

ELECTION OF STATE OFFICERS DECLARED

Governor Ferguson, Attorney General Moody, and Secretary of State Me-harg, constituting the state canvassing board declared state officers, congressmen, district attorneys, and court of civil appeals elected Wednesday.

The four constitutional amendments, voted at the general election November 2, were declared passed. The amendments passed are: To section 33-40 article 16: To permit officers of the national guard, the reserve officers reserve corps of the United States, and enlisted men in the national guard, and national guard service and organized reserves of the United States to hold public office in Texas.

To section 3, article 7: Eliminating the provision from the constitution authorizing the legislature to create special school districts and empowering the county commissioner court with the authority to create the special districts. For 76,414; against 49,691. To section 58, article 16: Abolish ment of the state prison commission, giving the legislature power to enact laws for the management of the prison system. For 82,672; against 46,194.

To section 6, article 7: Providing for taxation of school lands owned by counties. For 87,989; against 42,533. Returns for the governor's office and the lieutenant governor's office are canvassed by the legislature. In the canvass it was disclosed that 15 counties have failed to return on state offices, and 19 failed to report returns on the constitutional amendments.

The secretary of state announced that because of the failure to receive so many district returns for district judges, the board could not declare the judges elected at this time. One district, 93, in Hildago county, was reported completely out.

Returns for state offices were canvassed as follows: Attorney general: Claude Pollard (Dem.) 232,342; Caswell K. McDowell (Rep.) 23,938; George C. Edwards (Sec.) 786. State treasurer: W. Gregory Hatcher (Dem.) 231,770; J. A. Keblman (Rep.) 23,918; J. R. Barrett (Sec.) 667. Comptroller: S. H. Terrell (Dem.) 232,001; Ripley A. Hanrick (Rep.) 23,468; E. R. Meitzen, (Sec.) 647.

PLANNING FOR NEW STATE HIGHWAY

A meeting composed of officers and directors of the Wellington Chamber of Commerce, the Dickens Chamber of Commerce, the Memphis Chamber of Commerce, the Spur Chamber of Commerce, the Matador Chamber of Commerce and the Turkey Chamber of Commerce will be held in Turkey December 31, to form plans for an organized effort to secure the designation of a highway which traverse Spur, Dickens, Matador, Turkey and Memphis to Wellington.

TROOP BOY SCOUTS ORGANIZED HERE

Last Tuesday night a Boy Scout Troop was organized at the First Presbyterian Church, under the leadership of Rev. M. L. Baker. Two patrols were organized and the boys immediately went to work to carry out some of the teachings of the Scout movement, that of being helpful to others. Their first undertaking was to raise some funds with which to bring some Christmas joy to certain children in the town who had little with which to buy these joys.

With only six boys in the organization at its beginning, and two days to work they secured \$15.50, partly given by the boys, and partly given by the merchants and men of the town. The boys wish to express their deep appreciation to those men who so generously responded to their appeal. The boys are enthusiastic, and as their troop grows they plan to become more and more a real asset to the community in which they live.

W. M. Free Accepts Position With Local Marble Concern

W. M. Free, who has been connected with the Free Press as Field Editor for the past ten years, this week severs his connection to accept a position with the Haskell Marble & Granite Works. During the time that Mr. Free has been connected with this newspaper, his work has brought him in touch with practically every reader of the Free Press, and his articles which have appeared weekly have gained for him an acquaintance probably larger than any other one person in the county. His work has been no small factor in the growth of the Free Press for the past ten years, and his resignation will be felt keenly by the entire staff, as well as our readers.

Mr. Free will assume his new duties Jan. 1st, and the good will and best wishes of the entire force follow him in his new vocation.

PROGRESS OF TEXAS TECH IS PRAISED

After spending a week in the office of business manager of the Texas Technological College, a greater part of which time was in getting acquainted with the different departments and their activities, accomplishments and needs, I am indeed astonished that so much progress has been made in only one year and one term, is the statement of E. W. Provence, formerly of Waco, who has arrived at Lubbock to assume his duties as business manager of the new institution, following his recent election to succeed the late R. M. Chitwood.

Provence was business manager of Baylor University for a number of years, and has watched the growth of colleges and universities of the Southwest, especially those of Texas, but he declares that the growth of the Tech is more astounding even than the many reports of its progress had led him to believe. The many needs of the Tech during its rapid development are already being observed by this man, who has made the study of necessities for advancement of colleges a business for many years. But, at the same time, he is well pleased with the progress of the school up to this period.

He commented favorably upon the structure and designs of the buildings, stating that they had been laid out on a comprehensive basis, forming a good foundation for a great institution. This is the first time Provence has lived on the Plains, and he took occasion to comment upon West Texas hospitality, declaring that "in Lubbock it more than measures up to all reports." Provence will remain in Lubbock throughout the holidays, accumulating data which will be presented to the State Legislature in January. This information will set forth Tech's claims to its share of the appropriations, as recommended recently by the State Board of Control.

Signing Off



MARRIAGE LICENSE ISSUED IN DECEMBER

The following marriage license have been issued by County Clerk Emory Menefee since December 1st. Emilio G. Dias and Miss Lus S. Chavez. Roy Harmon and Miss Gracie Wilma Stephens.

Joe B. Smith and Miss Ina Lee Sparlin. Louis Montandon and Miss Bessie Ferguson. Robert Binnicker and Miss Bonnie Greenham.

Flexibility in Cropping a Factor in Crop Rotation

Flexibility in crop rotation is a long recognized principle of farming economy. Agricultural history contains many illustrations of the use that has been made of this idea from the Middle Ages to the present time, especially in Europe. It is commonly observed, however, the Bureau of Soils of the United States Department of Agriculture says that uniformity of soil, even on a single farm, is most unusual, and that one field may require an entirely different rotation of crops from another adjoining it.

Christmas Tree at Vernon Is Well Attended

The Christmas tree at the Vernon school house Thursday night was well attended. They had a pretty tree and lots of community presents were on the tree. Several readings were given and a song was rendered Libbie Davis which appealed to the old men and women entitled "Poor Papa". Then old Santa Claus came and was real good to the people giving them all a present. He seemed to have left plenty of fire works.

CAR REGISTRATION DATE LIMIT JAN. 15

Sheriff J. C. Turnbow announced this week that he had received advices from the State Highway Department stating that all cars must be registered before January 15, 1927.

CRAWFORD HATCHERY INCREASES CAPACITY

The Crawford Hatchery of this city has been increased to more than 17,000 capacity by the addition of a large new machine of the same type of the one first installed. Mr. J. C. Crawford, the manager says that he will have the large incubator in running condition by the 10th of January of the new year.

W. F. DRAPER, EARLY PIONEER PASSES AWAY THURSDAY

About a week ago the sad news was told to friend after friend and over the telephone that Mr. W. F. Draper was seriously ill, until, at midnight of December 22nd, he breathed his last, despite all that medical skill and loving hands could do. Mr. Draper was one of the earliest settlers of this section, coming here before the county of Haskell was organized in 1884 and he met his bride here, she was Miss Cora Ballard and they were the second couple to wed and went of necessity to Throckmorton for the ceremony, as there were no officers, licenses or preachers in what was to be Haskell County. This was on November 18, 1885, thus uniting two of the most outstanding pioneer families of this section.

MRS. A. K. LEBKOWSKY BURIED CHRISTMAS DAY

Mrs. A. K. Lebkowsky, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Roberts, early Haskell county settler, was born June 8, 1862, in Haskell County and was married on Christmas Day, 1917, nine years to the day when her beautiful white casket, flower-laden, was carried to her church, the First Methodist, where the pastor, Rev. W. B. Vaughn, assisted by Rev. I. N. Alvis and Rev. W. H. Albertson conducted the service. It is the custom to remember only the best about our departed loved ones, but as Rev. Alvis, a close friend of the family, paid the tribute that Mrs. Lois Roberts Lebkowsky was a ray of sunshine in her home and out of it and was a social service committee herself, doing something for somebody every day, and her outstanding trait of character was that she neither believed nor repeated an unkind or evil thing about her fellow beings.

SINGING CONVENTION WILL MEET AT ROBERTS SUNDAY

The East Side Singing Convention will meet at Roberts Sunday January 2nd. Every one come and bring some one with you. We will have a good singing. Roberts is 10 miles north east of Haskell. Miss Kate Chambless of Dallas, is the guest of her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Woodall.

