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## HASKELL COUNTY TEACHERS INSTITUTE CLOSES TODAY

Probably one of the most successful "Teachers' Institutes" in the history of this county will close this afternoon (Thursday). The session began Saturday and has been largely attended throughout the week and many interesting subjects have been discussed.

A more extended account of the sessions will be given next week. The following teachers attended:

Haskell—C. C. Minatra, Supt., F. G. Magers, Mrs. F. G. Magers, Miss Fulton, Miss Elsie Tyson, Mr. Kuhn, Mrs. Blakeley, Miss Daugherty, Miss Opal Middleton, Miss Mary Smith, Miss Ruby Fitzgerald, Miss Minnie Ellis, Miss Carrie Sherrill, Miss Francis Sherrill, Miss Hassie Davis, Miss Minnie Davis, Miss Nona Kirkpatrick, Miss Lida Johnson, Mrs. Ada Rike, Miss Juanita Kirkpatrick.

Rule—J. L. Page, Supt., Mrs. J. L. Page, Miss Blanche Duncan, Miss Ella Foster, Miss Effie Walker, Miss Eula Mae Hardestad, Miss Alma Hines, Miss Donna Davis, Mrs. A. Horton.

Rochester—C. C. Walden, Lee Humphries, Mrs. C. C. Walden, Mrs. N. B. Webb, Mrs. McLennan, Miss Corley.

Wheeler—Albert Harrison, Miss Naomi Bowden, Mrs. Don Curdin, Miss Christy Kennedy.

O'Brien—S. H. Southall, Mrs. S. H. Southall, Mrs. Speck, Miss Lillie Cooter.

Sagerton—Miss Mary Hankins, Miss Davis, Miss Rogers, Miss Martin, Miss Marylin Poteet.

Jud—Miss Pearl Amunette, Miss Lena Hibberts.

Idella—Miss Lemmie Osborn.

Brushy—B. B. Chamberlain, Chas. Chamberlain, Miss Mae Williams.

McConnell—Miss Lila Mae Lloyd, Pinkerton—Miss Olga Caffey.

Lake Creek—Miss Birdie Denton, Murray—Miss Ruby Lee Price.

Irby—Miss Lela Sprawls.

Chiff—W. C. Jones, Miss Mildred Adams.

Pleasant Valley—Lee Whatley, Miss Louise Gun.

New Mill—W. F. Lynch.

Long Star—J. R. Barnson, Miss Erma Harp, Miss Willie Cox.

Hutto—Miss Jessie Clark, Miss Myrtle Hamilton.

Post—Elmer Watson, Mrs. Elmer Watson, Miss Gladys Taylor.

Stays—W. J. Foster, Miss Erma Briden.

Phainview—J. N. Weaver, Miss Annie Mitchell, Miss Willie Va Langston, Miss Pearl Siminton.

Rockdale—Mrs. Kate McLendon, Miss Pheme Stephens.

Gauntt—Miss Trilix Johnson.

Corinth—Millard Smith.

Weaver—Miss Kate Snyder.

Cottonwood—E. C. Alexander.

Ericdale—Mrs. Bess Bohannon.

Center Point—Miss Zechella Windsor, Miss Elton Windsor.

Rose—J. S. Hays, Miss Isla Mae Chittwood.

Howard—Miss Edith Wight, Miss

## SPECIAL HOLIDAY ATTRACTIONS BOOKED AT DICK'S THEATRE

The management of Dick's Theatre have selected two good pictures, "The Woman God Sent," featuring Zeena Keefe, for Christmas Eve, and "The Habit of Happiness," one of Douglas Fairbanks' best pictures, for Christmas Day.

Christmas and Christmas Eve are celebrated for the birth of Jesus Christ, and before his birth God, in His infinite wisdom, sent Mary, to become his mother. So in our celebrations and rejoicing because of the birth of our Savior, we should remember the part played in our lives by our mother, other mothers, and especially by Mary, the mother of Jesus—"The Woman God Sent."

And at Christmas time, especially, we should all be happy. Happiness is a state of mind, and while we all realize how easily we can form physical habits, do we rarely stop to think that we can form the habit of being happy and cheerful? Step down the street, grin at the first man you meet, and he will smile back at you. Keep this up for a day, and the unused grin muscles of your face may be very tired and sore by night; keep it up for a week, and the soreness will disappear; keep it up for a month, and you will even smile in your sleep. You will then have earned "The Habit of Happiness"; the worried look will disappear from the face of your wife, and your little children will run to meet you as you come from your daily labors. It is just as easy to be happy as it is to be unhappy; it only takes a little conscious effort to begin with and you will soon become so imbued with happiness that you can see the silver lining to the cloud caused by a visit from your mother-in-law.

Miss Marylee Pinkerton of T. C. U. Fort Worth has arrived to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Pinkerton.

Jeanette Graham.

Cook Springs—J. L. Lewis, Miss Dorothy Gillette, Miss Cordelia Varnell.

Baldwin—Mrs. J. E. Spence.

Flit Top—Miss Fannie Kay.

Foster—Miss Julia Williams, Miss Luoro Tompason, Miss Leta Dunn.

Tanner Point—Miss Jennie Vick, Miss Natha McCoy.

Gilliam—Miss Clara Cliff.

Dennis Chapel—Miss Estelle Leon, Miss Agnes Halsell.

Myers—Miss Ora Halsell.

Roberts—Miss Louise Davis, Miss Margaret Green.

Pleasant View—Miss Ethel Martin, Miss Ford.

Joe Bailey—Miss Reba Dyer.

Tonk Creek—B. A. Sturdivant, Mrs. B. A. Sturdivant.

Whitt—Miss Vida Welch.

Powell—Miss Edith Nowlen.

Vontress—Miss Irene Roberts.

Ferris Ranch—Miss Francis Wright.

## "Pleased to Meet You."



Photo by Freeman

### MANY LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS RECEIVED BY FREE PRESS

The following letters to Santa Claus have been received from children of Haskell and Haskell county, which we publish with pleasure trusting Santa will not overlook any of them.

Haskell, Texas, Dec. 20.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl nine years old, I want you to come to see me and bring me a doll. There are little red headed ones at the Corner Drug Store I want. Please bring me a doll buggy and some candy and oranges and nuts, and oh, yes, I want a little stove too.

Good by, Santa Claus.  
Helen Chastain.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl seven years old. I am at papa's Maxwell's place. Don't forget me, I want a doll and doll buggy and candy and fruits.

Yours with love,  
Thelma Thurwhanger.  
Haskell, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring us two big sleeping dolls with pretty hair, a buggy, a broom some story books and lots of candy, nuts and fruit. We will leave you some fruit cake on the table.

Good night,  
Louise and Sarah Thurwhanger.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a train that can run on a track, a monkey, a doll and a book.

Don't forget to bring me lots of candy and nuts.

Good by,  
J. T. Therwhanger, Jr.  
Haskell, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus: Will you please bring me a little pop gun for Xmas and some caps for it, and please bring me lots of fire crackers and some roman candles, please do bring me a big bugel. Yes, Santa, please bring me a little story book and a little monkey, one that can climb and Santa Claus, please bring little sister and me lots of fruits and nuts and candy and candy.

Please, dear Santa Claus, bring my little baby sister a pretty doll and bring us both a little whistler. Now dear Santa Claus, I will thank you so much for my things, I am 5 years old.

Harvey Maxwell.  
Rule, Texas.

Dear Santa: I don't know of anything but I will take anything that you will bring me.

I am 12 years old and I'm in the sixth grade. I must close.

Yours very lovingly,  
Mildred Parnell.  
Rule, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me some fire crackers and some roman candles and some sky rockets and a base ball and mitt and some fruit and some nuts.

I will be pleased with anything you will bring me.

Yours very truly,  
D. M. Parnell.  
Age nine.  
Haskell, Texas.

Dear Santa: I thought that I would let you know what I wanted. I want a train that runs on the track and fire works. I have two little brothers. Don wants a tri-cycle and a fire wagon. Noble wants a tri-cycle and a story book.

Well, this is all. Please don't forget to come see us.

Good by,  
W. A. Jr., Don and Noble Glenn.  
Haskell, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus: Please come see us, bring me a tri-cycle and Willie a Kiddie Kar and our little sister a doll. Be sure and go see all the little children who have no mamma or papa. Look on the table and get all the candy you find, mamma made it for you.

Willi, Haynes and Victor Edwards.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little late with my letter this year but I am going to school and have to study hard.

I would like for you to bring me a little cabinet, sleeping doll, little porch swing and basket ball. Dorothy wants a doll, doll trunk and a rock-a-by for her doll. Buster wants a wagon, boy doll and a tinker toy. Buford wants a nice big top and air plane and wheel barrow. Wiley wants a hay wagon, and a great big colored rubber ball. Of course Santa we want lots of fruits and nuts. Don't forget that we have moved to the farm.

Yours with love,  
Thelma Thurwhanger.  
Haskell, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl seven years old. I am at papa's Maxwell's place. Don't forget me, I want a doll and doll buggy and candy and fruits.

Orline Moun.  
Haskell, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus: I am trying to be good so you will come to see me. I want you to bring me a doll and doll buggy, sets of dishes and doll furniture and some oranges nuts and candy.

Irma Mask.  
Haskell, Texas.

P. S. I have a little brother, he wants a choo-choo train and a little telephone and a car and some chewing gum.

Haskell, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a set of dishes and a buggy and a pony cart. I want a train that will run on a track and a dutch windmill and plenty of nuts.

Lucia Mask.

Dear Santa Claus: I wish you would come bring me a doll bed, iron table, chair, mirror, a horn. Bring us a doll buggy, a little doll car and apples and oranges and candy and nuts.

Well, bring anything else you can think of and some dishes. From,  
Onzell, Emma Kate and Margaret.  
P. S.—Onzell has just got here from Alabama, don't forget her.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy three years old, and I want you to please bring me a train and a tri-cycle, wagon and some fire-crackers and fruits and nuts and lots of candy. Don't forget mother and daddy.

Claude Audrie Casse.  
Rule, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl three years old and I would like for you to bring me a doll and buggy, some fruits nuts and some toys. You can bring mother and daddy some nice things too.

Mildred Christine Doss.  
Rule, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus: I would like for you to bring me a train and a tool chest and a little auto and lots of fruits and nuts and candy. Please don't forget mother and daddy. I am four years old and a little boy.

Sprague Neely.  
Rule, Texas.

Symphony Club Cantata  
On Sunday evening January 2nd, the Symphony Club will give a Christmas Cantata, "The Shepherd and the Star," at the Baptist church, Mrs. Jno. B. Baker will be the soprano soloist. The program will begin promptly at 7:30 o'clock and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. J. B. Post has gone to Balis, Texas, to spend Christmas with relatives. Mr. Post will join her Friday.

Miss Stella Fox of Dallas has arrived to spend the holidays with home folks.

## FREE SHOW GIVEN ALL COUNTY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Wishing to join in entertaining the school teachers who are attending the institute this week, the Chamber of Commerce, The Elks Club, The Haskell Free Press and Dick's Theatre united in giving a free show to the teachers of Haskell county at Dick's Theatre Tuesday night. Something over one hundred tickets were given Mrs. Ed Robertson for distribution to the teachers and all but a very few were present to enjoy the exceptionally good program featuring May Allison in a delightful comedy, "Are All Men Alike?" and an amusing Century Comedy "Twin Crooks."

After the show the lady school teachers were unanimous in maintaining that "all men are alike." But we were unable to get an expression from the men. However, all declared they had passed a very pleasant evening and were very appreciative to the organizations furnishing them the pleasant evening's entertainment.

## BANKS WILL CLOSE FRIDAY AFTERNOON AT ONE O'CLOCK

The banks of Haskell will close Christmas eve, (Friday) at one o'clock and the public is requested to transact any business they may have with the banks before that hour.

## CHRISTIAN PASTOR and FAMILY RECEIVE CHRISTMAS POUNDING

The members of the First Christian Church gave their pastor, Rev. P. W. Walthall and family, a real old-fashioned Christmas pounding Tuesday evening. When the packages were opened everything necessary for a Christmas dinner was found (except turkey) for which plenty of fresh pork and sausage was substituted. Among the delicious eatables was a fine Christmas cake. The pounding was given as an expression of the high esteem in which the Walthall family is held by the members of the congregation.

## PROGRAM AT BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY EVENING

The Junior and Intermediate departments of the Baptist Church will give a program next Sunday evening. Among the several numbers given will be "The Birth of Christ." Both departments are in charge of competent leaders and we are sure a treat is in store for all who attend. The program begins promptly at 7 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

## Reed-Walling

The marriage of Bud Reed and Miss Jessie Walling, occurred at the home of the bride's parents, at Lelia Lake, on Sunday December 12th. They are very popular young people of Haskell county and have many friends who wish them many years of happiness.

## OFFICERS ARREST FIVE MEN IN RAID ON STILL

Sheriff Al Cousins and his deputies made a raid on a whiskey still in the Sagerton community last Saturday and succeeded in capturing five men, a complete still and about fifteen gallons of corn whiskey—and it was not a very good day for the sheriff's department either.

The men are said to be farmers in that community, who had resided there for about 12 months.

It has been said that they were making the whiskey in the Sagerton community and taking it to Knox City, Stamford and other places to dispose of it.

The five men were taken to Abilene Monday by Sheriff Cousins where they were turned over to United States Commissioner W. D. Girard, before whom the men will appear on a charge of violating the national prohibition laws. We understand that the men had not made bond.

## PLAN BIG RABBIT DRIVE ON CHRISTMAS DAY

L. N. Lusk, one of Haskell county's progressive farmers living on Route 4 out of Haskell, was in the city Monday and stated that the farmers in his vicinity had planned a big Rabbit Drive on Christmas Day on what is known as the old Mayfield Farm on the Throckmorton Road. Everybody has a cordial invitation to take part in the drive. The rabbits are plentiful this year and a good day's sport is promised all who join in the drive.

