MEETING FRIDA

The patrons of Route A. met in the county Judges office last Friday morn ing for the purpose of discussing plans ing the road that the mail ervice might be soon re-instated.

The first move adapted and approvto secure a fifty or sixty foot way over the entire route that room might be gotten to build up a grade that would be beyond high water. The commissioners assured the patrons that as soon as the road was secured that the grading would begin. The patrons are now busy in this work and are being assured of success.

That the improvement is needed is generally agreed, and the further sug gestion is made that when the road is built up if some plans will be made to keep it drug a good road will be maintained. If it is not drug and cared for s few rains will make a bad road again continue their work until the fences vere placed on the new lines.

T A. Pinkerton and J. H. Goodwin committee on Middle Rule Road to

Robert Herrin, Alf Laird and Will Whitman committee on lane from Sego's Corner to Clarence Norton's S.

Tarence Norton, S. W. Green, S. B. leter committee on road from Clarence Norton's corner back to Haskell.

IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS? A MESSAGE TO CHILDREN

A little girl once wrote Charles Dana great editor, inquiring if there is a garding her health. Santa Claus. She said her little friends denied his existence. Dana's reply BOX SUPPER AT ROSE was as follows:

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible to their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or childrens are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as comhim, as measured by the intelligence he did not arrive. After a short but capable of grasping the whole truth splendid, program the boxes were auc

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus He exists as certainly as love and gen- came the contest for the prettiest girl. erosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to Research the prettiest girl.

The girls selected for the contest know that they abound and give to Research the prettiest girl. your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there was no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virgin-ias. There would be no child like there then, no poetry, no romance, to base tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the wind would be ex-

"Not believe in Santa Claus? You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire ment to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eye to catch Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can no proof that they are not there.

"Nobody can conceive or imagine all seeable in the world. You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what united strength of all the 'strongest spring. men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love roman-ce, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty

"Is he real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding. No Santa Claus? Thank God! he lives and he lives forever. A thousand years from now. Virginia nay ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the hearts of childhood."

ROSE CHAPEL SCHOOL **ENJOYS CHRISTMAS TREE**

Before the Rose School closed for the Christmas holidays the teachers and pupils enjoyed a Christmas tree Friday afternoon. The tree and room was decorated in the Christmas colors of red and green. The pupils and teachers drew names some time ago for presents and every one received a present. The teachers gave each of their pupils a present. Everyone seemed to be happy when they dismissed for the Christmas holidays. They will have only one week for Christmas and school will begin again December 27th.

W. P. Whitman of Abilene was here Saturday on business.

Ballew School House and Play-Ground Improved

Work will begin this week during the hristmas Vacation to enlarge the school house and and build a new porch onto it. This work is badly needed, and will be appreciated very much by both the teachers and pupils.

Bids Asked for Repairing Bridge West of Rule

Bids are being advertised for this week by the State Highway Department for the repairing of the bridge over the Brazos River west of Rule, which was partly washed out during the heavy rains several months ago.

The accident to the bridge has worked a great hardship on that sec tion of the country west of Rule, ar most of the farmers did their trading in that city, and were compelled to go as far as Sagerton and Asperment for The committees below were appoint their supplies, as the frequent rains ed to secure the right of way and to made fording the stream impracticable most of the time.

The news that the State Highway Department will rebuild the portion of the bridge destroyed will be good news to the people living in that sec-

SWEET HOME LADY HOME FROM SANITARIUM

Miss Dollie Cannon, who underwent an operation at the Stamford Sanitarium about four weeks ago was brought home last Wednesday considerably improved. Her friends are very happy over her condition as they have been quite anxious for some time past re-

CHAPEL A SUCCESS

There was a large crowd present at the box supper last Thursday evening and there were thiteen boxes which averaged a little over one dollar. The highest price paid for one box was two dollars and five cents. The crowd waited until late for the auctioneer the boundless world about Mr. W. M. Free, but for some reason tioned off and sold to the highest bidders. After the sale of the boxes Bernice Piland and Frances Gilley. Gladys Cloer won the delicious cake with 1000 votes, while Bernice Piland ran a close second. Next came the prize for the uglest man. Mr. Kindrick and Mr. Short were the only ones in this contest with Mr. Short win ning the cigars by 10 votes. The total amount received from the boxes and prizes amounted to about \$34.00. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the school to

EASKELL GINS RUNNING AGAIN THIS WEEK

The Haskell gins are running again because of the past days of sunshine which gave the farmers an opportunisee. Did you ever see fairies dancing ty to pick a few more days. There is on the lawn? Of course not; but that's thousands of bales of cotton in the county yet to pull and pick if the weather will permit the farmers time the wonders there are unseen and un to gather it. Quite a lot of wheat will be sown if the ground gets dry enough within the next few days and the makes the noise inside, but there is a small grain that is sown is up to a good vail covering the unseen world which stand and looking fine. Lots of spring not the strongest man nor even the oats and barley will be sown next

Cotton of this year's growth ginned prior to December 13 totaled 15,542,249 bales, counting 557,729 round bales as half bales and excluding linters, compared with 14,831,846 and 306,616 to that date last year, the census bureau at Washington announced Dec. 20.

The department of agriculture's preliminary estimate of this year's crop placed production at 16,618,000 bales of 500 pounds.

The ginnings by states follow: Alabama, 1,415,000. Arizona, 82,564. Arkansas, 1,322,054. California, 97,914. Florida, 32,828. Georgia, 1,366,900. Louisiana, 771,790. Mississippi, 1,647,321. Missouri, 179,211. New Mexico, 53,040. North Carolina, 1,081,710. Oklahoma, 1,292,348. Tennessee 386,434. Texas, 4,858,287: Virginia, 41,879. All other states, 10,314.

To All the World



A. H. Furrh, 30, storekeeper of the Seymour office of the Haskell Telephone Company, was instantly killed by electrocution Tuesday morning at Seymour. He had gone upon a telephone pole in the rear of the telephone office and soon was discovered dangling from high tension wires to which

W. B. Murphy, local manager, with other employees of the telephone company, released his body from the wires All efforts of physicians to bring him to life were futile.

Furrir came to Seymour more than a year ago from Cleburne to assist in the installation of the new telephone office equipment. He is survived by his

Rochester Man Undergood Operation

J. E. Mansell of the firm of Mansell Brothers of Rochester underwent an operation for appendicitis at Knox City Sanitarium last Sunday December 12 and on last report was doing nicely.

CHRISTMAS TREE AT BUNKER HILL FRIDAY

Last Friday December 17, 1926 the Bunker Hill school children rendered a program for the patrons and visitors of the community, and the teachers fixed a small tree and invited Santa Claus in to place a present for each school child present on the tree. After the presents were delivered, everyone enjoyed themselves.

Haskell's Christmas Tree

Don't forget to leave a lighted sandle in your window Christmas night. These who can sing, are condially invited to meet at the library at 6 o'clock December the 25th. Show your Christman Spirit by helping to sing these old Christmas

The District Teachers Institute which was held at Stamford this week was attended by more than 600 teachers from the five counties which constituted the district. Every since the first meeting last Saturday morning the interest began growing together with the attendance. Most of the meetings were erintendent, S. M. N. Marrs delivered an address the opening day. Mrs.

Marrs also made a talk. The Rotan Glee Club gave an inter esting list of number. The Scamford orchestra led by Miss Mary Bryant ren-dered some excellent numbers. - President W. M. W. Splawn of th University of Texas spoke at the St. John's Methodist church Sunday night.

The program in every way vocal and

instrumental was excellent.

The program was in the hands of Rev. J. M. Youree pastor of the Central little better for having known and lov-Presbyterian church of Stamford. The ed Fred Monke and those of us who rainy weather cut down the attendance but a good interest was maintained throughout the institute.

City-Wide Clean-Up Campaign Planned **During February**

Mayor T C. Cahill states that a gen eral clean up week will be designated city, and all citizens are asked to watch for the dates and further announce-

"M" System Store Celebrating Their

week celebrating the first anniversary as the best arranged. has appeared that did not carry a mes- department in those countries. which they enjoy.

LITTLE FRED MONKE, JR.

Little Fred Monke's strength, made trail by the long months of struggle DON'T CRITICISE IT gave up the battle last Thursday in the Stamford Sanitarium and his gentle spirit took its flight to its Heavenyear old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred the Christmas edition Fred as those who knew and loved him New Year. best, he never complained and as the physicians and nurses and friends came and asked how he was, he always answered "O, I'm atright." We are just a had the pleasure of teaching him have stored the memory in the brightest corner of Memory's Hall. The funeral services were conducted at Willow Cemetery last Friday afternoon at three o'clock by Rav. C. Jones surrounded by a large concourse of neighbors and friends. Fred is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Monke is in that Heavenly land whose quiet enviroment so well suits his own quiet nature and gentle ways, so "I cannot say and I will not say That he is dead, he is just away."

MRS. WILLIAMS DIES AT DEMING, NEW MEXICO

Mrs. E. E. Williams, mother of Mrs. Scott W. Greene, Sr., died in Deming. New Mexico, on December 20, after a short illness. Mrs. Williams will be remembered here by a number of local people as she spent the winter of 1924 here with Mr. and Mrs. Greene.

The residence of H. S. Gibson on the Oates farm 10 miles north of town was destroyed by fire about 10 o'clock Saturday morning. Very little of the household effects were saved. Mr. Gibson had left home early that morning for Haskell with a bale of cotton for the gin and was on his way back home when he saw the fire but never thought of it being his own home when he first saw the smoke and flames.

Mrs. Gibson was at home and was busy with her house work and did not know of the house being on fire until the roof was almost ready to fall in. The fire had caught in the top of the house and the flames had gained such headway when discovered that very little of the household effects were saved by neighbors and friends who been called to meet on next Sun had been attracted to the house by the fire. It is a severe loss to Mr. and Mrs. for the ensuing year. All memi Gibson.

turers of the Centennial Gin Machinery Gin, one of Haskell's largest gin plants.

The work was in charge of Mr. Wm. J. Ganz, photographer, and Mr. Leslie W. Etter, export agent of the Centennial Co., both of New York City. In First Anniversary they stated that the Sanders & Craw ford Gin was one of the best equipped Atkeison's "M" System Store is this gin plants in the entire state, as well

of the opening of the store in Haskell | Mr. Etter stated that the pictures To herald this fact, a four-page edition taken here were to be shown in India of the Free Press was issued Monday, and Russia, where modern ginning devoted exclusively to the store's ad- machinery is being introduced to supvertising and congratulatory messages plant the crude and absolete methods from a number of firms and whole now employed in ginning in those counsale houses. As an anniversary offer- tries. By way of illustration he said ing to their many customers they are that in Indo-China, a plant that would offering a number of specials for the gin an average of 6,000 bales each seaentire week instead of only two days son necessitated employment of at as has been the custom in the past. | least 500 natives, with very little of the In the space of one short year, this work being done by machinery. Modstore has grown to one of the largest re- ern methods of ginning could be best tail firms in the city, doing a large illustrated by motion pictures, he stat volume of business, and numbering ed, and for that reason his company their customers by the thousands had contracted for motion pictures of From the first opening advertisement some of the largest and best gins in of the store not an issue of this paper the South to be used by their export

sage from the "M" Store, and to their | Views showing every step in modern advertising Mr. Atkeison attributes in cotton glinning, following the staple a large measure the liberal patronage from the wagon through the different stages to the finished bale, were taken at the Sanders & Crawford Gin, as well as a group picture of the employees, LAID TO REST FRIDAY and exterior views of the building and

READ IT SAYS MARTIN

J. L. Martin in the Scurry County ly home. Fred Monke, Jr. was the 12 Times says, the following regarding

Monke of the Myers community and Don't criticise the Christmas number four months ago was taken with appen- of the papers that come to your home, dicitis and carried to the Stamford San and among other falts declare that they itarium where medical aid and every are all ads. A holiday number is supattention was given him, he did not posed to contain a large amount of improve as he should have however advertising-that's what a holiday nm and when he was brought home he ber is for-to feature things for the began to decline until with in four holiday trade, and to bring out the weeks he was carried back to the San- Christmas spirit. Snyder business men itarium and lingered eight weeks before are not only trying to help you make the end came. His suffering was so your holiday shopping easy for you, great that his mother stated that she but they are also expressing their felt a peace steal over her when she thanks to you and their best wishes saw him at rest. But characteristic of for a Merry Christmas and a Happy

According to H. E. Caurson of the Howard community who was in the city Thursday Mr. W. A. Hisey & tenant on his farm has already picked 160 bales of cotton from his 1926 crop which is one of the largest crops markand one sister, Irma and Fred himself eted in the county. Mr. Hisey is a good farmer and has made some money on cotton this year.

Breaks Arm.

Freddie Hardy who is living with . G. Burson of the Midway community broke his arm last Sunday evening while wrestling. He hurried to the doctor and had it set and on last report is was doing nicely.

GOOD DAY AT SWEET HOME LAST SUNDAY Last Sunday was a fine day at

Sweet Home church. There was a good number out at every service. Eightyfive were present at the three B. Y. P. U's. Each individual B. Y. P. U. rendered an excellent program. At the evening hour Bro. Feddie Cole, who surrendered to the ministry last summuer and is preparing to go away to school, preached a splendid sermon. Three new deacons were elected also at the evening hour.