TWO FIRE ALARMS HERE WEDNESDAY

Wednesday just before noon the Fire Department was called to the east part of town, where a grass fire was threatening several residences and barns in that section. Volunteer workers and the fire boys quickly extinguished the flames, which had spread over a large area, without any damage to property. Small boys who were playing on a vacant lot had set fire to a large pile of weeds, and the blaze which resulted was soon out of their control, causing the fire alarm to be sounded.

About 1:30 Wednesday afternoon, an alarm was turned in from the Farmers' Gin, where fire was discovered in the lint storage house threatening destruction to the building. The boys made a quick run to the scene, and the fire was confined to the upper portion of the building, with some damage resulting from water and broken windows. Had the fire gained much headway before being discovered, it is probable that the entire structure would have been destroyed. No estimate of the damage has been made, but no serious loss was sustained unless some of the electrical equipment is damaged.

Motor Vehicle for One of Every Five Persons in the U. S.

Motor vehicles in use in the United States now exceed 22,000,000, or one to every five persons, it is shown by the magazine Motor. Passengers and commercial cars total 22,342,457, a gain over 1925 of 2,254,000, or 11.2 per cent. While the gain is 2.7 per cent less than the gain of 1925 over 1924 this is due to the fact that an unprecedented large number of vehicles were taken out of service, the magazine says. Commercial vehicles now number 2,876,781, a gain over the preceding year of 421,688, or 17.1 per cent. Passenger automobiles number 19,465,676, an increase of 1,831,793, or 10.3 per cent over the previous year.

New York state retains its leadership with 1,818,765, a gain of 93,000. It now has about half as many motor vehicles as all the rest of the world aside from the United States. California is New York's closest rival with 1,614,479. Ohio is third with 1,507,000. Pennsylvania fourth with 1,483,054; Illinois fifth with 1,270,000; Michigan sixth with 1,124,869, and Texas seventh with 1,063,500. Nevada registered the lowest number of cars with 23,933.

FRANK COLLIER IS GIVEN FULL PARDON

A full pardon was granted by Governor Ferguson Monday to Frank Collier former mayor of Wichita Falls, now serving a three-year sentence for manslaughter in connection with the fatal shooting of his son-in-law, Elzie Roberts, Falls at the time of the shooting. His son, on February 14, 1925.

Mr. Collier was mayor of Wichita a few months later in a Wichita county district court resulted in a conviction for manslaughter, the penalty being assessed at three years confinement in the state penitentiary. The case attracted nationwide attention. Mrs. Collier, indicted at the same time as her husband, was tried for murder in Haskell county on a change of venue from Wichita county, convicted and sentenced to 10 years confinement in the state penitentiary by the court of criminal appeals.

Mrs. Collier, however never served any portion of her sentence, as a full pardon was granted several weeks ago by Governor Ferguson, before the order of commitment became effective.

WORK ON CITY HALL PROGRESSING NICELY

After being held up for several days by the inclement weather, work was resumed on the new City Hall building this week and is progressing nicely. The brick work has been practically completed to the second story, and most of the ornamental rock work has been completed. Harrison & Son, contractors on the building, state that with favorable weather the building can be finished in a short while.

43,685 BALES COTTON GINNED TO DEC. 13

According to Jas. E. Lindsay of Rules Special Agent, there were 43,685 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, ginned in Haskell County from the crop of 1926, prior to Dec. 13th, 1926, as compared with 46,338 bales ginned to Dec. 13, 1925.

MRS. R. W. THOMPSON LAID TO REST IN WILLOW CEMETERY

Mrs. R. W. (Grandma) Thompson was laid to rest in Willow Cemetery last Tuesday December 21st, after years of invalidism and confinement to her chair and bed. She is the widow of the deceased Rev. R. W. Thompson who was one of Texas' early pioneer Baptist preachers. They were married February the 16th, 1858 and to this union were born 15 children, one dying in infancy. "Grandma" Thompson came with her husband and family to Haskell in 1869 and since the going of her husband has made her home with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Park. She was a most cheerful sufferer and radiated sunshine to every one about her thinking more of their comfort than her own, she had a broad knowledge of life, was a close observer and never lost an opportunity to speak a word for her Master; her favorite theme was "The Love of God". Funeral services were conducted at the First Baptist church by the pastor, Rev. W. H. Albertson and one of her favorite songs was sung, "Safe In The Arms of Jesus," and then all that was mortal was laid to rest by loving hands in Haskell's beautiful Willow Cemetery. She is survived by eleven children, thirty grand-children and thirty-three great grand children. The pall bearers were: Messrs Clayborn Payne, John Couch, Riley Stephens, Jess Collier, Marvin Post and Wallace Cox.

HOWARD SCHOOL OPENS AFTER XMAS HOLIDAYS

The Howard School opened Monday morning December 27, after the holidays. They only had one week off for Christmas. And the teachers attended the institute at Stamford that week. The school has been progressing nicely under the management of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Fouts. Thomas Livingood, principal, and the boys feel fine.

FIREMEN DISTRIBUTE CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Observing a custom which has been practiced by the local Fire Department for several years, a number of Christmas baskets were distributed over the city last Friday, Christmas Eve day, to families that were in more or less destitute circumstances. Several homes were made brighter by the generosity of the organization, and the boys feel repaid for their work.

Happy New Year



If only one kind deed a day
Each little child would do,
Our sad old world this coming year
Would be made over new!

DEAR children, see,
just count it up—
For every child alive,
You multiply as many times
Three hundred and sixty-five!

What Oil Means to the State of Texas

How great is oil in Texas is not revealed by statistics of the one industry, for a mountain is high only as it is measured against other mountains. Measuring oil in Texas against other sections in the oil producing column, the State ranks third, below California and Oklahoma. The investment in all branches of the industry in Texas is something over one billion and a quarter dollars, or nearly one-seventh of the nine billion dollars invested in oil in the United States. Last year the production of the Texas fields was approximately one-fifth of the output of the United States, or about 14 per cent of the total of the world.

But measured in comparison with other activities in Texas, oil ranks second only to cotton in total industrial value. In manufacture, the refinery of Texas, which refine more than the State produces, ranks preeminently first in value of manufactured products.

Historically, oil has been produced in Texas since only a few years after the discovery of the first well in the United States, but the real influence upon the State from the standpoint of development—and that influence reaches to every corner and into every activity of the wide area—dates from Spindletop in 1901. Incidentally as a consequence, oil was found in Texas just at the time when the motor began to begin its demands and the need of oil as Spindletop which encouraged the use of oil for fuel, can be credited with providing stimulation to the business of gasoline up to the time when the motor had made possible attainment of greater percentages of the world's motor fuel. Following the rapid development of fields in the Gulf Coast region with Spindletop production in Texas declined until 1914 when discovery was made in the northern part of the State. Since that time production has increased steadily.

And each year as the production has increased, it is accompanied by the entrance of oil to all activities of the State industrial, commercial and social.

Industry, as noted above, oil takes first rank within the State. Its influence is reflected upon railroads and shipping. Movement of petroleum and its products as freight amounts to more than 15 per cent of the total tonnage handled by rail lines within the State. Not only does the tonnage of oil moved exceed every other commodity handled by rail in Texas, including cotton, but the revenues to the railroads is greater because of a greater average haul. Added to that and not included in the percentage figures above, are the hundreds of tons of oil field machinery and supplies handled by the railroads.

Manufacturing industry in oil supplies. Numerous prosperous factories with large pay rolls are devoted entirely to the manufacture of oil field machinery in Texas.

Commercially the oil industry turns loose in Texas in payment of wages some \$250,000,000 each year. As much again is paid to land owners for leases and bonuses. Directly into the State treasury in gross production taxes is paid more than \$77,000,000 annually, not to mention the ad valorem taxes which are paid in the several counties upon valuations the same as other property, much of which is increased in value through its associates with oil.

What this money means to the commercial life in Texas is exemplified in such progressive cities as Wichita Falls and Port Arthur, towns built almost entirely by oil. Practically every other city in the State shows evidence of the prosperity of the oil business. Fort Worth, Houston and Dallas particularly are cities whose growth has been largely associated with oil, both through the direct influence of the oil companies and through wealth that the industry has shed upon land owners.

Banking growth in Texas has been largely influenced by the money which oil has brought. Operating strictly on a cash basis money flows into and out of the State at all seasons, in contrast to the older conditions under strictly agricultural development when the money which was produced was stored in the banks of the State. The same thing is true of the business of the oil fields and in all commercial lines. The oil industry operates 12 months in the year and carries the State along with it.

