

**COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES
MAY BE RATED 50
PER CENT EXCESS**

A ruling from the State Highway Department greatly simplifying the problem of the tax collector and the tax payer as well in connection with the registration of commercial motor vehicles, was received by Collector J. A. Grigsby this week in the form of a bulletin.

"After careful consideration," the bulletin says, "The State Highway Department has decided that it will be to the best interests of the State and all other parties concerned to permit owners of commercial motor vehicles to register such vehicles for a carrying capacity of 50 per cent in excess of the manufacturers' rated carrying capacity. This will be optional with the owner, and he should be required in every instance to fill out the regular application form provided by the State Highway Department. Information relative to tire equipment should be included in the application and the tax collector should determine whether or not the equipment is sufficient to carry the load desired to be carried on such vehicle.

"In cases of a commercial owner having already registered his vehicle for 1924, and desires to increase his carrying capacity under this ruling, the tax collector will refund the original fee and re-register the vehicle under the new carrying capacity and collect a fee accordingly."

This ruling will govern the local office in making all 1924 registrations of commercial motor vehicles, it is stated.

**POEM IN HESPERIAN RECALLS
CHRISTMAS 37 YEARS AGO**

A poem in the Christmas number of The Hesperian last week brought back memories of a day long ago to T. P. Guimarin of this city.

It was a Christmas night in Gainesville, Georgia, thirty-seven years ago when he and Mrs. Guimarin were a young married couple, that Mr. Guimarin recalled, and the occasion was a Christmas ball, at which a number of young people gathered including Frank L. Stanton, a friend of Mr.

Guimarin, and the author of the poem, "The Missing One."

Stanton's thoughts for the entire evening were given over to "The Missing One," and, having the inspiration possibly of a drink or two, he sat down and wrote the pretty little poem after the ball was over.

It comes to light, incidentally, that Mr. Guimarin was one of those who had an active part in changing the styles in this country from the "hard boiled," pleated bosom white shirt of the olden days. Mr. Guimarin was a traveling salesman for a shirt factory, and as such thought to stir up interest in a change of shirt styles. Accordingly he wore on this Christmas evening, not a white front, as all the other gentlemen did, but a shirt having colors in it.

**AMARILLO TO HAVE ANOTHER
NEWSPAPER SOON**

Atchison, Kan., Dec. 13.—Announcement was made here Thursday that Carl Brown, editor of the Atchison Globe, had made final arrangements for starting a new daily newspaper at Amarillo, Texas, to be known as the Amarillo Globe.

Mr. Brown will be editor of the new daily, which will be published by a syndicate composed of Gene Howe, Wilbur C. Hawk and J. E. Rank, all three of the Atchison Globe force, and Congressman Dan Anthony publisher of the Leavenworth (Kansas) Times.

The new Amarillo newspaper, which will be an afternoon daily, will be independent in politics, according to the announcement. It is planning to publish the first issue some time between Feb. 1 and March 1.

Mrs. E. B. Bloodworth of Anapillo is visiting in Floydada with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Felton and family, having arrived last Thursday.

Mrs. J. A. Grigsby made a trip to Plainview last week. She was accompanied home by her daughter, Miss Margaret who spent the week end here.

Mrs. L. C. Krames, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Abston, for the past two months left for her home in San Francisco, California, last Thursday. She was

accompanied to Plainview by Otis Abston.

Mrs. Elmer Stearns of Matador was shopping in Floydada Monday.

Otis Harris and Allen Bell of Lockney were in Floydada Sunday.

C. R. Houston, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Grigsby and family, spent Sunday in Plainview.

Miss Hattie Thorp left Monday for Abilene to visit with friends and relatives.

Miss Gladys Johnston returned Friday from Portales, New Mexico, where she was called by the illness of her brother.

The storm of last week which swept across the northwest corner of the panhandle and down through New Mexico is evidently one of the severest that has come this way in many years. It just happened that this immediate section did not come within the zone of severest storm. While snow fell here in considerable proportions the section where the fall was heaviest had ten to twenty inches of snowfall accompanied by a heavy wind that blew the white flakes in blinding sheets for hours and piled it high in drifts, stalled trains, filled highways in every direction and slowed down business of every kind until the people could "dig out." Near Friona two children were frozen, when they were caught away from home, and in New Mexico reports indicate ten or more persons who were out in the storm lost their lives.

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR PROBATE OF WILL**

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

You are hereby Commanded to cause the following notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year preceding the date of 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 hereof: Notice of Application for Probate of

**Will, and Letters Testamentary
The State of Texas:**

To all persons interested in the Estate of Mrs. Leone Foster, deceased you are hereby notified that J. J. Foster has filed in the County Court of Floyd County, an application for the probate of the last will and testament of the said Mrs. Leone Foster, deceased which application will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing the Third Monday in January, A. D. 1923, 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 of said Court, at office in Floydada, Texas, this 15th day of December, A. D. 1923.