## FREE PICTURE SHOW FOR CHILDREN CHRISTMAS DAY

The Elks Lodge will give a free picture show to all children of the city under 15 years of age on Christmas Day. The pictures to be shown are Mrs. Joe Martin, the "monkey comedienne" in "Over the Transom" and a two-reel Century comedy, "My Salomy Lions." The show begins at 10 o'clock in the morning and closes at 12 o'clock. All children under 15 years of age are invited to attend.

## Aged Citizen Dies Suddenly

The death of G. J. Miller a well known and highly respected citizen of this city died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. H. J. Hambleton in the south part of the city Sunday, death resulting from a complication of diseases. Mr. Miller was 73 years of age. He is survived by the following children: Mrs. J. S. Wankan, Mrs. G. W. Filppen, Mrs. J. N. Blakenear, Mrs. F. I. Peasey, Mrs. H. J. Hambleton and W. A. Miller.

Funeral services were conducted at the Hambleton home Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. J. P. Patterson. The body was laid to rest in Willow Cemetery. The family have the sympathy of a host of friends in their bereavement.

## Under the Mistletoe

Grandmamma, in your frame on the wall,  
Beautiful maid of the long ago,  
Sately and slender, blonde and tall,  
With the pinched-in waist and the feet so small,  
Princess too—for I ain't would know  
What did you on that Christmas Eve,  
When great, great-grandma made you bride?

Handsome and young, and debonair,  
With his powdered hair and his roman hair,  
As richly dark as his bride's fair,  
He leste his hand on your straight neck,  
To whisper to you, I suppose—  
To whisper again as he long ago,  
When he kissed you under the mistletoe.

Say, beautiful bride in the antique dress,  
Say, beautiful bride, in your bridal white,  
Did you let him gaze on your love-liness  
Till his eyes did your heart confess  
As you led the dance on your wedding night?  
Did he press your hand as he bent to say  
Sweet words—as the lovers do today?

Ah! courtly groom of the vanquished years,  
Beautiful bride of the days long fled,  
Dust, but dust are your hopes and fears,  
Cold your kisses, and dried your tears,  
But I hang here, over your head,  
A sprig of such Christmas mistletoe,  
As you kissed beneath in the long ago.

—From Great Mistletoe

## The Land of Christmas Trees

By Douglas Malloch

My papa works in a lumber camp  
In the land of Christmas trees,  
And he wrote to me,  
I wish you could see  
Such Christmas trees as these!  
In the swamp so cold, in the swamp so damp,  
There are cedars green and great,  
There are pines so high  
That they touch the sky,  
There are hemlocks slim and straight.

THEY smile to the moon, they sing to the star,  
They nod to the passing breeze,  
And every bough  
Wears diamonds now,  
In the land of Christmas trees.  
O wonderful land in the north woods far,  
O wonderful, beautiful land!  
In my cot so white  
I dream at night  
Of the forest green and grand.

My mama says that the snow that lies  
In the land where the great trees grow  
Is like the spread  
On my little bed  
Where at night to sleep I go,  
That underneath with tight-shut eyes  
The flowers are slumbering—  
There snug and warm  
From the winter storm  
They wait for the call of spring.

So, when I kneel for the night's amen,  
I think of the Christmas land,  
I say a prayer  
For my papa there  
In the forest green and grand  
And another prayer I whisper then  
While I kneel on bowed knees  
That the Lord will keep  
The flowers that sleep  
In the land of Christmas trees.

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"Again at Christmas did we weave the holly 'round the hearth."

# A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Our best wishes to our many friends and customers is—"May the New Year bring you all the prosperity and happiness you deserve, may joys and blessings beyond your expectations be yours.

We take this opportunity to thank you for the splendid patronage and good will you have shown us during the past year, and will endeavor to merit a continuance of the same by adhering to strictly business methods. We believe our strongest allies to your complete confidence and continued patronage are service, quality and honest merchandising.

## R. V. Robertson Company

**Glass Washboards Lessen Friction.**  
A glass washboard, although it breaks more easily, is to be preferred to a metal one because the friction on the clothes is less. However, if a metal washboard is used it should be thoroughly dry before being put away, so that it will not warp or attract waterbugs.

**Team Work.**  
Flattery would not go far if vanity did not meet her halfway.—Boston Transcript.

**Ink Spots.**  
Fresh ink spots may be removed by soaking in milk. Old ink stains that have dried may be taken out by washing in hot lard. Wash first as one would with water, wash again and again, finally washing out lard with soapy water.

**Ability.**  
Ability involves responsibility. Power to its last particle is duty.—Alexander MacLaren.

**French Guiana.**  
French Guiana is the penal settlement of France. Its surface rises gradually from the unhealthy coast to the mountain border on the south. Only a small part of the country is known. Fevers, particularly yellow fever, climate the region and have proved so fatal to French convicts that white prisoners have long been sent elsewhere. The Ile du Diable, off the coast, became famous through the imprisonment of Alfred Dreyfus.

### SANTA'S REINDEERS

By May Annesley Rigdon

HERE was a past Christmas eve that stood out in bold prominence in the mind of Ross Evans, as he lounged in a luxurious chair in his room at the hotel and wove fond, reminiscent, and then hopeful anticipatory dreams. Evans was a successful circus man, but not of the flag type. Within two years he had won the enviable distinction of being a leader in his line as advance agent and advertising man.

The shows were off of the road for the winter season now, and a few days before Christmas there came a great longing to the wanderer to see the old friends at home. There was Mrs. Alice Dalrymple, whose husband had been the best friend Evans ever had. There was her house full of little children and Ivy Clay's peerless beauty and grace, who had come into his life as a winning spirit of gentleness.

It was because of his remembrance of his last Christmas eve in Weston that he thought of her now. How fer-



ently he recalled the merry hours with the brood of little Dalrymples, and one incident that had tinged his whole career, when he and Ivy were alone trimming the Christmas tree. She wore a rose colored, broad ribbon belt, and he was steadying her on a stool. As she was adjusting some tinsel its perfumed ends swept his face. With an impulse he could not analyze Evans put out one hand, seized the bit of fiery and pressed it to his lips.

"Be careful!" he muttered quickly, for Ivy had nearly lost her balance. She had witnessed the fervent gesture of Evans in the mirror. She stepped to the floor, her face crimson, her eyes showing half fright, and breathless with emotion. In intense tones he whispered:

"I am thinking of leaving Weston, but if you care for me—" and then Mrs. Dalrymple abruptly entered the room and Evans had no further opportunity of seeing Ivy alone. The next day a position with the circus was offered and he gave heed to the

## THE "OLD RELIABLE" THEDFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT

White Haired Alabama Lady Says She Has Seen Medicines Come and Go But The "Old Reliable" Thedford's Black-Draught Came and Stayed.

Dutton, Ala.—In recommending Thedford's Black-Draught to her friends and neighbors here, Mrs. T. F. Parks, a well-known Jackson County lady, said: "I am getting up in years; my head is pretty white. I have seen medicines and remedies come and go but the old reliable came and stayed. I am talking of Black-Draught, a liver medicine we have used for years—one that can be depended upon and one that will do the work."

"Black-Draught will relieve indigestion and constipation if taken right, and I know for I tried it. It is the best thing I have ever found for the full, uncomfortable

feeling after meals. Sour stomach and sick headache can be relieved by taking Black-Draught. It aids digestion, assists the liver in throwing off impurities. I am glad to recommend Black-Draught, and do, to my friends and neighbors."

Thedford's Black-Draught is a standard household remedy with a record of over seventy years of successful use. Every one occasionally needs something to help cleanse the system of impurities. Try Black-Draught. Insist upon Thedford's, the genuine.

At all druggists.

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call of ambition.

His eyes glowed now, and there was a rapt smile on his face as he took up a pencil and filled in a telegraph blank. It was to Mrs. Dalrymple. It read:

"Santa Claus will drop in on your dear little ones at eight o'clock Christmas eve. Have them ready for the surprise of their lives. I hope that pretty cousin of yours is still with you."

"It can't offend her," reflected Evans. "It may remind. Dear girl! the big success I have made shrinks very small when I think of her precious worth," and Evans arose to greet the man who had charge of the show's winter quarters.

"I've followed your orders, Mr. Evans," he said. "The reindeers are in excellent shape. I've trimmed them up as you suggested. The wardrobe has a Santa Claus outfit so you're all right."

"Good!" nodded Evans briskly. "I'll have to start for Weston early, but people will suppose I am giving them an advance advertising stunt. Some class to my scheme, eh?"

"You are always original," commented the old circus man.

One of the favorite "stunts" of Ross Evans had been to make his advance route with the high single-seated buggy and a pair of the circus reindeers. He was proud of his team

It was a 20-mile drive to Weston. Late in the afternoon, arrayed in Santa Claus costume, Evans started on his trip. Mrs. Dalrymple had the little ones posted at the windows, and the Christmas tree was lighted. At the sound of sleigh bells she switched on the outside electric light. Into the yard roadway came the most ravishingly delightful Kriss Kringle with his wonderful reindeers bedecked and dazzling with gleaming tinsel and holly.

It was like a dream, those ensuing two hours. And Ivy assisted, and it seemed like a paradise to the wanderer to revel amidst such joyous friendliness. And when the little ones had gone to bed, as on that other Christmas eve, he stood beside Ivy.

"I am going to tell you what my heart longed to impart to you just two years ago tonight," he said.

"Wait," she fluttered. "I can guess, for I had hoped," and she flitted from the room. It was to return wearing the rose-colored sash.

He knew it was his answer as she hid her blushing face. As he drew her to his arms a peal of merry Christmas bells echoed forth. And amid the joy and glamor and love of that radiant hour, neither saw the shadow of another parting.

No one ever succeeds by dodging duty.

## Compliments of The Season

With the hope that this Christmas finds you enjoying a day filled with gratitude and pleasure, and that the New Year holds in store for you the fullest measure of health and happiness, we extend, one and all our best wishes for a

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

AND A

**PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR**

We also wish to express our appreciation for the very liberal patronage we have received during the present year, and to assure you that our business will always be conducted in a manner that will merit your confidence and respect.

## Christmas Greetings-



**WHEN TROUBLE OVERTAKES YOU RING 104**

OUR BEST WISHES for A MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY and PROSPEROUS 1921

—and we might suggest with due propriety that we can lessen your troubles and increase your joys with our service.

Neither will it be out of place to express our appreciation for the very liberal patronage we have received during the past year.

The Use of OUR AUTOMOBILE TIRES AND OUR HONEST SERVICE Will Add to Your Prosperity and Happiness

**J. F. KENNEY**  
AT HASKELL GARAGE

**Haskell Ice & Light Co.**



# Christmas

## Joys

In appreciation of your dealings with us in the past, and in anticipation of those in the years to come, we thank you, and wish you

**A Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year**

**THE MODEL**  
H. B. Lancaster, Prop.

### THE GOLDEN EGG

By Cecille Langdon



189. 1920. Western Newspaper Union  
SANTA CLAUS was expected to arrive in prodigious grandeur around Helmsby Corner. The name applied to a block of tenements a good deal above equal and the general unsightliness of the slums, although its population mainly represented poor, while thrifty people. The men were hard working and sober, the women industrious and rarely slatternly. In fact, old John Helmsby, who owned the square of buildings, had selected a reputable clientele as to tenantry, and in lower circles Helmsby Corner held a certain air of aristocracy.

Ivan Vidal was a decided institution of the place. Old residents could remember him back for ten years. He was a little, bright-eyed man whose constant smile and eager, friendly ways scattered sunshine.

"I have to work hard. I have a big family, you know," Ivan delighted to tell strangers and new friends. And then he would count on his fingers.



"Grandpa, Grandma, and the five little children," and the lovelight would come into his eyes as he enumerated them specifically: "Rebecca, Rachel, Ruth, Jacob and Levi."

But the big family did not entirely represent kith and kin of the generous hearted fellow who had come from his home across the water with a wife, to lose her in a year, and to have her aged father and mother, neither now fit for hard work, as pensioners upon his bounty. How gladly and unselfishly this was awarded, the uniform willing kindness and care of Ivan manifested to all the world. He did not earn much and their quarters were confined, but not only did he manage to make the old people comfortable, but when a close friend, a widower, died, Ivan adopted his five little ones.

"I have none; they shall be as my own," he pledged himself, and never failed in the sacred pledge.

Ivan was a peddler of pins, needles,

yard, and hose.

An incident occurred about six months before Christmas that gave Ivan a secret to keep, but the result of which he did not experience until later. One day quite a distance from the city, seated eating his humble lunch on the veranda of a road house he overheard two men talking. They mentioned a name that caused Ivan to prick up his ears. It was that of Alma Helmsby, the daughter of his wealthy landlord. Ivan was quick witted, pieced together the facts named, and comprehended that one of the men expected to have Miss Helmsby meet him soon in her automobile and they were to elope. Enough was gleaned by Ivan to confirm the fact that the fellow was a merciless scoundrel already married, and only after the money of the rich heiress.

It was by pure circumstance that an hour later Ivan came upon Miss Helmsby in her automobile. In his



hance, but convincing way he told her of the true character of her fiance. She believed him, and pale and in tears returned home, offering him money for his service, which Ivan refused, and imploring him to keep the entire matter secret.

Ivan had forgotten all about this incident as time passed on. It was nearing holiday time when he came home from one of his trips with a bag full of farm plunder for the little ones and a great fat white goose. It was to signalize their Christmas dinner and was an object of immense interest to the expectant children. Little Levi had set some hay under the fowl, "to lay an egg on," he put it, and the spirit of the season infected all hands.

Then a queer thing happened. John Helmsby dropped in several times during the week. He evinced a new and mysterious interest in his poor tenant. Then, just a day before Christmas, he brought his daughter with him. Mr. Helmsby had been told all about the goose and the expectant egg, and his daughter had to be shown the prized fowl by little Levi.

She gave Ivan an intense look as she departed, and the honest peddler was mystified just then. Not later, however, on Christmas morning, when Levi burst into the room excitedly with the incredible announcement:

"Oh, father, father, the goose has laid a golden egg!"