Financially oil has brought to Texas the stimulus of a high grade standard. For some time it has provided a high standard of living for the State and has caused a large number of people to leave other parts of the State and come to Texas. The money which is produced by the oil industry has set up an influence for advancement within the State that reaches to every one of its far flung corners. Paying in one way or another almost half of the total tax money collected in the State, it is shouldering much of the burden of building schools and the roads which characterize the present advancement of society—getting people closer together and educating them to a common understanding.

Ownership of the State University in a vast area in Western Texas upon which is now prohibited oil field and undetermined an unlimited prospect for income, has given the people of the State a direct and strong interest in oil, as the royalties go to an endowment to exist for all time.

bone. So much does oil mean to Texas that one almost can visualize the pipe lines of the oil industry as the arteries through which pulses her life blood. And at every pulse it gives out prosperity. Oil brings to this State from every corner of the earth where commerce reaches wealth which is being expended in hastening the development of an empire which is inviting millions to come and dwell in peace and plenty. Potentially the development of Texas as oil resources are scarcely touched. Geologists have named this as the store house of vast measures of crude petroleum. Far flung as are the fields, only a fraction of the territory has been touched.

MILK IS A HEALTH FOOD

Drink milk for your health's sake, is the advice given by the state board of health in the furtherance of its state-wide milk sanitation program. "There is a direct relation between the health of a community and its milk supply," according to Dr. H. O. Sappington, State Health Officer, during whose tenure of office, Texas has made splendid gains in milk sanitation work, now ranking second in the United States in

number of cities having the standard milk ordinary providing safe milk for consumers.

"Very few people drink sufficient quantities of milk, as one quart daily per person is not too liberal a milk allowance. At present it is estimated that only one-half pint per person is used by the people of the United States. In every instance where municipalities have adopted the standard milk ordinance, the consumption of milk has increased materially within a short time."

"Milk is not only the best all-round food, but it is also the cheapest food the housewife can buy, one quart of milk equaling in food value any of the following: eight eggs, three-fourths pound beefsteak, four-fifths pound chicken, six pounds squash, and nine and one-half oranges. Drink more milk and cut down proportionately on other food commodities as a means of promoting the health of one's family, and cutting down the high cost of living."

"Milk is especially beneficial to children, being rich in vitamins and lime. Vitamins are of great importance in the diet of children as they promote growth, and lime is also essential for

growing bones and teeth. See that your child drinks three or four glasses of milk each day."

WHY COURT ADJOURNED

A farmer engaged a young lawyer to prosecute a damage suit against a railroad which had killed 24 of the farmer's hogs.

"The loss of 24 hogs is no small item to this poor farmer," said the youthful lawyer, trying to impress the jury. "Twenty-four hogs gentlemen—twice the number in that jury box."

BREAD—Two loaves for 15c. Best bread made. Come to Brooks Bakery and save money.

Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Smith of Aspermont spent the holidays with their daughter Mrs. W. A. Carlisle.



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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL

Effective Jan. 1st., 1927, I will go on a Strictly Cash Basis. Not that I have lost confidence in my customers but that I am not able, financially, to do any further credit.

We will not make any delivery for less than a \$2.00 order, and all orders taken subject to cash only. If it is not convenient to pay for these orders when ordered, you may pay for them at the house when delivery is made.

I hope that none of you will take offense at my going strictly on a cash basis. If you will compare my prices to those who do a 30-day business, you will see that it is to your interest to pay cash as you go. I believe that I can make it worth your while to pay cash and trade on with us.

W. M. MASK
GROCERIES AND MEAT MARKET

—AMUSEMENTS— AT THE TEXAS THEATRE

Wednesday and Thursday 29, 30 Today.

John Barrymore in—
"THE SEA BEAST"

With Dolores Costello and George O'Hara. This is a South Sea Picture with the hardships of life and narrow escapes of the Sea's, with a lot of action as well as the whales you will see. They will get spilt in Sea's by these Great Monsters. This is a picture that will suit you all, we know. So come and see this picture.

Friday Dec. 31, Only.

"The Grand Dutchess and the Waiter"

Featuring Annaple Menon and Florence Vidor. A frisky love comedy with a real Parisian flavor. It is easy like to get the laughter tricked by all means meet the Grand Dutchess and the Waiter. The funniest of all French love comedies with Menon as the gay Parisian love adventurer. Produced by the director of "Are Parents People?" A comedy hit, to see this masterpiece of a fellow.

Friday Mid-night, New Year Mid-night
Matinee 12:00 A. M.

"IT MUST BE LOVE"

I don't sleep, I don't want to walk, I don't want to talk. I know I am not happy, everything seems to be red, this blame thing has come to my head. It has no history. It has no Dirzy. I put salt in my coffee, pepper in my tea, Oh go h. I wonder what'll become of me? I don't know what the matter, this heart of mine goes pitter-patter. It must be love. Little Colie n is a heart thriller in this new picture of her's. So stay up a little late and see a picture that will thrill you with a comedy hit.

Saturday January 1st. Only.

"BEHIND THE FRONT"

Featuring Wallace Berry, Ramond Hatton, Mary Brian. Taken from "Spill of War." This is another comedy hit. You saw tin hats, well this beats this one.

Monday and Tuesday Jan. 3rd. and 4th.
"THE PRINCE OF TEMPTERS"

Featuring Lois Moran, Ben Lyon, Lya De Putti, Lya De Putti is the great German star you all have been reading so much about. She is as much as the other cast will give you entertainment as long as you see this picture. The Devil in his eyes but love in his heart. The Prince of Tempters met the Temptress. Queen. 1001 Loves, 1001 shells, but this one Mad Love, the real love is the Greatest Love thrill that has ever reached the screen.

Friday and Saturday at The Haskell Theatre.

"THE TWO GUN MAN"

Featuring Fred Thompson. This is a picture of his latest and will be your favorite, as he is the one you all like. So see it Friday and Saturday. Saturday's picture will start Saturday morning 10:00 a. m. continuous show.

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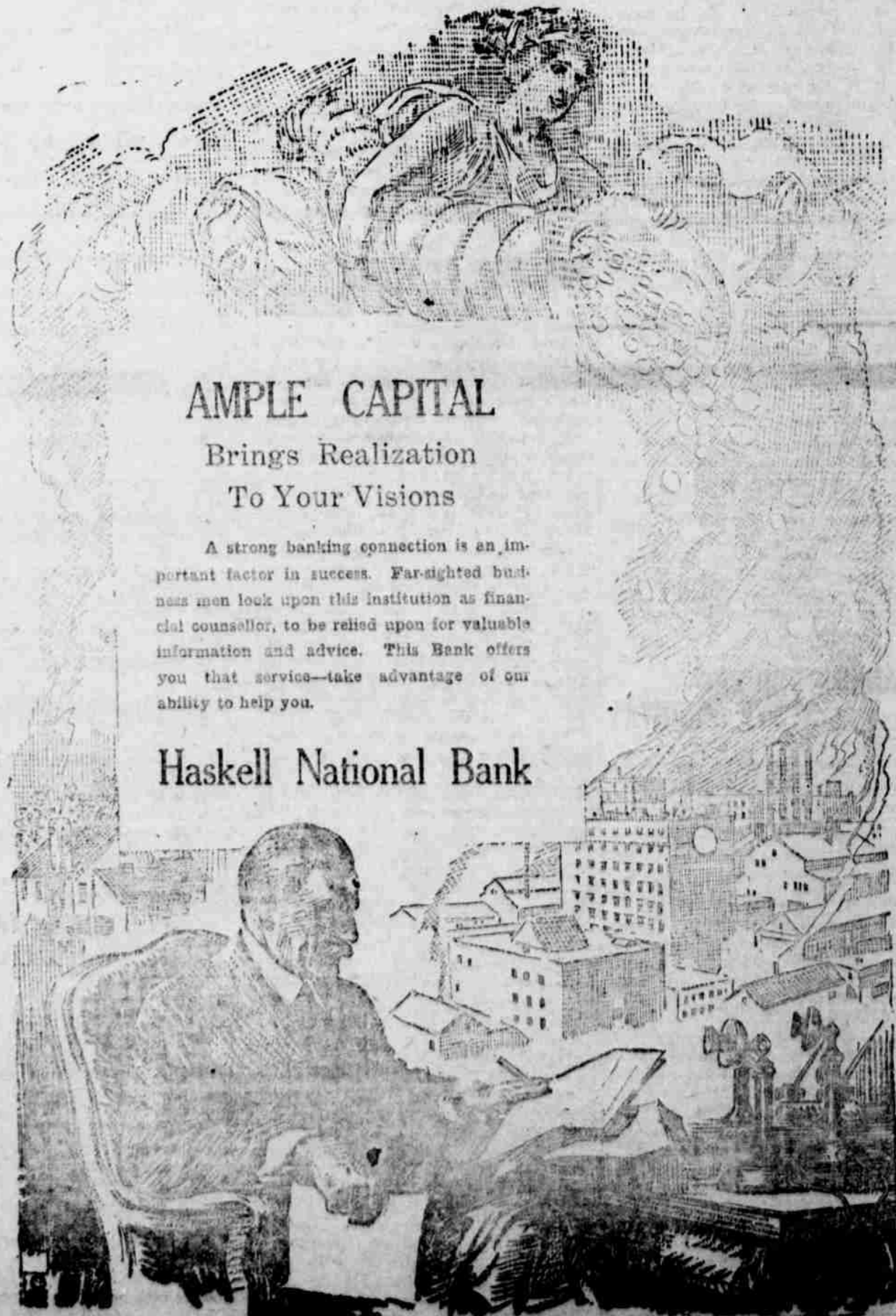
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SOCIETY and Club