(Seal- CLARA LEE JOHNSON,
Clerk County Court, Floyd County,
Texas. 42-3tc

**MERRY CHRISTMAS FOLKS!
INSURE A HAPPY NEW YEAR WITH
Floydada Insurance
Agency**

J. G. WOOD—Managers—T. R. WEBB

**Christmas Clothes and Other
Things**

Things to wear are very acceptable to men of all ages because they never have too many of any one item.

You can buy here with the feeling that this is a man's shop. We know the men and their particular tastes and anything that isn't right as to size, color, or pattern we will gladly exchange after the holidays.

We have a very complete assortment and you'll find that your dollars go far in this store.

Give wisely—Give particular things, they fit a real need and you get real thanks.

Good merchandise, in style, reasonably priced, intelligently sold.

Suits and Overcoats



We still have a good assortment, for men and young men, in a variety of models and fabrics.

We'll help you choose a suit or Overcoat here that will surely please him, and we'll show you some prices that will appeal to you.

Don't put it off any longer, come on in and select that suit or overcoat now and have it laid back until Xmas.

\$25.00, \$30.00 and \$35.00

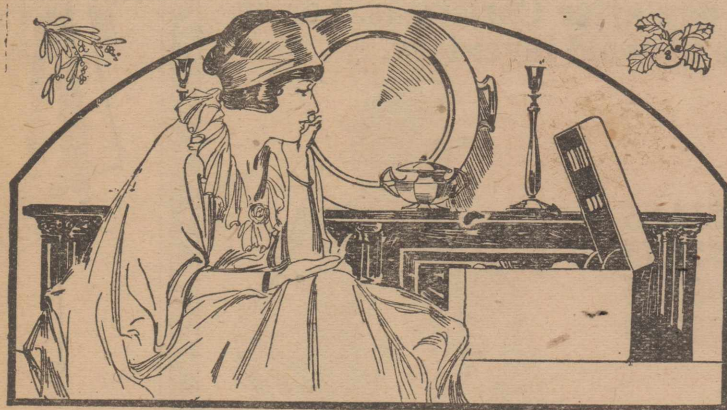
**SHIRTS, HOSE, TIES, GLOVES, HATS, CAPS, BELTS,
SWEATERS.**

There's only four more shopping days left until Christmas and you'll have to hurry around if you would remember all your friends and loved ones. There's plenty of time if you'll attend to the matter today. You can make out your lists and come here and get what you want if you come early so do it now.

Our sincere wish is that this will be the Merriest Xmas season for all of our friends and customers and that the New Year will bring you your full share of happiness and prosperity.

Baker-Campbell Company

"THE HOME OF GOOD MERCHANDISE"



The Gift She Wants:

- Chest of Silver.....\$12.75 and up
- Wrist Watch.....\$12.50 and up
- Diamond Ring.....\$20.00 and up
- Silver Mesh Bag.....\$5.00 and up
- Leather Purse.....\$12.50 and up
- Platinum Diamond Bar Pin.....\$15.00 and up
- String of Pearls.....\$5.00 and up
- White Gold Diamond Wedding Ring.....\$35.00 and up
- Diamond Onyx Dinner Ring.....\$12.50 to \$25.00

The Gift He Wants:

- A Watch.....Many Values here
- Watch Chain.....\$1.25 and up
- Cuff Links.....\$1.25 and up
- Belt Buckles.....\$2.00 and up
- Emblem and other charms.....Many values
- Diamond Tie Pins.....\$25.00 and up
- Diamond and other emblem buttons.....\$1.00 up to \$35

These are just a few of the many suggestions here. We also have many pretty gifts in jewelry for the baby and other members of the family.

**C. H. DAVIS
Jeweler**

INSULIN NOT A QUACK DISCOVERY, SAYS DR. BREAKER

Dr. J. J. Breaker, of Silvertown, who was in Floydada last week in consultation with local physicians, has recently returned from several weeks of study at the Rockefeller Foundation in St. Louis of the new treatment for diabetes, the preparation for which is known as insulin.

Although very few medical men of the south are making a study of the new treatment for the fatal disease of diabetes, modern science has made the insulin treatment available at a very reasonable cost, the Rockefeller Institute at St. Louis, for instance, giving free instruction in its use to the medical fraternity.

Insulin was discovered by an ex-service man of Canada, who was a student in a medical school when the World War started. He was never able to finish his course but was finally given consent to use laboratory in Toronto for his experiments. Since his discovery, something over a year ago he has been awarded a life annuity of \$7,500 and the use of a laboratory for continued research work.