And there in his hand was the evidence—a gilded papier-mache egg, and inside of it was found two \$1,000 bills, Ivan Vidal's reward for saving a young girl from a lifetime of misery, and keeping his knowledge a secret.

The poor, honest fellow wept for joy as he realized how much the great gift meant to himself and those he loved upon that blessed, happy Christmas morn.

**No Worms in a Healthy Child**  
All children troubled with worms have an unhealthy color, which indicates poor blood, and as a rule, there is more or less stomach disturbance. GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC given regularly for two or three weeks will curk the blood, improve the digestion, and act as a general strengthening tonic to the whole system. Worms will then never show themselves, and the child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 75c per bottle.

# GREETINGS

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

May the joys of Christmastide be many, and may the New Year bring you health, happiness and prosperity, is our sincerest wish to our many friends and patrons.

We know of no more fitting time to express our appreciation for the patronage the people of Haskell and Haskell County have given us during the past year. To us it is the best evidence that they appreciate the dependable kind of merchandise we sell and the values we give week in and week out.

*We Thank You*

**REID'S DRUG STORE**

**Efficiency on the Farm.**  
Farmer (to new help)—"Why do you always ring the small bell after ringing the regular dinner bell?" Irish cook—"That's to call the children."—Boston Transcript.

**Modern Revision.**  
Some men are born economical, others acquire economical habits, but the majority of us have economy forced upon our throats.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

**New Scale Appears.**  
Balance scales are accurate only when level. Scales of a new design are built on a new principle which never vary on this account.

**Approaching the Millennium.**  
Jud Tunkins says there can't be any universal prosperity until a man is willing to work as hard for a square seat as he is for a circus ticket.

WE WISH ALL OF OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

**A Merry Christmas and A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR**

We trust that you will be able to cast aside all your worries and enjoy a perfect day, and that during the coming year, and successive ones, your happiness and prosperity will not be interrupted.

We have enjoyed a successful year, and we feel that it would be ungrateful of us not to thank you for your splendid patronage. We assure you that it has been appreciated and trust that our efforts in your behalf will warrant a continuance of same.

We hope that all during the new year that you will look upon this store as your favorite shopping place.

Again thanking you for your valued trade, I am,

Yours for Service,

**W. M. MASK**

### WHEN THE SOUTH COMES INTO ITS OWN

"When every farmer in the South shall eat bread from his own fields and meat from his own pastures, and disturbed by no creditor, and enslaved by no debt, shall sit amid his teeming gardens and orchards and barnyards, pitching his crops in his wisdom and growing them in his independence, making cotton his clean surplus and selling it in his own time, and in his chosen market, and not at a master's bidding—then shall be breaking the fullness of our day."—Henry W. Grady.

**The Farmers State Bank**  
"GUARANTY FUND BANK"  
Haskell, Texas.

## Attention Farmers

We have installed another Cleaner and now have a Triple Cleaning System which insures the cleanest

**SAMPLE**

and that is what counts this year.

**We Sell Coal**

**Haskell Electric Gin Co.**

Citation on Application to Sell Realty THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Haskell County, Greeting:

You are Hereby Comanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of twenty days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Haskell County, a copy of the following notice:

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To all persons interested in the estate of Nettie J. Vance, Deceased, Claud L. Vance, Executor, has filed in the County Court of Haskell County an application for an order to sell the following property of said estate, situated in Haskell County, Texas, to-wit:

One Hundred acres of land out of the northeast part of section No. 205,

Block No. 45, H. & T. C. Ry. Co., certificate No. 28-2005, Abstract No. 272, which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the first Monday in January A. D. 1921, the same being the 3rd day of January A. D. 1921, at the Court House thereof, in Haskell, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said estate are required to appear and show cause why such sale should not be made, should they elect to do so.

Herein Fail Not, but have you before said Court on the said first day of the next term thereof this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at office in Haskell, Texas, this 14th day of December A. D. 1921.

(Seal) Emory McNeese, Clerk, County Court, Haskell County, Texas.



**To Everyone in General—  
To You in Particular**

We extend a Merry Christmas Greeting and our best wishes for a Happy New Year. May the coming year bring you health and prosperity, the confidence and esteem of your friends and the love of little children. May the sunshine of happiness shine upon you, and may the world be a better, brighter, happier place throughout the year for your having lived in it.

Thanking you for your patronage the past year, and trusting to merit the continuance through the coming year, we are

Your Friends,

**Dick's  
Theatre**

*Bird Flight  
Marvin Post  
Bailey Post*

**GET MORE BUTTER**

Mrs. Hattie Meece of Glenn, Mo., says: "I was not making enough butter from my cow's milk production for a family of two. After using Dr. Letgear's Stock Powders a short time, she gave a half gallon more milk a day, and a pound of butter a day."

Dr. Letgear's Stock Powder gives to milk cows just what is needed to keep the digestive organs in proper condition so they get the most possible good from their feed. Give equally wonderful results when used for horses, hogs and sheep, because they are a tonic, appetizer and a worm expeller.

It matters not what ailment you have among your stock or poultry, it will pay you too to get the proper Dr. Letgear's remedy from your dealer. They are the Doctor's personal prescriptions, compounded during his 28 years of Veterinary Practice and Expert Poultry Breeding. They must satisfy you, or your dealer will refund your money.—Adv.

**Colds Cause Grip and Influenza**

LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets remove the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 30c.

**Stockholders Meeting**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the First State Bank of O'Brien, Texas, will be held in the offices of the said bank, in the city of O'Brien, State of Texas, at 2 o'clock p. m. the second Thursday in January, A. D. 1921. The same being the 13th day of said month, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for said bank and the transaction of such business that may properly come before said meeting.

T. E. Robbins, Cashier.

**Preparing Isiglass.**

The best quality of isiglass comes from the sounds that are dried in the sun. After drying, the sound is again moistened with warm water, and the interior shiny skin is removed by hammering or rubbing. Finally, it is rolled between two polished iron rollers.

**Birds' Songs on Record.**

Phonographic records of birds' songs have been successfully made for future reference.

**HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK  
IN THE POST COMMUNITY**

(Too late for last week.)  
Everyone has been busy picking cotton the past few days.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ake of Abilene, have been spending a few days with R. L. Livengood and family and M. A. Livengood.  
Miss Gladys Taylor, the intermediate teacher at Post, spent the week end in Abilene.  
The singing at the home of M. L. Middlebrook Sunday night was enjoyed by all.  
The date of meeting of the B. Y. P. U. has been changed from every Sunday at 3:30 o'clock to the first and third Sunday at 6 o'clock. Everybody is invited to come.  
School was dismissed Friday for a week's vacation while the teachers are attending the Institute.  
Kim Hisey and family visited Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Ketrone Sunday.  
The party at the home of Mr. Hartfield Friday night was enjoyed by a large crowd.  
Miss Wyandol McElreath spent Saturday night with Miss Beryl Adams.  
A splendid program was rendered by the pupils of Post school Friday night November 25th, and was immensely enjoyed by a large crowd.  
Mrs. F. R. Elder is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Brown of the Howard community.  
Harvey Terrell seriously hurt his arm Sunday, but it is improving at this time.  
Judge D. H. Hamilton and wife of Haskell are spending a few weeks with their daughter, Mrs. Wayne Perry.  
Reporter.

**CAPTAIN COOKE FEELS FINE NOW**

**Veteran Conductor Praises Tanlac For Overcoming His Troubles**

"A few bottles Tanlac made me feel just like a new man," said Capt. F. M. Cooke, 144 East Whiffred St., St. Paul Minn., for fifteen years a conductor on the Great Northern railroad and one of the most popular men of his system.  
"For years," continued Capt. Cooke, "I had stomach trouble so bad that what little I did manage to eat would cause me to become terribly nauseated. Gas pressed up against my heart so I could hardly breathe, and I had terrific headaches that would last two or three weeks and nearly drive me wild. I would become so dizzy at times that I had to hold to something to keep from falling, and my nerves got in such shape I could sleep but very little. Every morning I felt dull and heavy and all run down."  
"Nothing I tried did me any good, and I kept getting worse until a friend suggested that I try Tanlac. I followed his advice and to make a long story short, I never felt better in my life than I do now. I eat everything they set before me and nothing disagrees with me. Every symptom of all my troubles has left me completely and I feel ten years younger. Tanlac has certainly won my gratitude."  
Tanlac is sold by the leading druggists everywhere.

The is very little waste material to the fashionable evening gown.

**To Cure a Cold in One Day**  
Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets). It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 30c.

**The Season's  
Compliments**

1920

1921



**A Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year**

Accept our wishes for your future happiness and prosperity and may the New Year bring fourth a bountiful harvest with all the richest and choicest of blessings.

**Brazelton Lumber Co.**

**Superstitions About Ears.**

There are several superstitions about the tingling of one's ears. I was at once commonly believed that if it was the right ear it meant that a friend was speaking well of one. The tingling of the left implied the opposite. Sir Thomas Browne, the famous author of "Vulgar Errors," ascribes the idea to the belief in guardian angels, who touch the right ear or the left according as conversation is favorable or not to the person.

**Diamonds Used in Shipbuilding.**

It is hardly to be imagined that diamonds have anything to do with the building of battleships. Yet this is so, for diamond dust is used for cutting and turning the tremendously hard steel which is used in the manufacture of modern armaments.

**WIT AND HUMOR**

**A Change for Company**

In a north side meat market a woman and her little boy stood at the counter awaiting the preparation of an order of lamb chops. While the cutter was frenching the chops and getting them ready for their little white pants, the boy pulled his mother down to whisper in her ear. "Mamma, aren't you going to get some wienies?" "S-s-h, Lawrence," she admonished, "we have to have something different for company."

**Argument Plus**

Out in Rogers Park the competition among dairymen is keen. The other day a salesman for a dairy company called upon a family who had just moved into an apartment house. To the presiding genius of the household he said, "I wish you would try our milk. I believe you would find it superior to So-and-So's—or even better than that."—Exchange.

**A Forward-Looker**

Beatrice had been naughty and her mother sought to improve the situation by saying, "If you are a good little girl I will take you to Aunt Florence's for Thanksgiving dinner."

"But I don't want to go to Aunt Florence's for Thanksgiving dinner."  
"Why not?"  
"I want to eat Thanksgiving dinner at home."

"But why, darling?"  
"Well, if we go to Aunt Florence's for Thanksgiving dinner we won't have anything left for the next day."

**Fire! Fire!**

FOR SALE—Three large fire distinguishers. Idaho Hotel. 30-34

**Knowledge from Experience**

Little Alice had heard her father reading the headlines in the paper, and she asked the question, "Papa, what is a 'Housing Quiz'?"

But before papa had any chance to reply Johnnie broke in with: "I know—a fine-tooth comb!"

**Expensive Entertainment**

"I see where another stage beauty has married a millionaire."

"Well?"  
"You rarely ever hear of one marrying a poor man."

"At the present price of admission a poor man can't go into the theater."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

**The Usual Popularity**

The Artist—"Fond of pictures?"  
The Patron—"My oath! 'Ardly ever miss a night."—Sydney Bulletin.

**Public Criticism**

Good, absent-minded old Doctor Wilder was greatly dependent upon his practical wife. One Sunday morning Mrs. Wilder sent up an announcement after he had entered the pulpit, with a foot note intended to be private.  
"The women's missionary society," he read aloud, "will meet Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock sharp." And then he proceeded to read the footnote: "Your necktie is crooked; please straighten towards the right."—Watchman Examiner.

**No Doubt**

Dickson had been absent from his office for several days and on his return a friend insisted on knowing where he had been.  
"Out to see a friend of mine who has a still," confessed Dickson.  
"And did you sample the stuff?" the friend demanded.  
"I guess I must have," he sighed.

"there are still two days I can't account for."—Los Angeles Times.

**Small Plurality**

"We had a contest to decide the prettiest girl in our graduating class of 400."  
"How did it turn out?"  
"One girl got two votes."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

**The Lesser Evil**

"Does your husband sing to the baby when he cries?"  
"Not now. The people in the next flat notified us that they preferred to hear the baby cry."—Boston Transcript.

**Magazine Club**

The Magazine Club met Friday, Dec. 17th. Owing to the nearness of the holidays, an unusually small number were present.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered the Junior Civic League for their efficient work in the clean-up campaign.

The club heard with much appreciation, music by Mrs. O. E. Patterson.

After the business session Mrs. E. J. Reynolds conducted a very interesting and instructive lesson on the history of France.

After the club adjourned several ladies marched in a body to the city well, the source of Haskell's city water supply. The well was found in a very sanitary condition.

Reporter.

**Coal Mine Gases.**

The chief gases of coal mines are stated by Coal Age to be: Methane or marsh gas, sometimes called light carbureted hydrogen, carbon monoxide, the whitedamp of miners, and carbon dioxide, which, with nitrogen, forms the blackdamp. Hydrogen sulphide or sulphureted hydrogen occurs in limited quantities, as do the heavy hydrocarbons—ethylene or olefiant gas and ethane. Except carbon dioxide and nitrogen, these gases are all explosive.

**Snakes.**

Snakes are classed as oviparous, or those which lay eggs; and ovoviviparous, or those which bear living young from an egg which is hatched before or at the time it is laid. The egg-laying species of serpents generally belong to the constricting group, which kill their prey by squeezing it; while most all ovoviviparous serpents are species which take their prey with their mouths, and do not kill by constricting. For instance, the blacksnake belongs to the egg-laying group, while the copperhead snake produces living young instead of eggs.