Home from T. W. C.

Miss Floy Overby of Pt. Worth, who is attending T. W. C. at that place is spending the Christmas holidays at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Overby of the Plainview community. Miss Overby will graduate from college this year. Her many friends in this community wish her success in teaching in the future.

Curry Chapel Church to Hold Conference

A conference of the members of the Baptist Church at Curry Chapel has

Christmas

"Let us now go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass." It is shepherd speech in homely vein of common sense. For this thing did not occur in a book, nor in a church, but in the night fields under the night sky. Nor were these shepherds Bible characters; their own Bible had closed centuries before; doubtless they rested in their graves ere the new Bible was begun. No; there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping their watch over their flocks

They had heard the Messenger's tidings and the singing of the heavenly soldiers; they had seen the sudden glory; then silence fell and night. And they said to one another, "Let us go and see." If they are in the Bible now, it is that we may put them in the fields again-shepherds watching their flocks by night.

Nothing is said of their character for religion, good or bad. They were ordinary men on ordinary duty to whom great news had come, and they said, "Let us go and see."

At a little distance they could see, in darker shadow than the night, the walls and towers of the title town. Past the spot where the Angel stood, over the space so lately lit with more than earthly light, on through the gates and up through the dark, dark streets they pushed their quest. They found no temple, no theologians, no creeds, no altars—on, on they sped, and found a Babe in a manger. Multitudes, multitudes begin the journey every year but not all get past the department store, the tree, the feast and Santa Claus. Not all push on across the fields to Bethlehem, to the Manger and the Christ. On, on past Yule to Christmas, past Christmas to Bethlehem, past Bethlehem to the place outside the inn where the young Child lay; on past the Child to His meaning for mankind in God!

At Christmas all the world is Christian. Men have met Christ with John of Jordan; they have met Him confronting with holy anger profiteers of the Temple; they have met Him in great acts of compassion upon the poor and sick and friendless, for He beheld the multitude as sheep without a shepherd; 'they have met Him on His Cross; they have met Him in the chill dawn of Easter as He walked forth and wrapped Himself in a gardener's smock; but multitudes who never met Him thus have met Him as the Babe of Christmas. The Manger has conquered its hundreds of millions in every generation.

And because the world is more Christian, the season of Christmas extends itself increasingly through the year. With each succeeding generation Christmas lasts longer and longer, and searches out more places for its light and warmth. Christ healed men, and hospitals have ever since increasingly girdled the earth. He taught, and education spread from pole to pole. He walked about as a freeman, and every kind of despotism has dwindled under the power of the Freedom which He bequeathed to men. He is the one force that has divided history.

The story of the world is in two chapters, Before Bethlehem, and After Bethlehem.

"Let us now go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass . . . And they came and found the babe lying in a manger."-The Dearborn Independent.

Letters to Santa Claus=

Haskell Texas. December 18, 1926 Dear Santa Claus;

Dear Santa Claus sricycle, horn, toy watch and all kinds of fruits, nuts and candies.

To Santa Claus, from, Marvin Howeth, age 8 years

December 17, 1926

Santa Claus. North Pole. Dearest Santa

For Christmas please send me a big buggy. I do not want to be selfish at don't forget little brother. He wants Lynn County. doll, doll buggy, trunk, tea set, house slippers, a fairy tale book, and lots of apples, oranges, nuts and candy Send lots of the last because I like them best ! I've been awfully good this year 'cause mama says I have.

Little Melba Christine Ballard.

December 17, 1926.

Dear Santa Claus. Buford a little hammer and a sack of Jots of nuts and candies and fruit and book, doll buggy, tea set, apples, or-

son't forget baby sister.

With lots of love. Odell and Buford Barton, City

Dear Santa Claus: Mease do not leave my toys at Paulding Ohio this year as I have moved away down south and you will Dear Santa Claus; find me at my grandmothers in Has- I am a little girl five years old. Jack Lewis Carothers from

Good bye. Hskell, Texas

December 18, 1926 Dear Santa Claus I will write you a few line to let you know what I want you to bring me. I want a merry-go-round, a ball Dear Santa Claus; and some balloons and also some candy oranges and nuts.

Elsie Fischer Route A. Box 89 Haskell Texas Hskell, Texas

Dear Santa Please bring a teddy bear, some

candy, nuts and oranges. My little sisser wants some toys too. Your little friends

December 17, 1926.

Dear Santa Claus am a little girl six years old. so not want to be selfish, there are a for more little girls and boys who I want you to go to see, although I have been good. Please bring me a doll trunk, a doll buggy, and candies, Be sure and dont fruits and nute.

> Your friend Nannie Patterson O'Brien. Texas

December 21, 1926 I am writing you to let you know that I shall be at grandpa and grandma Crow's house Christmas night.

Haskell, Texas

I am a very small baby I am six Dear Santa; I am writing you to let you know months old. I have been very good I am a little girl six years old. I

jes and a little broom. Don't forget the Your friend. Winnie Paye Bledsoe little orphons

Haskell, Texas.

a choo-choo train and a rubber tired wagon and lots of bananas and chew-

Please bring me a little wagon and

P. S. Hurry cause I want to play

Dear Santa Claus:

with my toys.

doll bed and little doll.

June Kennedy

Rule Texas.

Lazzelle West.

Hskell, Texas.

Mildred Mayes.

Sturday Dec. 18.

December 17, 1926.

Hskell, Texas | Dear Santa Claus; I am a very small girl, at the age of eight years. I have been a very good Dear Santa Claus; little girl, and I want you to bring me a standing black board, and a doll

> Bessie Patterson ling gum and every thing. We are go-P. S. I also want some nuts, fruit and ing to sleep early candies

> > Haskell, Texas December 17, 1926

Mr. Santa Claus. Hskell, Texas North Pole.

daddy and mamma too.

Dearest Santa Claus: I have been looking forward to Please bring us a coster wagon and Christmas and I have been a very good two little wheelbarrows and bring little girl for mamma says if I am no old Santa won't come to see me. Santa sails, and bring me a little watch and please bring me a mamma doll, paint Dear Santa Claus:

anges and candy. Please remember

Little Edna Iola Taylor.

December 16, 1926. have tried to be good so you would Rochester will also be here so please bring me some nice things this Christ-Seave him a few things too or he will mas. I want a big doll that will say take all of mine. I am three years old mama, a little stove and a little dresser. Don't forget the little children who don't have any daddy and mother to buy them pretty things. I hope to

> Noka Loris Bailey Haskell, Texas. December 16, 1926.

I hope you will not forget me this Christmas. I want you to remember all the little boys and girls. I want you to bring me a little ford delivery car with rubber tires on it and an airplane. Dont forget the nuts, apples, oranges and candy and everything that makes Christmas a joyful occasion December 18, 1926 Good bye until next Christmas. Rondel Bailey

> Hskell, Texas December 18, 1926.

Dear Santa Claus: Albert and Dorothy Ruby Thane I can't say that I have been a real Route 3. Haskell. Texas. good boy but if you will come to see Hskell, Texas I will be a good boy from now on. I want you to bring me a tricycle, large red and white ball, mule and cart, all kinds of fruit, nuts and candies.

To Santa Claus from, Howard Howeth, age 6 years

North Side Square PORTRAITS THAT PLEASE Kodak Finishing a Specialty Leave Films Today-Get Prints Tomorrow MAIL US YOUR FILMS

ALL WORK GUARANTEED

Please bring me a doll buggy. I

Minister's Son Breaks Arm

Sam Breedlove, 11, son of Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Breedlove, fell from a shed at the Breedlove home Tuesday and broke his arm near the shoulder. A physician was called who found the in-Hskell, Texas. December 19, jury to be so serious that he advised that the little fellow be taken to a sanitarium at once. He was rushed to the what I want you to bring me Christ and I want you to bring me some fruits want a mamma doll, some story books, found impossible to set the broken home and at school also. So I want a rubber doll, a rattler and a pair of a little trunk for my doll and lots of member perfectly and it is feared that you to come to see me. These are the little white kid shoes. Be sure and nuts, fruit and candy. My little sis injury will be permanent. The little following things I want, foot ball, come. ter is four and she wants a set of dish. fellow and family have the sympathy of the entire community -Lynn County News.

Dorothy May Morgan Rev. Breedlove recently moved from Rule where he was pastor of the First Hskell, Texas Methodist Church for the past four years. The family is well known in Saturday Dec. 18. Haskell County and have a host of Please bring me a baby doll and friends who will regret to learn of this iron and ironing board. Be sure and accident. They are now at Tohoka

Shower

The women of the Midway community were to give Mrs. H. S. Gibson a shower Monday evening at the school house, but on account of the rain Monday morning no could get there. It will be given as soon as the roads get to where they can go. Each lady is invited to come and bring something. They lost all they had when their home burned last week.

Had Done Enough.

Jimmy, aged 13, finding his girl a board and a doll. Be sure and bring

Please bring me a wash tub and problem, was puzzled "You see," said Jimmy, "I've walked baby Faye a doll too so she wont want to school with her three times and carmine and that little kiddie walker at ried her books bought her ice cream McNell & Smith. Don't forget to look once, a ice cream sody twice. Now do on the table for your present too. I you think I oughta kiss her?"

baked it myself. Good bye 'til Christ-His chum was thoughtful, "Nah, he decided. "You don't need .ta You've done enough for that girl."

Got your gift list all made out!

5 PER CENT FEDERAL LAND BANK LOANS-5 PER CENT!

New Rate on all Loans closed after August 1, 1926. This is a net saving of \$10 per \$1,000 over any loan offered by any other lending concern in Texas.

W. H. McCANDLESS, Sec'y-Treas.

RULE NATIONAL FARM LOAN ASSOCIATION, RULE, TEXAS

Federal Land Bank, Capital Stock \$6,000,000. Loans \$137,000,000 Rule National Farm Loan Assn., Capital Stock \$60,000. Loans \$1,000,000

OF THE FUTURE

Conceals from us the things which are to be; the past is with us mostly as a chain of memories; but the present is ours in which to live and do good.

Our relations with you in the past have been pleasant to us; and now at Christmas time we find ourselves wishing that you may enjoy the finest joys of the season; and as the curtain of the New Year rises to reveal its secrets, we hope that it will show you much prosperity and hap-

ELKS' CAFE

Acquaintances are not Forgotten

We do not forget our many friends and patrons with whom we have had so many pleasant transactions during the year past, but the memory of our happy associations is one of the things which makes our own Christmas brighter all the while. We are wishing for you a cup of joy brimming over with good things for the holiday season, and throughout 1927.

R. V. Robertson Co.

The Best Christmas Carol

would be a song of gratitude for the blessings of the year, the joys of Christmas and the kindness and confidence of our many friends.

May your Christmas holidays be as merry and as full of hearty Christmas cheer as is the gladest and best of Christmas songs.

W. P. Trice COUNTY AGENT

Not alone— Because it is an honored custom-But because of the sincerity Of our appreciation, We take this occasion, To thank you For the part you have played In our business prosperity, The past twelve months And wish you a good old MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

GRISSOM'S

The Store with the Goods

many friends here who will remember He now lives on the south gain. He now lives on the south rownfield. He is doing nicely and in his letter he sends greetings to his old riends and the Haskell Free Press.

Brownfield, Texas permanently removed by cropping. Dec. 10, 1926 the Haskell Free Press

Haskell, Texas Dear Editor, neighbors and friends of

the county. I wish the Free Press present condition because much of the bunch could have been here the sixth surface has been washed away, and day of December, we cut a yellow meat. not because they have been worn out d water melon which weighed about by cropping. ands. I saw my old friend I. 0. Wheatley a few days ago and he gion was found by actual survey to

This is the cheapest cotton I acres of land in the United States forever seen since 1898 when I this could have been saved by timely gathered my cotton and sold it for 4 terracing. cents. It being so cheap now sure makes it hard for every thing else be-

Your true friend, Brownfield, Texas. Route 1, Box 75.

A Game Guy

A young man called at the house of celebrated diagnostician and asked "Have you an appointment?" the of

ice nurse asked. "No, I haven't" the young man r

The nurse consulted the doctors ap "I think I can work you in after the sext patient leaves," she said, please go inside that room and take

our clothes off. "Take my clothes off?" the young man exclaimed, "what for?"

to see anybody unless that is the urse said firmly. "But I don't want to take off m insisted the young man. "Then I'm sorry, but you can't see

he doctor," the nurse said. "Well, if that is the case, I'm he young man said. A few moments later the doctor en cred the room and found the young

nan awaiting him stark naked. "Well, sir," the doctor said, eems to be your trouble?" "Doctor," the young man replied, "I

alled to see if you would renew your sife's subscription to the Ladies' Home

NOTICE TO OUR PATRONS

We the undersigned Physicians he city of Haskell do hereby make request that those who are indebto us for Medical services call at earliest possible moment and pay ents if you expect us to continpractice. We are just like her business men, we need our mon-

We ask that you give this matter our prompt attention and see us not later than January the 1st. D. L. Cummins.