Dr. Breaker took the insulin treatment himself and declares that it can in no sense be considered a "quack remedy" or nostrum. He predicts its widespread use throughout the country. Many physicians look upon the discovery as one of the great advancements in medical science since the discovery of the diphtheria antitoxin.

MODERN COVERED WAGON BIRTHPLACE OF GIRL TWINS

A modern covered wagon, as much a part in the epic of the pioneer life of America as any that trailed to Oregon in the days of "The Covered Wagon," was the scene of the birth of two girl babies near Baker School House on the night of December 1st.

The parents of the babies, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Baker, were emigrating from Wichita county to Lynn county, when the stork overtook them and delivered the tiny mites.

ANDY COLE, SHERIFF OF DICKENS COUNTY, DEAD

Spur, Dec. 12.—H. P. (Andy) Cole, sheriff of Dickens county, died at his home in Dickens yesterday. He was 57 years old and had been a resident of Dickens county for 42 years.

He ran the Spur ranch for many years when it was owned by the Scotch syndicate. He leaves a wife and three children.

CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE CHARGED FOR BLACKMAN'S DEATH

Wesley Barringer, driver of the automobile that struck the truck on which B. C. Blackman was standing on a ladder on the night of November 10 hanging flags and which resulted in Blackman receiving injuries that led to his death a few hours later has been indicted by the Potter county grand jury on a charge of criminal negligence and has been arrested and released on \$300 bond.

The accident occurred at the corner of Sixth and Polk streets.—Amarillo Daily News.

BIRTHS REPORTED

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Conoley, of Lakeview, November 29th, a daughter.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. John Reagan, city, a son.

MISS ALVA MORROW SPENDING HOLIDAYS AT ROBERT LEE

Miss Alva Morrow, nutrition specialist with the American Red Cross, left the first of the week for Robert Lee, Texas, where she will spend the holiday season with relatives.

She will return to Floydada and resume her work for Floyd County Chapter, A. R. C., early after January 1st.

Mrs. Donald F. Taylor, division representative of the Red Cross, spent Wednesday to Friday last here with Miss Alva Morrow, nutrition worker with the Floyd County Chapter.

G. A. Blevins, A. G. and S. Blevins, of Lone Wolf, Okla., in company with Jay Vickery, of the same place, have been in Floydada on a prospecting trip the past few days.

Christmas Greetings

—FROM—

J. R. Yearwood
DEALER IN QUALITY COAL

—TO—

The people of Floydada and this trade Territory.

Telephone 247

OFFICE EAST SIDE TRACK

1923

An Appreciation of Your Gift to Us

You have given us a priceless gift—one that enabled us to build this business to what it is at the present for without YOUR CONFIDENCE we would not enjoy the business we have today. To merit this confidence and to serve you better is our hope and desire. To know that we enjoy your confidence and friendship has raised this business above a place to merely sell merchandise, and has made it an institution built upon a foundation of service.

Your Confidence---

Is the greatest asset this business has. We thank you for all past favors and wish you the joys of the Yuletide season and a Happy, Prosperous New Year.

C. R. Houston & Company

WEST SIDE, FLOYDADA

1924

SERVICE

COURTESY

May the Joy Bells of the Yuletide Season Ring Merrily for you and yours

Because of the opportunity it affords us to extend to you our expressions of good will, we welcome the happy Yuletide season.

To each of you we tender our sincere good wishes for a joyous Christmas and unending happiness and prosperity for the New Year.

We trust that our relations have been as pleasant to you as they have to us and that it will be our good fortune to serve you in the future.

First State Bank

A Guaranty Fund Bank

Floydada, Texas

PROMPT

RELIABLE

A MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS!

The following firms, business and professional men of Floydada extend Christmas Greetings to the people of Floyd County and the Floydada Trade Territory:

Wooldridge Lumber Co.

F. S. TRUITT, MGR.
Builders' Materials. Telephone No. 7

McClesky Top Shop

SAM McCLESKEY, OWNER
Tops, Curtains, Curtain Glass, Etc.
South Main Street

West Texas Gin Co.

A. V. HAYNES, MGR.,
Let us do your Ginning

Palace Barber Shop

W. H. HILTON, Prop.
Second Door East of Post Office

Floydada Tire Service

Gullion & Son, Props., North Side Square.
Goodrich and Gates Tires. Headquarters
for Tire Service.

Day & Night Garage

J. M. HUGHES, Prop.,
North Main Street, Telephone No. 20

Tourist Garage

General Tires at the Price you pay for
other tires. Batteries Built in Floydada,
guaranteed to give satisfaction.