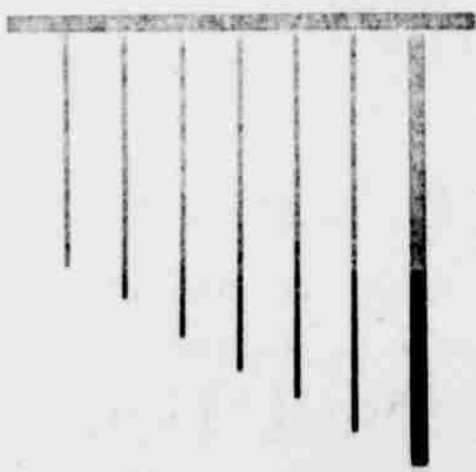
**Old "New Amsterdam."**

In 1664, on the 9th of September, Peter Stuyvesant, the Dutch governor of New Amsterdam, signed the articles of surrender delivering the colony into the hands of Colonel Nichols, the English commander. Several days previously the island had capitulated, but Stuyvesant was reluctant to admit defeat. The British immediately changed the name of the city to New York in honor of the duke of York, later James II, who was then at the head of the British army.

**To Measure Molasses.**

Grease the measuring cup before measuring molasses or syrup and the ingredients will not stick to the sides of the cup. Thus there will be no waste.

**YOU AND THE COUNTLESS NUMBERS OF OUR  
OTHER FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS**



*We Wish You One and All*

**A Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year**

*and may all your wrinkles  
come from smiles!*

No depositor has ever lost a dollar in a State Bank in Texas.

**1920  
1921**

We hope this Christmas will bring you and yours untold joys, and that they will be of even a greater degree than any of the past.

**Farmers State Bank**

"Guaranty Fund Bank"

Haskell,

Texas.

R. C. MONTGOMERY, President.

J. B. POST, Cashier.



# A Merry Christmas

## To You

## From Us

When the Christmas dawns, may it bring to you three great gifts.

**GLADNESS** that you have been able to surprise some one into pleasure with an unlooked-for gift-gladness, that children everywhere may find this the day of golden days.

**COURAGE** that in spite of this wilfulness and weakness, folks deep down are kindly and good, and that after all it is worth while going on for their sakes and your own.

**PEACE** that on this day grown men and women take the hours from dawn-blush to after-glow and fill them with cheer and laughter and love—the things which in the end are all that the year's workings has sought for.

Our store is closed on Christmas day—but all the days thereafter it will be wide open to express to you in terms of goods and service the heartfelt wishes we here extend to you in print.

### McNeill & Smith Hdw. Co.

### ART AND SCIENCE IN TOYS

Playthings for the Kiddies Necessary to the Proper Conduct of Their Society.

WHILE the making of toys is an art that is probably practically as old as the world itself, it has been only within recent years that science has bothered itself about them. Less than half a century ago they were regarded merely as playthings—amusing diversions for children that were by no means necessary to their well-being. Today, however, science insists that there is a well-defined philosophy underlying the use of toys; that they are the tools with which the little ones ply their trade; the paraphernalia necessary to the proper conduct of their society; that dolls, for example, are more to them than the associates that help to entertain them in that they aid them in the attainment of their mental growth by stimulating the natural emotions which must be experienced in later life.

Whether this theory of the scientists is correct or not, the fact remains that children have always had the playthings requisite for their imitations of the domestic life and business affairs of older people; that they have always required their elders to provide them with such inventions, and that, when they could not obtain these toys by any other means they themselves have sought and found objects that might be made to suit their purposes. Even the somnolent middle Ages did not put an end to their pastimes. The toys in which they found diversion may have been more simple, but, as they met the demands of nature, they played their allotted part in the scheme of human development.—Public Opinion.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS.  
To all persons interested in the estate of Mary Alice Nolen, J. Wilson Nolen, and Loomis DeCost. Nolen, Minors, Leona B. Nolen, Guardian, has filed in the County Court of Haskell County an application for an order to sell the following property of said estate, situated in Haskell County, Texas, to-wit:

150 acres of land in the northeast corner of the Leona B. Nolen 2300 acre tract in the Hiram Rigg survey, located about three and a half miles north-east of Wehert, Texas, which will be heard at the next term of said Court,

# To You

## Yes, to You and Yours

We extend Most Cordial Greetings and Thanks for the very liberal patronage during the year just closing.

May You and All of Yours  
Enjoy a Merry Christmas  
and a Happy and Prosperous  
New Year

### A. F. Woods

commencing on the first Monday in January, A. D. 1921, the same being the third day of January A. D. 1921, at the Court House thereof, in Haskell, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said estate are required to appear and show cause why such sale should not be made, should they choose to do so.

Herein Fail Not, but have you before said Court on the said first day of the next term thereof this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at office in Haskell, Texas, this 14th day of December, A. D. 1920.

(Seal) Emory Menefee, Clerk,  
County Court, Haskell County, Texas.

**Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Day.**  
Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure Itching, Burning, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Instantly relieves itching Piles, and you can be restful sleep after the first application. Price 50c.

**He's Probably Witting.**  
Should a bridegroom in Korea stay at the house of his bride's family for more than three days after the wedding, he must live there for an entire year.

**To Stop a Cough Quick**  
take HAYES' HEALING HONEY, a cough medicine which stops the cough by healing the inflamed and irritated tissues. A box of GROVE'S O-PEN-TRATE SALVE for Chest Colds, Head Colds and Croup is enclosed with every bottle of HAYES' HEALING HONEY. The salve should be rubbed on the chest and throat of children suffering from a Cold or Croup.

The healing effect of Hayes' Healing Honey inside the throat combined with the healing effect of Grove's O-Pen-Trate Salve through the pores of the skin soon stops a cough. Both remedies are packed in one carton and the cost of the combined treatment is 35c. Just ask your druggist for HAYES' HEALING HONEY.

Even a bum orator can move an audience—to get up and go out.

### A PRIZE OFFERED

for  
The Most Sparrows, Mice, Rats  
Learn Conditions at  
**Sherrill Bros. & Co.**

### A TONIC

Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic restores Energy and Vitality by Purifying and Enriching the Blood. When you feel its strengthening, invigorating effect, see how it brings color to the cheeks and how it improves the appetite, you will then appreciate its true tonic value. Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is simply Iron and Quinine suspended in syrup. So pleasant even children like it. The blood needs QUININE to Purify it and IRON to Enrich it. Destroys Malarial germs and Grip germs by its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. 75c.

### MAKE OUT GIFT LIST EARLY

Thoughtful Shoppers Start Task Several Weeks Before Rush Begins in Busy Stores.

THE buyer who really puts some altruism into her Christmas gifts makes out her list several weeks in advance. If she be a canny somebody she has kept her list of the year before and is able to see what were her gifts the preceding season, and thus avoid the risk of repeating herself. Still more canny is she if she has made mental or written notes from time to time of various articles for which she has heard a desire expressed by friends. Such note taking will greatly lessen her labors.

For it is no light thing to choose Christmas gifts judiciously. The whole secret of their acceptability lies in their appropriateness. Not only must they be appropriate to the person from whom they come and to whom they go, but to the circumstances in which the latter is placed. For an instance, there are few housekeepers who do not welcome an addition of fine linen to their store. But if to a housekeeper who lives plainly in simple surroundings one sends a superb lace-trimmed tea cloth or doilies that throw all her other possessions into the shade, there is an unsuitability about the gift that robs it of much of its charm.—Harper's Bazar.

### ROAD OVERSEERS REQUESTED TO MAKE ANNUAL REPORTS

The annual report of each road overseer should be in the hands of the Commissioners' Court not later than Jan. 10, 1921, as required by article 6942, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas.

It is important that road overseers have their reports in the hands of the Commissioners' Court at that time. Very respectfully,  
Commissioners' Court, Haskell County, Texas. By C. B. Long, County Judge.

**Stockholders Meeting**  
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers State Bank of Haskell, Texas, will be held in the office of the said bank in the city of Haskell, Texas, at 2 o'clock p. m. the second Tuesday in January, A. D. 1921, the same being the 11th day of said month, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for said bank and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

J. B. Post, Cashier.

**Habitual Constipation Cured in 14 to 21 Days**  
"LAX-FOS WITH PEPSIN" is a specially-prepared Syrup Tonic-Laxative for Habitual Constipation. It relieves promptly but should be taken regularly for 14 to 21 days to insure regular action. It stimulates and invigorates. Very Pleasant to Take. 50c per bottle.

## Compliments of the Season

- Store Service
- Courteous Attention
- Honest Merchandise

## Greetings

May this be the Merriest Christmas of them all. May the New Year bring you many joys and blessings, and may your peace and prosperity be more than your greatest expectations, is our sincere wish for you and for yours

A Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year

The Store of  
Certain Satisfaction



We believe this is also an appropriate time for us to thank you most cordially for your patronage during the year just closing, and we expect to merit a continuance of your trade during 1921, by giving you at all times the best.

### Jones, Cox & Co.

## We Thank You

We desire to extend to you, the public, our thanks for the generous support that you have given us during the year 1920, and to express the hope that you will remain with us during the coming year. It is not possible for us to express in cold type the gratitude we feel, but we can and will let our actions in the future speak even louder and more practical than words.

We extend to you all the compliments of the season. May the New Year bring you your hearts best desires.



### R. J. Reynolds



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Haskell, Texas, December 25, 1920.

**CHRISTMAS**

Before another issue of the Free Press reaches the people, Christmas will have come and gone. Very few of us have grown so old as not to feel some thrill of pleasure at the approach of the day. If conditions are not just what we would have them, if sorrows and disappointments have crept into our lives, still there are memories of a past that cluster round us and add some satisfaction, some sweetness to the hours.

The greatest joy that most of us derive from the day—and that is really the best—is the opportunity of making others happy. It is worth far more to brighten the face and lighten the heart of some little "window-wisher" who has the price of a toy than to carry off as mementoes the richest jewels of earth.

We are glad to know that the time has come when only a few American children are forgotten by Santa Claus, and would to God that such could be said of the little ones of all the world. Practically everywhere in the great land and country of ours, there are good men and good women, just like we have in Haskell, who see together a few weeks before Christmas and plan for taking care of the poor. That is a noble work and it convinces us in spite of all the walls of pessimism, that civilization is growing better and that the golden era is drawing nearer when mankind shall recognize more fully the highest obligations of life.

We trust that everyone will thoroughly enjoy the day; that the mighty spirit of charity and love which pre-

dominated in the life of Him whose birth we commemorate, will blossom as a sweet flower in the heart of each reader.

There are those among us, of course, who feel the depression of the times; who will not be able to buy all the toys and all the candies for their loved ones that they would like to buy. But if the bloom of health is on their babies' cheeks; if the family circle is unbroken and no vacant chair speaks of an absent father or mother or child, they should be happy.

However trying our circumstances, we have much to be thankful for and much to cause us to become imbued with the Christmas spirit, the spirit of help and forgiveness, as well as happiness.

It is a proper season to forget the faults and wrongs of our neighbors; to blot out all unpleasant memories of the past. And that we might do this and fill the day with more charity and love and tenderness than ever before, the sleep and earnest hope of the winter.

**AN APPRECIATION**

It is the season of Christmas cheer in all the homes of our subscribers.

As you have put into anything, that much will you get out of it. Out of the interest you have taken in this paper during the past year we hope you have derived an equal personal pleasure. Your appreciation has made this paper's issuance a congenial work to us of the staff. And likewise in that same spirit which makes Christmas time what it is, we take this opportunity of expressing our thanks to the business men of this community, and of the territory within which this paper circulates, for their cordial cooperation in practical ways which has made it possible for us regularly to present our best efforts to the community in a creditable manner.

May the kindly glow of this holiday season color life for you and yours throughout the coming year.

M. H. Hancock left Tuesday evening for Weatherford in response to a message announcing the death of his Uncle J. H. Coleman, who died Tuesday morning.

J. H. Wolf and wife of Rochester, were in the city Tuesday.

**LEE PIERSON WRITES FROM SUNNY CALIFORNIA**

We are in receipt of the following letter from Lee Pierson, who is now located in California:  
San Diego, Calif. Dec. 17, 1920.  
Haskell Free Press:  
Haskell, Texas:

Dear Sir:  
I am back in the land of perennial bloom and I shall need only the weekly visits of the Haskell Free Press to make my happiness and contentment complete. I have English peas, beets, radishes, beans, onions, cabbage, turnips, mustard and lettuce and tomatoes in my own garden and figs from my own fig trees and chicken and eggs from my own poultry plant. This is almost like living at home. Please keep the Free Press coming to my address below and greatly oblige. Your very truly,  
Lee Pierson,  
732 26th Street,  
San Diego, California.

**Christmas Program at First Christian Church**

A Christmas program will be given at the first Christian Church, Friday evening December 24, beginning at 7 o'clock. All who wish to put presents on the tree should have them at the church by Friday noon. The public is cordially invited to attend.

**Committee.**

**Class Social**

Class six of the Christian Sunday School, held their regular monthly social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith, last Friday evening. After the business session the evening was spent in various games, followed by delicious refreshments.

At a late hour the guests departed thanking the host and hostess for a most pleasant evening.

**Notice to Farmers**

I have a plan whereby I think I can sell some of most all of last year's old damaged cotton. Farmers holding last year's low grade cotton that you want to sell, bring me your tickets so I can get samples drawn from the cotton. I have to have all tickets not later than January 1st.  
Courtney Hunt.

**Card Thanks**

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for their kindness shown us during the sickness and death of our father, G. J. Miller. Especially do we thank his close friends who visited him during his last hours.

We pray God's richest blessings on each of you.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Blakemore and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Wankau and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Miller and family, Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Pearsey and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hambleton and family, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Flippin and family.

**Rochester Citizen Dies Sunday**

Will Willis died at the family residence near Rochester, Sunday morning about 4 o'clock after a lingering illness of many months from the effects of a cancer. His remains were laid to rest in Rochester's Cemetery Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Rev. I. N. Davis conducted the funeral services at the grave.

Mr. Willis was one of Haskell county's best citizens, a devoted husband and a loving father. He is survived by a wife and nine children.

May He, who alone can pour balm into wounded hearts, sustain the stricken wife and children in their dark hour of sorrow.

Prof. Leo Humphrey and wife of Haskell, were here as city visitors this week.

Miss Dora Winn of Henderson arrived Tuesday to spend Christmas with her parents Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Winn.

Ed Sprawls of State University, Austin arrived Wednesday to spend the holidays with home folks.

