An' we let ol' Jim do all the cookin', fer he knows how to make a pot uv mulligan, plank a 4-pound bass, broil a squirel or fry a mess uv brim to whut the editur speaks uv as a "delishus brown." Folks, yer know thar is a rite an' a wrong way to cook fish,

an' I'll tell the wurld, that Jim knows the RITE way to turn the trick—provided, you give him a ol' oyster-pot, an' then see that he's got wood a plenty to keep the fire goin' while Jimmie does the rest.

Feller's, I guess lot's uv you guy's know how to "stink-the-skillet," an' have cooked meny a fish, but take hit frum a friend uv Jim's, if you wanta know how the real stuff uv fixin' fish-food, jist stand by, while I lites the fire an' put's the kittle on. Now, jist imagin' that you air as hungrey as a ole she kiote an' bin fishin' sense early in the mornin', an' have had durned leetle to eat, an' now, the day is dun an' hit's time to cook super. All rite, let's go frum here an' git super ready. "Mr. Taylor, you clean the fish, an' I'll git a armfull uv black-jack sticks fer the fire."

When I gets the fire a goin' good why, here cums ol' Jim an' his oyster-pot, with jist the rite amount uv grease in hit fer the ockashun. An' when the greese gotta cuttin' up like corn in a popper, James has the fish all rolled in corn-meal, an' after puttin' 'em in the leetle wire basket he set's 'em down in the pot uv hot grease whut was a doin' the shimmy over the fire.

Now, feller's, do you get me? I don't like to disputate with a lerned gent like Noah Webster—but when he tries to tell you guy's whut the word BROWN means why, he's absolootely off his nut. Whut he calls BROWN may be all rite when he's a talkin' 'bout paint an' the shade uv a gal's hair; yep, that's one thing, but talkin' 'bout the color uv a nicely cooked brim—well, that's nother thing.

When Jim got thru a cookin' them brim, an' sorter lifted the little wire basket uv outta that sizzlin' greese why, then was the time a feller seed and smelled a real "delishus brown."

People, I'd love the best in the wurld to tell you sum more 'bout our trip down in the Tyler diggin's, but space

forbids; therefore, let's eat super, fer Jim's got everythin' ready an' hit's a gittin' a leetle bit lait.

The fish is all cooked to a "delishus brown," an' with other good things to eat, is spread on top of a ole sawed-off tree stump. "Jimmy, says I, ain't yer cooked too meny fish," but Jim lafed an' kep pilin' 'em hier an' hier on the tin plates. I counted 8 brim an' 4 bass, all purty good size, but we eat each an' evry one, down to nothin' but the boney fragmint's. Then we had packed away, to take home, as meny more; not bad wurk for three ole fishermen.

Voices of the Night.

As we three set 'round the bounteiful repass, out thar in God's grate out-o'-doors, we hears sounds uv wild wood life all 'bout us; frum some whar kums the swish uv wings, as a flock uv mallards hurry past to circle agin an' finery settle down over on the fer side uv the lake. Frum out the growin' darkness thar kums 'nother sound, hit's the voice uv a nite-bird a singin' to hit's mait over thar in the branches uv the ole sweet-gum tree.

At last, the meal over, dishes is washed an' put away. Me an' Jim an' Mr. Taylor bring out our ole pipes an' fill 'em fer the evenin' smoke. As we set thar close to the campfire a lookin' into the fitful tongues uv flame why, each uv us travel onct agin the ole familer trails uv other days—days that have long sense bin numbered 'mong things that's gone beyon'.

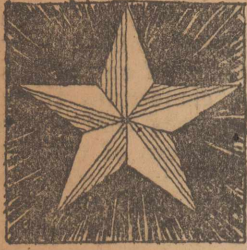
An' as we set thar 'fore the open-fire a gazin' into hit, I kinder hear comin' frum out the nite-time stillness, the voices uv ol' fishin' pal's, who long ago started on the long trail whut reaches 'cross the Big Divide up to the Head Camp—out thar beyond the blue depths, whar all followers uv the beloved Izaak Walton will sum day meet, after we have fished an' wished our way along the ever-changin' stream uv life.

CHRISTMAS ALONE.

A fellow that is far away from his home folks on Christmas day may make an effort to be gay, but doesn't have much luck, says a writer. For though he occupies no chair, cross the miles his heart is there, with mother, dad and sis to share the Christmas dinner. The man whose hair is turning gray, the laughing youth, so bright and gay all miss the homefolks Christmas day, wherever they may roam.

A Review of the Year of 1923

By W. N. BEARD



The people of Texas can well look forward to a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. They have been blessed during 1923 with fairly good crop yields, with increased

business activity in practically all lines and with a health record far ahead of last year.

This year's cotton crop, produced at less cost than in several years and marketed at prices which brought a profit to the farmers, has ushered in a period of unusual prosperity throughout the state. Much ready money has been placed in circulation, merchants report a heavy fall trade and banks show a large gain in deposits and a corresponding decrease in loans.

County banks, by reason of the paying power of farmer customers, have been able to liquidate their indebtedness. Rural deposits are now larger than at any time since 1919, the year of inflation and abnormal prosperity. County banks have lowest ratio of local loans compared to deposits in many years.