Boothe Brothers

Coal, Hay, Grain and Feed
On Santa Fe Industrial Switch.
Telephone 224

Smith Produce

Poultry, Hides, Eggs and Cream
S. E. Corner Square
Telephone 270

The Wilson Studio

Photographs of the Better Class
Phone 162. South Side Square

E. E. Boothe Bakery

All Kinds of Pastries for Christmas and
every other day
Telephone 223

The City Market

JONES & HOWARD, Props.
First Door East of Post Office

L. G. Mathews

Attorney at Law. Office over Mitchell
Hardware, West Side Square.

Floyd County Abstract Company

R. C. SCOTT, Mgr. O. W. GANO, Sec'y.
Abstracts of Title to all Lands and Lots in
Floyd County. Office Room 7, First Nat'l
Bank Building.

P. & R. Electric Co.

All Kinds of Electrical Work. Igni-
tion and Battery Work our Specialty.

S. D. Ferguson & Company

Cottonseed Meal, Cottonseed Hulls, Bran,
Shorts, Wheat and Wheat Chops. Home
of Low Priced Groceries.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

For all Members of the Family.

Buy them at

J. S. Dunavant, Hardware

R. E. Fry

Representing the Southwestern Life
Insurance Co., Office in First National
Bank Building.

**California Adopts
Gay Christmas Berry**

LOYAL to its own products, California has adopted the "Christmas berry" as its holly, and from some points of similarity it makes a very good substitute for the well-known holly of the eastern states.

The California holly—Christmas berry—toyon—is not very similar to the regular holly in structure, but the tint of the leaves and of the berries approximates the colors afforded by the regular sort.

The leaves of the California holly are not of the form of holly leaves, but the berries easily suggest the regular species. To make the effect seem more real, some florists of coast cities mix the berries of the California holly with the prickly foliage of the live oak.

The shrubs of the California holly grow 4 to 25 feet tall, and the flowers appear in July and August, and the berries, which grow in large clusters similar to cherries, are ripe by Thanksgiving and remain on the trees for some time; although they do not keep well after being plucked.

The plant is common in most of the southern half of the state, and at Christmas time the rich cardinal berries contrasted with the full green of the foliage adds a gay note to the florists' windows and the baskets of the street vendors.

The berries have a rather pleasant taste, somewhat acid and astringent, and are "sometimes eaten by the Indians with great relish," according to Mary Elizabeth Parsons Cunningham, in "Wild Flowers of California."

Such has been the wild scramble for California holly at Christmas times in recent years that it has been necessary to protect the shrubs by law, it now being a misdemeanor to gather the holly in the hills and along the highways without the permission of the owner of the property. Landowners, however, usually are willing for motor parties to avail themselves of a reasonable supply of the rich red and green decorating material for home use, but dealers are often at a loss to supply the demand at Christmas time.—C. F. Wadsworth.

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**Mysterious Kindness
Bound Up in a Bundle**

AFTER the joyous excitements of Christmas Day they all sat about the blazing hearth fire with happy reminiscent thoughts and called upon the doctor to tell them a story.

"I will," he said, "upon one condition; each one of you must throw a small fagot upon the blaze and tell a story as long as it burns, then I will tell my story."

So they did, and pleasant and laughing interest went round until the turn came to the doctor.

"Well," said he, as he threw a larger fagot into the fire, "my story is not yet a day old, and still it is not a little one, for, as I went my round of calls this morning I was surprised to see a large bundle lying in front of the door of a cottage by the roadside that looked as if it were in need of paint and everything else. Curious to understand the matter, I stopped to investigate it and discovered by a card that was pinned upon the wrapper that the bundle was designed for Mrs. Cafferty. Knocking upon the door, I at last induced the woman herself to open it. Reading the card to her, I lifted the bundle into the room, whereupon she called out in a loud voice: 'Here, you, Mike, Nora, Rose, Timothy, Patrick, Bridget and Kate, come here you spalpeens and see phwat the leprechauns have brought ye.'

"They came, from above, below, and from all sides they came, and it is many a day since I have seen as much joy as came out of the mysterious kindness that was bound up in the good things of that bundle."

Before they went to bed they voted the doctor's story the best Christmas story of them all.—Christopher G. Hazard.

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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, across the miles his heart is there, with mother, dad and sis to share the dressing and something in his throat grows tight and makes him dream of home.

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS CAROL

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.

Chorus:
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will toward men.—St. Luke's Gospel.

SOME PEOPLE

Some grownups are so childish that they do not even believe in Santa Claus.

ON SHOPPERS' LIST

The next event in the shopper's life will be the January sales.

ELECTION ORDER

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Floydada, Texas, deems it advisable to issue bonds of said City for the purpose hereinafter mentioned.