J. M. Gose. A. Q. Gentry. M. Baker. F. Taylor. W. A. Kimbrough

MUCH PLANT FOOD AS CROPS

Old mother earth's annual bathing Scears who lived in Haskell bill costs the farmers of the United number of years and has States more than \$200,000,000 every year. Rain water scouring the countryside, rushing down hillsides, gouging out gullies, and sweeping over gentle slopes of cultivated fields, carries away to the ocean many millions of tons of soil. With this rich topsoil goes 126, 000,000,000 pounds of plant-food material lost-to the farmers of the country

But this only a fraction of the damage wrought, says H. H. Bennett, soil scientist of the United States Department of Agriculture. The real scourge of erosion is that it takes not only the man in the United States and Canada Mrs. Ross Woodall of this city, I will drop you a few lines to let you elements of plant food but soil-plant we are still hanging on the food material and all-leaving in many We still have lots of cotton to instances infertile material very difplains. 'Yet we have been ficult to till. Erosion is constantly gathering corn as good as I ever pulled shaving off the topsoil of cultivated quality of the maize produced here, off of a stalk. If our cows do not go fields—the richest soil of the land. In will stay another year. We one instance it was found that 7 inches have been taking the Free Press ever of topsoil were removed by sheet erosince 1908, we all enjoy reading it, sion in 24 years from a gentle sloping It is just like getting a letter from field of Putnam silt loam growing corn home. We enjoy reading the letters under ordinary cultivation in Missiouri from every community, for we know Soil scientists agree that most of the nearly every community in worn-out lands of the world are in their

A single county in the Piedment re going to diversify another year. He contain 90,000 acres of land formerly going to plant seventeen acres of productive but now permanently ruinkra and twelve acres of gourds. He is ed by erosion. Another county in the also going into the poultry business Atlantic coastal plain has 60,000 acres thirteen guiney of former rich land gullied beyond re posters and two white ducks. It has pair. Possibly not less than 10,000,000 een raining the last few days which ly destroyed by rainwash. Much of stoped the cotton gathering for some merly cultivated has been permanent-

There is need at once for a nationwide awakening to the evils of erosion, ng so high. But we have two much says Mr. Bennett. There is immediate of it and we can not avoid it. I would need also for fundamental soil data rehave sent in my subscription before lating to erosion; demonstrations of now but never have gotten enough the value of properly built terraces; money out of one bale to pay it. In and much national education about closed you will find \$1.50 for the paper. this menacing agency of land devasta-

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We trade every day, can fit mos anybody's needs. This list of cars has got to sell before the end of the year, cant afford to pay taxes, and register them for another year. What cars are left we will sell to the highest bidder Saturday December 18th, so don't wait you will be sorr f you intend to buy a car.

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Haskell County scored again with her agricultural products when 8 of the 9 entries made at the International Live Stock Exposition and Grain and Hay Shows," therefore the winnings carry home again,

greater honors with them. J. D. Hughes Jr., farmer and stockforever-twenty times the amount much coveted blue ribbons when his his farm interests south of town. maize was judged to be the best at the closed. This honor comes to only one each year.

This winning adds honor to Haskell ounty and her agricultural products and especially to the record of the Haskell County has long been noted for the good maize produced here and has won the honor of scoring the highest record ever made at the Texas State Fair at Dalls, when the county maize exhibit made 195 points out of

CARRIED TO SANITARIUM

was carried to the Stamford sanitarium operation. Mrs. Dugan has been in Show, Chicago, November 27 to Decem- bad health for the past several months ber 4, 1926, brought home ribbons. The and her friends are very anxious con-International Show is known as "The cerning her health. However they have Supreme Court of All Agricultural hopes that she will soon be well and at

man o fthe county, took one of the spent the past week here looking after Miss Kate Chambliss designer for the International Show which has just R. B. Smith Millinery Co. of Dailas is spending the holidays with her sister

> CHILDREN'S FATAL DISEASES Worms and parasites in the intestines of children undermine health and so weaken their vitality that they are unable to resist the diseases so fatal to child life. The safe course is to give a few doses of White's Cream Vermifuge. It destroys and expels the worms without the slightest injury to the health or activity of the child. Price 35c. Sold by OATES DRUG STORE

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Each of us find joy and satisfaction in unselfish service and with it all mixed enough profit to be comfortable and enough satisfaction to feel our duty well done.

May we strive for a better city, for a better business and the spirit of cooperation.

We believe in our city; we believe in our friends; we believe in the future.

Let me thank you, one and all and wish you many joys for Christmas and much progress in the direction you desire during 1927.

F. L. DAUGHERTY

"I knew an artist once who painted a cobweb on the ceiling so realistically that the maid spent hours trying to get

'Sorry, dear, I just don't believe it.

"Why not? Artists have been known to do such things." "Yes, but not maids."

Returns From Sanitarium

Loyd Epley of the Jud community eturned Thursday from the Knox an operation for appendicitis. We are glad to know Loyd

home, and doing nicely We hope to see him out again soon

Character and the character an

Found a Cow's Nest.

The city kid was roaming about in the country when he came upon a dozity Sanitarium where he underwent en or so empty condensed milk cans. Greatly excited he yelled to his com-

"Hey, fellers, come here quick! I've found a cof's nest!

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Friendship is to Christmas what melody is to song, the beauty the joy, the inspiration of it. And if our wish for you is to any manner realized you will spend this Christmas in the congenial company of those you love, untroubled by care, and joyous of heart.

But true friendship, while it shines in unusual beauty at Christmas time, outlasts the Christmas Season and binds together with a golden chain all the other days of the year.

And it pleases us to believe that when you enumerate your list of friends and well wishers, be it Christmas or any other time of the year, we shall be found among the chosen throng.

And we are wishing you a most Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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NOTICE

FOR THE BENEFIT OF MY **CUSTOMERS**

My business will be cash after the 1st. of January. I will use coupon books and have a good discount if you buy them.

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ed section, with modern brand new five ceased, filed with said application, and room house: 160 acres summer fallowed for letters testamentary which will be smooth section: except 20 acre lake; commencing on the First Monday in North Kress; possession right now; 3rd day of January A. D. 1927 at the one-third cash or clear trade; balance Court House thereof, in Haskell, at long time. John F. Dubose, Plainview which time all persons interested in Texas

WANTED-To buy chickens, eggs and turkeys. Highest market prices paid. Tonkawa | offee Shop.

RADIO SET FOR SALE-6 tubes Indoor Loop and Butteries. Complete have executed the same \$100.00. Roy Next.

my mammouth inculator 17,000 capa- A. D. 1926. city Monday January 2. See me for (Scall dates and space. Crawford Hatchery Courty Court Haskell county, Texas. Haskell Texas. Phone 287. tfo

FOR SALE OR TRADE-A cabines. duning table, library table, and walnut

cash, Mrs. R. W. Clanton, near oil mill.

horn cockerels. See Smoky Rea, Rule, Texas.

FOR SALE OR TRADE-A good Radio set in good condition. take a large trunk if in good shape. Parks Woodson Phone 356

FOR SALE-50 Rhode Island Red Cockerels your choice for \$2.00 each as long as they last. They are good ones. M F. Emerson, 12 miles from Haskell on Rochester road. 49 4tp

FOR Sale-Fresh Milch Cows and heavy springers. Can be seen at my place east of the R. R. Stock pens. R. W. Clanton.

FOR SALB-Reed baby carrage, medium size. Phone 208 tfc

WANTED-Woman or girl, woman preferred, to take care of baby in its home while mother teaches. Apply at Free Press office.

FOR SALE OR TRADE

Nice Confectionery and Hamburger business in a good county seat town. Would consider teams and tools for ment ten days. Box 138 Haskell Texltp.

LOST-On the streets of Haskell a key ring with four keys on it. One key has this number K.1545. Finder please leave at Pree Press Office. 2tc.

Motice To Contractors For State Road And Bridge Construction

Letting No. 7, 1927 Haskell County. Job No 105-A-Gen Maint Proj.-High-

way No. 107. Sealed proposals addressed to the State Highway Engineer of Texas for the improvement of a certain Bridge in Haskell County, will be received at the office of the State Highway Engineer. at Austin, Texas, until 10 o'clock A. M. January 5th, 1927, and then publicly

opened and read. DESCRIPTION OF WORK TO BE DONE

Work consists of construction of 2 new steel spans, 2 new piers, bank protection and repair to old trusses and piers for Bridge over Double Mountain Fork of Brazos in State Highway No. 107, in Haskell County, near Rule,

Texas. Detailed plans and specifications of the work may be seen for examination, and information may be obtained at the office of C. G. Grovenor, Division igineer at Wichita Falls, and at the ffice of the State Highway Depart-

nent, State Office Building, Austin

A certified, or cashier's check for \$1,000,00, made payable without recourse to the order of the State Highway Commission of Texas, must acand all proposals or to waive all technicalities.

ed envelopes and marked "Bids for the repair and construction of Rule Bridge; Maintenance Project in Haskell Coun-Proposals submitted by mail shall be marked as above and enclosed in another envelope addressed to A C Love, State Highway Engineer, Austin. Texas.

All bids received will be retained by the Department and will not be returned to the bidders. Conditional bids will not be consider-

Citation on Applicatin for Probate of Will

THE STATE OF TEXAS To the Sheriff or any Constable 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 continuousand regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Hasnesday and Saturday mornings. See I. kell County, a copy of the following notice

Th State of Texas. To all persons interested in the Estate of P. D. Solomon Deceased, cent. No stock to buy. See Leflar & Marie Solomon has filed in the County Court of Haske!! County, an application for the probate of the last will and FOR SALE-Castro County, improviestament of said P. D. Solomon, dewheat land: adjoins school; level heard at the next term of said Court, located 16 miles West and three miles January A. D. 1927, the same being the 42 10tp. said Estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to

> 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

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Haskell, CUSTOM HAT HING-Will start Texas, this the 6th day of December

Emory Menefee Clerk

Christmas Cantata

The community Christmas program challrobe. See Mrs. Owen Fouts at is to be given by the Harmony Club as Alexander's Store or Owen Fouts at the Methodist Church Sunday evening Pouts & Dotson Filling Station tfc. December 26th at 7:30. The program consists of a beautiful story and Can-FOR SALE-Plymouth Rock Cock- tata "The King of Christmas" illustraerels. Prize winners at the Haskell ted with picture slides. They have weeks which assures Haskell people of a real treat. This club also brings an-FOR SALE Silver laced Wyandotte other treat to Haskell Sunday after-Cockerels and single comb White Leg- noon January the 2nd. They are presentin Miss Emma Dee Randle noted Lyceum Reader in "Christmas Day in the Morning" by Grace Richmond assisted by Club Members.

The Harmony Club is one organization that seldom charges for its services. They have depended on free will offerings to pay for expenses of its programs. In the past these offerings have not paid expenses. Show this club you appreciate their efforts by a liberal offering December the 26th.

His Start

Ambitious College Youth (to senator)-How did you become such a wonderful orator?

Senator-I began by addressing en

Legal Notice

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

C. H. Richards, administrator of the estate of P. J. weeks, deceased, having company each proposal, as a guarantee filed in our County Court his final get your order or as soon as the ab- that the bidder, if successful, will en account of the condition of the estate of aid P. J. weeks, deceased, together specifications. The right is reserved by with an application to be discharged the party of the first part to reject any from said administration, you are hereby commanded, that by publication of this writ for twenty days in a news Proposals shall be submitted in seal. paper regularly published in the county of Hskell, you give due notice to all persons interested in the account for final settlement of said estate, to file their objections thereto, if any they have, on or before the January Term 1927 of County Court, commencing and to be holden at the court house of said County, in the city of Haskell on the 3rd. day of January A. D. 1927, when said account and application will be considered by said court.

Witness, Emory Menefee, Clerk the County Court of Haskell County. Given under my hand and seal of said court, at my office in the City of Haskell, this the 26 day of November,

A. D. 1926. (Seal) Emory Menefee, Clerk County Court, Haskell County Texas. A true copy, I certify;

C. Turnbow, Sheriff, Haskel, County lTexas.

Careful in Some Matters.

A judge of the frontier days operated a private bank incidental to his rather light duties on the bench. A stranger one day presented a check and was asked for identification-letters, telegrams, key rings, tags all prov ed insufficient.

"Why, judge," the man protested. ou have hung people on less identification than what I show.'

"That may be true," replied his hon or, "but in money matters we must be



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To Get and Give Most

Pleasure at Christmas THERE is Christmas generosity and Christmas charity.

But there should always be Christmas tact. When you are giving to those who have not as much as you have do not give your presents with condescending

manner or with a patronizing air. Do not act as though you were superior because you could give. Do not attach a cold, haughty speech to your gift. Sometimes people can give so that

all the glow that comes from the gift is the one they themselves receive because of their own feeling of having been charitable. Sometimes such a speech can extract all the real pleasure out of the gift to the one receiving it. Christmas is the time for true char-

ity, for that charity which comes from the heart, which loves one's fellow men and wants to do all that is possible to bring joy wherever possible. Give as though it were a pleasure

to give-not as though you were being

Do not give as though you thought by giving you had the right to assume a certain attitude of disdain toward those who were somewhat beholden

to You. If you are more fortunate in worldly goods it is your opportunity to have the great pleasure that is derived by giving. There are few greater pleasures when you give with the real Christmas spirit.