Mrs. Jno. B. Baker of Dallas will arrive next week to sing in the Symphony Club Cantata.

W. A. Miller of Plainview, was here this week attending the funeral of his father, G. J. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Flippin, of Walnut Springs, Texas, were here this week attending the funeral of Mr. Miller's father, G. J. Miller.

**Want Column**

**FOR SALE OR TRADE**—A 5-passenger car in good condition. Will take a wagon and team in part pay. See J. W. McNeely, Haskell. 51-2p

**FOR SALE**—White Leghorn pullets Good laying strain. \$1.00 each if taken immediately. W. M. Free. 51-2c

**FOR SALE**—Two new Ford touring cars with starter and lights. Can be seen at Kennedy's Garage. 47-1c

**CLEAN COTTON RAGS** are worth 5 cents per pound at the Haskell Ice & Light Company. 48-1c

**FOR SALE**—My residence, one block north and two block east of the square. J. F. Posey, 1c

**BRING YOUR** clean cotton rags to the Haskell Ice & Light Company. We pay 5 cents per pound. 48-1c

**FOR SALE**—Good four room house newly painted and papered, in north part of town. See M. O. Lyles at Haskell Garage. 42-1c

**FOR SALE**—Three Hereford bull calves, also three milk cows, J. H. Rice, Walnut Route 1. 49-1p

A BALE of clean rags is worth more than a bale of cotton this week at the Free Press Office. 48-1c

**FOR SALE**—A good piano at less than 1-4 price and also some good upper rooms for rent cheap. One block west of South Ward school. D. E. Adams. 49-1c

**FOR SALE**—I have some good cows, calves, sows and wagons I will sell cheap for cash or on time. Courtney Hunt. 52-1c

**TO RENT**—Two unfurnished rooms, close in, reasonable, call 229 and ask for Maples. 51-1c

**FOR SALE**—Horse, buggy, and harness. For information call at this office. W. M. Wood. 49-1c

**TO RENT**—An 80-acre farm, near Foster school house. Would like a small family to occupy house with me. Mrs. Myrtle Jenkins. 51-2p

**WE WILL PAY** the highest market price for clean cotton rags. Haskell Free Press. 48-1c

**Drill in your wheat**, now is the time and the Superior is the drill, at Sherrill Bros. & Co. Don't put it off till too late.

**SOME GOOD FARMS** to sell, will take first payment in cotton. I. S. Grindstaff. 1c

**FOR SALE**—Nice residence in north part of town, five rooms with bath, newly painted and papered. See G. Baker. 50-1c

**STRAYED**—Bay horse mule, about 13½ hands high, from my pasture one mile south of town. No brands, small wire mark over right eye. Notify A. P. Kinnison at Kinnison's Barber Shop.

**FOR SALE**—Choice vacant lots north of Ernest Sutherland. Improved, city water, and shade trees. 150 feet east front. M. C. Alexander, Stamford, Texas. 50-3p

**LOST OR STRAYED**—Sorrel Horse about 16 hands high, ten years old, white in forehead. Shod on front feet, and limps in one front leg. Notify W. J. Mullins, Route 3, Haskell, Tex. 2p

**STRAYED**—About 2 months ago, from south of Rose Chapel, one brown motley faced cow unbranded, and one fawn colored heifer yearling, branded XIX on left side. Reward for information. M. B. Watson. 51-4p

**Money to Loan on Farms**  
See me before you arrange to get a loan or renew the old one. My inspector lives in Stamford and therefore makes prompt inspections. I have the money and want your loan.  
Clyde F. Elkins.

**FOR SALE OR TRADE**—Good Overland Car Model 99 in good condition. Price \$900.00. Will sell for cash or will trade for Eastland Oil & Refining or DuPont Oil & Refining Co.'s stock at par. Will take all stock or part stock and balance paid note due twelve months. A. V. Davis, Stamford, Texas. 50-1c

**USED CARS**—We have a few used cars we will sell for cash or trade for good notes. Lynn W. Pace, Ford Garage. 52-1c

**FOR SALE**—Good milk cows worth the money. See or write W. B. Gregory Weinert, Texas, 2 miles west. 1p

**TAKEN UP**—Sorrel horse about 15½ hands high, 8 or 9 years old, white streak in forehead and ratched name. Shod all round. Owner can have said stock by paying for this ad and other expense. Jno. F. Cox, 2½ miles northeast of Haskell.

**STRAYED**—One black mare colt, 9 months old. \$5.00 reward offered for same. Tom Pritchett, Old Glory, Texas. 1c

Four good farms near Munday to trade for small ranch, two to three sections preferred. Glasgow & Rensau, Munday, Texas. 52-2p

**LOST**—One sorrel horse 14½ or 15 hands high. Has spot in face, ratched mane. Phone Bob Stewart, Banks Wagon Yard. 11p

**WANTED**—To buy a good second hand buggy. J. W. Richey, care of H. W. Richey, Star Route 1. 1p

I have one good as new Fordson tractor, one second hand Ford truck, one five-passenger absolutely new Ford car one absolutely new Chandler car and one good as new Dodge Sedan I will sell cheap for cash or easy terms. See Courtney Hunt. 1c

If a fellow only had a flock of hens that would lay eggs when eggs are so high priced.

**Professional Directory**

**Sanders & Wilson**  
LAND LAWYERS  
Loans, Abstracts, Real Estate and Insurance.  
Notary Public in Office  
Phone 81 Sherrill Bldg.  
Haskell, Texas.

**Clyde F. Elkins**  
Attorney at Law  
Rooms 5, 6, 7 and 8, Sherrill  
Haskell, Texas.

**A. J. Smith**  
Attorney at Law  
Office in Lee Pierson Building  
Haskell, Texas.

**J. G. FOSTER**  
Attorney-at-Law  
Land Law a Specialty  
RULE, TEXAS

**Jas. P. Kinnard**  
Attorney-at-Law  
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**Superior Drills.**  
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- Maize Forks.
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- Queensware.

**GIVE US A TRIAL**  
**SHERRILL BROS. & CO.**

**Attention**  
All residents who can entertain teachers during Institute will confer a favor upon all parties concerned by notifying the County Superintendent at once. 40-2p

**SAVE 25c**  
**On Every Dollar**

Until further notice we will make a reduction of 25 per cent on all suits and overcoats or an extra pair of trousers with every suit you buy.  
Place your order early and avoid the Christmas rush which usually begins a little later.

**H. B. Lancaster**

Trouble is one thing you can borrow without being dunned for a settlement.

**Start The New Year With An AMBEROLA**

**Thomas A. Edison Wants To Bring MUSIC Into YOUR Home!**

If you haven't music in your home—real music, such as only Edison's phonographs can give—you are missing one of the greatest enjoyments in life! Start the new year with a song in your heart and in your home—let Edison's Amberola phonograph sing to you at least 15 minutes every day—and 1921 will be the happiest year of your life!

**EDISON'S NEW DIAMOND AMBEROLA**

is within the reach of everyone—within the means of every family in the land. Edison has seen to that. The world's greatest inventor wants to bring music into your home and your daily life—so, as his authorized dealer we are able to give you an Amberola on practically your own terms! This isn't an empty statement—it's a fact, and if you will come to our store we'll quickly prove it to you.

Think of owning a phonograph which has time and again publicly demonstrated its superiority over "talking machines" and ordinary "machine" phonographs. This is the record of Edison's Amberola. Its marvelous tone, genuine Diamond Point Reproducer (no needles to change) and practically indestructible Amberol Records have never been equaled. Come in to see us today or tomorrow sure—and we predict you'll start the happiest New Year ever, with an Amberola in your home.

**McNeill & Smith Hdw. Co.**





Try these -

The music lover's favorite RE-CREATIONS

COME in and let us play these for you. They number some of the world's best-loved pieces of music. Take this opportunity to

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|       | A Dream (Bartlett) Cornet                                      | Coururier   |       | Hallelujah Chorus—Messiah (Handel)        |                                       |
| 50623 | Marche Lorraine  |             | 82536 | Ave Maria (Bach-Gounod) in Latin          |                                       |
|       | Imperial Marimba Band  |             |       | Marie Rappold and Albert Spalding         |                                       |
|       | Hawaiian Breezes Waikiki Hawaiian Orch. (With Louise & Ferera) |             | 82077 | Deplus le jour—Louise                     | Anna Case                             |
| 50670 | Waiana Waltz—Instl. Duet                                       |             | 82171 | Silent Night (Gruber)                     | Frieda Hempel                         |
|       | Trots Paka's Hawaiians   |             |       | O Holy Night (Adam)                       | Frieda Hempel                         |
|       | Hawaiian Smiles—Waikiki Hawaiian Orchestra                     |             | 82510 | O That We Two Were Maying                 | Elizabeth Spencer and Thomas Chalmers |
| 50844 | Semper Fidelis March N.Y. Military Band                        |             |       | In the Evening by the Moonlight,          | Dear Louise Hindermeyer and Chorus    |
|       | Trumpeter's Carnival-March Militaire N.Y. Military Band        |             | 82032 | Sweet Spirit, Hear My Prayer (Wallace)    | Venetian Inst. Quar.                  |
| 80128 | William Tell Overture (Pt. 1) Soder's Band                     |             |       | Kathleen Mavournen (Crouch)               | Venetian Inst. Quar.                  |
|       | William Tell Overture (Pt. 2) Soder's Band                     |             |       |   |                                       |
| 82063 | Ave Maria, Vienna  | Carl Fiesch |       |   |                                       |

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The NEW EDISON "The Phonograph with a Soul"

**The Old Age of Santa Claus.**  
In Anna Farquhar's "Convictions" in The National Magazine, she says: "Santa Claus totters under his pack, wearing a long, old face these days. Probably in his youth he had no idea of growing old or departing this life; therefore when his enthusiasm and joyousness began to wane unaccountably, he must have opined that the world was tottering—not his own generous throne of life. Nowadays he creeps down the chimney, stealthily as if somewhat ashamed of his mission, like a polar burglar, and his eight tiny reindeer make small clatter on the lawn, for many of their joy bells have been lost. When Santa lays a finger aside of his nose reflectively in our times, he exclaims, without a bit of jolly shake below the waist: 'Degenerates! Degenerates! Has my world come to such a pass that people wish to pay me for my presents? Can it be that little children are so surfeited with toys that they stop to ask how much they cost before accepting them. There was little Willie, last year, who said to his mamma, when he first saw a beautiful woolly dog, 'What's it got inside? Candy or money? Don't want a dog 'less it's got somethin' inside!'"

**The Christmas Season.**  
Though Christmas seems to gain rather than lose in popular favor as the years roll by, yet it is worthy of note that the Christmas season has been much curtailed from what it originally was. For several centuries it began with the eve of All Saints' day or "Hallow eve," October 31, and continued until Candlemas day, February 2. In England it is now computed only from Christmas eve to "Twelfth night," January 6, while in our own country it begins on Christmas eve and practically ends on Christmas night. Yet even now it rarely begins on December 16, marked in the church calendar, "O Sapientia," from the name of an anthem sung during Advent.

Feet Alexander returned from Oklahoma Sunday, where he spent several weeks receiving treatment for his eye.  
Mr. and Mrs. Jno. R. Mauldin entertained Sunday, their brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. David Mauldin of Monday.  
Roy Mauldin of Wichita Falls arrived Thursday to spend Christmas with his parents.  
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnson of Fort Worth arrived Thursday to be at the bedside of Capt. J. W. Johnson, who remains quite ill.  
Mrs. Courtney Hunt and children, Madalin and Des left Sunday to spend Christmas with Mrs. Hunt's parents in Merkle. Mr. Hunt will join them Friday.  
Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Conroy of Ardmore, Okla., visited the family of W. M. Free Friday and Saturday.  
Miss Flancy Ballard has arrived from Sherman to visit homefolks during the holidays.  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Piley of Sargent were shopping in the city last Saturday.

**Games of Heathen Origin**  
MANY of our most familiar Christmas games have a heathen origin and some of their requirements once played a most important part in the heathen rites and mysteries. Every one knows how, when playing the popular Christmas game of "snap dragon," all other lights in the room are extinguished while we try to snatch raisins from blazing brandy, but probably few are aware that the ancient British Druids were accustomed to worship, in a temple otherwise dark, a flame of burning spirits into which they cast and out of which they plucked certain sacred objects, and that they thus performed some of the most awful solemnities of their religion.

N. E. Martin and R. L. Kelley, two of Sargent's best farmers, were visitors to the capital city Saturday.  
Miss Fannie Post and brother, Gaines have arrived from State University, Austin, to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Post.  
Willis Posey of Austin arrived Wednesday to spend Christmas with his parents.  
Misses Ellen Clifton and Lucille Taylor of Simmons College, Abilene, are spending the holidays with home folks.  
Miss Thelma Flenniken arrived Thursday from Afton, Okla., to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Flenniken.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Draper are spending Christmas with relatives at Spur.  
Capitol Crime in China.  
The robbery of graves is the only crime for which under Chinese law the thief may be killed on the spot by anyone discovering him in the act.

**Black Silk Stove Polish**  
Liquid or Paste  
Does Not Rub Off, Lasts 4 Times as Long as Others, Saves Work.  
Get a Can Today

I. C. Cavitt, a prosperous farmer of Howard was in the city Saturday. I. C. was running in high. He is one who always keeps good cheer regardless of the price of cotton.

**GRANITE AND MARBLE MEMORIALS**  
Can be furnished in the following materials:  
GRANITE—Blue Granite, Berre Granite, Quincy Granite.  
MARBLE—Creole, White, Gray, Silver Gray, Pink, Brown.  
All work erected on a concrete foundation. Satisfaction guaranteed before paying one cent. See or write me before buying.  
C. JONES, Haskell, Texas.

**Lightning Struck Twice.**  
Lightning struck twice in the same place. In spite of the old saw, for a second time the death of Chertsey England, of man killed while sheltering under a tree in a hayfield during a thunderstorm. It was stated that the tree, one of a group of five of the same height, had been struck by lightning before. In a recent instance the lightning followed the course of the old stroke.