Therefore, it is hereby ordered by the City Council of said City that an election be held on the twenty second (22) day of January, 1924, at which election the following proposition shall be submitted:

Shall the City Council of the City of Floydada, Texas, be authorized to issue bonds of said City in the sum of Sixty Thousand (\$60,000.00) Dollars payable as follows: One Thousand Five Hundred (\$1,500.00) Dollars each year for the first thirty (30) years and Three Thousand (\$3,000.00) Dollars each year for the last five (5) years, beginning five (5) years from date of issuance of said bonds, bearing interest at the rate of six (6) per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, and to levy a tax sufficient to pay the interest of said bonds and create a sinking fund sufficient to redeem them at maturity, for the purpose of constructing a sewer system and extending the waterworks system of said City.

Said election shall be held at the City Hall of the City of Floydada, Texas, and the following named persons are hereby appointed managers of said election: A. D. White, Presiding Judge, W. L. Boerner, Assistant Judge, J. G. Wood, Clerk and Maury Hopkins Clerk.

Said election shall be held under the provisions of the Statutes of Texas regulating the issuance of Municipal Corporation Bonds, and only qualified voters, who are property taxpayers of said City, shall be allowed to vote, and all voters desiring to support the proposition to issue bonds, shall have printed on their ballots the words "For the issuance of bonds," and those opposed shall have printed on their ballots the words "Against the issuance of bonds." The manner of holding said election shall be governed by the laws of the State regulating general elections.

A copy of this order, signed by the Mayor of said City, shall serve as a proper notice of said election, and the Mayor is directed to cause notice of the election to be posted up at the places designated for holding said election at least thirty days prior to the date of said election.

Attest: Burl Bedford, Secretary.
42-4tc F. P. Henry, Mayor.

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 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



Bricks, timber, ice or snow, falling from buildings often strike the passerby.

Thousands of people are laid up annually by falling missiles of this kind. During convalescence

Accident and Health Insurance

Pays an "insurance income" which enables you to face injury and loss of salary without dismay—and pays your bills.

The annual loss of income through injury or sickness is stupendous.

ASK ABOUT INSURANCE INCOME

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The Agency of Service
PHONE 272 FLOYDADA

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.

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 of said Court, at office in Floydada, Texas, this 10th day of December A. D. 1923.

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

**May Christmas Happiness
Like That in the Hearts
of Little Children
Be Yours**

Because Christmas is one of the happiest days of the year to children it brings happiness to all of us.

We hope that Christmas will fill your heart with happiness. May the joy of a happy family fireside, the warmth of re-united friendships and all the good things of the season be with you. And in sending our greetings we feel the message quite incomplete without expression of our sincere appreciation of all patronage of the past year. We want you to know we appreciate you and will be found in 1924 putting forth our best efforts to serve and please you.

Clark-Wood Dry Goods Co.

FLOYDADA "Goods of the Better Kind" — TEXAS

P. S. We move about January 1st to West Side, and our removal sale prices are still in effect.

To the People of Floydada Trade Territory

A Very Merry Christmas

We take a great deal of pleasure in extending Best Wishes for a Happy Christmas to all the home-owners and prospective Home-Owners in the Floydada Trade Territory.

If you have your own home then it will be a Happy Christmas for you, for having a home and a fireside all your own for your family to gather about at the Merry Yuletide is a sure index to Happiness and Contentment.

If you do not have your own home, then you dream of the home you will have some of these days. And you are planning to make this dream come true.

Making dream of ideal homes come true is our business. We study it. We very likely have your very problems worked out. If we do not we can solve them for you. Many plans that have been proven highly pleasing to other people are here for your inspection and selection.

In addition to helping you plan we can supply the kind of materials best suited to your needs.

Come and talk your building problems over with us. Resolve that next Christmas will see you and your loved ones by your own fireside in your own home.

Floyd County Lumber Co.

W. I. CANNADAY, MANAGER

Floydada, Texas

Floydada, Texas

**How Four Old Maids
Have Real Christmas**

THEY were a family of old maids—four sisters. But they were the jolliest, nicest old maids I ever knew. I always swore it, and now I know it. What do you think they did for Christmas? Did they have a tree for themselves and exchange costly presents with each other, and then eat a turkey with dressing and pies, alone in their charming white dining room? Not a bit of it. They know what Christmas was meant for, and they acted on the knowing. Their friends tell me they have done it every year; but since I'm only a new acquaintance, comparatively, I couldn't know that.

They invite in a dozen children who wouldn't ordinarily have a Christmas tree at all and give their presents to them. And then those twelve, poor little mites sit down at the table in the old maids' charming white dining room, and the old maids themselves serve them with turkey and all the fixings. And they don't do it for charity either. They do it because they adore children, and making them happy is to them a treat. You see, from their cradles, these four old maid sisters were blessed with the Christmas spirit, a spirit that lasts all the year around when it is genuine.