There is Christmas generosity and Christmas charity. But there should always be Christ-

mas tact.—Mary Graham Bonner. (@. 1926, Western Newspaper Union.)

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CHRISTMAS

CHILL air, the brilliance of encrusted snow, carols, evergreens and feasting. These constitute Christmas to the senses. But deep within man there is something which the brightest of carols cannot, in itself, awaken -a sense of kinship with all the world, that expands and blossoms into a spirit of real brotherhood-and this is Christmas .-W. D. Pennypacker,

(@. 1935, Western Newspaper Union.) SECULARIZACIÓN DE CONTRACION D

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New Year's Greeting A benediction for the New Year: The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

Best Wishes from an Oldtime Friend

Keeping pace with the brisk step of progress, we have not raised our signs to the angle which would exclude our regard for those whose patronage and good will has made this bank the institution which it is to-

As old-fashioned as it may seem we still cling to the idea inaugurated with the beginning of the business, more than 36 years ago—to strive for FRIEND-SHIP in business— to have a regard for the wishes of our depositors and friends—to seek their co-operation. No business anywhere has a keener sense of appreciation of the confidnce imposed by a customer than we have. Our patrons to us are our friends and we are proud to so regard them.

So we come at the dawn of this Christmas, in an old-fashioned way to extend the time-honored greeting and wish that the holiday season will bring you and yours-

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Out across the singing wires that weave a web of pulsing power across the brown hills and tawny prairies of West Texas comes leaping tonight a radiance to light your fireside.

Would it be too much to hope that in the glow that illumines your hearth you may sense something of the warmth of friendship we, your "electric light folks," feel for the thousands of friends we have been privileged to serve during the year now closing?

Would it be too much to hope that those lights may carry something of the Christmas message of good will and good cheer we would like to send to you?

It has been a good year for most of us here in West Texas-a year crammed full of progress and achievement and jobs well done. Old friendships have ripened and grown sweeter and new friends have come still further to multiply our riches. And before us stands a new year, beckoning with new opportunities, eager with the promise of new conquests to be made.

Well, it IS good to be a West Texas in West Texas when Christmas time rolls 'round! somehow the lights DO shine just a little brighter; handclasps ARE a little stronger—

"GOD BLESS US, EVERYONE."

West Texas Utilities



spend the holidays with home folks, sent will always remember it. Every train has brought them in from Christmas eve will register the coming Story of Birt hof Christ. of the last ones who sayed to finish up their final "exams". These boys and ents but every home is open to them ton. Galen and Ruth Robertson, Thelma Williams, Velma Hambleton, Brucile Bryant and Mildred Darnell; Frank Kimbrough, Herman Weinert: worth, Jack Sutherlin; Baylor University. Waco, Maurine Couch; Baylor Belton, Marjorie Whiteker, Marguerite McCollum; T. C. U., Ft. Worth, Anita Grissom; Texas Woman's College, Ft. Worth, Mamie Jones; Mc-Murry College, Abilene, O. E. Patterson, Jr., Dessie Kennedy; Simmons University, Abilene, Bailey Taylor, Cecil Weaver, Kyrene Simmons, Mary Washington and Lee Kimbrough: University, Virginia, Earnest Sanders; Schriener Institute, Kerrville, Texas, Thomas Merchison.

Haskell Churches Observe Christmas

In Last Sunday's Services. Practically every church in Haskell had special services of some nature conoring the greatest of all holidays. Christmastide. The First Christian Church observed their annual White Christmas which was beautiful beyond words and impressively sacred. main auditorium was darkened and lighted candles furnished the light. The entire stage was in white, a rising billowy cloudy mass of snowy whiteness to the rear of which was hung the star and to the front was the cross all pendant icicles and in it burned long white candles and also the sacrament table was white with lighted tapers. Mrs. Wallace Cox presided at the piano and as she played a prelude of soft Christmas carols the processional was forming in the vestibule, these were three teachers, Mesdames Mamie Barron, George Morrison and T. * Pinkerton with their classes, came down the steed all clothed in white the congregation joined in the singing of this favorite Christmas song; prayer by Rev. Forrester; Van Dyke's story, The Other Wise Man, Mrs. Virgil Meadors; vical solo, The Infant Jesus, Mrs. Wayne Koonce: The Legend of Cathay, Helen Barron; then came the presentation of gifts that were laid at the foot of the cross by the classes; and as they wended their way Christmas songs like, "Away In The Manger," "Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem," were sung: as Mr. Henry Smith lead his class he read from the 1st to the 14th chapters of St. Luke. Classes 5 and 9 came singing "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear;" these all brought varied gifts and money, but class 6 brought paper money and checks and these were pinned to a white ribbon and laid at the foot of the cross; then came the men and women's classes 7 and 8 carrying sacks of flour and such substantial packages. As the communion was administered Mrs. Cox played, "sight With Ebon Pinion." And then "ter Rev. Forres-ter had extended the invitation all of the congregacion sang "I Gave My Life For The" there was one addition to the church. The White Christmas is not only beautiful and impressive but deeply spiritual.

Baptist Church Has Christmas Celebration.

The First Baptist Church observed the season's holiday, beginning Sunday morning in the beginner and primary departmens with the cradle roll, beginner and primary pupils under the lead-ership of Mrs. Vaughn Bailey, Mrs. John Fouts and Mrs. Bob Glenn in charge and there was the Christmas tree loaded with toys and candy, fruit and nuts and dear old Santa Clau to give out the gifts and there were quite a number of visitors but as usual Santa proved equal to the occasion and there was an abundance for all. In the Junior Department also the ever appealing green and red Christmas bags of fruit candy and nuts were given to all pupils and teachers. In the evening a beautiful pageant was directed by Mesdames I. N. Simmons, M. B. Lebo and W. E. Kirkpatrick who have in charge the three divisions of children's work un der the auspices of The Woman's Mis-

College and University Boys and Girls sionary Society, with Mrs. Harry Stal-Haskell's Honor Guests for Fortnight. sionary Society, with Mrs. Harry Stal-cup presiding at the piano. The Christ-yearly offering to the Methodist Or. Inclement weather may prevail mas story as told by St. Luke in the 2 phanage at Waco. Also in the Junior over the whole country and the stock chapter was ideally depicted in pagenat department a program was directed market on the South's principal pro- form, after little Frances Walling had by Mrs. W. B. Vaughn and the first market on the South's principal pro- lorm, after little Frances walling had was a song and prayer service with duct may be low but the interior of read this chapter. There were five for Mrs. O. E. Ptterson at the piano, next bany Haskell homes are bright and eign countries represented besides cheery not only with the yuletide's scores of others and all of the names colorings and decorations but with the not be obtained. It was a real depicsupply presence of sons and daughters tation of the birth of the Christ child in home from college and university to the manger and those who were pre-

Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Sherrill: Isaac, Hugh Mack English; Mary Ella Pace, Jack Richey: State Hannah and son, Mrs. Hester and lit. Mrs. H. D. Neff Has Piano University, Walter Murchison, Lucy tle son, Floyd; the Mother of David Recital. Cummins; Medical School, Galveston, and little David, Mrs. Pelix Frierson and Monty Frierson; the baby Moses, Baylor Medical College, Dallas, Ken- Hugh Mack English, the mother of leading music teachers and who herneth Oates, John W. Pace, Jr.; Austin Moses, Mrs. John Tubbs; Moses' sister self is an accomplished pianist, giving College, Sherman, Henry Wilson, Mary Miriam, Alberta Orr, the Princess, Mrs. of her time and talent to many worthy Sherrill, Lewis Pearsey, Johnny Solo C. P. Petty; Daniel, Merton L. McDon causes sponsored by school, church and mon; A. and M., Bryan, I. D. Killings. ald and the three other captives to clubs, presented her piano pupils in re-Babylon were Meshack, Shadrach and cital at the Haskell High School audi-Abed-nego impersonated by Joe Pearsey, Gilbert Wilson, and Lewis Solomon; the Angeles were Olive and Ola Frazier: Joseph and Mary, Mr. and Mrs. John Tubbs; shepherds, Richard Frierson and David Solomon. And then followed the dedication service when the deacons were represented by Mr. John W. Pace who made the cash offering, other organizations sent their nard; Little Darling Heart by Gavnor, offering as follows: The Woman's Aux. Annie Maud Ttylor; Mary Helen Neff iliary, by Mrs. R. R. English; Session of Church, Mr. Felix Frierson; Men of the Church, Judge Jas. P. Kinnard; Rike: Valse Blue by Margis, Fred Ellis; Sunday School, Mr. R. C. Montgomery Christian Endeavor, Addie May Whiteker; Cradle Roll Mrs. Tom Davis.

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Methodists Observe Christmas and Yearly Offering.

In the beginner and primary de

partment of the Methodist Church presided over by Mrs. C. M. Kaigler and Mrs. W. J. Sowell the Christmas obwhen Mrs. Sowell told the Christmas story in language that they could understand and Mrs. Kaigler sang, Holy Night and Low in A Manger. Then December the 13th. Lillian Kaigler sang, O, Little Town of Bethlehem accompanied at the piano by Anabel Burt; The birth of the child Jesus beautifully told in story form, Mrs. Guy Mays; Reading, Frank Fuller Bryant; then came Santa Claus with his bountiful supply of candy nuts in and out of the state until Friday. Presbyterian Church Tells World Old and fruit. At the eleven o'clock hour Rev. W. B. Vaughn pastor gave a complete history of the Texas Methodist An impressive dedication service in Orphanage at Waco, he was especialgirls will be house guest of their par- pageantry was directed by Mrs. H. S. ly fitted to this task as he has been a Wilson and Mrs. C. P. Petty at the pastor to this great institution of the and a warm welcome awaits them Presbyterian Church last Sunday even Methodist Church of Texas. At the where ever they go. The following are ing. Mrs. M. L. Baker and Mrs. John close of the service an offering was listed with their school: C. I. A. Den- W. Pace presided at the piano. Out made for the orphanage, this being a standing biblical characters from the yearly custom not only of the local days of Abraham were impersonated church but all over the state in every by the following: Abraham, Mr. R. E. Methodist church.

Mrs. H. D. Neff one of Haskell's torium last Thursday evening interspersed with songs and readings. The program follows: Greeting Chorus, Class; Spanish Dance by Behr, Kathleen Crawford; A Trip on The Rocking Annie Maud Taylor; Mary Henen Neff Pastorale by Bachman, Beulah Cass; Melody by Thome, Eunice Redwine; Cauzonetta by Eggeling, Vivian Ber-Gypsy Rondo, by Haydn, Judith English; Gondolieri by Nevin, Katherine solo, Stars, David Ray Neff; Purple Shies by Heurter, Anita Collier; Moonlight and Fairies by Reuard, Mildred Simmons: (A) Catch Me, (B) Slumber Song, Howard Albertson; Pianologue, Counting Daisy Petals, Nella V. Wheatley; Hikh and Day by Thayer, Mary

At this joyous season our thoughts

revert greatfully to those whose cour-

tesy, goodwill and loyalty have made

We extend our heartiest wishes for

a Merry Christmas and Happiness and

Prosperity throughout the New Year.

JONES COX & CO.

Haskell, Texas.

possible our progress.

Sue Hester; At Evening, Ruby Martin; Hungarian, Agnes Fields; Good Night To All, by class.

Presbyterian Ladies Auxiliary Meets With Mrs. Perry Smith.

In spite of the cold inclement weaserved began last Sunday morning ther of the outside every thing bright Smith's home on Monday afternoon came Santa Claus with gifts for all be Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbytersides the bags of candy, fruit and nuts, ian church met with her. Mrs. R. E. And then in the basket in the center of Sherrill conducted a bible study foundwas a social hour when the hostess asved waffles, stuffed dates, cake and coffee to Mrs. R. E. Sherrill, Mrs. Jas. P. Kinnard, Mrs. H. S. Wilson, Mrs. R. English, Mrs. M. L. Baker and Mrs.

Pains disappeared

"SEVERAL years ago I was badly run-down," says Mrs. John Bunch, R. F. D. 8, Columbia, S. C. "I could not do any of my work. I was so weak I could not wash a dish. My back and sides hurt me at times dreadfully. I dragged around until I finally got down in bed."

Then, explains Mrs. Bunch, the hearment in the distance of the server of the says and the server of the says and the server of the says ago.

I did not take it long before my appetite began to improve. I gained in weight from 114 pounds until now I weigh 136 pounds. I soon was able to be up around the house. I took up my household duties and was delighted with my returning expenses.

The pains in my sides and back have disappeared and I feel like a different person." Cardui has been helping suf-

Happy Recollections

Cluster around the Christmas enjoyments like flowers in the fragrant fields of May. May your Christmas holidays this year add another host of pleasant memories to afford you comfort and inspiration all through the coming hours of the New Year.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY NEW YEAR

We thank you for your patronage during 1926 and want you to know that our plans for 1927 call for a program which we conscientiously believe will fully merit your continued good will and business.

We appreciate every trust placed in us and will never give you cause for regret, if within our power to prevent it.

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Haskell, Texas, Thurs., Dec. 23, 1926

RECKLESS DRIVING Only a relatively small per cent of automobile drivers are reckless, but On a Sunday or holiday many people drive others off the highway to which and on which everyone has an equal right.