Government gin statistics show that Texas produced this year 40 per cent of the entire cotton crop of the United States, and the crop, including the seed, sold at prices that have already put in the pockets of our Texas farmers over \$600,000,000.

The best evidence of prosperity is the paying of old debts. The year of 1923 will go down in history as a year in which Texans materially reduced their indebtedness. Some merchants report debts paid by customers who have been in arrears from five to ten years.

And what is even more beneficial, our people have learned a lesson in economy. The lean years of the past, following several years of world war inflation, have taught them to conserve their resources, to eliminate waste, to spend less and to save more.

Not only did Texas produce the best cotton crop in the south, but other crops as well. Estimates forecast by the United States Department of Agriculture, puts the Texas cotton crop production of 1923 at 3,800,000 bales, wheat crop 16,375,000 bushels, corn crop 151,750,000 bushels, oat crop 49,824,000 bushels, barley crop 2,400,000 bushels, rye crop 348,000 bushels, tame hay crop 987,000 tons, wild hay crop 201,000 tons, broom corn crop 5,700 tons, rice crop 5,143,000 bushels.

Besides the foregoing crops, our farmers have had fairly good crops of sweet and Irish potatoes, ribbon cane, sorghum, peanuts, garden vegetables, berries, etc. A Cass county, East Texas, farmer contracted to sell his output of

1,800 gallons of ribbon cane syrup before he had completed the making of the syrup.

South Texas has planted a spinach crop of 10,815 acres, 1,685 acres more than last year, and the crop will move in carload lots to eastern markets from January to March, 1924.

While on the subject of crops, it is interesting to know that our farmers are giving more attention to seed selection and fertilization than formerly—better cotton seed, better corn seed, etc. A farmer near Tyler has captured a prize for raising eight bales of cotton from five acres of fertilized and well cultivated land.

Agricultural possibilities are so infinite in Texas that we may expect many wonderful yields of field and truck crops as intensive cultivation is more generally adopted.

This has been a \$1,000,000,000.00 crop year for grand old Texas, and we now lead all other states in value of farm crops for 1923.

West Texas is doing her part in adding to the wealth of Texas agriculturally by cutting up her large ranches into small farms and by extending the cotton belt into the upper Panhandle.

A gin has been recently erected at Dalhart, 81 miles from Amarillo and 407 miles from Fort Worth.

This brief review of the progress of the farming interests of Texas during 1923 is important, in that the prosperity and wealth of Texas comes mainly from the soil, and her people cannot become permanently prosperous and happy without abundant field crop yields.

While looking backward, with unassuming pride, upon the general progress of our state during 1923, no one thing affords greater satisfaction than the progress spiritually and educationally. We have built more new and better

churches, more new and better schools and colleges, more new and better homes. The school districts of our state issued approximately \$10,000,000 in bonds during the scholastic year ending August 31, 1923.

Millions of dollars in bonds also have been voted and issued for good roads, and much progress made this year in good road building. Some counties in Texas have highways extending entirely through them, built of solid

purpose of developing the gold and platinum mine located five miles from Llano. This mine has been idle for the past fifteen years, but now it is to be worked under the name of the Llano Gold and Rare Metal Company. The potash deposits near Odessa has interested eastern capitalists and core tests reveal these deposits in paying quantities. New lignite fields have been discovered and old fields are being worked more actively.

The State Comptroller's department puts the total yield of crude oil in Texas during 1923 at 77,530,382 barrels, valued at \$134,536,000.00. Approximately sixty-five new oil fields have been brought in since January 1, 1923, including the Powell field, near Corsicana, which at peak production, was flowing 300,000 barrels of crude oil per day.

In this limited review no account is taken of the advancement in fine livestock breeding and raising, fine poultry breeding and raising, dairying, horticulture, etc.

It is now suggested that Texas should celebrate its one-hundredth anniversary by a centennial exposition. Much interest has been manifested throughout the state in this movement, and the newspapers have given freely of their space in an endeavor to remind all Texans that a glorious opportunity awaits them to advertise the greatness of Texas by promoting a centennial exposition.

Texas also heads all other states in the creation of new wealth from farms, ranches, mines, oil, forests, and fisheries. While these sources of new wealth are seemingly inexhaustible, yet we should, at this time of retrospection, consider conserving these natural resources by replanting our cut over forests, rebuilding our depleted soils

and preventing unnecessary waste in gas and oil production.

These notable achievements of the passing year should inspire all Texans to face the New Year with supreme confidence and faith—faith in our unlimited resources and in our workmen—whether the workmen be tillers of the soil or tillers of the lathe and trowel, whether the workmen be dealers in merchandise or directors of schools and colleges, public officials, or ministers of the gospel. All Texans should believe in Texas and its matchless possibilities, should unite and stand shoulder to shoulder in forwarding the interests of their respective counties and communities, to the end that Texas may grow and continue to prosper and hold its commanding place among the great states of the United States.

Texas folks, therefore, both children and grown-ups, should look forward to the holidays with joy and thankfulness because of our splendid progress in the past, our abundance in the present, and our promise in the future. We truly, and in all sincerity, have reason to rejoice with grateful hearts, and be merry, at this glad Yuletide season of the year or our Lord, nineteen hundred and twenty-three.

THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS.

The magic of the Christmas season is the element of suspense that enters into it. The beauty of it—all the fun of it—would be spoiled were all the packages to be opened the week before Christmas or even the day before Christmas.

Isn't that the greatest philosophy of all? asks a writer in the Philadelphia Ledger.

While we have our hazy dreams of the golden treasures we hope some day to attain, we don't want to know all that is in store for us until we actually realize them. Anticipation is ever so much better than realization. Familiarity breeds contempt when the treasures of life become commonplace.

What we want is more of the old-fashioned Christmas spirit; less of fact and more of faith, "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Somewhere in a magazine story occurs this phrase: "It's all that keeps us going—the belief there's something better waiting if we can only catch up with it."

Let's not insist on knowing all the gifts in store for us.

Before Christianity came in peopled to fear that the sun was dying when the days grew short and dark, the month that is now December, when the days lengthened, they used to rejoice because the sun was coming back to them.

THE ABSENT ONE

By FRANK L. STANTON

"I'm thinking of you in the Christmas,"
It rings like a tender refrain;
The sky is so blue,
Like the dear eyes of you,
And still do the lilies remain.

"I'm thinking of you at Christmas."
The halls with the holly are red;
And where do you stay
On this beautiful day,
Where the light on your pathway is shed?

Do the lilies bloom for you, dearest?
Under skies that are darkened or blue;
In a far-away land
Does some tender kind hand
Lift a flower of Christmas to you?

Oh, the bells o'er the wide world are ringing,
And the skies bend in beauty of blue;
But a thought from the past
Liveth with me at last;
In the Christmas I'm thinking of you!

cement, asphalt or gravel. Nothing can contribute more to the happiness and contentment of our citizens than well constructed and well maintained highways.

The mineral and forest resources of the state continue to attract investors from all over the world, and this year has revealed greater wealth of the mines and the forests of Texas. A \$500,000.00 corporation has been organized at Llano, Llano county, for the

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THE PRINCE OF PEACE

By An American Mother

The civilized world wants peace. Diplomats and statesmen, sitting in their high places, may theorize, and military leaders may sound their dark warnings. But if civilization civilizes, if education educates, we should know by this time that war is stupid, wasteful and unnecessary. We, the average men and women of America, should insist that the institution of war be abolished forever and that nations find some saner, safer way of settling their differences.

This is a season when all the world should be thinking of peace. It is a time of good will among men. It is a time when we will be most ready to accept the new rendering of an old and a very beautiful sentiment: "Peace on earth to men of good will."

The method of settling international disputes by arbitration has been tried and found not wanting. Argentina and Chile at one end of the world, Norway and Sweden at the other, have settled their disputes by arbitration. Denmark's three treaties with Italy, Portugal and The Netherlands withhold no clause, however vital, from reason's peaceful sway. The Casa Blanca dispute between France and Germany, the Venezuela question, the North Atlantic fisheries case, the Alabama claims—all these have been settled by arbitration. In fact, within the last century two hundred and fifty international disputes have been settled in this way.

And there is a case near home, a perfect object lesson in the methods by which international peace may be secured and maintained, a political wisdom that has created a transcontinental boundary between the United States and Canada nearly 4000 miles long, in which for many years there has been no need of a single fort, a single soldier or a single gun.

This agreement has stood every test—it has withstood the strain of politics as well as the threat of big business interests. It works. It is working today.

Perhaps the most majestic symbol of peace in the world is "The Christ of the Andes." Standing as it does on a snow-crowned crest of the Andes, just

on the border line between Chile and Argentina, it makes a peculiarly impressive appeal for universal peace. It was inspired by a woman, Madame Angelina de Oliveira Cesar de Costa, founder and president of the South American Association for Universal Peace. Madame de Costa has received the two highest orders from Holy See, one of them the order "Pro Ecclesia of the 'Societe Academique d'Histoire-Internationale' of Paris. No story can be more beautiful or more inspiring than this of the erection of this figure of the Prince of Peace, dominating with its gesture of reconciliation. And certainly none is more fitting at this Christmas season.

Argentina and Chile had had serious differences concerning certain boundaries and the two countries were on the verge of war. European shipyards were busy with orders for gigantic battle ships of the latest models, and a tax of 5 per cent was levied to provide the cost. The dispute had already cost the contestants great sums of money, and much thought and energy had been put into it. Such controversies not only breed blind and unreasoning hatred, but divert the mind and heart of nations from constructive and wholesome things.

At last it was agreed that arbitration should be left to His Majesty King Edward VII of England, and the terms decided upon by the commission of distinguished men appointed by him were happily accepted by both Argentine and Chile. By the terms of the treaty armaments were reduced and the shipbuilding program was halted. The money thus saved was turned to more practical and

constructive purposes, and many public utilities were benefited and improved. Chile transformed her largest arsenal into a school of arts and sciences. War-

ships were dismantled and added to the commercial flotilla. Disarmament was real, friendships began to take the place of hatreds.