But why should I call them "old maids?" That term is in such disrepute? They are four angels! And knowing that, I am going to try my luck, some time when I can get the courage, and ask one of them, the one I happen to be in love with, to "have me." Perhaps if I make the proposal within the Christmas season she'll remember she's a Christmas angel, and take me. Don't laugh at my audacity. Anything may happen at Christmas time! For Christmas is a magical time. Even a child can tell you that.—Ethel Cook Elliot.

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**That Plum Pudding and
Some Twisted Mottos**

LOUISE loved jokes. She caught people with questions and puzzled them with conundrums. So she had arranged a program that centered about the Christmas plum pudding. When that came upon the table each one was to put in his thumb and pull out a plum in the shape of a twisted motto; there they were, all around the sides of the platter.

Father was first, unfolding his plum he read off the pit of it and, as if to moderate the coming merriment, said "All is not laugh that tickles."

Then mother read hers: "It's a wrong turkey that has no turning." As this did not apply to the bird that had just disappeared, the self-satisfied smile of the cook behind the door did not come off.

Then Aunt Mary: "A hitch in time saves mine." This reference to Bob's trousers asserted his independence of suspenders, but caused his relative to remind him that he was not as needless of stitches as he thought, upon which he replied that he could depend upon that tailor who had advertised "pants a dollars and a half a leg, seats free."

Then Susan: "We never miss the swatter till the flies go by." This was a fly paper upon a dead subject and it was filed for future reference.

Bob's plum was also laid on the table after he had read: "A strolling boy catches no horse." A sentiment that he was inclined to think a little too personal.

Louise had the last plum and declared: "All's well that ends swell." Expressing the traveler's satisfaction with terra firma, less terror and more firmer.

But the pudding was cooling and that was no joke, so, as the temperature fell, they fell to.—Christopher G. Hazard.

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A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT

The greater happiness of the Christmas season is a direct result of the greater participation of men and women in the spirit of Christ. For then weakness has a power over strength; and then the laughter in the eyes of little children seems a better thing than our own good; and then the tired routine in the lives of those around us looks out upon us through enigmatic eyes, and we understand better, we pity, we cease to condemn—we would even ameliorate, we would show that we see and understand—and so we offer the dumb gift which mutely tells what our words could never tell; and then in our hearts, in our households, in our little world, there is Christmas joy and peace—earth's highest happiness.—Sister M. Fides Shepperson in Pittsburgh Dispatch.

THE GENUINE SPIRIT

The genuine holiday spirit consists not only in wishing a merry Christmas, but in making one.

MOTHERS' CHRISTMAS

After receiving her gifts, mother's Christmas will be devoted largely to washing an extra number of dishes.

NEVER TOO HIGH

It might be different with a lot of things around Christmas, but the mistletoe is never too high.

LOCKNEY NEWS BRIEFS

From The Beacon:

The Floyd County Poultry Show which is fostered this year by the Lockney Community Chamber of Commerce, assisted by H. P. Coleman and Floydada parties, bids well to be the best poultry show ever held in Lockney. Many thoroughbred birds will be on exhibition.

The show will be held in the E. P. Thompson building on the west side of Main Street, on December 20, 21, and 22.

We are informed that citizens of Aiken are very enthusiastic over the opening of the new road along the railroad from Lockney to Plainview, and favor the building of a first class highway.

It is stated that they want bonds issued for the paving of a concrete highway through Floyd County.

We have been informed by Mr. A. B. Brown that through the efforts of the First National Bank, there has been a car load of the famous Kasch cotton seed booked for Lockney, and that this seed will be distributed out to the farmers of this section, in order to have a better cotton crop in this country next year.

An infant of Mr. and Mrs. Sam

Evans, who live south of Lockney, born October 29, 1923, died December 6, 1923. Funeral services were conducted at the home of the grandfather, Mr. Evans, of Lockney, at 10 o'clock last Friday morning, by Rev. J. P. Patterson, pastor of the Lockney Methodist Church.

AN ACCIDENT

A young man, springing into an over-crowded moving train, trod on the toes of an old gentleman in a corner seat. "I'm very sorry," he said Old Gentleman (hand behind ear)—"Eh?"

Young Man (more loudly)—"I beg your pardon."

Young Man (shouting)—"I trod on your foot. It was an accident—an accident."

Old Gentleman (catching last word only)—"An accident! You don't say so! Anybody hurt?" London Tid-Bits.

J. E. Horton, of Plainview, was in Floydada over Sunday on a visit with his brother, J. Pat Horton and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Andrews arrived Sunday from Long Beach, California, to spend the holidays with relatives.

**ANDERSON'S TO SPEND WINTER
IN RIO GRANDE VALLEY**

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Anderson, accompanied by their son, W. N. Anderson, left the first of the week for the Rio Grande Valley where they will spend the winter.

Dr. C. M. Thacker went to Roaring Springs Monday on business.

Mrs. T. C. Russell returned Sunday from a week's visit in Fort Worth and Dallas with friends.