Tennyson Lee

In the home of the bride's mother Mrs. J. W. Tennyson on last Thursday evening there was solemnized a wedding ceremony that united Miss Estelle Tennyson of our city and Mr. John A. Lee of Rule in marriage. The season's red and green was used in cut flowers and other decorations and the bride was gowned in a navy blue crepe robe with accessories to match. The Rev. Greer, pastor of the baptist church of Rule read the beautiful ring ceremony. Only close relatives were present. Miss Estelle Tennyson has been the popular District Clerk of Haskell for two terms and is an appreciated member of her church and social circles. Mr. and Mrs. Lee left immediately for Rule where Mr. Lee has been associated with the J. L. Jones mercantile company for a long number of years. The Free Press joins their many friends in wishing them a long happy and prosperous journey through life.

Popular County Agent, W. P. Trice, Weds Dallas Girl.

Mr. W. P. Trice, who has been the efficient and popular County Agent of Haskell County for several years, was married in Dallas to Miss Stella Davis last Wednesday December the 22nd. The bride is the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mrs. Victoria Davis of Rule and sister of C. O. Davis also of Rule. Miss Davis was supervisor of the boys' ward at the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children, Dallas, for the past several months where her services were highly esteemed.

Dr. George W. Truett, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dallas, performed the wedding ceremony. The happy couple went at once to Waco and visited in the home of the groom's parents before returning to Haskell. The Free Press joins a host of friends in wishing for them every prosperity and happiness. Mr. and Mrs. Trice are at home at the McNeill Apartments.

Harmony Club Cantata "The King of Christmas"

The entire public of Haskell and surrounding communities have come to look forward to the yearly cantata rendered by the Harmony Club with pride and anticipation and the program given Sunday night at the First Christian Church was the peer of any in the past. The decorations of the White Christmas as used at the church the previous Sunday was but an added charm for the program proper. Mrs. H. D. Neff directed the program and Mrs. O. E. Patterson was the accompanist. The ladies came in singing, Holy Night, and took their places in the choir. They wore lovely evening gowns and all together it made a beautiful picture. A short reading and musical program precluded the program. It Came Upon a Midnight Clear, Harmony Club; Prayer Rev. M. L. Bker; On Bethelhem's Plain, vocal solo, Mrs. Wayne Koonce; Prelude, by Rachmaninoff, Katherine Rike; Vocal Solo, Earnest Wright; The Lark, piano solo, Balikarez, Marjorie Rogers. The King of Christmas by Fred B. Holton was illustrated by pictures and explained by Rev. W. B. Vaughn pastor of the Methodist church. Prepare Ye the Way, chorus; O'er The Silent Eastern Hills, (Duet) Mesdames Cummins, Stalcup and choir; Follow the Guiding Star, chorus; And There were Shepherds, Contralto Solo, Mrs. Ferris Morrison and choir; The Song is Ringing Still, Soprano Solo, Mrs. Wayne Koonce; Joy To The World, chorus, Luther's Cradle Hymn, Mezzo-Soprano, Mrs. Wayne Koonce and chorus. Praise Ye the Lord, There is Room in My Heart, and Come Worship, all choruses; Offertory, Mrs. O. E. Patterson; Benediction, Rev. G. R. Forrester. The ushers were, Misses Vera Thomas, Mildred Simmons, Mary Emma Whiteker, Christine Ballard and Martha Lou Rogers.

Mrs. Chas. M. Connor Has Series of Parties.

Mrs. Charles M. Connor decorated her home with Christmas motifs using the same decorations and refreshments for both. On Monday evening Mrs. Connor entertained for Mr. Connor's Sunday School class in the Baptist Church. The Berean, this is a class of young men and they were given the privilege to invite a young lady which they did. The guest list follows: invited guests, Misses Grace Martin, Douglas Surratt, Lewis Manley, Maurine Shook, Lela

Welsh, Marjorie Whiteker, Virginia Whitman, Catherine Crandell, Hazel Wilson, Vera Thomas, Elaine Mills, Perry Lee Smith, Leta Simmons, Opal Rash, and class members; Roy Killingsworth, Olan Dotson, John V. Davis, ley Townsend, Clyde Edwards, Willie John L. McCollum, W. P. Trice, Les-Stoker, Harry and Cecil Bradley, Robert Whitman, Edison McReynolds, Bill Whiteker, Gus and Frank Clift, Lonnie Spurlock, Scott and Morris; Mr. and Mrs. Rice Alvis, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Eastland.

Mr. and Mrs. Connor Entertain Friends With Eighty-Four.

On Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Charles Connor entertained with four tables of eighty-four. When the guests had assembled the hostess passed Christmas bell score cards tied with red and green ribbon. After a number of games the hostess served a refreshment plate of date pudding topped with whipped cream and cherries, salted almonds, red and green mints and hot coffee; the plate favors were poinsettias. The same refreshments were served on the previous evening to th class party. The following enjoyed this lovely party: Mr. and Mrs. J. U. Fields, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Couch, Mr and Mrs. R. C. Couch, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Pierson, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. English, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Reid, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Clayborn Payne, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Grisom, Mrs. Ethel Irby and Mrs. B. M. Whiteker.

Mr. M. V. Bland of McConnell has been ill the past week suffering with an attack of the "flu", however he is improving of which his friends will be glad to learn.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Montgomery Have Christmas Dinner.

For the first time in over thirty years all of the living children and grand children of (Mother) Mrs. J. S. Rike were gathered together at one time.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Montgomery had the pleasure of entertaining them in their home at a six o'clock dinner Christmas Day. Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Morrison and their children, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hinson, Misses Eloise and Elizabeth Morrison and Joe Morrison of Graham; Mr. and Mrs. Finley Scruggs of Amarillo; Mother J. S. Rike, Mrs. Ada Rike and children, J. S. Rike and Miss Katherine Rike, H. M. Rike and F. S. Holden. The house was replete with Christmas decorations and colors for every one and the newest joke on every member of the family, and even for Colored Steward and Nancy who also received presents from the tree, these jokes were neatly penned and tied up and read around the circle after the presents had been viewed. Some of the guests suggested that they could have had a heartier laugh had the jokes been read before the feast. They all went to Mother Rikes on Sunday where another Christmas spread was enjoyed at the noon hour. The out of town guests motored to their homes on Sunday afternoon.

Visiting Relatives of Midway Community.

Mr. G. C. Jones and children from Amrillo spent Christmas with his aster Mrs. Paul Frierson and family of the Midway community. They left Tuesday morning for Hamlin

Christmas Eve Party

Christmas Eve night it was cold and the ground was covered with a thin snow but it did not back the people of the Vernon community out of having a good time and a big Christmas. They all gathered at Mr. Teague's house and enjoyed themselves very much with dancing and playing all kinds of games. Then Mr. Teague served candy and apples. Plenty of music was furnished by Arley Wilson and Levi Davis. Those that enjoyed this affair were: Arley and Charley Wilson, Hubert and Luther T. Reid, Fred and Levi Davis and Misses Ruth and Libbie Davis, Effie Erma, Johnie and Evelyn Calvin, Budie Calvin, Clyde Briden, Lucile Davis and Roy Greenway and wife.