Majestic Symbol of Peace, on the Crest of the Andes, Inspired by a Woman.

It was upon the occasion of the signing of this treaty that Madame de Oliveira suggested that a bronze statue of Christ the Redeemer should be erect-

ed on the border line of the two countries, not only as a symbol of permanent peace between Argentina and Chile, but as a plea for universal peace. The suggestion was made to the presidents of the two countries, who welcomed the idea cordially, and so enthusiastic was the response that in a very short time the young sculptor of Buenos Aires, Sr. Mateo Alonso, had finished the work.

The occasion of the dedication was remarkable. Chilean bands played the Argentine national hymn, and the Argentine band played the national hymn of Chile.

"These mountains will reverse themselves," said one of the speakers, "before Chileans and Argentines will forget their promise of peace sworn at the feet of Christ the Redeemer."

Madame de Oliveira did not stop her magnificent work in the interest of world peace with the erection of this statue in 1904. She went to Europe and through her efforts a reproduction of the Christ of the Andes, by M. Lagas, was erected at The Hague in 1913.

Men have been fumbling at this job of ending war long enough. The first Hague conference was called in 1899 by Nicholas II of Russia, to the end that war might cease. In 1907 the second Hague conference was held. Between this and the recent Washington conference we have had conferences and councils and commissions at numerous times, and still war threatens.

And what a war the next will be if predictions are half fulfilled. Mr. Edison was asked if it were true that the entire population of London could be killed by gas within twelve hours, and he replied, "The thing could be done in three hours." It is said that Americans had already for the 1919 campaign the Lewisite gas and that a

dozen one-ton bombs loaded with Lewisite gas could eliminate all life in Berlin.

Shall we not then turn, at this beautiful Christmas time, toward South America where that majestic figure of the Prince of Peace stands as a beautiful reminder of universal friendliness. He alone realized this sublime thought of fraternity which should over-shadow all bitterness, and eliminate all hatreds. His indeed is a creed, for all classes, and for all time—"Peace on earth to men of good will."

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grander way—appreciating every new and better gift and believing that in spite of it all this is the golden age of history—we cannot help looking back occasionally and "kinder half-way" longing for some of the plain old-fashioned things of a quarter century ago.

We cannot bring back the past, and we do especially care to do so, but sometimes we find ourselves pushing open the gate that leads into the Garden of the Past and looking around among the half-dead shrubbery and unkempt vines, where shadows fall on a broken caprock and wild birds flit through fading leaves; as we stand there in memory's land, we feel the loss of a simplicity which marked without marring old time Christmas celebrations.

WHY DO WE DECORATE OUR CHRISTMAS TREE?

Ancient sun worshippers used to decorate trees, because they thought a spreading tree was like the sun rising, higher and higher, in the heavens. They used lights to signify the lightning; apples, nuts and balls to signify the sun, moon and stars, and figures of animal sacrifices which were made to their gods. The angels, cross, etc., which were added were put in by Christians to commemorate Christ. The star is a symbol of the star which led the Wise Men to Bethlehem.

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It is not generally known that, besides Christians, there are many other people who keep December 25 as a festival for different reasons. The Persians, the Hindus, even the Egyptians, do so, and even among the Arabs the "beardless rider" moves about in disguise, playing amusing pranks and collecting gifts.

The celebration of Christmas is strangely erratic from a geographical standpoint. Thus, in Northern Europe the Scandinavian people keep it religiously, but their nextdoor neighbors, the Russians, pay comparatively little attention to it, reserving their rejoicings for New Year's Day and still more for Easter.

To Latin nations, however, Christmas has not the significance which nations made up of the people of German stock attach to it. In South America, France, Spain and Portugal the festivities do not compare in heartiness and cheer with the English or Scandinavian Christmas.

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Christmas Giving



Christmas festivities and Christmas ideals, more than all others, should be kept unchanged from year to year. We cannot hope to improve upon the splendid old customs which have been handed down to us thru the ages. It has always been a time of rejoicing a time for giving as well as receiving.

The Christmas spirit fell among black times during the long, weary years of the war. The holiday season came to be dreaded more than the dullest and hardest of worktimes. It was quite impossible for those at home to give gifts and be gay when the boys were in the trenches. It seemed like sacrilege to use the precious sugar for making Christmas cakes and candies. So we changed our Christmas customs to suit the exigencies of the times.

There are many ways of presenting a gift. First of all, be on time. A Christmas gift should be presented on Christmas and not two or three days afterward. Start early enough to make your gifts so you will be thru on time. Start some time before Christmas and save every bit of pretty and attractive paper that comes in the house. Also save all the gay little pictures you can, and hunt for more. You will be surprised at what pretty packages you can make from brown wrapping paper with a bright picture on top and all tied with bright ribbon.

If you haven't any attractive paper in the house, invest a few cents in some bright-colored tissue paper. Then buy some gold passepartout binding. Wrap your gifts in bright red or green tissue paper and bind them round with the gold or silver paper. But first cut the binding down thru the center or it will be a bit too wide.

The making of gift boxes is a fascinating business. If you are going to give a little gift you will be giving a double gift if you present it in a box that can be kept on the desk or dressing table as a trinket box. Take an ordinary box and cover it with either brown wrapping paper or any fairly heavy paper of a bright color. Paste a pretty picture on the top of the box and paste a little border of good paper about it.