Automobiles are safe, highways are safe and driving practices must be made safe.

It is reported that an oil company, operating several hundred trucks, has not had a collision or accident on the highways or at railroad grade crossings for a number of years, although during that time its trucks crossed railroad tracks more than 31,000,000 times.

It selects its drivers with proper care. instructs them in safe practices and gives them to understand that failure to stop, took and listen before crossing a railroad track or failure properly to observe traffic rules and safe practices on the highways will result in dismissal from the service

It logically follows that public regmlations of the same character would accomplish a like result, and with automobiles increasing in number, with proportional increase in congestion and hazard of accident, the point has been reached and the time has arrived for affirmative legislative action in this regard. Pailure to properly observe traffic rules and safe practices on the highways should work a forfeiture of the offender's license in addition to other proper penalties.

MIDWAY SCHOOL CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS

The Midway school closed last Priday afternoon for the holidays. It will start again January 3, 1927. The teachers left Saturday morning for Stamford where they are attending institute. We have started a very successful term of school this year and hope to finish in that way.

First Baptist Church Sunday school at 9:45. Preaching at 11 a. m.

All B. Y. P. U's meet at 6 p. m. There will be no preaching at the evening hour on account of the cantata at the Methodist church given by the Harmony Club.

NOTICE TO OUR PATRONS

We the undersigned Physicians of the city of Haskell do hereby make the request that those who are indebted to us for Medical services call at the earliest possible moment and pay your account or make satisfactory arrangements if you expect us to continue your practice. We are just like other business men, we need our money and must have it in order to meet our own obligations.

We ask that you give this matter your prompt attention and see us at once, not later than January the 1st.

I. M. Gose. A. Q. Gentry, J. M. Baker, b. F. Taylor.

ELEVENCENT COTTON AND FORTY CENT MEAT

Mrs. S. C. Ford, Frisco, Texas.

Eleven-cent cotton and 40c meat! How in the world can a poor man eat? Flour up high, cotton down low, How in the world can we raise dough?

Our clothes worn out, shoes run down Old souch hat with a hole in the crown. Backs nearly broken, fingers all sore, otton going down to rise no more. Eleven-cent cotton and ten-dollar

Who in the world has got a chance? We can't buy clothes, we can't buy

Got too much cotton and nothing to We've got wealth

osing our credit and ruining our an't help each other. What shall we

Eleven-cent cotton and a carload

We're a good set of farmers, we all she spent last week end.

But there's something wrong as sure

as-well! We all worked hard, we groaned and

up set! No use talking, any man's beat, With eleven-cent cotton and forty-cent

H. L. Jeter of Lamesa was in the city Saturday. He is visiting his bro-

thers, Frank and Will of the Centerpoint community. Henry likes to ged to come on time next Sunday. happen in about hog killing time to get a few square meals. He used to live in Haskell County and he knows that there is something good to eat here especially at this time of the year.

E. N. Baker of Abilene was in the city Friday. Mr. Baker is a brother of Tom J. Baker of Midway.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Boedecker of Bunker Hill were shopping in Haskell

Mrs. Vaughn Bailey has returned The load's too heavy for our poor backs from a visit to friends in Dallas where

To Our Friends and Patrons:

We take this method of extending greetings and compliments of the season, and expressing our gratitude for the patronage we have enjoyed and the privilege extended us of being of service in the past.

We wish for you all the joys of the Christmas Time, and abounding healt hand prosperity for the New Year.

We prize above all else the goodwill shown us by your favors in the past, and hope to merit a continuance of same in the future.

W. M. MASK

Groceries, Feed and Meat Market

A Merry Christmas—

1926-1927 —A Happy New Year

We utilize this method to reach as many as we can with our message of thanks and the season's choicest greetings.

HASKELL ELECTRIC

A LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a doll, a pair of little brother a ball and a kiddie kar at home again, and is able to be up. Now we are ruined-we are a blowed and my little sister a rattler.

> Your little friend. Catherine Wair.

Presbyterian Church

Sunday December 26, 1926. Sunday school will begin at 9:45 a m. The attendance has been increasing

the last few Sundays, and all are ur-The pastor will be out of town There will be no preaching service either morning or night.

The Christian Endeavor will meet

to attend all these services.

Odie Kreger Improving.

We are glad to report that Odie Kreger, who underwent an operation rubber boots and a parosol, and my for appendicitis a short time ago is

Entertains With Party.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cavitt of the Powell community entertained a number of the young people Saturday night with a party. They departed at late hour, expressing many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Cavitt for the nice time they had, and wishing they would entertain them again soon,

Earl Bishop and family of Crosby ton are here to spend Christmas with friends. They formerly lived in the Howard community and have many The public is most cordially invited friends who will be glad to see them

and the special specia

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All Hawaiian Players, presenting High Class Entertainment—playing on fifteen different kinds of instruments.

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They will introduce Native Instruments of every kind—Come listen to the weird. enchanting music of Hawaii that everyone likes to hear.

Don't fail to see this Big Attraction at

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Friday and Saturday Nights Midnight Matinee Friday Night

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THE BUSY DAYS



have brought us around to Christmas again, made us all young again with the spirit of merrymaking and good fellowship, reminded us once more that the best things gathered in our lives are the confidence and good will of our

It has been our pleasure to deal with and serve many patrons during the twelve months just past, to take in your welfare a personal and abiding interest, and it is now our privilege to wish for you one and all a full and unfeigned enjoyment of the pleasures of the Holidays.

MCNEILL & SMITH HDW CO.

Old Father Time

IS DRAWING THE **CURTAIN BACK** ON A NEW YEAR

And we hope it will be a good year for one and all. Especially do we feel an interest in the people who have shown an interest in this business. Whether it was patronage or a kind word spoken in our behalf, we want to thank you sincerely.

We are looking to 1927 with renewed energy and bigger program of service and values.

Let us count you in as one of our big family of "the satisfied."

VARIETY STORE

We would not risk a Christmas Card

For fear some one may be overlooked in the rush of the holiday season, so we have reserved this space to broadcast our

Recent consideration of the second se CHRISTMAS GREETINGS 95000000000000000000000000

To all who have favored this business in any way during the year past.

We feel very grateful for the patronage we received during 1926 and will strive earnestly in 1927 to make our service the best possible.

> HASKELL LAUNDRY COMPANY

The Good Samaritan O. Lawrence Hawthorns Is man's humanity to man! That life is gloriously spent Whose constant thought and daily plan Are governed by a love for men-A love so generous, indeed, That happiness comes only when It serves to meet another's need. The Good Samaritan, who tries To minister to those in pain, The name of friendship sanctifies, And he will not have lived in vain. No monument of crumbling stone Such eminence can hope to give, For in the hearts of men alone Does honor through the ages live!

Entertains With Farewell Party Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Coleman of th

Plainview community entertained a ost of young people with a party last Saturday night. This was their farewell party as they will leave this comnunity soon. They will reside near The people of this community regret to see them leave as they are good citizens to every one. At a late hour the young people departed thanking the host and hostess for such splendid time.

Ballew School Progressing Nicely Ballew school has been progressing nicely under the management of Mrs. Bert Trice of Haskell and Miss Alice Wright of Anson. Mrs. Trice taught in this school last year, and both the pupils and patrons are proud to have There is quite a large enrollment already and every one is expecting a fine term of school.

Out of Town Guests to the Shower Given Miss Estelle Tennyson.

Special guests who were in the hous party, Mrs. J. W. Todd of Rochester and Mrs. E. B. Harris of Rule. Other out of town guests were: Mrs. V. Alvis lowell of Rochester.

Miss Ellon Clifton who is teaching hool in Cimanron, New Mexico finds hat she is not very far from her sister Clifton) and she will spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Johnson in their ovely ranch home in Santa Cruz.

Written application will be received the City Council of the City of laskell, Texas, on January 6, 1927, for the position of Water Superintendent your order early if you want to or another year. Please state salary them when you want them. We equired and experience. M. H. Post, Secretary.

his farm interests south of town.

Miss Kate Chambliss designer for the

Our Christmas Days as They Used to Be

METIMES it seems as if the "elder days" were the best. Think of their Christmases! Where is the grace and generosity of those times? The warm welcome, the large cordiality, the mellow fun of innocent celebra-

Perhaps we look back through the softening glow of distance, but there is a romance, a delicate, fine flavor of something which indeed seems lost to us now.

How the neighbors rode through the snow on horseback to large gather-How the pretty girls were muffled in rugs and furs, skimming over the road in sleighs! How the bells rippled and rang! And how the wide doors flew open to greet these

Light of candles . . . pine wreaths . . . sprigs of holly and the high thrill of holiday

Laughing faces . and the Virginia reel in the evening. It is a heartsome thing to think times, but hearts can reflect just truly the invisible yet invincible pow

ing orders for chicks from farm raised flocks of the leading varieties. also do custom hatching at \$3.00 per 100, will be ready Jan. 3rd. We also carry the largest complete line of poultry Mr.J. F. Marchbanks of Childress feeds and supplies and remedies in the spent the past week here looking after west. Munday Hatchery, W. C. Bever

STOLEN-Boys bicycle, size 28, R. B. Smith Millinery Co. of Dallas is nameplate with name "Rex" on front. pending the holidays with her sister Stolen last Saturday night, suitable re-

Leader: Lewis Pearsey. Topic: "What has the coming hrist meant to the World?" Hymn, "More About Jesus."

C. E. Program for December 26

Prayer-John Solomon. Scripture reading- John 1:1-14. Leader's talk. Prayer by leader. Hymn.

Talk-"What do you think has been the greatest result of Christ's coming? -Charles Solomon. Special music-Galen Robertson.

Edna Solomon Duet-Mary Pearsey and Mary Sue

Talk-"The Spirit of Christmas"-A Christmas Prayer-Ruth Robert-

Hymn. Business. Mizpah.

No hard times for office help. demand. Write for Catalog C Holiday Rates. Draughon's College, Talk-"What Christmas stands for? Abilene, Texas.



We Feel Indebted

To Our Patrons for Many Courtesies in the Past and as We Come to

GREETINGS EXTEND

> For Christmas and the New Year.

We would not forget to

THANK YOU TOO

and tell you that in the days to come it is our hope and ambition to SERVE YOU BETTER.

> AND PEARSEY **STEPHENS**

Phone 28.

Haskell, Texas.

AT THIS GLAD CHRISTMAS TIME WE ARE THINKING OF ONR FRIENDS

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Christmas times remind us the true measure of success of any business is its accomplishment in making friends. Old Scrooge made plenty of money, but he loved no one and no one loved him; the singing of a Christmas carol by his window filled him with anger -till he got the true vision of Christmas, the vision of Good Will.

It is a matter of much satisfaction to us that we account the good will of our friends and patrons among the chief assets of our business. We have long had the vision of Good Will and helpfulness among men, and now that the merry Christmas times are here again we hasten to express our wish that our friends and patrons and all others will enjoy a most happy Christmas, and a Prosperous New Year.

M°COLLUM ELLIS & COUCH

Manager and the second second

LIKE AN OLD FRIEND-

We linger to say good-bye to 1926 because you patrons of ours made it a good year.

LIKE A NEW FRIEND-

We welcome 1927 because we hope to hold our old friends and make many new ones.

Accept Our Best Wishes for Peace, Plenty and Happiness During 1927.

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vice, and a large stock of confections of all kinds, hamburgers, sandwiches, cold drinks, cigars, cigarettes and tobaccos. All kinds of fountain and bottled drinks.

READY TO SERYE

YOU AGAIN

I take pleasure in announcing to my

many friends and former customers that

I have purchased the Field & Maxwell Confectionery, and extend a cordial invi-

You will find the same courteous ser-

tation to the public to pay me a visit.

See What Old Kris Brought



Bostick-Simon

A wedding of interest took place at McConnell in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Simon, when their daughter Miss Willie Simon was united in marriage to Mr. Jack Bostick of San Angelo, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. J. H. Runch performed the ring ceremony which united this happy couple as man and wife. Those witnessing the ceremony and served to supper at 6 shepherdess' costume also. o'clock were the family of the bride and Mr. and Mrs. J. 11. Bunch of McCon- most advantageous position possible, well, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Jones and sephew, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Simpson, wife on the other. Only an instant Mr. and Mrs. John Harris and daughter and the lights would be turned out. Callie, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Day and R. Lee Holland all of Stamford Misses nonneement, and then darkness. Rubie Hanson of Plain View, Lillian Quickly Bill grasped for the shepherd Post community where they have Brewster of Ozora and Valentine Bland of Mcclormell, Messes Jam Practic of Linut-" My darling," he whispered Ozora and J. D. and Chris. Jones of smilt-when- (something had gone

this comple a happy and bright life. Mr. and Mrs. Bestiric left Morray morning for San Angelo where they will make their home

CARD OF LLANES

We take this means thanking our friends and neighbors for their many deeds of kindness and a nipathy during the illness and death of our son and brother, Fred Monke, Jr. We wish also to thank our friends for the beautiful floral offering, and it is our prayer that each and every one who was so kind to us may find the same love and sympathy when sadness comes to you. May Heaven's richest blessings rest up

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Monke. Erma Monke.

Why Bill Turned Over a New Leaf

Presented Heart to Wrong Darling at New Year's Eve Party.