**Home Grounds Count.**  
A house is depressing or cheerful. Walls, woodwork, rugs, draperies, furniture, picture ornaments enter into the color scheme of the rooms and a discordant one among any of these will destroy the unity of the whole house or building. Colors must be balanced just as colors are.

**In Indian Workers.**  
In New Mexico there are four distinct types of spinning to be found in the Indian textile workers. They have most interesting colorings, warping, for shredding, for spinning, and, in addition, colored secrets for dyeing.

**Democratic National Convention Rule.**  
The two-thirds rule was established by the Democratic national convention in Baltimore in 1832 that nominated Andrew Jackson for a second term. His running mate was Martin Van Buren of New York. The rule has been famous and inflexible ever since, though efforts have been made to destroy it. Republicans operate under a majority rule. In the Baltimore convention Jackson was nominated on the ninth ballot. His running mate four years before had been John C. Calhoun of South Carolina.

**Facts are the First Requisite.**  
Facts are to the mind what food is to the body. On digestion of facts depends the strength of the one. Just as on assimilation of food depends the vigor of the other. That man is wisest in council who has digested the largest number of facts.

**We'll Say They Are.**  
"Mamma," said five-year-old Charles, looking up from his story books, "what does this story mean about a great-grandmother? Ain't all grandmothers great?"

**Wanted to Be "Parked."**  
Mother, aunty and little Etta were downtown shopping. Etta was quite tired, and they still had many places to go to before they had finished their purchasing. Presently they happened to pass through the restroom and the leather-covered chairs looked inviting to Etta. Turning to her mother, she remarked: "Couldn't you park me here while you and aunty do the rest of your shopping?"

**Not a Bad Description.**  
Natural history was the subject, and the teacher asked: "Who can tell me what an oyster is?" A shrill voice called out, "An oyster is a fish built like a nut."

**Improved Household Bell.**  
Three different signal tones from a electric bell of ordinary appearance calling the householder to the front, rear, or side door, are now made possible by the ingenious device of an Ohio manufacturer. The two sets of electromagnetic coils of the bell are separate armatures, one of which carries the bell chapper, while the other constitutes a buzzer.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

**Is Santa Claus Dead?**

A visit to our store will convince you that he is very much alive and intends to visit every home in and around Haskell.

The variety of toys and useful gifts that we carry makes your Xmas shopping easy.

We have other lines of merchandise that will interest you, and our prices are right.

To the teachers of Haskell County, during Institute Week we cordially invite you to visit our store, and feel the atmosphere of welcome that's yours.

**Outs & Mitchell North Side Sq. HASKELL**

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR EVERYONE**

Our large stock of Holiday Goods have been prepared for a genuine old-fashioned gift-giving Christmas and we believe it will take much of the work and worry out of your shopping.

Not only are we prepared to take care of the wants of the little ones, but the grown-ups also come in for their share of the good things at Christmas time. We cannot begin to tell you all the things that we have that are appropriate for Holiday presents. They are many and varied, combining the useful article for the adult with the toys for the kiddies. You can find enough joy right here in this store to fill your house on Christmas morn. It's worth a trip to our store just to see them.

When your choicest gift comes up for decision, be it for son, brother, husband or sweetheart, or friend, we offer you here a suitable gift by which you can permanently and delightfully remind him of your appreciation of what he really means to you.

Such gifts as will in after years, be the most cherished, the sweetest memory of the friendship and relationship established.

It will cost so little now. It will mean so much then. Call and see today what we can offer you in this line.

**Corner Drug Store**



# 'Tis The Merry Christmas Time

Following the time-honored custom indulged in the world over, of spreading glad tidings and joy, we take this opportunity of expressing our gratification and appreciation of the splendid business given us during the past year, and with all sincerity and earnestness we extend the people of Haskell County

## COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON

The least wish we entertain for you and yours is that each and every one may enjoy a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with all the richest and choicest of blessings.

# Grissom's

## A CHRISTMAS WEDDING

By Alvah Jordan Garth

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IT WAS days before Christmas and Netta Doane had been left alone in the house, except for the servants. Usually her favorite playmate, Cora Wallace, living near by, called for her, and they took a stroll, or visited a neighbor, or inspected the shops on the next street. Cora had not appeared, and taking her dolly Netta wandered about the upper portion of the house in a desultory way. It was in her sister Winifred's room that Netta received a suggestion that she proceeded to carry out. That young lady in her haste to join her mother in a shopping tour had left her jewel case open in full sight. "I'll fix you all up for a grand party, Dolly," prattled Netta; and then and there in turn a sunburst, a necklace and a diamond pin were attached to the clothing of the doll. Innocent, artless Netta never realizing that she was playing with a small fortune.



"Now, we'll ride to the party in the automobile," announced Netta further, and she put on Dolly's coat, covering up her opulent adornment. Just then there was a call outside and Netta hastened downstairs to join Cora, waiting for her at the door. Passing her mother's room Netta noticed an open box lying on the bed. It held a lovely new doll, and in an instant she knew that it was to be her Christmas present, for a new one had been promised. Impetuously she snatched it up. "Oh, Cora!" exclaimed Netta, appearing before her friend, "look! look! My new Christmas dolly. We'll go right over and show it to Alice Lela. The old one is no good now," and she recklessly flung it into the street, with no thought of the jewelry it wore. Five minutes later a ragged little urchin picked up the discarded doll.

"That'll be a fine present for sister Lou," he declared, and made for the tenement—six squares distant—carrying his find to a home possessing a marked contrast to the elegant mansion that had housed the discarded pet of capricious Netta Doane.

There was a vast commotion at the Doane home that evening. Willis Frere, who was the accepted lover of pretty Winifred Doane, made his usual call to be met with tears by his fiancée. Someone had entered the house and had rifled her jewel case! Father had reported it to the police, but the recovery of the gems seemed hopeless.

Willis consoled with Winifred but had a professional call to make and left early. He was a young, rising physician, and arrived at Grey's tenement to receive good news as to a patient of long standing, Mrs. Mary Steadley. He found her on the road to recovery,

and told her so, and her daughter and the other children and Paul Martin a regular visitor at the house, were made happy at the thought of the convenience of their loved one. "There is the balance of your bill, Dr. Frere," spoke Martin, taking him into the next room. "The doctors who operated I have paid, too, and the hos-



pital bill is all settled. It's the only Christmas present we shall see around here this year, but isn't it enough to make our hearts glad—mother well once more! You know, I had saved up enough to marry Martha this Christmas, but I have gladly stood the expense of her mother's sickness, so there will have to be a postponement." "We will call the bill square on your former last payment," insisted Dr. Frere, touched by the faithfulness of the young man. "What are these?" he added, as Martin lifted a box from a stand. "It is something I wanted to ask you about," replied Martin. "This morning little Ned found a doll in the street and brought it home for Lou, who noticed all that jewelry pinned to it. We are honest people and I want you to advise me how I shall go about finding the owner."

Dr. Frere could scarcely believe his eyesight. In an instant he recognized the jewels belonging to his fiancée. It was too intense a circumstance to analyze all at once; its strangeness, its importance. He hurried back to the Doane house and told the story of Paul Martin.

"A worthy, honest man," observed Winifred's father. "These poor people interest me. What do you say to this grand Martin man having his wedding just as he expected this Christmas?" Then back to Martin went the doctor. The poor fellow's appreciation of what the Doanes designed fairly overcame him. Next day Winifred and her mother spent decorating the humble tenement rooms and arranging for the wedding.

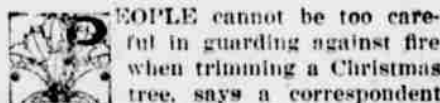
It was a royal gift to honest need, and the most contented hearts in all the great city that Christmas night were those that had bestowed such signal happiness upon a worthy, grateful family.

**Stockholders Meeting**  
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the Haskell National Bank, of Haskell, Texas, will be held in the offices of said bank in the city of Haskell, State of Texas, at 2:00 o'clock p. m. the second Tuesday in January, A. D. 1921. The same being the 11th day of said month, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for said bank and transaction of such other business that properly may come before said meeting.  
O. B. Norman, Cashier.

**Use Both Hands.**  
A French surgeon has recommended the French Academy of Medicine to advocate teaching school children to make equal use of both hands.

## AVOID CHRISTMAS TREE FIRE

Utmost Care Should Be Used in Trimming, Thus Preventing Fatalities in the Homes.



PEOPLE cannot be too careful in guarding against fire when trimming a Christmas tree, says a correspondent in Good Housekeeping. There have been scores of Christmas tree fatalities in homes and in Sunday schools which a little care might have prevented. The writer once set a tree in a blaze, consuming nearly half of it, tinsel ornaments going with the green branches. A tiny candle had been wired too high, and it took only a few minutes of its brisk heat to char a branch above it and start a flame. A thick portiere was torn from its pole and thrown over the blaze. If it had not been at hand the light window curtains would have caught fire in another minute. Since that Christmas our tree has always been placed in the center of the room, and we have eschewed cotton wool, tissue-paper angels, and celluloid ornaments. First of all, we wire each candle securely in place at the furthest end of a branch which has nothing above it, either fir tree or trimming. Then as the tree is decorated we watch carefully the fast-disappearing candles. Sometimes one of them, nearly burned down, will topple over or be merely a spark of flame; but near to something inflammable and be a nuisance.

## GOOD TURNS ON CHRISTMAS

Chance for All to Aid the Friendless in Having Happy Yuletide Season.

REAL purveyors of Christmas cheer may often find a market for their precious wares outside the pale of charity, for all homeless people are not necessarily poor, and neither are all childless homes necessarily unhappy. Housekeepers who are short on homes may combine these two lackings and make Christmas day a merry delight for the grown-ups in spite of these unfortunate conditions.

There is always something peculiarly pitiable in the idea of any one "flocking alone" which should appeal to the home-maker without a family, so that this should be the occasion for her to gather in all the bachelor maids and homeless men of her acquaintance and give them a joyful opportunity to "flock together." Even the Scrooges, if she knows any, should be rescued from their lonely bowls of gruel and persuaded to open their shut-up hearts and wear them outside for general inspection, as Dickens says, "For Christmas daws to peck at." Therefore, collect six or eight of these birds of a feather who are destitute of near-by kith and kin and make your Christmas feast a center of good cheer for all the charming solitaires you are able to draw within its radius.—Woman's Home Companion.

The "blind tiger" seems to have become thoroughly domesticated.

## HEARTS OF GOLD

By Ocellia Frances Pfeiffer



HERE had come a great change over Judson Marsh during the brief space of a year and Cedar Grove marvelled. Marsh had usually made the holidays a wild, riotous occasion of revelry, such as "shooting up the town," distributing time and money squanderingly in games of chance, indulging in a fist fight daily, generally maintaining a terrorizing influence. Always had he disdained the gentle cheer of Christmas and the good pledges of New Year's, but this special Yuletide period he had remained quietly on his ranch, had donated freely to charity and only his eagle eye had flashed and his lips become stern and firm as some derisive pal of the past sneeringly intimated that he had reformed and had taken "the goody, goody pledge!"

No one could trace the cause of the remarkable alteration in manner and deed except Marsh himself and he was a close mouthed man. Perhaps Gladys Revere suspected, but if so she said nothing. She had come to the crude, wild settlement to teach school.

The Marsh ranch was ten miles from the settlement and there was no school in its immediate vicinity. Its owner was a young man not over twenty-five years of age, but he maintained quite an establishment. His widowed sister had lived with him until she died, leaving a shy, puny little girl, Madeline, who was idolized by Marsh.

"I have come to see you about my little niece, Miss Revere," spoke Marsh, and his face and manner did not belie what she had heard of his being a well educated member of a prominent Eastern family. "She is lonesome where we live; never has any young companions. I have heard of your kindly care for these little ones. Won't you find her a good boarding place in the town and sort of look after her?"

"She shall be as an own sister," replied Miss Revere spontaneously, taking the shy, reticent child in a tender embrace, and the result was that little Madeline became an occupant of the home where Miss Revere boarded.

Once a week Judson Marsh called to pass half an hour with Madeline. Un-



on each succeeding visit it pleased him to note the change for the better in the child. Her devotion to her teacher was something pathetic. This was the period when Judson Marsh changed his course of life. A time too when the merest passing word with Miss Revere seemed to cause him to lift his head higher, and the influence of a worthy resolve was noticeable in his bronzed, impressive face.

It was about a month before Christmas when the settlement was visited by Marsh on horseback. There was something about him that reminded of his old time briskness and forcible, imperative ways. In turn he visited twenty of the leading men and presented to each his proposition. Time was when anything Marsh suggested was carried out from motives of policy. In the present instance he found willing auditors, interested and sympathetic.

"It's about a Christmas present for Miss Revere," said Marsh. "I understand she is a proficient musician, and there isn't a piano in the place. She has been royally good to all of our children, little Madeline among them. I'll head the subscription list."

"And who'll pick out the instrument?" one of the town committeemen asked.

"Oh, I'll go to the city and attend to that. You can trust me, boys," answered Marsh readily. "I was something of a player myself years ago. Now then, this is to be a secret until Christmas."

That was agreed upon. Also it was arranged so that on Christmas Eve the scholars gave a concert in honor of their devoted teacher. The piano had been smuggled into the house at dusk while she was at the schoolhouse.

She came home alone, as it was planned that she should. She noticed



a light in the house as she neared it. As she fitted the key to the door a stream of pretty music met her ear. The next moment she stood at the parlor threshold.

There at the piano sat Judson Marsh. He was softly playing "Love's Old Sweet Song." Gladys noted a wreath on the piano holding a cardboard disc reading:

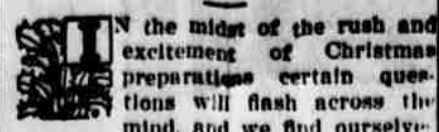
"Merry Christmas—A token of love from the people of Cedar Grove."

"Oh! it is impossible!" began Gladys, and broke down from emotion. And then as the hand of Judson Marsh gently clasped her own, with downcast eyes and happy, happy heart she listened to his fervent avowal of the love that had made him a better man.