Of course these times are expensive, and most certainly we should save our pennies! But don't you really agree that taking thought for our relatives and best friends just once a year is not too often? And that any less would amount to none at all.

Savings count for nothing when weighed in the balance with the Christmas joy to both giver and receiver of the simple and thoughtfully planned Christmas gift.

"Christmas giving is too much of a strain on me. I haven't the strength to worry over a lot of gifts."

Do I hear you say that? Well, dear reader, let me argue with you. I do not ask that you worry over your gifts. I merely ask that you plan them carefully. Nor does that mean such a great deal. Give only to those who are without loved ones.

For Christmas without Christmas giving would not be Christmas.

When one takes thought for one's friends at Yuletide, one not only saves money and gives useful things, but at the same time gives part of one's own self.

When you think over what to send Mary, remember that she is just starting out housekeeping and that you noticed there was a shortage of neat little chambray aprons in the immediate vicinity of her kitchen. Then send her an apron instead of a piece of frippery sent just so you had "something" to send and which will only suffer total inattention and uselessness the whole year thru while it is collecting dust in some obscure spot.

Christmas giving is a very balanced proposition. There are three things that enter into it—thought, patience and money. Skimp on one and you will have to add just that much more of the other. The wisely chosen gift uses these three things in just the right proportions.

Emerson had the right idea when he said that the only gift is a portion of one's self, reflecting the individuality of the giver.

Let us make this Christmas a "Sane-and-Simple Gift" one. Giving is a gracious art and one which is put to the test at Christmas time. In these days of strain and hurry and unrest, let us not forget that gentle art, which really is the art nearest and dearest to the heart of Merry Christmas!

Workbag Chat Making Clever Gifts With Needlecraft



Well, I hope you have a Merry Christmas—I wish it to you with emphatic good-will—and I trust that all the many stitches taken in your needlework gifts will be appreciated. It's a very hackneyed saying that no one appreciates the time spent upon needlework gifts but the one who makes them, and I really don't think that's so. It's like a lot of other bromides that sound true but really aren't. We mustn't consent to believe things just because someone has said them over and over again before we were born. In this day of rush and hurry and so many outside interests lots of girls and women have little time, too little time, for making with their needles the pretty things they would like to have. One has only to price hand-made things in the shops to know that women appreciate them or they wouldn't pay the prices the shops are compelled to ask for anything that takes so large an amount of labor. All or which is to say that anything you needle-lovers have sacrificed in time to make during the pre-holidays I just know will give double the pleasure of many a bought gift.

A Family Gift.
I wonder if it's possible that there is yet a gift or two which you haven't had time to make, possibly a family gift. If that is so, you will want to make something that will take very little time, won't you? Had you ever thought of the possibilities of curtain net? It makes so many delightfully gifts and is so decorative in itself that one doesn't have to do a lot of stitchery upon it.
And let me whisper something to you: Many of the things can be made from old curtain net, too. If it is in good condition it will look just as smart as the new when it is made up into the gifts. For example, if you have a pair of net curtains you aren't using, one side will make a charming bureau scarf and you may like to make a boudoir pillow from the other. Cut the scarf the size you wish and place a one-inch hem about the edges. At the top of the hem run a narrow ribbon—French blue or old rose will be effective—and place about three tiny pink ribbon roses, the kind bought by the yard, in each corner. If you do not wish to go to all this expense, simply run a long basting stitch of rose, or blue wool, about the top of the hem. A double row of the wool about half an inch apart will look even better. Be careful, if the double row is used, to have the stitches the same length and placed exactly one under the other.
The boudoir pillow can be made to match. If it is round it should be shirred about the edges with about an inch or two-inch frill of the net and the ribbon or wool placed over the line of shirring. A bow of several loops of the ribbon can be placed in the center of the round pillow to cover the terminal of the shirring there. The pillow may have a colored covering under the net, if you wish, as may also the bureau scarf, but neither is necessary. The scarf, perhaps two scarfs, and the pillow make a nice set, but they can be given separately if you are rushed for time, and added to upon other gift days. A little oblong pillow is, of course, simpler to make and takes less material. Leave a straight one-inch flange all about the edges and place a line of the wool or ribbon over the stitching; lacing the ribbon in and out.

Let me whisper something to you: if you have an old black satin frock that isn't good for wearing any more, make some simply fascinating cushions from it. A black satin cushion (you may use black silk, if you haven't satin) is just the most effective thing in a room, no matter what the color scheme. Black in interior decoration, you see, always serves to emphasize whatever scheme it is added to. The square cushions are good, and are smart; but personally, I prefer the round, shirred ones. A touch of gold somewhere on a black pillow makes it doubly effective. I would not advise combining it with any color if you would have it keep all its smartness. In this way you could make an inexpensive Christmas gift.

I really must tell you about the most amusing of collar button boxes I have seen. It is five inches high and is of hand-painted wood. It is filled with two gold-plated collar buttons and the following verse is attached:
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DANNY'S CHRISTMAS.