Everybody departed at a late hour and especially expressed their thanks to Mr. Teague. Everybody enjoyed themselves and had a big Christmas.

Entertains With Party

Misses Ori Lee and Valentine Bland entertained a host of friends at the home of their parents Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Bland of McConnell Saturday evening. Those enjoying the evening were Misses Rubie and Lottie Hanson, Faye Campbell, June Miller, Annie West, Tilda Kahout, Eva Mae Rogers Messrs J. D. Chapman, Chris and Davis Jones, Truit Simon, George Hanson, Ted Marugg, Guy Bates, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Connally of Stamford and the hostess.

Medford-Josselet

Mr. Marvin Medford and Miss Ophelia Josselet were married Wednesday the 22nd at Sierra Blanco. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Josselet of Sierra Blanco and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Medford of the Howard community. The happy young couple will reside in the Howard community, where they have many friends who will join the Free Press in wishing for them happiness and success.

Glad Girls Social

In the basement of the First Baptist Church the Glad Girls Bible Class entertained with a Christmas tree. Special guests were Mrs. Simmon's Sunday School class. A sing song was enjoyed after which all gathered around a Christmas tree and were served hot chocolate and each one received a present. Then the classes got in cars and a truck and went to the homes of the sick and "shut-ins" of the city and sang Christmas songs.

McQuary-Kingston

Mr. Bud McQuary and Miss Mattie May Kingston surprised their many friends when they were quietly married December the 19th. The bride is the beautiful daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kingston and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mart McQuary both of the Howard community. They both have many friends who wish for them a long and happy life.

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THE END OF THE 1926
OFFERINGS AT THE TEXAS

Attention Haskell Theatre goers. It is your duty to shop for pictures as assiduously as you do for other commodities that you pay out your money for, but that will not be necessary for the remainder of this 1926 season which comprises Thursday and Friday afternoon and evening and Mid-night matinee Friday night December 31st promptly at 12 o'clock. The first is "The Sea Beast" by John Barrymore and a strong cast including Dolores Costello daughter of the old screen favorite, Maurice Costello who is fast climbing to stardom. John Barrymore needs no introduction to an American audience either on the stage or the silver sheet. You can see him at the New Texas Theatre, Thursday December 30th. And now attention Haskell Theatre goers and especially the college and high school boys and girls see two leaders on the same evening and night. What's Wrong With a Man Kissing a Maid? The man in the case is a waiter and the Maid is a Duchess. That seems all wrong, but see the Dutchess and The Waiter as presented by Adolphe Menjou and Florence Vidor Friday afternoon and night, and listen had you heard what the midnight matinee was all about? Colleen Moore in "It Must Be Love." Come on boys and girls and bring mother and dad and let's all laugh together at Colleen Moore's version of what love is. Mid-night matinee, 12 o'clock p. m. December 31st, Texas Theatre.

Autos and Desks

In connection with the crowded condition of schoolrooms throughout the country, the California Teachers' Association has made an interesting comparison of automobile and school desk capacity.

A bulletin on the subject just issued discloses that while California has automobiles enough to seat 5,200,000 persons, it has school seats for only 1,200,000 pupils. There are enough automobiles in that state to carry every child of school age, with a separate car for each child, and still have more than 400,000 cars left over.

The people of California spent last year for gasoline a sum estimated at \$145,333,483, while they spent for all schools, including the state university, \$120,737,012 or nearly \$15,000,000 more for gasoline than for education.

It is probable that a like survey would reveal a similar condition in most of the other states. Without criticizing people for enjoying their automobiles, it does seem that they should be willing to spend as much for the education of their children as they spend for gasoline.

Spend Christmas in King County

Mr. and Mrs. Mason of the Howard community spent Christmas with friends and relatives in King County. Mrs. Mason is an invalid and has been for several years, and we are glad to know that she was able to take a visit. We hope they both had a splendid time.

Move to Stamford

Mr. Bunyan Howard and family and Mr. Tom Wiley and family both of the Howard community moved to Stamford week before last. The people of the Howard community regret very much to lose them but hope them success in their new homes.

Ball Games at Howard

The Howard boys and girls and the Post boys and girls played basket ball on the Howard court Friday evening December 17th. The Post boys defeated the Howard boys by a large score. The girls game ended in a score of 8 and 8. A good crowd witnessed the games and all enjoyed them very much.

Moves to Howard Community

Rev. Mason and family of the Curry Chapel community moved to the Howard community about two weeks ago. He moved on Mr. Bunyan Howard's farm and intends to farm and live there another year. The people of that community are glad to have them among them and hope they will like their new location fine.

CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank our friends and neighbors for their kindness and words of sympathy during the illness and death of our precious mother especially do we thank those who were so faithful to the end and when this sad hour comes to you and yours may you receive all that will make your burden lighter.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Park,
Brother and Sisters.



WHY SOME PEOPLE
DON'T GO TO CHURCH

Some stay at home because it's cold.
And some because it's hot;
And some because they're getting old.
And some because they're not.

Some stay at home to entertain.
And some to cook the dinner;
And some because they're good enough
And some because they're sinners.

Some stay away because their hat,
The milliner's not finished;
And some because their liking
For the minister has diminished.

Some stay home because their clothes
Are looking old and shabby;
And some, because their special type
Of piety is "flabby."

Some stay at home because they have
A farm and lots of stock;
And therefore cannot spare the time
To gather with God's flock.

Some stay away because their beaux
Care nothing for the church
And some, because a "special friend"
Has left them in a "lurch."

And some declare they don't enjoy
The singing of the choir.
And others 'cause their fellow saint
Aroused their wrathful ire.

Some stay at home, because they say
The weather's cold or rough;
And some to rent a little spleen,
Because they're got a "huff."

Some stay away because they've long
In single harness tarried;
And some because as they protest,
They're settled down and married.

Some keep from church because they
find
The members "cold and funny."
"Who never clasp them by the hand
Until they're after money."

And some bewail with pious face,
"The worldliness and sin
That find a lodgment in the church,"
So never enter in.

Alas! alas! excuses grow
To drive our thoughts from God,
And turn us from the house of prayer.
The place our fathers trod.

— Author Unknown

Christian Endeavor Program

January 2, 1927.
Leader—Johnnie Solomon.
Topic—Being true to our covenant with Christ.
Song service—Nos. 32, 255, 57.
Prayer by Leader.
Scripture reading—Heb. 8:10-12.
Leaders Talk.
Song—No. 18.
How can we make our consecration meeting mean more?—Ruth Robertson.
Special Music—Lewis Pearsey.
What move should our society be doing for the church?—Galen Robertson.
Roll call.
What clause is the heart of the pledge?—Mary Pearsey.
Song.
Business.
Mizpah.

First Baptist Church

Next Sunday the Lord gives us a new slate. We are glad to lay the old one aside and forget the many crooked marks we have made on it and face the new with new determinations and ambitions. We are glad to face the new year with courage and hope for better things.

We are especially anxious for every member of the church to be present next Sunday. You may not have come to the church a single time this year and you may not come but one time next year—let's make that one time next Sunday.

Sunday morning the pastor will preach on Paul's Optimism. Sunday evening, John The Baptist. There will be special music at both services.
Let's make next Sunday a day of worship.

W. H. Albertson.

Presbyterian Church

Sunday January 2nd, 1927.
The pastor earnestly hopes to meet every member of the congregation at the service at 11 a. m. This will be the first service of the New Year. At the close of the service the church will observe the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The sermon will be a message for the New Year.

The Sunday School will begin at 9:45 a. m.
The evening service begins at seven o'clock.

The Christian Endeavor will meet at 6 p. m.

The public is most cordially invited to attend all the services of this church. A special invitation is extended to all strangers to worship with us.

Methodist Church

Next Sunday will be the first one in the new year.
Let us start the year right by attending Sunday school and church. Suppose you make this one of your New Year resolutions.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.
Epworth League 6:15 p. m.

The pastor will be very glad to see you at any or all of these services.
Whether members or not all are welcome.

W. B. Vaughn, Pastor.

Church of Christ
Work at the Church of Christ is progressing nicely. We are especially grateful for the splendid band of young people we have in attendance at our meetings now. We had about fifty out to the class Sunday evening at 6 o'clock besides a nice crowd of older people as visitors.

Bible School opens at 10 a. m. each Lord's day.