Russell Duncan, who is with the band detachment of the air force at Kelley Field, San Antonio, is here to spend the Christmas holidays with his father, S. E. Duncan and family, having reached Floydada Sunday on a 15-day furlough.

Machen Meredith returned Sunday from Waco and other points downstate where he had been for several days following the Grand Lodge meeting of the A. F. & A. M. of Texas.

Ed Woody, accompanied by his sister, Miss Ferdie Woody, and Miss Jewel Barnett of Girard, were visiting in Floydada with Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Woody, Monday.

**It Has Been
a Pleasure For
Us to Serve You**

We take this method of expressing our thanks to the citizens of this community for the business entrusted to us this year, and to assure you it has been a pleasure to serve you.

Accept our sincere wish for an Enjoyable Christmas and a New Year to Your Liking.

Floydada Drug Company

"THE REXALL STORE"



**"Merry Christmas
Everyone"**

Believing that the real gifts of Christmas are the kindly, loving thoughts of friends, we extend to each and every one of you our best wishes for a Yuletide of joy and happiness.

We may not see each of you in person, but we will be thinking of you just the same and wishing you, in all sincerity,

**"A MERRY CHRISTMAS
EVERYONE!"**

The First National Bank

"THE BANK THAT SAYS: THANK YOU."

FLOYDADA, TEXAS

HEALTH EXHIBITS IN STORE WINDOWS SATURDAY

Dr. W. H. Alexander, Mrs. Oscar Rutledge, and Maury Hopkins were selected as the committee to judge the health exhibits which were arranged in the store windows by the different grades of the south side school Saturday. The points on which award of prize was made were: information conveyed, attractive appearance, and originality. The committee judged at 2 o'clock on Saturday afternoon.

The sixth and ninth grades exhibited in windows of the Star Cash Grocery, the seventh grade in a window at the Floydada Drug Co., and the eighth grade at Houston's.

The judges declared a tie between the 8th and 9th grades for first place.

A similar exhibit will be arranged by the grades in the north side school after the holidays.

JUNIOR RED CROSS SENDS GIFTS TO HOSPITALS

Ex-service men in the veterans' hospitals at Ft. Bayard, N. Mex., and Kerrville, Texas, will receive this Christmas fifty packages from the Junior Red Cross of Floydada.

The boxes for the gifts were ordered specially by George A. Lider, chairman of the Junior Red Cross organization in this county and the boys and girls filled them with ties, handkerchiefs, pencils, pens, puzzles, postage stamps, stationery, candy, etc. The gift boxes are specially for the patients at the hospitals mentioned.

The boxes were packed and prepared for shipment under the direction of Mrs. J. G. Wood Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning.

OSBURN-DUNAVANT

Mr. Sidney Dunavant and Miss Nola Mae Osburn were married at the Methodist Parsonage Sunday afternoon. The groom is the son of R. C. Dunavant, residing one mile south of Floydada. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Osburn who reside in the Sand Hill community. Mr. and Mrs. Dunavant will make their future home in Floydada.

F. H. S. CLASS OF '22 TO HAVE BANQUET

The Floydada High School Class of 1922 will hold their banquet this year in the basement of the Methodist Church, where they plan to have as

jolly a reunion as they held last year at Christmas time.

A large per centage of the class is off at various schools and universities of the southwest and the return of these members to Floydada for the holiday season will add a great deal to the gayety during Christmas.

Plans are being made by officers of the class for a large attendance of class members and parents at the banquet.

CHRISTMAS SEALS FINANCE AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS

Austin, Texas.—Christy Mathewson, the hero of every baseball fan in the world and of many baseball battles, has been fighting the greatest battle of his life for the past three years. Three years ago he was diagnosed as tuberculous and little hope was held for his recovery. Now he is known as an arrested case and is able to manage the Boston Braves.

Mathewson is a strong advocate of sanatorium treatment for tuberculosis. In speaking of this he says, "A sanatorium is the best place in which to get well, unless you have means

enough to turn your own home into a hospital. No one can keep a patient "pepped up" better than a sanatorium doctor. And the mere fact of associating continually with people at home who do the things that you used to do, is likely to make you feel worse. But in a sanatorium, or a cure cottage, you're in touch with other people in the same condition. You hear how they are getting on. Sympathy, I tell you, from friends or from fellow patients is one of the greatest helps in the cure."

"The campaign will succeed in stamping out tuberculosis," he said. "I am sure of it because of the increased knowledge is taking a hand in one of the biggest games in the world." Tuberculosis Christmas Seals finance the campaign against tuberculosis.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

Texas Methodist Orphanage Envelopes will be available Sunday, December 23, that you may send your Christmas offering to the Methodist Orphans Home at Waco, Texas. We now have nearly 400 children in this

home. The home has its own farm, school and church. The grammar grades are taught in the home school. After which the Waco High School may be entered. The home owns its own laundry, dairy, garage, printing press, broom factory, and canning factory. Music is taught in their school and the home has its own band. One of our good Floydada ladies proposes to clothe one of these children during the year 1924.