"Danny" as he was affectionately called by all his "regular" customers, was a queer little fellow. Very little was known about his life, not even his real name. As for a father or mother, he didn't know the meaning of the words. Back as far as he could remember he had been selling newspapers on the corner of Sixth and Main. Although, eleven years of age, he was small for his age and the saddest thing in all his life was his "hump back." Just how this had come about no one knew. Like everything else about him, it just happened, was all he knew. Many a man and woman went blocks out of their way home to buy their evening paper from him, because even with his deformity and hard life he always wore a smile and had a cherry word for every passer-by. His home was an attic room at "Mis' Murphy's House." Here Danny shivered in cold weather and sweated in hot weather.

This particular evening was a cold and biting one. The snow had been falling all day and with the lowering of the sun a fresh norther had come up. Danny was wet and cold. His few scanty clothes appeared to add more to his misery than comfort. Every one had been in such a hurry to get home out of the biting cold, very few had stopped to buy a paper. By five o'clock it was dark and the street lights and blazing store windows only seemed to mock him. He had sold only five papers this afternoon instead of his usual large number. However, he struggled bravely on trying to make a few more sales. By seven o'clock he could stand it no longer, and turned to go in the corner store for a few minutes to get warm. The throngs bustled past him in their mad rush to finish their last minutes shopping. Danny looked wistfully into an artistically decorated window where a large Santa Claus surrounded with little "wax" children was seemingly happy. Suddenly the thought passed thru his head "this is Christmas eve." However, it meant little to him as he had no one to share it with. In fact, he would be only the more lonely because of the holiday.

Stepping inside the swinging doors he crept over to the corner near a big steaming radiator. He thrust his hand into his pocket and brought out a few nickels and pennies. He slowly counted them and found he had just enough for a warm supper and a scanty breakfast. He was hungry, too, having had only a cup of coffee and a doughnut to eat that day. After he had warmed his hands, he tucked his remaining papers under his arm and started for the nearest lunch-counter. As he came close he could smell the cooked food and steaming coffee. How glad he was that he had at least made enough for a warm supper. Just as he was to enter the door he saw an old, old man sitting on the edge of the sidewalk. He was scantily clad and seemed about ready to faint from the cold. Danny rushed to his side and said "Smatter, Pop?" The old man raised his head slowly and Danny saw great tears streaming down his face and falling into his long white beard. The man replied, "I am sick and cold. I am an old man and can hardly work. I was trying to sell some papers but my hands got so cold that when some one in the crowd shoved me I dropped them in the dirty street so no one will buy them now. My little lame daughter at home is crying, I know, because she hasn't eaten since yesterday. I am now too cold to go on." Danny hesitated a moment, he was so hungry, then he thrust his hand in his pocket and pulled out his few cents, these he put in the old man's hand and said: "Here, this will buy you a little food. I have a few papers left which I can still sell." The old man slowly rose and placed his hand on Danny's shoulder and said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive, and God bless you my boy, you shall have your reward."

Danny was too tired and cold to sell any more papers so he crept to his attic room and tried to find comfort under the few rags that served him as cover. "Tomorrow is Christmas, and I have no one, he thought. How hungry I am, and tomorrow, well—, but I am glad I gave the old man my pennies—, He was so old." Over and over again, these thoughts passed thru his head. Christmas with its joys to others meant nothing to him.

He thought of the great brown house on the hill, of its wide spreading lawns and beautiful trees enclosed behind the forbidding wall. He had seen it one time when he went on a special errand for the paper. As he was leaving he caught a glimpse of a pale hand waving to him from an upper window. He had waved his cap in return and then went out again thru the great gates. That was Christmas a year ago. He had been given a bright shining dollar by the butler for a Christmas present. But this year would be different. He didn't even have the price of a cup of coffee.

How long he had been asleep he did not know, but he awakened to find the sunlight streaming into his room and a gentle hand on his head. When he had rubbed the drowsiness out of his eyes he looked up and saw standing beside him an old man in fine clothes and a long white beard. "My boy," he was saying, "Merry Christmas to you."

Danny hardly knew what to do or to say. "Merry Christmas," he managed to mutter. "I have come to take you home with me to live. I need you; and my little lame girl, who can only sit by the window loves you already." "But who are you? I can't go mister—, I'm so—" Danny had started to cry. "There—, there—, my little man. I am the owner of the brown house on the hill. I need some one for company for my little girl, she is so

lonely since her dear mother left us and went to live with God. Last night, I determined to test you to see if you were worthy of a good home, so I disguised as a poor old man and begged you for your pennies for food. "Oh," said Danny. "So, you are the man who had dropped his papers in the dirty street and no one would buy them." "Yes, I will come—, will come—, if you want me." **AUNT MARY.**

THE CHILD AND YOUNG MANHOOD OF CHRIST.

Wouldn't you have liked to have known Him when he was here on earth as a boy? I would love to have been there and have seen Him that first Christmas Morn. Jesus, the Christ child, was born in the manger, in Bethlehem of Judea. I am sure all of you know what a manger is. He came in this lowly place to save the humble as well as the mighty. Jesus was a sweet little baby, rosy and dimpled, just like your baby brother may be. His mother watched over Him as your mother does over you, although, I am sure, the Christ child must have been just a little "different" from other babies.