The man who is tired of his wife might try having her repainted.

## WHEN CHRISTMAS WAS YOUNG

To Understand Mysteries of the Yuletide, It is Necessary to Search Ancient History.



IN the midst of the rush and excitement of Christmas preparations certain questions will flash across the mind, and we find ourselves wondering why it is that we do things very same things Christmas after Christmas. Why do we hang stockings, light Christmas trees, trim our homes and have plum pudding?

To understand the origin of these customs we must wander far back into the forgotten past—ages before Julius Caesar set foot on British soil, or St. Augustine told the story of the Cross to the men of Kent. Hundreds of years ago—long before the year 1—the ancients, as we call the people of these times, all worshiped the sun, the great giver of light and life. In the month of March they built big fires to it, asking it to shine upon the seeds they had planted and warm them into life. In the autumn they held another festival, thanking the sun for the harvest, and again, in the winter time, they held the greatest festival of all to celebrate the coming of the springtime.

In ancient Egypt, in Assyria, in Greece, on Roman soil and in the northlands these festivals were celebrated year after year and always about the same time the winter one being held about New Year's time.

Wherever the Roman eagle was found, this feast was called the Saturnalia and it was marked by universal license and good feeling.

All at once Christianity appeared upon the scene. As the policy of the early church was to reconcile heathen converts to the new faith by adopting some of the heathen customs and festivals, the new religion accepted and retained many, and the result, as is easily seen, has been the strange medley of pagan and Christian rites which we use at Christmas time today.

After Britain was Christianized by the Romans, the Saxons and northern tribes came, bringing their old northern rites, and as Christianity at last replaced paganism the Christians kept the old pagan rites, merely changing their meaning.

For many years no two lands celebrated the same day as the birthday of Christ. They did not know the exact day, and we do not know it; but this date has now become the most important one in the world's history.

Haskell Lodge No. 523  
L. O. O. F.  
Meets every Thursday night.  
H. R. Jones, N. G. R. D. C. Stephens, Secretary.

# Greetings

Merry Christmas  
AND A  
Happy New Year

May the sun shine over your pathway,  
May your joy be such as endures;  
And may the New Year pour its blessing  
Abundantly on you and yours.

1920-1921

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## Helpful Hints

**French Cake**—1 1/2 cups butter, 2 cups sugar, 12 eggs, 1 quart flour, 1-2 teaspoon baking powder, 1 gill each of cream, wine, and brandy, 20 drops each extract bitter almonds and nutmeg, 1 1/2 cups raisins, stoned, 1-2 cup almonds, blanched, 1 cup chopped citron. Rub butter and sugar to a white, light cream; add the eggs, 2 at a time, beating 10 minutes between the first 3 additions and 5 minutes between the rest; add the flour, sifted with the powder, raisins, almonds, citron, extracts, cream, wine, and brandy. Mix into a smooth consistent batter; bake in a thickly paper-lined cake-pan in a steady oven, 2 hours.

**Fried Oysters**—Select largest and finest oysters. Drain and wipe them by spreading upon cloth, laying another over them, pressing lightly. Roll each in beaten egg, then in cracker crumbs with which has been mixed a very little pepper. Fry in mixture of equal parts of lard and butter.

**Oysters Roasted in the Shell**—Wash and scrub the shells. Cook in hot oven, on top of stove, over red-hot coals, or in steamer until shells open. Always place them round shell down to retain juice. Serve melted butter and vinegar or lemons with them.

**Panned Oysters**—Pick over the opened oysters to remove bits of shell. Wash quickly in cold water and drain on sieve. Put into saucepan with 1 tablespoon butter for 25 oysters and a dash of salt and pepper. Cover and shake over a hot fire until edges ruffle and oysters are plump. May be served on toast.

**Light Fruit Cake**—1-2 cup of butter, 1 cup sugar, 1-2 cup milk, 2 cups flour, 1-2 teaspoons baking powder, whites of 4 eggs, 1-2 cup seeded raisins, 1-2 cup sliced citron, 1-3 cup chopped almonds, blanched, 1-4 teaspoon salt. Mix flour, baking powder, and salt. Dredge fruit with flour. Cream butter and sugar, add beaten whites, and beat hard; add flour and milk and beat again; stir in the prepared fruit. Line a loaf-pan with 3 thicknesses of paper, and bake cake 1 1/2 hours in moderate oven.

Open Jam Tart—Time to bake, until paste loosens from the dish. Line shallow tin dish with puff paste, put in the jam, roll out some of paste, wet it lightly with yolk of an egg, beaten with a little milk and a tablespoon of powdered sugar; cut it in very narrow strips, then lay them across the tart; lay another strip round the edge, trim off outside, and bake in quick oven.

**Nut Biscuit**—Sift together 2 cups flour, 1-2 teaspoon salt, 1 heaping teaspoon baking powder. Rub in 1 heaping tablespoon butter, add 1 cup ground or very finely chopped nuts—English walnuts, hickory nuts or almonds—and 2 tablespoons sugar; mix to a soft dough with milk. Mold with the hands into small balls, place well apart on greased pans, brush each with milk, put a pinch of chopped nuts on top, and bake in hot oven.

**Fancy Omelets**—Finely chopped cooked meats, vegetables cut fine, chopped parsley, etc., may be added to plain omelet and dish named according to what is added, as ham omelet, omelet with peas, etc.

**Baked Liver**—1 1/2 pounds liver cut in one piece; wipe and trim. Sift on top and put in strips of salt pork with larding needle. Bake in hot oven for 1-2 hour, basting frequently; make brown gravy and pour over before serving.

**Fruit Fritter**—Any kind of fruit may be made into fritters, as directed for apple fritters. Whole canned fruits, drained from syrup, may also be used. Apples and other fruits may also be prepared, coarsely chopped, stirred into a plain fritter batter, and dropped by small spoonfuls into smoking hot fat, finishing as already directed.

### Daily Thought

But no pleasure is comparable to that standing upon the vantage ground of truth.—Bacon.

### Look Into This

If things don't come your way, perhaps it's because you are not in the right place.—Boston Transcript.

## Will there be a VICTROLA in your home this Christmas?

The greatest service we can offer you is to make sure that you get a

## VICTROLA

Look under the lid and you will find "His Master's Voice" and the word "Victrola" These trade marks will be your assurance that the instrument will play the music you want to hear—as only the VICTROLA can play it.

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### Origin of Dollar Mark.

Some claim that it is a modification of the English symbol (£) for the pound. Another explanation is that it came from the letters U. S. written one over the other. Yet another theory is that the two upright marks represent two pillars of brass before the temple of Solomon, which early appeared on our coins and became later a scroll.

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Wishing you  
One and  
All a  
Merry  
Christmas

## 1920-1921

A Prosperous  
And  
Happy  
New  
Year

We Wish You Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. When we stop to think of the large number of new patrons we have served since last Christmas, and the large majority of old ones that have continued with us, we feel greatly encouraged and indebted to this community. It is and shall continue to be our earnest endeavor to repay the confidence thus bestowed upon us by furnishing the very best banking service possible. And this service we hope will be freely and liberally used. If we could persuade all those who might make use of our bank to do so, the prosperity of our people would be wonderfully increased. However, we shall continue to work toward the end. We are always glad to talk over business as well as financial problems with our depositors, and we hope that they will feel free to consult us in confidence and without restraint.

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## A Merry Christmas

and

## A Happy New Year

May we be bound closer by the ties of friendship and service during the coming year.

## Garage

Miss Lee Langford of Dallas and Miss of Stamford are spending the holidays with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Allison of Rule were shopping in the city Friday.

### PLENTY OF MONEY TO LOAN

On good farms at 8 per cent interest. If you want a loan come and see us we will protect your interest. Sanders & Wilson, Haskell, Texas.

Misses of Wichita Falls visit Mrs. G. F. Burleson of Haskell home by the way today.



# Our Appreciation

We desire to express our hearty appreciation for your patronage during the past year and trust that our service to you has been such as will merit its continuance.

May your Christmas be a merry one and may the bright light of prosperity attend you unflinchingly throughout the New Year.

## Industrial Transportation Company

### ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE O'BLEN SECTION

The weather is cloudy and cool at this writing.  
Frank Draper and family of Haskell spent Sunday with his brother here, A. M. Draper and wife.  
Wayne Barnett and R. F. Austin made a business trip to Haskell Friday.  
Quite a number of people enjoyed a musicale at the home of Frank Barnard Saturday night.  
Mr. and Mrs. Owen Crutchen and Mr. and Mrs. Grover Kelly of near Knox City spent Sunday with their parents here, Mr. and Mrs. Will West.  
Quite a number of young people went to Knox City Sunday afternoon.  
We are glad to report that Mrs. Edlin Elliott is doing nicely after having undergone an operation Friday.  
Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Munsell visited relatives and friends in Rochester Sunday.  
Mrs. Barnard spent Sunday with Mrs. D. W. Johnson.

Reporter.

### ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE PLAINVIEW SECTION

R. W. Rodgers and family spent the week end with his brother and family near Haskell.  
Mrs. M. S. Dotson spent Thursday with Mrs. M. V. Bland.  
Mrs. A. W. Hanson is able to be up again after an illness of several weeks.  
M. V. Bland was taken dangerously ill for a few hours in Stamford Friday night but is better at this writing.  
Jim Clark and family spent Sunday in Stamford with relatives.  
Valentine Bland spent the week end with her sister, Miss Orle Lee Bland of Stamford.  
Miss Annie Nell is back home teaching the primary pupils of the Plainview school. We wish her success.  
J. H. Chapman, Oscar, and Miss Golda Mae Chapman and the Misses Norman's called at the home of M. V. Bland Saturday night.  
Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hurst are the proud parents of a baby boy.  
Mrs. Chapman is reported on the sick list this week.  
Miss Jessie Ree Bland spent Saturday, Saturday night and Sunday with home folks.  
H. E. Bland and J. H. Bland of the Sayles community spent Sunday afternoon with M. V. Bland and family.  
Miss Ora Lee Bland spent Sunday night and Monday with home folks.  
J. W. Mercer and family of Stamford spent Sunday afternoon with M. V. Bland and family.

Reporter.

Mrs. G. W. Andrus of Seymour is at the bedside of her father, Capt. J. W. Johnson.

Mrs. J. A. Yates of Cottonwood was shopping in Haskell Friday.

## Christmas Greetings

May we express the very best hope that the present year has been happy and profitable one for you; that you may have a Merry Christmas, and that the New Year may see the fulfillment of your fondest dreams. May success be your goal, and may the year Nineteen Hundred Twenty One see the attainment of the same.



### Lynn W. Pae

Authorized Dealer

#### Enjoyable Sensation.

Emily was tired one night and quite ready to go to bed. As she lay in her little pillow she said, with a big sigh: "Oh, how I love to relax!"

#### Brazil Wants Immigrants.

It is encouraging transportation in hope of opening up a market for the sale and of supplying more labor having industries.

to C. Vaughn... was in the city Friday... Mr. Vaughn is one of the county's best farmers and a... of the Free Press.

And still... A... in... shoring... Nothing... to the... to sleep... 17 1920.

### A CHRISTMAS HAVEN

By T. B. Alderson

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AN OLD man sat dreamily gazing into the fireplace of a richly furnished room. It was Christmas eve and Marvin Hughes was looking back over the years of his life and was grave and saddened as he realized that he had neither chick nor child of his own, as the echo of music and the voices of rollicking children in the apartment overhead were borne to his ears.

The recognition of the fact that he was getting old that he was missing something in life that might make him better and happier, appealed to him powerfully this Christmas eve. He had mechanically distributed the usual Christmas largesse at the office. Homeward bound he had neglected no appeal from the street mendicant. This was not soul-satisfying, however. It had dawned upon him that he had brought his isolation upon himself; that there were at least two persons in the great city who were of kith and kin and he set to summing up the duty he owed them.

"I have been no closer to them than if I were an utter stranger," he soliloquized. "It is my fault, I suppose, for I have encouraged neither; for years I have simply sent them the usual holiday check. When I am through with what I have it must go to others. Which of the two deserves recognition—Etta Harnes or Alberta Norris?"

The first named was a widow and second cousin. Hughes had supplied the capital to start her in a boarding house at her urgent request and she had managed to make a living out of it. For a time he called and she had put herself out to make upon him an impression of admiration of his successful business record, of gratitude for his financial co-operation, of her love and devotion for him, the last near relative she had in the world.

Then, too, she had appealed to him in a strong way. Once she had taken him to a draperied niche off the sitting room, and had showed him a life-sized oil painting of his dead mother.

"She was like a sister to me," said Mrs. Harnes pathetically, "and you know brother Willis was quite a por-



trait artist. I have always treasured it as the one precious memento of my life."

Hughes was duly touched, but the impression was not lasting. There was something artificial and insincere about Etta Harnes. Under the influence of his present emotions, however, his softened spirit, longed for loyal companionship.

"I'll do it!" spoke Hughes. "I shall call upon Mrs. Harnes and Alberta. One or the other I will endow with fortune and I hope to trace out some real affection for me; a genuine gladness to welcome me as a member of their household during my remaining few years."

An hour later he entered the home of Mrs. Harnes. He was told that she was out on an errand and was shown into a sitting room. Involuntarily memory directed him to the niche where he had viewed his mother's portrait. It was not in place. Then as he glanced into the room beyond Harnes saw it lying across two chairs, used as an ironing board. The shock drove him to his feet. He had fathomed the insincerity of this unworthy relative. He was half-minded to return home. A memory of the last time he had seen Alberta, her husband and children, however, influenced him to follow out his prescribed plan.

They had always lived humbly, but respectfully. From the day that Alden Norris had married Alberta he had but one thought in his mind—her comfort and contentment and that of the little ones who came to them as the years passed on.

Well Hughes knew the house, the room brilliantly lighted, whence echoed sounds of jollity and excitement. Its window was open for ventilation, and his eyes dimmed as he viewed the happy-faced Alberta and her husband.



the two little girls, and a baby crawling about, cooing with animation.