The needs of the institution are great. Make your offering liberal. Bring or send it Sunday. More than 600 children were turned away last year. Our own W. A. Baker is a member of the Board of trustees for this orphan home.

The S. S. Contest With Tulia: We

came out in the lead again last Sunday. This time by 59 points. Come and bring the other fellow at 9:45, next Sunday morning.

Christmas tree and program by S. S., Monday 24, at 7:00 P. M.

Preaching next Sunday by pastor of the Church at 11 A. M. on "The Gospel of the Incarnation," and at 7:00 P. M. on "The Star in the East." The sermon at McCoy will be at 8 P. M. Subject "The Christian's Reward and the Conditions Upon Which it Offered."

J. L. Henson, Pastor.

MISS RUTH CLEMENTS DEAD

Miss Ruth Clements, of Denton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Clem-

ent, died sometime Wednesday morning, December 12th, her lifeless body being found in bed at the family home there when the family arose. Heart failure was the cause of her death, physicians declared.

The deceased was 28 years of age. She was a niece of Mrs. E. A. Hopkins, now of White Deer, and a cousin of Maury Hopkins and Mrs. W. B. Henry of this city.

Dr. W. H. Alexander
General Practice
Office Over Mitchell Hardware
Office Telephone No. 93
Residence Phone No. 260

CHRISTMAS DINNER
We are preparing to serve
Christmas Dinner Special

and will be glad to have you come around and eat with us.

Come and bring your friends. You'll like it.

DINNER SERVED 12 NOON TO 2 P. M.

City Cafe

JOE HICKS, Prop.
First Door West of Post Office

Collins Grocery Company

Home of White Crest Flour; Chase & Sanborn's Teas and Coffee; Peacemaker Flour; and other leading brands of groceries.

We extend Greetings and Best Wishes to our many friends and customers over Floyd County and the Floydada Trade Territory, in the hope that your Christmas may be a Merry One, with happiness and good cheer.

Telephone 88 for last minute grocery needs

Christmas Holidays for the Gin Crews

The undersigned gins will be closed down on

Monday and Tuesday, December 24th and 25th

To give Christmas Holidays to our Gin Crew.

However, we will be running all this week to Saturday night, December 22, and

WILL RESUME WORK AGAIN WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26th

Farmers' Gin Company
West Texas Gin Co.
Lewis & Davis Gin Co.

FLOYDADA, TEXAS

PUBLIC SALE

At my place at the McCoy School house, 14 miles S. W. of Floydada. On account of my own and my wife's health I am quitting farming, and will on

Thurs., December 27

Beginning promptly at 10 A. M., Sell the following described property:

MULES AND HORSES

- 1 Black Mare Mule, 8 years, 15 1-2 hands;
- 1 Brown Mare Mule, 16 hands, 8 years old;
- 1 Black Mule, coming 3, a good one;
- 1 Black Mare Mule, coming 3;
- 1 Mule Colt;
- 1 Black Mare, 15 1-2 hands high;
- 1 Black Mare, 6 years old;
- 1 Sorrel Mare, 15 1-2 hands, a good one;

FARMING IMPLEMENTS

- 1 Oliver Lister, a new one;
- 1 Emerson two-row Go-Devil, good shape;
- 1 Double disc dry land plow, good shape;
- 1 Sulkey Plow, 16 inch;
- 1 Cultivator; 1 Disc Harrow, 14 disc;
- 1 3-Section Drag Harrow with trucks;
- 1 2-Section Drag Harrow;
- 1 Double Shovel;
- 1 1-inch John Deere Turning Plow, a good one; 1 one-row Seeder;
- 1 Deering Header-Binder, 12 foot;
- Several Sweeps;
- 1 Set Leather Harness;
- 1 Set Chain Harness; 1 Set Check Lines;
- 4 Brides, 3 Leather Collars, 2 Cloth Collars; 1 Lot of Single and Double Trees;
- 1 Weber Wagon, 3 1-4, a good one; narrow gauge, broad tire; 1 Farm Wagon;
- 1 Lot Maize and Pitch Forks, Etc.

MILCH COWS

- 1 Red Cow, calf by side, good milker;
- 1 Red Cow, fresh in April;
- 1 Half-Jersey, fresh in April;
- 1 Red Yearling Heifer;
- 1 Jersey Cow, 3 years old, giving milk.

FREE LUNCH ON GROUNDS

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

W. E. Smith, Owner

SEALE & NASH, Auctioneers

FRANCE CARTHEL, Clerk.