BY MARION R. REAGAN



of his early youth had Bill Johnson experienced such thrill at the thought of a party. The New Year's Eve costume ball at the

to offer, besides the usual gayety, a surprise in the way of would be asked to find the one woman they loved, and present her with one of the small hearts which would be distributed earlier in the evening. Johnson had se-

cured two of the hearts which were to be given out. And therein is invoived the story which was occasioning Bill a great thrill.

He had become very fond of Miss Jenkins, the new teacher at the chool.

Miss Jenkins was to be at the ball New Year's Eve. dressed in a shepherdess' costume. Bill had it all planned care-

fully in advance. When the lights went out he would be as near Miss Jenkins as possible, give her one of the hearts, showing that she was the woman he loved, then quickly before the lights again went on, get back to his wife, make some excuse about the difficulty in finding her in the dark. present her with the other heart, and so keep peace in the family.

Nothing could have worked out more perfectly, even despite the fact that Mrs. Johnson had chosen to wear a

At twelve Bill found himself in the with Miss Jeneins on one side and his A beating of the drums, a brief an-

a look of Miss Jenkins, took her on de, and particularly to our friend. who was two confused even to Ion at the lady beside him,

The lady, however, was beaming with pleasure. "Why Bill you old I didn't think fect anate," she said, and haid a tender hand on his arm. He turned suickly-to greet his wife.

"Saved," he thought, and the consclousness of the predicament he had been so narrowly saved from, made him so grateful to the gods he slid an affectionate arm around his wife's waist. "You really don't know me so well, after all, dear," he said aloud, with more truth than Mrs. Johnson realized, and to nimself he said: "From this out. If I am to die. I shall sever do another indiscreet thing."

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Taken from the files of the Free Press December 22, 1906.

Mr. Vernon Cobb was in town Thurs

The Wichita Valley brought in seven Saturday loaded with immigrants and their effects, all from Bell County Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Andruss of Dubin are visiting the family of their son, OT since the days Mr. G. W. Andruss, Jr. of this place. Mr. W. S. Fouts, our popular excommissioner, was circulating in the ity Tuesday.

Mr. Will Gilbreath from Sulphur Springs has moved to this county and located near Weinert. He is a relative to Mr. I. N. Furr of this city

There is considerable talk of incorporating the town, and the sentiment a novelty dance. At twelve o'clock H. S. Wilson suggested that we ought the lights would go out, the gentlemen to incorporate for the purpose at least, of building gravel or plank walks, there should be a good walk laid from the equare to the school house.

Miss Dulin Fields has returned from a visit to friends and relatives at Wills Point and Kaufman.

Mrs. D. B. English left Thursday to spend Christmas with friends and re latives in eastern Texas.

Dr. E. E. Gilbert and small sons Morris and Carl, left Thursday to visit he doctors old home in Kentucky. The many friends of Miss Mamie Kelev were saddened Thursday on receipt

the news of her death at her home

n Belton. Mr. R. H. Davis, one of Haskell's in erprising real estate agents, returned rom Stonewall county a few days ago where we understand he closed some

satisfactory deals. Mr. Lee Pierson was in town yester day and said to the reporter that he was preparing to build a good tenant house on every hundred acres of his place six miles west of town. As he has three and one-half sections that means twenty-two houses.

Mr. Paul Zahn of Austin County has purchased 266 acres nine miles orth of town,

The following new settlers from Bell ounty who purchased land in this ounty last summer arrived this week take possession of their new homes wit: G. M. Baker, Sam Treat, E. N Baker, J. H. Goodwin, Mr. Roberts Mr. Hutchins and Mr. Calhoun.

Allcorn Lee

Allcorn and Miss Pauline Lee were happily married Saturday December the 18th by Rev. W. H Albertson at his residence in this city at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

These young people are from the many friends who will join the Free Press in wishing for them many cears of Happy weded life.



Give Golden moments and hours of restful, easeful transportation, this Christmas. Give princely luxury and beauty.

Give a Buick!

The ransom of a prince could buy no more princely gift.

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THE GROWING FIRELIGHTS

at the Christmas hearths will soon be lighting up the many circles of happy faces, bright also with the spirit of the glad season which is upon us.

It is our sincere hope that our many friends are finding their places in these choicest of all earthly gatherings—these chosen companies of true friends.

The year has been a satisfactory one to us in a business way; you, our friends, have made it so; and now we take much pleasure in wishing for you all the finest fruits of friendship and good fellowship that the season can bring.

And may the New Year bring to you an ever-increasing meed of joy.

J. W. GHOLSON **GROCERIES**

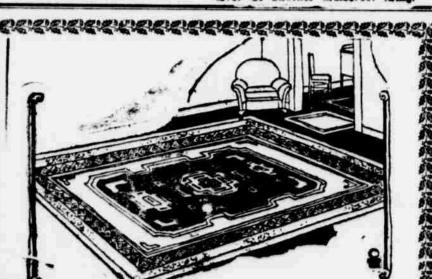
We're

Just Hoping

That Old Santa Claus will be better to our friends and patrons this Christmas than he ever has before and that the New Year will be better than the Christmas we wish for each of you.

Accept if you please, our sincere thanks for your 1926 business.

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6x9 Congoleum Rug

27x52 inch Congoleum Rug to match the above.

27x52 inch Congoleum Rug in several patterns.

All Three Rugs for

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Just the thing to improve the appearance of the home for Christmas.



Looking backward with our mind's with their long, willowy, concentrated food; furnished ned for both the wild animals and the

Here, along the beautiful streams athered pecans for food, and in their to other parts of the state hese nuts in their pouches de of animal skins, dropping them bore nuts and aided by crows dents and flood waters until now al-

Until recent years no particular value had been placed upon pecan trees able trees have been destroyedto make for annual crops, which often do single pecan tree is capable of pronot produce on the entire farm what There are official records tept of many of these giant trees of Texas forests which show a production a single year of from 500 to 1400 unds of nuts, and it is no uncomn thing to find trees whose crops ell annually for from \$50 to \$100 each Texas is the original home of the an and produces more native pecans

han all the balance of the world. only just beginning to be realized. ith modern-machinery for grading be an overproduction. heir uses in foods and confections are limitless, and what for many become a part of the daily u in thousands of American homes that number is doubling every importing nuts from South Mexico, Africa and other when we have right here the leading dieticians tell us is e richest most concentrated food that

lots in Texas where from at ne to many hundreds of thoupecan trees could not be sucgrown, making a beautiful ornamental tree and furnishing a wonderling shade, while also bearing

then every home owner in Texas will r set some pecans about his reson his farm or ranch, that Tex-

Every park should be set with pecans place of worthless (except for shade) ilm and hackberry.

Since Texas has named the pecan the official state tree, then every school with pecan trees, that future gener-

ege, backed by the untiring efforts ve been discovered and propagated arough nurseries and by top-working, dding and grafting native trees, thus the modern Poland ere are many thousands of acres of years will be set to pecans we feel that no one part of the ery county will find room for some ge orchards; and to those who act alk pecans boost pecans and every ne who has a place, even though only ge enough for one tree, plant pecans. those wanting data on any line of ecan propagation, our A. &M. Colege, hundreds of County Agents and any individual pecan experts over the

e Jud school house Friday afternoon. The school room and tree were beautidecorated. R. G Brannon the cacher made a short talk. Then Santa ame in and the presents were taken if the tree by Santa and given to the

They all enjoyed the afternoon, hopto see Santa again.

Several visitors were present, and all invited to come back and visit

All left with a smile on their faces and wishing everybody a merry Christand a happy new year.

Rubie Catherine the baby daughter Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bunkley-of Mc-Connell who has been ill the past week is improving of which the host of

CLUB BOY WRITES OF HIS

lated by Herbert Hannsz, Haskell Reds. The Reds and Rocks were from County Club boy, in his report submitted to County Agent Trice on the completion of his poultry project for the year. Herbert with John R. Watson Jr., another club boy, and County I entered 2 pens, 5 cockerels and 4 Agent Trice attended the short course at the Texas A. & M. College the past

We moved to a new place about the irst of the year and found things, about the supposed to be poultry yard, 1st hen and 5th pullet. in very bad condition. In fact, the one small piec eof a house used for the chickens here to-fore, had only one side and one end, and the droppings under the roost were about 18 inches deep.

The first thing to do was what? Well! I hardly knew what to do or where to begin, but I started in and cleaned everything as clean as possible. and tore down a portion of the house and rebuilt it. I then moved an old house which had been formerly used to 3156 or 263 dozen were sold on the house pigeons to the poultry yard. (market. The others were consumed at This house was 8 ?12, and was found to home or used for setting purposes. be densely inhabited by many lice and

After the houses were erected and fences and yards built it was time to consider the mating of the birds. used two pens and the flock on the outside. One pen consisted of 8 females and one male while the other pen consisted of 3 males and 36 hens

The first month and half after movng the hens the egg production was exceedingly low, but after the birds were settled and cold weather had ceased production increased slowly gaining up to about 90 per cent average for a period of 50 days.

I sent for a brooder in February, but the company was out of them at the time, so I did not renew my order as it was already late in the season. tried to brood a portion of the chicks by artificial heat in small boxes, yet time proved that this was not a very successful method.

The egg production from the 15th of February until the 11 of March was 89.4 per cent on my flock. On March 12, I marketed 64 hens that I did not

The chicks hatched grew off very well considering the limited opportunities they had in the way of breeding. I purchased 25 baby chicks from the best breeder of Black Leghorns in the United States, yet very unfortunately I lost about 60 per cent of them when I had a bunch of chickens to smother to death. About two weeks later I ordered 10 more baby chicks from the same breeder, from his very best matings. They were nearly frozen when they arrived, in fact, one was dead and the others in bad shape. I

succeeded in raising two of these and

I raised about 150 chickens to maturty. Some were Black Leghorns, Some Barred Rocks and some Rhode Island

eggs I bought. On account of lack of time I did not do anything in the way of conditioning my birds for the Haskell County Fair pullets and won all awards. I also won 1st. display of all varieties in club, as

vell as, the most ribbons. I entered everal birds at the Dallas Fair, adult division, and won 1st cock,

Here are a few figures to show the monthly and yearly records of the flock Fro mthe 12th of February until the 11th of March when 64 of the hens were sold, the average daily production was about 57 eggs. The two high months were February and March due to the extra number of hens, and latef some of the hens went broody

The total number of eggs laid during the year was 7,741. Of this number

Herbert Hannsz, Club Boy. composition showed that Herbert had Lett of the Jud community.

on hand at the beginning of the year \$160 worth of poultry and supplies, while at the end he had \$402.07 worth. This gives him a gain of \$240.07 on his project during the year, as well as, ome valuable experienc.

Ineffective But Acceptable.

"Let me kill those tears away, sweetheart," he begged very tenderly. She fell into his arms and he was very busy for a few minutes. But the tears "Can nothing stop them?" he asked

breathlessly. "No," she murmured, "it's my hay fever, but go on with the treatment."

Mr. R. G. Brannon and Miss Oweds Fendleson, teachers of the Jud school are attending the teachers institute at

The school closed Friday afternoon with a Christmas tree. School will open again after two weeks of holidays

beginning January the 3rd. The attendance of the school will rease after Christmas.

Mr. Marshell Lett of Winters and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cain of Miles are The data accompaning the above visiting their parents Mr. and Mrs. A. J.

THE GOODWILL

of our patrons and friends is one of our most valuable assets. The spirit of the season brings to us renewed appreciations of old associates and of the value of new friends.

JONES & SON

Service Station and Sheet Metal Works. HASKELL, TEXAS

May your Christmas be a happy one and success attend your New Year, is the cordial wish of

Seigels Dry Goods Co.

And now since Friendship with its

priceless joys is one of the essential

ingredients of Christmas and Christ-

mas cheer we are not going even to

taste the long-waited sweets of the

season without first having sent out

thi wish to all our friends that the

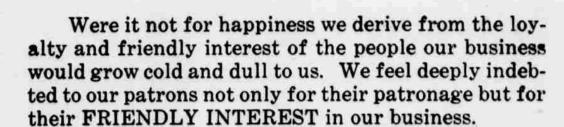
Goddess of Goodness will empty

everything enjoyable into their laps.

FRIENDSHIP

Happy New

A YULETIDE EXPRESSION BUT WITH US IT IS AN EVERYDAY WISH



We rejoice at Christmas time and sincerely exchange

THE SEASONS GREETINGS

But we do not stop at wishing you the joys of the season. We hope and trust that the days ahead of you will be happy days.

As for us, we will count each day a happy one when we are privileged to serve you. As the last word of this Holiday message to all our patrons let us add our thanks for all favors of the past.

J. F. KENNEDY GARAGE

Red Front Garage.

East Side Square.

The Unwritten

Pages

of the New Year will soon unfold before us, inviting us to write thereupon some worthy records for the archives of Time to hold in store.

Each of us of course wants to write Success in larger letters than was our privilege the year just closed, and it has been one of the proud claims of this business so to identify its interests and concerns with those of its friends that its success falls or rises with theirs.

This being true it is most natural that we should greatly appreciate your patronage and friendship as it has been given us during the year just closed, and seek the pleasure of writing together with you better things for us all in the white book of the new year.