"Keep Marvin away from the candles, Alden," he heard Alberta speak, and his heart thrilled. This last child then was his namesake!

He came into the house to receive the usual earnest welcome always bestowed upon him. "Alberta," he said, "I am lonely and unhappy. I have resolved to seek some congenial haven where love and sympathy will bring me peace and contentment. Is it here?"

With open arms she greeted him, and amid Christmas cheer and the loving tenderness of true, honest souls, that Christmas eve Marvin Hughes was awarded the longing desire of his heart.

#### Moving Done by Porters.

In Tunis there are no moving vans nor carts, many of the narrow streets being impassable. Household belongings are changed from place to place by porters, who most any day may be seen staggering under chests of drawers and other heavy pieces of furniture. On occasion the porters will even transport, in huge baskets, persons who may be sick, or otherwise incapacitated.

#### Strange Beings.

Every now and then one runs across some one who believes everybody has a right to his own opinions.—Toledo Blade.

A woman sometimes shows better judgement in everything but choosing a husband.

## THE Haskell Produce Co.



AND

### LEN B. HAMMER



Take this opportunity of extending to you their appreciation for the business and co-operation extended them in 1920, and wish you

## A Merry Christmas and A Prosperous New Year

May 1921 Bring Health and Success to You All.



## The Haskell Produce Co.

Len B. Hammer, Mgr.



**Christmas Custom.**  
 Christmas customs are observed in various English lands. In that of Cumnor, of which the living is a the church a beautiful ho pay tithes repair, af- service on Christmas day, cage where the vicar is bound, by a usage cen- to regale them with four brewed into ale or of wheat baked into a hundred weight of remnants of this feast are distributed among the poor of the parish on morning prayer the next

**Christmas Trees by Million**

**N**URSERYMEN grow large quantities of Norway spruce for Christmas uses—rather more in the middle West, where conifers are not common in the woods, than on the eastern and western coasts, where they fringe every hillside. But the tree most commonly used is a short-needle pine found in the woods of Northern Michigan and Wisconsin. Early in September the Indians about the lumber camps of this region are set to work cutting these trees for the market, and by early November a little fleet of vessels makes its way down Lake Michigan, a Christmas tree hauled to the foremast of each one, that by this sign all may know that in their holds is a cargo which might tempt a Captain Kidd, but is far more precious than many a one for which good ships have been scuttled.

**Traditions of Christmas Festival.**  
 In the records of every nation and traditions of the Christmas festival, traditions which have been handed down from generation to generation in oft-told tales which thrilled the hearts of the listeners with alternate fear and delight. Sir Walter Scott tells us that they who are born upon Christmas or Good Friday will see spirits, and will have the power of commanding them. He also adds that the Spaniards imputed the down-cast looks of their monarch, Philip II, to the disagreeable visions to which this privilege subjected him.

**Bring Smiles of Gladness.**

It is not so much the thought of receiving the customary holiday gift which most pleases the fancy, but rather that pleasure the heart derives from dwelling upon joyful surprises it may bestow upon others. To bring a smile of gladness upon another's face is, indeed, a boon more precious than a Christmas gift, and the joy of bestowing can never be equaled by the receiving.

No, Horace the tough birds do not come from bad eggs.



**Merry  
 Xmas!  
 A Happy Year!**

With the advent of the Holiday Season and the coming of the New Year it is our great pleasure to express to all our friends and customers the real appreciation we feel for your friendliness and and helpful patronage which has had a share in our success.

Here's Wishing You and Yours a Real Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year

**J. W. GHOLSON**

**To  
 Our Friends and Customers**

We wish to thank our many friends for their liberal patronage for the year 1920 which has been the most successful in our business career. We hope to merit your esteem and confidence in the future as in the past, for without confidence of our friends and customers we could not have built the splendid business which we now enjoy. Our employees join with us in extending to each and all a very happy Christmas.

**CORNER DRUG STORE**

**Stockholders Meeting**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the Weinert State Bank of Weinert, Texas, will be held in the offices of the said bank in the city of Weinert, Texas, at 2 o'clock p. m., the second Wednesday in January the same being the 12th day of said month, for the purpose of electing a board of directors, for said bank, and the transaction of other business that may properly come before said meeting.  
 Alvy R. Couch, Cashier.

**TOY TREE TABLE DECORATION**

Miniature Christmas Emblem May Be Surrounded With Presents Tied With Red Ribbon.

**D**ECORATE the table with a Christmas tree, one of the toy ones, and pile around its foot a quantity of presents tied with red ribbons.

These should be only what a college man would call "grinds"—perhaps a tiny tin piano for a would-be performer, a lantern for the one the points of whose jokes are difficult to see, a placid paper golf bag for the enthusiastic player, and so on, each with a rhyme or quotation, says Harper's Bazar. If one considers a goose a somewhat undignified bird, ducks may be exchanged for it, either the domestic fowl or the more expensive canvas-back or redhead. Fried celery is very good with duck, the crispest pieces dropped in batter and then cooked in deep fat. But the apple sauce croquettes should not be omitted even with this. For this informal dinner there is a very good and innocuous drink to serve with the heavy course—sweet elder, spiced and sugared to taste, cooked ten minutes and served hot.

**YULETIDE THORN TREE SAVED**

Blooming Glastonbury, Subject of Beautiful Legends of Christmas, Was Doomed to Destruction.

**O**NE of the most beautiful legends of Christmas is that of the Glastonbury thorn. The thorn tree grew at Glastonbury Abbey, in Somersetshire, and was supposed to have developed from the staff of Joseph of Arimathea. According to the legend, Joseph came to Glastonbury and while he was resting on a hill, afterward known as Weary All hill, he stuck his staff in the earth. The staff immediately grew green and budded, and at Christmas time it blossomed into beautiful flowers.

One chronicler states that during Queen Elizabeth's reign the thorn had a double trunk, but that a somewhat bigoted Puritan, who disliked the tree because to his mind it smacked of popery, started to cut it down, and succeeded in demolishing one of the trunks. A miracle rescued the remaining trunk of the tree by causing a chip of wood to fly up and hit the Puritan in the eye, while at the same time he slipped and cut his leg. Later the tree was grubbed up, but a number of smaller trees raised from slips of the original are said to be owned by persons in the neighborhood.

**No. 465 51-2c  
 Citation on Application for Letters of Guardianship**

THE STATE OF TEXAS To the Sheriff or any Constable of Haskell County, Greeting:

You are Hereby Commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of ten days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Haskell County, a copy of the following notice:

THE STATE OF TEXAS. To All Persons Interested in the Welfare of Ruth Link, Mary Link, John R. Link, Opal Link, Merle Link and Lay Link, Minors.

J. W. Link has filed in the County Court of Haskell County, an application for Letters of Guardianship upon the Estate of said Minors, which said application will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the First Monday in January A. D. 1921, the same being the 3rd day of January A. D. 1921 at the Court House thereof, in Haskell, Texas, at which time all persons interested in the welfare of said Minors, may appear and contest said application, if they see proper to do so.

Herein Fail Not, but have you before said Court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this Writing, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Haskell, Texas, this 11th day of December, A. D. 1920.

(Seal) Emory Menefee, Clerk, County Court, Haskell County, Texas.

**Just Drowned on Her.**

Hazel had suffered several mishaps during the day without making a fuss, but finally she fell down the front steps and bumped her head. She sat up and rubbed the injured spot, evidently reviewing in her mind the day's misfortunes, for she burst out: "Well, I seem to be out of bad luck today!"

**The Species.**

Irritated Official—I must try not to let these bug visitors annoy me. What kind of human insect was it this time?

Office Boy (timidly)—It was a lady bug, sir.

**Feminine Inconstancy.**

Why is it that the girl who won't even let a man sit on the maize sofa with her will let him get a strangle hold on her on a dance floor and squeeze her until you can't tell the corn ribs from the other kind?—Florida Times-Union.

**Well, It's a Fine Phrase.**

If he were aware of the phrase the pursuing motorcycle cop might inform you some time, as he drew alongside, that the race is not always to the swift.—Mohawk Messenger.

**GREETINGS!**

We feel that at this time of holly and mistletoe, it will not be out of place to extend the compliments of the season and at the same time to express to you our sincere appreciation of the splendid business we have enjoyed during the year just closing, and wish all—

**A Merry Christmas  
 and a  
 Happy New Year**

A cordial invitation is extended to you to make our place headquarters during 1921.



**HANCOCK & CO.**



Marriage of William Warren of Sagerton, Texas, and Miss Lois Bell of Sagerton, Texas, was solemnized by Justice R. P. Simmons at the county court house December 18.  
 The contracting parties are very estimable young people and have the best wishes of a host of friends.

**Moore-Toller**  
 Leonard Moore and Miss Euna Toller both of Jones county were united in marriage at the county court house, December 20th, by Justice R. P. Simmons. They are very popular young people and have many friends who wish for them a long and happy life.

Rev. J. P. Patterson, Jno. W. Pace, R. C. Couch, O. E. Patterson and F. L. Daugherty attended the Royal Arch Chapter at Monday Friday evening.

Mrs. J. M. Blakeamore and son Frank, of Dexter Cooke, Texas daughter and grandson of Mrs. G. J. Miller, were here this week attending the funeral of the latter.

Fred E. Wankan from Gainesville, Texas, was here this week attending the funeral services of his father.

**NEW FORDS.**—We are in a position to make some terms on a few new cars, Lyon Pace, Ford Garage. 32-tr.

**Dick's Theatre**  
 Monday Dec. 27th.



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**"OVERLAND RED"**  
 Harry Carey says:  
 "You can fool some of the people all the time and all of the people some of the time. But it ain't worth while to fool your wife none of the time."

# When Christmas Comes

by Abigail William's Burton  
 in St Nicholas



WHEN Christmas comes I never mind the cold,  
 I like to get up prompt an' go to school,  
 An' do my sums,  
 An' clean the walls 'thout waitin' to be told—  
 Though I like sleddin' better as a rule,  
 Or buildin' forts—but nothin' ain't so bad,  
 When Christmas comes.

When Christmas comes I'd just as lief give half  
 My' cooky to the baby, an' take care  
 About the crumbs,  
 It's fun to make the little fellow laugh,  
 An' I don't mind his taggin' every-where,  
 He can't help bein' little! I'm not mad  
 When Christmas comes.

When Christmas comes I don't forget to give  
 My shoes a wipe, an' scrub my ears  
 a lot  
 Till my head hums.  
 An' mother says, "That boy's too good to live!"  
 But I'm not 'fraid of dyin', cause I'm not  
 No different from always—only glad,  
 When Christmas comes!

A woman never weeps scolding tears. This is the season when we all de-  
 when she is boiling with rage. cide we like summer best of all.

# Suggestions for Christmas Shoppers

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| <b>FOR MEN:</b>   | <b>FOR WOMEN:</b>   |
| Hats, Caps, Shoes,<br>Ties, Half Hose, Gloves,<br>Handkerchiefs, Silk Shirts,<br>Fur Caps, Overcoats,<br>Hand Bags and<br>Suit Cases. | Coat Suits, Dresses, Coats,<br>Silk Petticoats, Kimonas,<br>Negligee, Combing Jack<br>Silk Underwear, Silk<br>Hose, Camisoles,<br>Sweaters. |

## Specials for the Week

### Men's Clothing

If you have not purchased your Christmas Suit—  
 to see our famous line of CURLEE CLOTHING Our stock  
 with a wide range of sizes, in the latest patters and  
 are making the following special prices:

\$67.50 Suit, less 25 per cent.....	\$50.65
\$65.00 Suit, less 25 per cent.....	\$48.75
\$55.00 Suit, less 25 per cent.....	\$41.25
\$50.00 Suit, less 25 per cent.....	\$37.50
\$40.00 Suit, less 25 per cent.....	\$30.00

#### All Men's Overcoats 25 Per Cent Off

\$50.00 Overcoats for.....	\$37.50
\$40.00 Overcoats for.....	\$30.00
\$35.00 Overcoats for.....	\$28.15
\$25.00 Overcoat for.....	\$18.75

#### ALL LADIES, READY-TO-WEAR AT ONE-HALF PRICE

\$75.00 Coat or Coat Suit for.....	\$37.50
\$50.00 Coat or Coat Suit for.....	\$25.00
\$35.00 Coat or Coat Suit for.....	\$17.50
\$25.00 Coat or Coat Suit for.....	\$12.50

#### Millinery

- One Table Ladies Hats ranging in price from \$3.50 to \$5.00. We are closing out at..... \$1.50
- One Lot of Ladies Hats ranging in price from \$10.00 to \$16.50, closing out at..... **\$3.95**
- All other Ladies Hats will be closed out at One-Half Price

Hearts that have never been shown  
 The wonderland of dreaming,  
 Go trudging in dusty roads,  
 Where no stars are gleaming.

1920 | 1921

## A MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR

Is our most sincere wish to you one and all.  
 May your lives be a continual round of pleasure and good deeds, and that the New Year will bring to you the blessings you deserve..

Accept our grateful thanks for your patronage and good will in the past, and we will endeavor by all honorable means to continue in your good graces and confidence.

**Haskell Electric Gin**

**Your Last Chance**  
 December is the last opportunity to get Uncle Sam's Government Savings Securities of the 1930 issue.  
**DO YOUR CHRISTMAS W.A.S. SHOPPING EARLY**  
 Commencing January 1, 1921, Uncle Sam's new 1921 Government Savings Securities may be obtained through your Bank or the Postoffice. The 1921 securities are 25c Thrift Stamps, \$1 Treasury Savings Stamps, \$5 Savings Stamps and \$25 and \$100 and \$1,000 Registered Treasury Savings Certificates. Thrift Stamps bought in 1920 are good in 1921. Save first! Safely first!  
 "We Co-operate With Uncle Sam"

Attention is called to our window Display—it will help in making gift selections  
 To those who can possibly do so, suggest that you do your shopping in the afternoon—as we can give you better selections

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 DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, SHOES