Preaching at 11:15 a. m. and 7:15 p. m.

Communion and Fellowship 12 m. and 8:15 p. m.

Young people's meeting 6 p. m.

Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

You are always welcome to the Church of Christ. We have a class for you and our aim is to learn enough about the Bible to be "Wise unto Salvation"

W. W. Starnes, Minister.

DALLAS LEADS STATE
IN AUTO FATALITIS

Five of the largest cities reported 152 automobile fatalities for the period from January 3 to December 4, of this year, the United States department of commerce has announced. In this period of 11 months, Dallas reported 50 fatalities, El Paso 19, Fort Worth 23, Houston 27 and San Antonio 33.

During the four weeks ending December 4, the department reports 631 automobile deaths in 78 large cities. This compares with 625 deaths for a similar period last year.

The Texas cities included in the list of these 78 cities throughout the country reported the following deaths due to automobile accident for the four weeks ending December 4:

El Paso 2, Fort Worth 2, Dallas 1 and San Antonio 4.

The country's death rate per 100 population due to automobile accidents is shown by the report to be slightly on the increase being almost 28 this last year as compared with about 26 in 1925.

FIRST PICTURE OF 1927
AT TEXAS THEATRE

On Monday and Tuesday of next week the New Year's picture the first to come to the Texas Theatre in 1927 will be, "The Prince of Tempters" featuring Ben Lyon and an all star cast. Just a world old romance of love, misunderstanding, separation and reunion that warms the heart of every nation, though the scene be in far away Italy as is the case in "The Prince of Tempters" showing at the Texas Theatre Monday and Tuesday January the 3rd and 4th.

W. P. Porch and family have moved to Seymour. The New Mid community regrets very much to see them leave.



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Our Program for 1927

calls for a better service and a larger business than we have ever been able to give before. We trust we may again be favored with your valued patronage.

Haskell Free Press

SOCIETY and Club

The Telephone Girls Remembered On Christmas.

This writer loves the telephone girls, and yes, the telephone girls love her, for though she may not always get a number just when she calls, she remembers there are another few hundred who may need that same number, possibly more than she, but when its free they say, "Deary, you can have your call." And so when we were asked to say some real nice things to the twelve Haskell Merchants who remembered the Telephone Girls, with twelve boxes of candy this yuletide, we were delighted, so in behalf of Haskell's twelve biggest Merchants, we do not know who you are we only know that you are big and broad and kind in comprehension and understanding of heart and that at the busiest time of the year, The Christmas time, the greatest of all holidays, you remembered those who have no holiday—the Telephone Girls.

Annual Christmas Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Thompson gave their annual Christmas dinner at the family home 2 1/2 miles south east of Rochester. All the children and quite a few friends and relatives were present. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Thompson and children of Knox City, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Moser of Haskell, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Caldwell of Haskell, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Thompson of Anson, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Thompson and family of Anson, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Park of Weintert, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thompson and baby of Graham, Mrs. Lilly Arrington of Madill Oklahoma, Miss Isla Thompson of Bartlett, Uncle Dick Williams of Foster, Bill Williams also of Foster and the host and hostess Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Thompson.

Entertains With Turkey Dinner

Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Walker of the Gauntt community were host and hostess to a large crowd of friends when they gave a turkey dinner with all the accessories which go with the turkey. The most popular game of the day was 42 and baseball. Those enjoying Mr. and Mrs. Walker's hospitality were Mrs. Mulkey and Mr. Will Campbell of the Gauntt community, Mrs. Jeff Campbell of Brashear, Mr. J. T. Kirby and family of Center Point and Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Payne and baby of Irby.

Spending Holidays at Home

Miss Lorene Huff and Marvin Gibson who have been attending school at Abilene are spending the holidays at home with their parents both of the Midway community. We are always glad to have them back home.

Entertains With Party

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wheatley of the Roberts community entertained a number of the young people with a party Tuesday night. A large crowd attended.

Young people from Haskell and Weintert and other communities were present. All enjoyed the occasion. When they departed they told Mr. and Mrs. Wheatley that they had had a nice time and wished that they would entertain them again soon.

Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Mapes Give Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Mapes of the Roberts community gave a dinner Saturday December 23 in honor of all of their children. Those present were: Robert Mapes and family, Edd Mapes and family, Clarence Massie and family, Tom Mapes and family, Elmer Wheatley and wife, Mrs. Eula Mapes and children, I. A. Leonard and family, Andrew Leonard and wife. There were fifty-four present.

Hisey-Cauthan

Miss Gladys Hisey and Mr. Thomas Cauthan were quietly married in Stamford by Rev. Crockett on Wednesday December 22 at 4:00 o'clock. Miss Hisey is the accomplished young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kim Hisey of the Post community and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cauthan of the McConnell community. They are well and favorably known in both of the communities and have the wishes of their many friends for a long and happy life. They will reside in the Post community.

LOCAL NOTES

Miss Ella D. Koonce has returned from a six weeks visit to relatives in Holiday, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sowell had the pleasure of their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert of Seymour for the holidays.

Clyde Grissom of Wichita Falls, former County Attorney of Haskell County, spent several days in the city the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Murray of Canyon, are spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Murray's mother, Mrs. R. J. Earnest.

Miss Alberta Smith, who is teaching in Wichita Falls, is spending the season's holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Smith.

Mrs. Morgan Johnson and children of Encampment Wyoming are spending the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. D. Scott of this city.

Dr. B. F. Cooley and wife of Abilene spent the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Cooley and other relatives of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sherrill of Crowell are Christmas guests of their parents, Dr. and Mrs. L. F. Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Sherrill.

Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Gose and son, Joseph, have returned from a visit to their daughter and family, Dr. and Mrs. A. F. Leach of Wichita Falls.

Mr. J. W. Hawkins from Stanford N. C. is spending the holidays with her mother Mrs. J. S. Boone. Mr. Hawkins will in the first of the year to take up his position in Dallas.

Mrs. J. J. Guest, enjoyed the following children at a special Christmas dinner Dr. J. C. Guest, Ft. Worth; Dr. O. M. Guest and children and Judge and Mrs. Bruce W. Bryant and children including Miss Brucile who is home from C. I. A. for the holidays.

Mrs. W. R. Dunlap had as her Christmas guests Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Capps and children of Waco, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Thompson and boys of Anson, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Brown of this city, and Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Gibson, and little son also of this place and Miss Juanita Dunlap. A bountiful Christmas dinner was served on Christmas eve.

Dr. and Mrs. L. F. Taylor had the annual Christmas feast on last Sunday and all of their children were present. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sherrill of Crowell, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Carothers and son Jack of Rochester, Mr. and Mrs. Tom French and son, Tom Jr., Baby Taylor, home from Simmons University Abilene, Misses Maybelle, Iola, Annie Maud and Floyd.

Miss Geneva Williams of Abilene is the season's guest of Miss Annie Beth Thompson and Miss Lucile Foote.

They met!
They kissed!!
They

THE GRAND DUCHESS AND THE WAITER

Friday 21st. Only
TEXAS THEATRE

Mrs. Guy Ralls and little son of Houston Texas are visiting Mr and Mrs. D. Scott.

G. L. Nehring of Sagerton was in the city Monday on business, and while in town called and renewed for his copy of the Free Press for another year.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Grissom had the family Christmas spread at their home Christmas day and the following were present: Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Grissom, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Grissom, Wichita Falls; Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hudson, Miss Anita Grissom, home from T. C. U. Ft. Worth; Miss Frances Grissom, Charles and Edwin and a sister and daughter of Mrs. C. D. Grissom, Mrs. N. E. Beyett and Miss Eva Beyett and the host and hostess.

We are very sorry to report that Mrs. Will Jeter of the Center Point community is very ill at this writing. Her many friends hope for her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. J. W. Hawkins, nee Miss Tommie Boone, of Stanford, N. C., is in Haskell to spend several weeks with her mother, Mrs. J. S. Boone, and other relatives here.

In listing the boys and girls home from college, those from the Lubbock Tech were over looked. They were Miss Frances Ferguson, Gregor McGregor, Michiel Watson, Hugh Anderson, Jerome Sanders and Carlton Wyche.

Quitman Gentry who has been attending a Business College in Kansas City is spending the holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. Q. Gentry.

Miss Melba Bledsoe who is a student at Abilene Business College is a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bledsoe.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Maxwell had the following out of town children for Christmas: Mrs. Lou V. Mann and children, Mrs. H. Hutchins and son, Clinton Norman, Mrs. Ola Martin all of Wichita Falls.