HASKELL COUNTY ABSTRACT CO. V. W. MEADORS

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Taken from the file of Press, December 1, 1926.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lawley on Friday the 17th instant, a son. Mr. Engene Hall of Carney, was in good one the county Capital yesterday.

Mr. A. Chaney of the Wild Horse prairie was in the city Monday,

On Thursday the 14th, Mr. A. L. Mc Ada and Miss Gladys Hazelton called add the sugar and salt peter. Continat Squire Lambkins and were duly united in the bonds of wedlock by that arm of the law.

Mr. H. S. Post has ordered five hundred black locust trees which he will salt on it, spread it out and allow to have planted on small lots he has in

Messrs. McNeill and Smith has moved their stock into the new brick building on the east side of the square where they will be able to make a much bet ter display of their goods.

There was a train wreck on the Wichita Valley south of Munday on some merchandise sustained considerable damage, but no person was hurt

Mr. G. O. Hardeman, who purchased land southeast of town has moved up from Hill county and located on his

Miss Kate Kelley was called Thursday by telegram to the bedside of her sister, Miss Mamie Kelley, who was taken from Munday to her home at Belton about two weeks ago sick with Mr. Guss Grusendorf of the east side

was in town Thursday and hauled out four wagon loads of lumber for improvements on his place. Judge H. R. Jones and Mesdames II

ganization of a Rebekah Lodge.

Mr. Henry Free of the east side was in town Tuesday. Mr. A. A. Frierson and family moved

Milan county.

HOME CURING OF PORK

to get all the farmers to produce hogs meeting. for home meat consumption, especially 4te during times of depressed hog prices until they learn how to do a good job of curing their own meat, advises E. R. Eudaly, Extension Service Specialist, by the City Council of the City of A. and M. College of Texas.

such a manner that it will make a required and experience. desirable food. Not only must it be

tasty when first cured, but it should stay that way for twelve months. Mr Eudaly does not think that the dry salt method fulfills these requirements Sugar curing by the brine process, he says, is always followed by folks once they have learned to use it.

There are several formulas for mak ing this brine, the following being a

brown sugar, 5 ounces salt peter.

Bring the water to a boil, then add this to cool and the brine is ready. It is preferable to kill the hog in the

stand over night. In the meantime, make the brine as directed and allow it to stand over night. The next morning, pack the meat in a barrel. Pack the hams and shoulders first, with the skin side up; then pack

the side meat with skin side up. Put a weight on the meat and then pour the brine over it. Let it stand in this man Tuesday. The track, several cars and ner for three weeks. At this time, take out the side ment and hang up to drip Weight the hams and shoulders down in the brine and leave it there another ten days. After this time, take these out and hang up to drip. When all the meat has dripped dry, smoke it and then wrap it. This is usually done by wrapping first with newspapers and then cotton sacking. Be sure and sew the cloth on tight so that no bugs nor and W. B. L. of Lot 38; flies can get to the meat. Sew on a strap to hang the package with. Hang t in a cool place and you will have as 3 and 4: good meat as you can buy during the

We will fix your blowed out tires R. Jones and I S. Keister went to Mun. and tubes with Fixit. Texas Filling day this week and assisted in the or. Station. One block east of Post Office. Phone No 351.

Stockholders Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that a meetto Haskell county this week from ing of the stockholders of the

FARMERS STATE BANK of Haskell. Texas, will be held in the offices of said bank in the City of Has-The cotton situation is causing far-kell, State of Texas, at 2 o'clock p. m., mers to think of the possibilities of the second Tuesday in January A D. hog production, also the production of 1927, the same being the 11th day of feed and food for themselves and their said month, for the purpose of electing livestock. The records show that over a board of directors for said bank and half of the farms in Texas have no hogs the transaction of such other business and we do not believe it will be possible that may properly come before said

J. B. Post, Cashier.

NOTICE

Written application will be received Haskell, Texas, on January 6, 1927, for Curing pork is not only a matter of the position of Water Superintendent making it keep. It must be put up in for another year. Please state salary

M. H. Post, Secretary

Notice By Guardian of Application For Mineral.

Guardianship of Tom Ashburn, et al. No. 355. Lease on Real Estate of said 3 and 4, to the center of Leon River; Ward: In the County Court of Haskell County, Texas.

Notice is hereby given that I. J. B. Ashburn, guardian of the person and estate of Joe Ashburn, a minor, have 10 gallons water, 20 lbs salt, 10 lbs this day filed my application in the above entitled and numbered cause for an order of the County Judge of Hasthe salt. Stir this about a minute, then kell Texas, authorizing me as guardian of the person and estate of said ward ue to stir until all is dissolved. Allow to make a mineral lease upon such terms as the court may direct, on the following described real estate situated afternoon. Cut up the meat and rub in Eastland County, Texas, belonging

to the estate of said ward: All of Lot 38 and Part of Lot 39 of Leagues 3 and 4. McLennan County School lands known as Abstract 367. more particularly described as follows: Beginning at S. E. corner of said Lot

38, beginning, also the N.E. corner of Lot 33, said Leagues 3 and 4. Thence West with S. B. L. of said Lot 38 to S. E. corner of J. R. Higgins land being S. E. corner of Lot 37 said

Leagues 3 and 4; Thence North 0 deg. 38 min. West at 1315 ft. a 2 in. iron pipe on S. Bank of Leon River in all 1337 ft. to center of channel of Leon River.

Thence South 67 deg, and 24 min. East 369.3 ft. with center of channel of Leon River to E. B. L. of Lot 43, ing by the primary grades was enjoyed

38 and S. B. L. of Lot 42, to the North- sented the presents to the pupils. east corner of said Lot 38, Leagues 3 and 4. McLennan County School lands; Thence South 990 feet to the S. W. orner Hazzard land:

ner of same on W. B. L. of Lot 40 ic equipment for the school.

said Leagues 3 and 4; Thence South E. B. L. of said Lot 39 and W. B. L. of Lot 40, said Leagues ing of the stockholders of

Thence up center of Leon River to the E. B. L. of Lot 38 said point being of Weinert, Texas will be held in the the N. W. corner of Lot 32 of said offices of said bank in the city of Wei-Leagues 3 and 4 of McLennan County nert, State of Texas, at 2 o'clock p. m., School lands;

Thence South 180 vrs. with E. B. of said Lot 38 said Leagues 3 and 4, place of beginning.

Said application will be heard by the as, at the Court House in the City of meeting. Haskell, Texas, on the 20th day of December, A. D. 1926.

J. B. Ashburn, Guardian of the Person and Estate of Joe Ashburn, a

January Second to Be Big Day at Sweet Home Church

On the first Sunday of January which will be the second day of the new year Sweet Home Baptist church is expecting a great day. Bro. Freddie 'ole is to be ordained to the minestry at the eleven o'clock hour and during 4tc the afternoon the new deacons will be ordained. Bro. Powell of Abilene is to preach the ordination sermon.

The Christmas program given at Midway school house last Friday even by a large crowd. After the probram Thence North 18 deg 38 min. East the curtain was raised and there stood to S. W. corner of Lot 42, said Leagues a beautiful Christmas tree loaded with presents for the school children. Santa Thence East with N. B. L. of Lot arrived about seven o'clock and pre-

> Pie Supper at McConnell a Success. The pie supper held at McConnell

Friday night December 17 was a decid-Thence East with S. B. L. of said ed success, bringing in the sum of \$34 Hazzard land 1164 feet to S. E. cor. which will be used to purchase athelet-

FARM AND RANCH LOANS

INTEREST RATE - WHY PAY MORE? Haskell Farm Loan Assn. Federal Land Bank

MARVIN H. POST, Secy-Treas.

Over Payne Drug Store

Stockholders Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that a meet WEINERT STATE BANK

the second Wednesday in January A.D. 1927, the same being the 12th day of McLennan County School lands to the said month, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for said bank and the transaction of such other business County Judge of Haskell County, Tex- that may properly come before said

G. R. Couch, Jr., Cashier.

Stockholders Meeting. Notice is hereby given that a meet-

ing 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 o'clock p. m., 1927, 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 that may properly come before said

A. C. Pierson, Cashier

WOMEN LIKE

OUR

HAIR TRIMMING

-There's a reason - our

workmen know how, and we

endeavor to please our cus-

SHAVING

B. T. CLIFT, Prop.

North Side Square

tomers at all times.

Entertains With Party

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ivey of Jud entertained a number of the young people with a party Saturday night. A large crowd attended. Young people from Rule and other communities were present. All enjoyed the occasion. When they departed, they said tiMr. and Mrs. Ivey they had a nice time, and wishing they would entertain them

The extraordinary Borosone treator flesh wounds, cuts, sores, galls, and scalds is just as effective in the sent markable speed under its power fluence. The treatment is the same animals as for humans. First was infectious germs with liquid Borosone Powder complete the bealing process. Price (liquid) 80 and \$1.20. Powder 300 and 60c. Sent Powder 30c and 60c. again soon.

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P. D. SANDERS

Haskell, Texas.

KERRERRERRERRERRERRERRER

A Merry Christmas

to

Everybody

From

WESTERN PRODUCE CO.

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TEXAS THEATRE

Today Thursday December 23rd. Is the last day to see Bert Lytell and Billie Dove and a great cast in

"THE LONE WOLF RETURNS" A thrilling and amazing sequel to "The Lone Wolf" a 100 per cent mystery drama. This is a picture that will please young as well as

Christmas Eve One Day Only.

Richard Dix in-

"SAY IT AGAIN"

Directed by Gregory La Cava, from the story by Luther Reed and Ray Harris. You all like to see Richard, so this is one that will suit you. You remember him in "Unlucky Devil". Well this a whopper

Christmas Eve Night, Mid-Night Matinee, 12:00 A. M.

We are presenting to you a picture a picture that is a picture-"THE MIDNIGHT KISS"

Based on John Golden's stage hit, "Pigs" with Janet Gaynor, Richard Walling, Housman and Gladys McConnell. Ever been kissed? There are many kind of kisses, some precede marriage others prompt a slau in the face, but, "The Midnight Kiss" beats them all. All of you are invited to a midnight kiss so come to see if you get it properly.

Christmas Day December 25th. Only. "THE MAN ON BOX"

With Syd Chaplin, that funny comedian. The cast includes, David Butler, Alice Calhoun, Kathleen Calhoun, Helen Costello homeless and jobless, alone in a big city in a pair of pajamas. The merry adventures of a gentleman idler caught in a whirl wind of thrilling melodramas. It will get every laugh you have A smile a second, a laugh a minute, an hour of glorious hiliarty. This day only.

Monday and Tuesday. "PADLOCKED"

An all star cast. A picture worthy of it's name At The Haskell Theatre Friday Christmas Eve.

Norma Sherer in-"THE DEVIL'S CIRCUS"

A thrilling film. A great star in a film masterpiece, with Charles Emmett and Garmel Myers. The public has hailed this as Norma Shearer's starring triumph and one of the years dramatic sensations. The drama that unfolds behind the scenes of the circus. You will be thrilled as seldom before, by this picture which mirrors the heart beats, the tears and the joys of humanity.

"LUCKY HORSE SHOE"

Saturday at The Haskell Theatre.

These pictures are good ones for this date. So come to either show

Hope you one and all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Texas and Haskell Theatres, The Management.

Matinee every day at the Texas Theatre, 2:00 p. m. Night show starts

THE TALE OF 1926

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To us it has been in the main a very pleasant one. Our business has been satisfactory the number of our friends has been enlarged and we feel that we have served a useful purpose in the world.

And now as we all begin to prepare for the story of the New Year with its sorrows and joys, its shadows and bright lights, we take advantage of this happy holiday season to wish in advance that what the New Year has to tell you will be words of Success, messages of Friendship and Good Will and that the last chapter will leave you enjoying a full measure of Happiness.

PHONES No. 8 and 385

Happy New Year

Merry

Christmas

AND

Could we say more in a Whole page?

Cash Meat Market

N. T. Smith

Jason W. Smith



Mrs., Gammill to help I. W. Gammill and her son Mr. Freshmen Have Christmas some months but will on return to his base in New York and sweet salads. We cannot re? aber such a feast served in the good infare dinner following the wedding and cake to the class. in vogue. In looking over the din room, side tables and kitchen after tables of guests had dined, one reminded of what was left after parable of the loaves and fishes before the guests departed Mr smill got down the family bible and v. Vaughn read a chapter and lead prayer. Those enjoying this hospiwere Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Vau-Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Patterson, Mr. d Mrs. H. W. Richey, Mr. and Mrs. W. Wood, Knox City, Mr. A. B others and Dr. Logan, Rochester; M. H. Hancock, Mr. F. M. Squy-Miss Emma May McCall, Rule;

tursday Luncheon Club joys Christmas Frolic.