A great star shone over his birth place. By this star the Shepherds, who were taking care of their flocks on the hillside, were guided to the place of his birth. They brought him simple gifts of milk, cheese, wool and a lamb. In his sight, though, the gifts were wonderful as they were given with love, which makes any gift acceptable. The star also guided the Three Wise Men of the East. They brought expensive gifts, which no doubt, were no more acceptable to Him than those of the Shepherds. A few days after His birth, Herod, who was then the King of that country, hearing that "a new King was born," sent his soldiers to kill all the little children under two years of age.

Joseph had been warned of this by an angel in a dream and had taken Mary and Jesus into Egypt. A very beautiful story is told of how during this journey the family stopped to rest beneath a fig tree. Mary desired some of the fruit as she was hungry. Joseph was too tired to climb the tree and get it for her, and the bough was too high to reach. So Jesus commanded a bough to bend down to him. He was so pleased with the obedience of the tree, that he promised, because of this, that one of its branches should be carried by the angels and planted in his Father's Paradise.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph did not stay long in Egypt but returned to Nazareth to His father's house. Here Jesus grew to be a man. He worked in His father's shop. His father was a carpenter. It was during this time he learned the sweet lessons of home life. His parents were poor and could give him no advantages. But the bible tells us that he daily grew in wisdom. God was his teacher.

Every year He made the journey to Jerusalem to the feast of the Passover, with His parents. In the twelfth year after His birth, during their return from the feast, Mary noticed that her Son was not with people making the journey home. She hastened back to Jerusalem and searched for Him three days and nights. At last she found Him in the Temple talking with a group of wise old men. They were astonished at His great knowledge and wisdom. Mary, who was so happy to find Him and she asked Him, "Son, why hast Thou dealt with us? Behold, Thy father and I have sought Thee sorrowing?" He answered her and said, "How is it that Ye sought me? Wist Ye not that I must be about My father's business?" He returned with His parents to Nazareth to work again in His father's carpenter shop. Thru the succeeding years he was a good student and an obedient child. When John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness, Jesus came from Galilee to Jordan to be baptized. John did not want to baptize Jesus, as he knew Jesus was greater than he. But Jesus said, "Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness." Jesus was well past childhood now, as he was near thirty years old. Up to this time he had labored in his father's shop, but now since he was grown-up, he must go to preach the gospel of His Heavenly Father.

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Sift together the flour, baking powder and spices. Sift again after adding the sugar. Then make a hollow in the center of the sifted ingredients; add the eggs, unbeaten, and stir in the mixture a little at a time. Beat well for about five minutes. Add the orange juice and grated rind and chopped fruit last. Make into balls the size of a large walnut, dipping the fingers into pulverized sugar. Bake on an oiled or butter paper, an inch apart, in a hot oven.

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WOMAN'S PAGE

MRS. MARGARET STUTE

THE CHRISTMAS TABLE.

The center of interest for Christmas (outside of the Christmas tree) is the dining table. Mother's interest is principally the dinner itself, then the decorations. With a little planning and foresight the most modest home may present an artistically arranged table with little expense.

Simplicity is the keynote to a well arranged table. Never over-do the thing.

The best linen and silver are always in evidence. First a "silent cloth" is used, then the table cloth. An embroidered center piece can be used also.

Silver must be placed correctly in order to be attractive.

For the ordinary dinner the following description is sufficient:

To the right of the plate is placed the knife, sharp edge towards plate, then as many tea spoons as are needed, coffee spoon next to knife, then salad fork (if to be served after soup) last from plate is placed fork for pie or cake (if to be served) then fork for the main dinner. The butter knife is laid on butter plate if they are used; if omitted, knife is also.

All of the plates are placed in front of who ever is to serve; except where service plates are used.

Glasses are placed at the right of the plate near the point of the knife.

Napkins are placed at the left of the forks, if first course is served before seating the guest. If not served until seated, then napkin is placed between knife and fork or on service plate, if used.

Dinners today are served with much less formality than formerly. There are several reasons for this, namely, because the scarcity of reliable help, and then during and following the war people became less formal in every way.

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HOUSE DECORATIONS

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To commence with, each member of the family must join hands and work together in order to assure success. For there is mistletoe to gather, apples and oranges to prepare, and all the jolly duties for a "Merry Christmas."

Most people in Texas are exceptionally fortunate in one respect. As about all they have to do is to go out into the country and they can gather all the mistletoe needed for decorating. Of course, the "early bird" always gathers the best mistletoe. So lay in your supply early, because no Christmas is complete without it.

The keynote of decorations should be found in the living room, or parlor, which ever is to be used the most during the day.

With a few cents spent wisely and a little fore-thought, any house can present a glowing and hearty welcome.

In the living room a center of interest must be chosen. Perhaps it will be a centrally suspended chandelier, perhaps an open fire place, or the Christmas tree. Which ever it is, lay the most emphasis at this spot. Red and green being the favorite colors for Christmas decorations, many beautiful ideas can be worked out.