Misses Ruby and Romalee Cox are visiting their sister and family, Dr. and Mrs. Williams of Abilene.

Miss Mary Connor of Frederick Oklahoma, is the holiday guest of her mother Mrs. H. B. Connor and brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Connor.

Out of town children who attended "Grandma" Thompson's funeral were: Miss Ida Thompson, Bartlett; Mrs. Charles Ferguson, Ft. Worth; Mrs. Lilly Arrington, Madill Oklahoma; W. E. Thompson, Graham and the four families here in Haskell.

Mr. Japy Brady of Stamford had as his special guest for the opening of the New Stamford Country Club, Miss Perry Lee Smith.

Roberts Lady Ill
Mrs. Thelma Lewellen of the Roberts community is ill. All of her friends hope she will soon be up again.

Breaks Wrist
Mr. Ray Simon son of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Simon of McConnell had the misfortune of getting his wrist broken Saturday morning while cranking an Overland car. He was rushed to the doctor where his arm was set and on last report he was doing nicely.

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to express our appreciation of the love and kindness shown us in the illness and death of our beloved husband and father. May God bless you and give to you such loving friends in your hours of sadness.
Mrs. Cora Draper.
Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Draper.
Frank Draper.
Mrs. Mamie Barron and daughter.
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lowery and family.

LOST—Between Haskell and Post school house a new brown leather bill fold containing two one-dollar bills and one five-dollar bill and an identification card that had not been filled out. Finder please notify Jack Chamberlain or the Free Press. Itp

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P. D. SANDERS
Haskell, Texas.

MISSIONARY INSTITUTE AT METHODIST CHURCH

Pastors and laymen of the Stamford District will meet at the Methodist church in Haskell Jan. 4 and 5.

The first service will be Tuesday evening at 7:30 when Rev. J. M. Short pastor at Goree will preach.

The pastors and some laymen from over the District will meet in conference throughout the day Wednesday.

The ladies will serve lunch at the church.

Mrs. Grady Roberts of Chillicothe, is the guest of relatives in Haskell.

Entertains With Christmas Dinner

Christmas was a very enjoyable day at the H. E. Bland Home, when Mr. and Mrs. Bland entertained a number of their relatives with a Christmas dinner, at which time more than 45 persons gathered for the occasion. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bland, J. H. Bland and children, Mr. and Mrs. John Bland and children, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bland and children, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Birch and children, and Miss Frances Chapman, all living in and near Haskell.

Herrin-Woodard

Miss Lela Estell Woodard and Mr. R. L. Herrin of Rule, were united in marriage Tuesday evening December

28th, by Rev. W. H. Albertson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of this city at the Baptist parsonage. The many friends of the happy young couple extend wishes for a happy and prosperous married life.

Spends Holidays With Parents

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Sanders of Abilene is spending the holidays with Mrs. Sanders parents Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Lain of the Roberts community.

MOTHERS
Watch 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 cannot exist where this time-tried and successful remedy is used. It drives out the worms and restores the rosy hue of health to baby cheeks. Price 35c. Sold by Oates Drug Store

FARM AND RANCH LOANS

5%

INTEREST RATE — WHY PAY MORE?

Haskell Farm Loan Assn.
Federal Land Bank

MARVIN H. POST, Secy-Treas.

Over Payne Drug Store

IT ISN'T A HOME WITHOUT A TELEPHONE

"WANT to go for a ride after dinner?"
"Of course I do. And let's take the Andersons; there's lots of room."
"All right. Call them up, so they'll be ready."
"They haven't a Telephone."
"That's funny. Better not take a chance on them being out. Call up the Freemans and see if they can go."

HASKELL TELEPHONE CO.

AND YOU CAN HAVE ONE FOR A FEW CENTS A DAY!

CREDIT--

BUYS MORE THAN ALL THE GOLD IN EXISTENCE—

Credit is the faith man has in his fellowman. It buys more than gold, for it is more valuable than gold.

CREDIT today is the most wonderful thing in the commercial world. It has made millionaires overnight.

World-bankers float billion-dollar loans on "the faith man has in the integrity of his fellowman," upon Credit.

Each individual is born into the world with an equal call on credit.

It is withheld from none. It is open to all. It's merely a matter of integrity, linked with the determination to be honest.

We are organized to supply our retail merchants with accurate credit information. At any time any member can learn just what each individual owes and how he pays his bills.

If person has been fair and square in his dealings with one or more stores, paid up promptly, this information, too, is given to the other stores, opening all doors to him, and making him welcome everywhere.

If a person has ABUSED HIS CREDIT at a certain store, hasn't paid the account promptly, the other merchants will know it.

TAKE HEED, if you're slipping into this class of undesirables. Stop that habit of neglecting bills. Pay up, and keep paid up.

Then you'll be able to look the whole world in the eye. You'll maintain your self-respect and the respect of others.

Your credit-character is worth more than gold, KEEP IT GOOD.

RETAIL MERCHANTS CREDIT ASSN.

R. V. ROBERTSON COMPANY'S SEMI-ANNUAL CLEAN-UP SALE

WILL BEGIN AT 9 a. m. SHARP, DECEMBER 31, 1926

NEVER BEFORE HAVE WE OFFERED SUCH BARGAINS AS WILL BE OFFERED DURING THIS SALE!



NO PRICES WILL BE OVER 10 PER CENT ABOVE COST. MANY WILL BE LESS THAN COST!

We are postponing our Inventory until January 10th, and intend to sell every dollar's worth of merchandise that we can possibly sell before we invoice. Former prices will be disregarded during this Sale. We MUST SELL THE GOODS—and our prices in many instances are BELOW COST!

We Are Going to Unload!
We Need the Money!

WE CAN GIVE YOU ONLY A FEW PRICES HERE FROM OUR IMMENSE STOCK—BUT YOU WILL FIND EVERY ITEM IN THE STORE PRICED AT NOT OVER 10 PER CENT ABOVE WHOLE SALE COST. LOOK OVER THE FOLLOWING PRICES:

Moleskin Sheep-lined Coats, Extra Length	\$9.75
2.40 Weight Overalls	\$1.09
Blue Work Shirts	59c
Leather Coats	\$7.95
Men's Suits at ACTUAL COST and Under!	
Boys Short Trouser Suit	\$2.95
Boys Short Trouser Suits, with two pair Trousers	\$3.95

Priced for a ~
Quick-CleanUp

LADIES WINTER COATS AT ACTUAL COST. SOME LESS!

LADIES WINTER DRESSES AT ACTUAL COST. SOME LESS!

MENS FUR CAPS AT ACTUAL COST!

ALL BLANKETS AT ACTUAL COST!

STAR BRAND SHOES	
None at over 10 per cent above cost. A great many at less than cost!	
Mens \$1.50 Ribbed Unions	98c
20c Dress Gingham, 32 inches wide, per yard	12c
Mens 2-Piece Underwear, piece	69c
Boys Long Pants Suits at ACTUAL COST!	
Mens Dress Pants at Cost. NONE over Actual Cost!	

Come Early and Get Your Share of the Bargains

R. V. Robertson Company

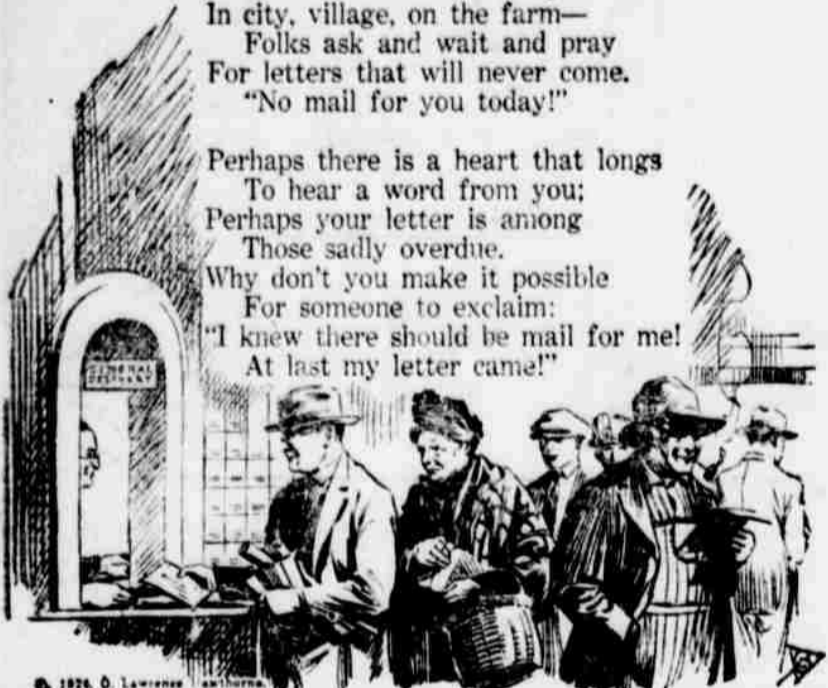
NO MAIL TODAY

by O. LAWRENCE HAWTHORNE

She stood in line a long, long time
Before the moment came
For her to face the window bars
And tell the clerk her name.
Still hopeful, yet with eyes that ached,
She saw him shake his head.
"There ought to be a letter here;
Please look once more!" she said.