Departing from the usual custom of nding the entire day the Thursday mcheon Club met in the home of one their members, Mrs. A. C. Pierson Thursday afternoon and had a

P. D. Sanders, Mrs. C. M. Kaig-

Mrs. Sue Eastland and Ray East-

ra Dell Equyres, Emma Kate Richey,

louise Cannon, Margaret Richey, Doy-

way Gammill, the hostess and hono-

al Eastland, Wayne Vaughn, and Cal-

d, Wiley James and William Wood,

ment plate the latter carried cheese balls, date pudding topped with whipped cream and cherries, hot chocolate and coffee. The real fun began at last however when the guests were invited to gather around the tree and Mrs. Wiley Reid and Mrs. H. S. Wilson cailed off the presents to the following: special guests, Mrs. John Draper and Mrs. Marshall Pierson, club members, Mesdames R. J. Reynolds, Wiley Reid, and was quite a favorite in the social country home of Mr. and Mrs. J. John A. Couch, H. S. Wilson, F. L. Gammill there congregated a large Daugherty, O. E. Patterson, M. B. Elmer Irwin and the hostess, Mrs. A. C.

The Freshman Class of the Haskell here he is a United States recruiting High School enjoyed a delightful party We believe that Mr. and Mrs. in the basement of the High School ammill will not object to being call last Friday evening. There were about old fashioned when we explain that fifty present including the class spone affair was entirely informal, the sors, Miss Corinne V. Moore and Mr. hole house was turned over to the David Ramsey. The decoration comsests to do as they liked. And some mittee, Effie Moser, Selda Maples, Vivtimate information was gleaned that ian Bernard, Clara Lampkin, Lola Nell "smoke house" could Schaffer, Cecil Leflar and Hamby ast of no greater supply and variety Wimberly soon had the basement dein could the cellar and pantries of corated with Christmas emblems and is modern country home. This was the inevitable tree well doaded with oven when the guests were assured gifts brought by the class for each at two thirds of the bountiful repast other. All kind of indoor games were raised on the farm. There was enjoyed and then Mr. Ramsey invited ked turkey, chicken, pork and beef the entire class to pass by a large box med vegetables and fruits and fresh and take a sack each which they did mips and greens and young onions and found that the bags contained a m a late garden. Added to this was quantity of candy, fruit and nuts. Next array of some dozens of pastry, the refreshment committee, Clara Weaver, Bessie Bee Kaigler, Luella Woodson, Ruby Cox and Myrtle Roberts d fashioned way since the days when served all day suckers, hot chocolate

> IT ISN'T A HOME WITHOUT A TELEPHONE



HE (as the guests were leaving): "I'll call you

SHE: (a wee bit ashamed) "But we haven't a Telephone." HE: "Oh, well, I'll proba-

bly see you again some SOME TIME very often

becomes "NEVER".

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Miss Helen Harbison Resigns From

Miss Helen Harbison who has been for her home in Payetteville, Arkansas, ember the 24th, at the usual hours. endeared herself to all who knew her circles. Miss Nettie McCollum accompanied Miss Harbison as far as Wichita Falls, where both were week end guests of Mrs. Clyde Grissom. Miss McCollum returned to Haskell Monday and Miss Harbison continued on to her home.

McDowell-Carrigan

The happy young couple were from the Post community where they are well and favorably known and have a host of friends who wish them was host of friends who was host of friends who wish them was host of friends who wish them much

Magazine Library Will Be Open This Week On Friday.

The Magazine Club Library usually the popular miliner for the Hardy Gris, is open from three o'clock until five som Store for the past three years re- on each Saturday, but the Library will signed her position last week and left be open the day before, Friday, Dec-Miss Harbison was not only one of the This will enable all patrons to secure best ruliners that Haskell ever had but their books to read during Christmas

> More good office positions than we can fill. Write for catalog C and Holiday Rates. Draughon's College, Abilene, Texas.

> > MOTHERS

Mr. Robert McDowell and Miss Gertrude Carrigan were married Thursday December the 16th by Rev. W. H. Albertson at his residence in this city at 4 p. m. Water for symptoms of worms in your children. These parasites are the great destroyers of child life. If you have reason to think your child has worms, act quickly. Give the little one a dose or two of White's Cream Vermifuge. Worms Watch for symptoms of worms in your

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Ready to help you get More Eggs at Lower Cost!

POULTRY raisers say our service is worth talking about, and you can bet we are mighty glad of that. But, what pleases us most is that our customers who are feeding Purina Poultry Chows are making more money from their flocks. These customers stay with us and the growing number of new customers is proof that Purina Chows get results. We can help you get more eggs from your hens. When we sell you Purina Poultry Chows we will give you egg record cards free to check up. Then in

your own figures you will have positive evidence that you are getting your money's worth and then some by feeding Purina Poultry Chows. We are ready right now to help you get more eggs at a lower feed cost.



Haskell Mill & Grain Co.

TO THE PATRONS WHOM IT HAS BEEN OUR PLEASURE TO SERVE

WE EXTEND HEARTY GREETINGS **AND BEST WISHES FOR 1927**

In this holiday message we are joined by all the members of our organization. We only hope that your dealings with us have been as pleasant to you as they have to us and that during 1927 it may again be our good fortune to continue to claim you as our patron.

Accept our hearty thanks for your patronage and for any kind words spoken in our behalf in 1926.

J. A. COUCH, Manager.

The Crowning

Season

of joy for the entire year is the Christmas period. In these few holidays are gathered together the chief pleasures of the other fifty-one weeks which have passed away since the year began.

In summing up our assets to be thankful for as revealed in the history of the year we find your patronage and friendship to hold an important place among our matters of satisfaction.

And we are venturing the hope that you have found your dealings with us pleasant and satisfactory and that our agreeable relations may be continued on through next year.

Meantime we are hoping that the present Christmas will be the merriest and best you have ever enjoyd and that nothing shall stand in the way of your complete happiness.

Haskell Telephone Company

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

This bank of the Christmas spirit sends hearty Yuletide Greetings to its depositors and frinds.

May the "back log" in the fireplace keep Life's fire burning brightly on this sacred holiday.

The steady progress we have scored is, we think good cause for our gratitude toward those, who have not found their gratitude toward those, who have not found their confidence in us misplaced. To them -Greetings.

To those whose acquaintance we have yet to make, Greetings also, and a cordial invitation to come in and enroll their names upon our books-books that stand for safety, service, and a desire to please.

THE FARMERS STATE

J. B. POST, Cashier

R. C. COUCH, Active Vice President. J. B. RIKE, Assistant Cashier

Violet and Her Christmas Catch

By ETHEL AUGUSTA COOK BARNES

was the "best

catch" in Wil-

liamsville. At

least that is what

the mothers of un-

Girl's Kindness and Understanding Appealed to Handsome Young Dick Barnes

Aunt Sophia Played Clever

married maidens there told themselves and some Part by Supplying times each other, a Dinner Party But what is more the maidens them-

selves thought so. And Violet Martin, who was neither the prettiest, nor the richest, nor the dieverest of the maidens, agreed with them in their estimate of the big, handsome, wealthy fellow. But it was, with her, not his riches, or his good looks, or even his great popularity that gave her this No, it was a feeling she had for the whole two years since he had come to Williamsville, that he would make one of the best comrades to the world. She understood his special sense of humor. She loved his laugh. Violet Martin was honestly in love with this big, congenial boy,

Richard was in love with Violet, too. He was quite certain of that. But he was spolled. Anyone would be spoiled who was adored as Richard was edored. You see, it was not only the girls-there was his mother who had spoiled him from infancy. That is why Richard, although he knew he loved this girl who wasn't the prettiest, nor the richest, nor the wisest in Wil-Hamsville-no, not by rar, had not quite come to the point of proposing. For Violet, who was honestly in love with him (not like the others who were in love with the idea of perhaps being loved by this hero) dared not show her adoration. No, she dared boy, and treat him like an equal.

And Richard was a little put out with this. Any reflection of himself in a girl's eyes short of a hero's reflection made him feel strange.

Resides, he wasn't sure it was posalbie for a man to be in love with a mdy unless she was in love with him. He had pride, too.

But Christmas night the drama came to its crisis. Violet had acreed to go to a musical

comedy with him, a good show that

Whispered Eagerly.

and been a success in New York, and was in Williamsville just this one micht. All the Williamsville youths would be there with their ladies, and Bichard, deep in his heart, was glad hat they were to see him with Violet.

"I don't know why I feel this inerginate pride in her," he told himwif. "There are prettier girls, and as selly. And girls that are nicer to me, But it's Violet I'd rather be seen with than any of 'em.'

When he called for her the whole braily was sitting around the open are to the big front parlor. Evidentthey had had a family Christmas er, for Violet's aunt and uncle and er cousins were still there, and unmarried Aunt Sophia. "Fime to start for the theater?"

Wicket's father exclaimed in amazemeat when he saw Richard. "Well, better get our things on, too," It seemed that not only youth was ing to the musical comedy. But Agent Sophia was not going. She had not thought to get herself a ticket, and opparently no one had thought for her, Anat Mand was going with her hushand The young cousins were going with their beaux. Mrs. Martin with Mr. Slartin. And Violet was going

With Dick. . Aget Sophia until this minute had not realized how lonely a Christmas might she had in store for herself at in her tiny apartment. She not now, gazing about almost like child afraid of sudden loneliness.

no one noticed the look, and Bophin had never meant they should. Dt. yes. Someone had noticed, Vic-Let's clear eyes had caught it and with a pang at her heart understood.

New Year's Wish for You bear friends. I wish this wish for you: will to serve howe er God wills.

sower to smile at seeming ills.

rision that can pierce the dark

see the dawn and hear the lark.

sver all God's sky of blue riends, this is my wish for you. Cree Bose, in Western Recorder.

Should Include Whole Year "Happy New Year" is a wish that include the entire year rather he mere day which bears the

UNCLE JIM'S CHRISTMAS

By MARION R. REAGAN



Jacksons-

'predicament." The oldest son of the W. J. Jacksons bad just gone into business some few months before and his father, and his two uncles, J. J. and R. P., had endorsed his note. In the meantime the business had failed and the Jacksons were now called on to make the note good. To pay, as they certainly would have to, meant to sacrifice what little they had, and none of them was any too prosperous.

"How about asking Uncle Jim for the money?" R. P. suggested, "He's rich enough and it wouldn't hurt him," "Yes." interrupted his wife, "but you forget he's just as tight as he's

rich, and there isn't one of us that's even laid eyes on him since Corsin Wil-Ham's death four years ago." "That's all right," replied her husband, "people get generous impulses at Christmas time, and you never get

anything in this world unless you ask Everyone agreed that what R. P. said was true enough, but none would "stoop to ask a favor of him." It wouldn't do, that was all. It wouldn't

However, after the little meeting broke up and the families went on their various ways, each had the idea that after all it wouldn't hurt to try Uncle Jim. They would say nothing to the rest and if it did not turn out

well, no one would ever know. And so that night three letters were sent to Uncle Jim-one from R. P., one from W. J. and one from J. J. Jackson, asking for \$5,000 to pay off the note of the young Jackson, and thus save three families from utter

Uncle Jim, an trate, extremely close old bachelor, was furious the morning of December 23. He paced the floor, his face crimson, three letters crunched in his fist. "By George, what nerve! The begging beasts!" he exploded. He sat down to write a



for \$5,000."

terse note to each saying "No," defimitely, but found it a little difficultto be so cold. Finally he thought the easiest way to get out of it gracefully would be to write saying that be bimself had had reverses and was poorer than any one of them. To make it a little more graphic, he even referred to his "cold garret."

Mrs. J. J. Jackson appeared at the broakfast table next morning with a letter in her hand.

"From Uncle Jim," she answered simply to her husband's inquiry. "Nothing doing, I suppose?" he

it's much worse than that. Jack; the poor old man-read this fon't it too bad, after all he's had?" "Let's invite him here for Christenas dinner," suggested Mrs. J. J. "It's pretty hard on him, you know, being

alone and old like that." It was agreed. Mrs. J. J. sat down and wrote the following:

"Dear Uncle Jim: "We are so sorry to have bothered you with our note, but we never knew of your-reverses. Won't you come and spend the Christmas holidays with us? The enclosed is a postal order for \$2.50 to cover the fare. Do come. We are most anxious to see you. "Your affectionate niece,

The peculiar thing was that precisely the same thing happened in the home of the R. P.'s and W. J.'s, with the result that Uncle Jim again received three letters from his nieces, all enclosing the fare to Evansville for Christmas dinner.

Old Uncle Jim was genuinely touched. Of all the things that might have happened, certainly this was the last he would have expected.

That night, Christmas Eve, the Jacksons met again at the J. J.'s to discuss what could be done about the note, which had to be met on the They had not gotten far with their plans when the noise of a highpowered motor was heard outside and the bell rang.

"Gracious, Uncle Jim!" exclaimed Mrs. J. J., when she opened the door. "Of course, Uncle Jim," said the old man. "I was only teasing you when I wrote that letter. I had intended coming all along and paying off the little note. Here take these-just a few Christmas greetings for each of you."

last seen about 8 miles south of Has and Mrs. M. A. Clifton is reported ill kell on Stamford road, has several wire at his home. He left school sick a cuts on breast and fore legs, liberal re- week before the holidays set in and

LOST-Brindle grey hound dog. John Clifton, youngest son of Mr J. P. Aaron, Haskell Route 4 2p still confined to his room.

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Ye Bells of the happy Holidays, ring out the old year with its sins and sorrows, its errors and imperfections; ring out all unpleasantness and misunderstanding between man and man; ring out all uncharitable thoughts and unkind deeds; ring out all selfishness and greed. And while you ring,

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