One artistic room I have in mind was where the chandelier was used as the center of interest. A large red ball was suspended from it (but a pretty bunch of mistletoe can be used as well). Cotton was fluffed and sprinkled with artificial snow. This was banked on top of the bell (or mistletoe) and little flakes placed here and there on the lights and cord. Two streamers of red and two of green Christmas cords were run from the top of the bell to the four corners of the room, the colors alternating. Tiny bits of cotton were placed on these. In the corners pretty bunches of mistletoe were fastened to the wall with tiny tacks (so as not to spoil the wall) and these were flecked with cotton. By the fireplace a pretty tree was placed and decorated with the usual Christmas tinsel. There were pretty candles, red apples and yellow oranges suspended on colored twine and all the other various and sundry things used.

Dried red peppers were placed here and there among the green to give a colorful effect.

Small limbs with autumn leaves were placed in the corners and over the pictures and mantle. Holly can be used at almost any place. Tiny red bells and miniature Santa Claus may be hung in the windows or holly wreaths.

The dining room must present a bower of loveliness and hospitality. Here holly, mistletoe, pine boughs, cones and any other "natural" decoration can be used in profusion. However, the table is the center of interest and other decorations must blend with it or the effect will be lost. Less red is used on the walls and in the windows as it will detract from the table which should be the most conspicuous.

Don't forget a bunch of mistletoe above each door. It will look pretty and afford much merriment for the old as well as the young.

A last word of warning, don't forget to put away carefully after the holidays all decorations that are not perishable. Wrap in colored tissue paper. They are best put in a covered wooden box that can be fastened securely, so as to keep away from rats and mice. Camphor or moth balls are good to use. Don't let the children see them again until next year and they will be as good as new.

CHRISTMAS MENUS.

"NO. 1."

Fruit Cocktail
Celery stalks stuffed with peanut butter
Olives
Thin Meat Broth
Roast Turkey
Mashed Potatoes Gravy
Brussels sprouts, sauce piquante
Rolls—Butter balls
Cranberry Sauce
Fruit Cake
Coffee

"NO. 2."

Half Grapefruit with cherry garnish
Olives
Stuffed or Roast Pork
Gravy
Potatoes on the half-shell
Baked squash
Grape jelly
Rolls—Butter balls
Jellied fruit salad with whipped cream
Mince Pie—Cheese
Coffee

CHRISTMAS RECIPES.

ROASTED TURKEY.

A turkey should be killed two or three days before used if the weather is cool or ice is available for use. Do not truss for twenty-four hours, only remove the crop. Always singe before "drawing" the bird. When ready to cook—after it has been singed and trussed wash thoroughly inside and out; salt inside and out. Fill with dry dressing. Rub flour over turkey, place a piece of salt pork on breast and brown flour slightly. Pour two cups of hot water over turkey. Baste often and turn over in pan. Bake in a moderate oven.

Dry Dressing.

1½ to 2 loaves of white bread, cut in cubes, add one small onion, chopped fine, season with salt, pepper and sage, add two or three hard boiled eggs (chopped). Over this pour ¾ pound of melted butter. Toss all together and fill turkey. Sew turkey up. Place balance of dressing around turkey.

SWEET POTATO PIE.

3 or 4 medium size sweet potatoes
1 teaspoon nutmeg
1 cup milk
1 tablespoon flour (sifted)
½ teaspoon allspice
1 orange (juice)
2 or 3 eggs, yolks (well beaten)
2 tablespoons butter (melted)

Sweeten to taste (usually about 1 cup)

Boil potato until thoroughly done, pare and press through a colander. To this add the other ingredients in the order named.

Pie Crust.

¼ cup sifted flour
¼ cup lard
¼ teaspoon salt
4 tablespoons cold water
½ teaspoon baking powder

Sift dry ingredients, add the lard and thoroughly mix. To this add water and toss on slightly floured board and roll to desired thickness. Before putting into oven puncture crust several times with fork tines so as to release air under crust. Bake in a hot oven until crust begins to brown. Then put in filling. Cook for fifteen or twenty minutes in a moderate oven or until nicely browned.

Beat the whites of the eggs until stiff, add 1 tablespoon sugar for each egg and a little orange juice. Spread over top of pie and brown in a slow oven.

CHRISTMAS FRUIT CAKE

This recipe is one handed down in our family for generations. As my mother gave it to me, I am passing it on to you. It will not hurt the most delicate stomach.

1 cup bread sponge
1 cup sugar
½ cup butter
Mix these all thoroughly, then add:

1 cup dates
1 cup raisins and figs
1 cup nuts
2 cups flour
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon allspice
1 teaspoon soda dissolved in 3 tablespoonfuls cold water.

Stir mixture thoroughly. Do not make too thick as the cake will be too dry. Pour into a pie pan and let rise one hour. Bake in moderate oven for forty minutes. If pan is lined with greased brown paper the cake will not stick.

RAISIN FUDGE.

2 squares of unsweetened chocolates
2 cups sugar 1 tablespoon butter
½ teaspoon salt ½ teaspoon vanilla
¾ cup milk ½ cupful Sun-Maid raisins

Melt chocolate, add sugar, salt, milk. Stir until mixture boils and sugar is dissolved.

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