"No mail today!" Oh, what a stab
Of heartache or despair
Is often felt by one who hears
Those words! For everywhere—
In city, village, on the farm—
Folks ask and wait and pray
For letters that will never come.
"No mail for you today!"

Perhaps there is a heart that longs
To hear a word from you;
Perhaps your letter is among
Those sadly overdue.
Why don't you make it possible
For someone to exclaim:
"I knew there should be mail for me!
At last my letter came!"



McCurry Kingston

Mr. Bud McCurry and Miss Mattie Mae Kingston were quietly married in Haskell December 21. Miss Kingston is the beautiful young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kingston of the Howland community and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Matt McCurry of the same community. The young couple have the best wishes of the entire community for a long and prosperous married life.

Adams Stanford

Miss Cuyler Adams and Mr. Glenn Stanford while enroute to Hico were quietly married at Albany by Rev. Underwood on Saturday, December 18 at 4 o'clock. They spent several days visiting relatives of the groom at Hico returning home Wednesday. Miss Adams was the beautiful young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Adams of the Post community and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanford of the Ward community. They have many friends who wish for them many years of happy married life.

Medford Josselt

Mr. Marvin Medford son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Medford of the Howard community and Miss Ohelia Josselt of Alpine were married at Alpine Sunday, December 19th. The couple have many friends in the Howard community who wish for them much happiness.

Entertains With Party

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Scott of the plainview community entertained a host of young people Tuesday night with a party. After several games were played a course of hot chocolate and cake

was served to Misses Faye Campbell, Jannie Haney, Rubie Hanson, Faye Moody, Ellen Reed, Anny Bruce, Lottie Hanson, Lena Tidwell, Wreathie Moody, Myrtis Hardwick and Minnie Hardwick. Messrs Dwight Moody, Boglias Reed, George Hanson, Jack Tidwell, Haywood Reed, Sam Hanson, Ira Coleman, Auther Moody, J. C. Coleman, Hunter Bruce, Robert Haney, Giles Fourqurean, Record Reed, Lee Cornous and Robert and Clinton Fourqurean, Mesdams Buster Lee of Stamford, Shelton of Dallas, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Phillips of McConnell community. At a late hour the young people departed thanking the host and hostess for such splendid time.

Entertains With Christmas Party

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Davis of the Post community entertained the young folks with a party last Saturday evening. "42" and old time games were the diversions of the evening. At a late hour the guests departed thanking Mr. and Mrs. Davis for such a splendid time.

School Girl Ill

Little Dorothy Nell Lewellen of the Roberts school community is very ill. Her little school mates hope she will be able to be back in school after Christmas.

Moves to Brownfield

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Scott of the Plainview community will leave Tuesday morning for Brownfield where they will make their future home. Mr. and Mrs. Scott have lived in this community for about four years and their many friends regret to see them leave. They will make the trip in wagons.

Entertains With Party
Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Haney entertained a list of young people at their home in the Plainview community with a party Monday night. At a late hour the young people departed thanking the host and hostess for such a splendid time.

MISTAKEN

The steward stood at the head of the gangway of one of the large ocean-going steamships, and for the benefit of the arriving passengers kept shouting: "First-class passengers - to the right! Second-class to the left!"

A young woman stepped carefully aboard with a baby in her arms. As she hesitated beside the steward he bent toward her and asked: "First or second?"

"Oh," said the girl, her face flushing. "Oh, dear it's - it's not mine."

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Mays of Monday were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Couch.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Hudson and baby of Ft. Worth were the Christmas guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hudson and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Cox spent Christmas in Abilene with the latter's home folk.

Miss Agnes Cox entertained as a holiday guest, Mr. Leon O. Lewis of State University, Austin.

Mrs. John Robertson and daughters, Hazel and Leta of Abilene spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hudson and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Reynolds.

Mr. LaVerne Cummins who is teaching in Ft. Worth High School is a guest of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. D. L. Cummins and is entertaining Dr. Eugene Regen of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Alexander had the pleasure of having the following children home for Christmas dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Alexander and children of Stamford; Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Alexander and children of Seymour; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Alexander, Mrs. Ethel Irby and children.

BREAD—Two loaves for 15c. Best bread made. Come to Brooks Bakery and save money.

FOR HOME AND STABLE

The extraordinary Borozone treatment for flesh wounds, cuts, sores, galls, burns and scalds is just as effective in the stable as in the home. Horse flesh heals with remarkable speed under its powerful influence. The treatment is the same for animals as for humans. First wash out infectious germs with liquid Borozone, and the Borozone Powder completes the healing process. Price (liquid) 30c, 60c and \$1.20. Powder 30c and 60c. Sold by

Oates Drug Store

TEXAS THEATRE



JOHN BARRYMORE
in "THE SEA BEAST," A Warner Picture
Wed. and Thurs. 29th and 30th



WOMEN LIKE OUR HAIR TRIMMING
—There's a reason — our workmen know how, and we endeavor to please our customers at all times.

SHAVING PARLOR
F. T. CLIFT, Prop.
North Side Square

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

Sunset Poultry Farm White Leghorns Are Real Living Egg Machines

Watchful care, scientific breeding, continuous trap-nesting and persistent culling has produced a strain of birds that attain good size and prove profitable with ordinary care, they have the ability to lay lots of large white eggs bred into them.

Rather than take a chance ordering your baby chicks from off somewhere, come over and look over our farm, see our flocks and know what you are getting.

Our customers all over the country are praising our Leghorns, you too, will be delighted with the results you will get from our strain. It will be a pleasure to show you through our farm.

Poultry the sure daily money crop of Texas

LET US DO YOUR HATCHING—

We will start our Incubators the first Monday in January, and will set every Monday throughout the season. We will have plenty of room the first few weeks, so just bring over your eggs; trays hold 112 to 120 eggs.

Pure-bred poultry pays.	C. O. DAVIS Sunset Poultry Farm RULE, TEXAS.	200 hens on every farm
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Member: Texas Baby Chick Association.

TO MY CUSTOMERS

This is to let my customers and friends know that I have moved from the Texas Filling Station on Depot Street to the Bell Moore Chevrolet building, on southeast corner of the square. "Call on us—we'll be pleased to serve you."

MAGNOLIA FILLING STATION

Life Growth Eggs



Feed a Balanced Ration for Year Round Profits
PURINA POULTRY CHOWS
at the Store with the Checkerboard Sign

Haskell Mill & Grain Co.

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HAROLD LLOYD
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For Heaven's Sake!

A Paramount Release

Wed. and Thurs., 5th. and 6th.
TEXAS THEATRE

WHO IS TO BLAME?

If you do not get the Best Sheet Metal Work? Tanks, Stock Tubs, Gutter, Stove Pipe, Windmills, Piping, Pipe Fittings.

RADIATOR REPAIRING

Soldering work of all kinds. We are on the job early and late to do your work and save you money.

JONES & SON

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

We wish to announce a change in the methods of conducting our business in the future.

Beginning January 1, 1927, we will conduct a strictly cash business, and pass on to our customers the savings we will be able to effect on this basis.

Our store will be closed all next week—from Saturday January 1st, to Saturday January 8th, and new fixtures will be installed that will enable us to serve you more efficiently and economically than in the past under the credit system. Our delivery service will be continued, and telephone orders may be paid for when delivery is made. By doing this, and selling strictly for cash, we will be able to offer you material reductions in the prices of groceries.

WATCH FOR OUR BIG OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT NEXT WEEK!

COLLIER BROS. GROCERY

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.

Bert Welsh