

J. D. Roberts Sr. of Vontress was a business visitor to the city Friday. J. E. Adams of Rule Route 1 was a business visitor to the city Thursday and while here renewed for the Free Press for a year while in the city.

**HIDES WANTED**—Wolf hide No. One extra large fancy average \$6.25 or Calley Ordinary \$3.00. Skunk black No. One extra large \$2.00. Andrew Daniels Route 1, Haskell, Texas, on Mr. J. K. Stoker's farm. 1tp.

# The Cream of the Tobacco Crop



You, too, will find that LUCKY STRIKES give the greatest pleasure—Mild and Mellow, the finest cigarettes you ever smoked. Made of the choicest tobaccos, properly aged and blended with great skill, and there is an extra process—"IT'S TOASTED"—no harshness, not a bit of bite.

Florence Reed, Favorite Stage Star, writes:

"Night in and night out, for months, one's voice must be in perfect condition on the stage. To safeguard it, yet get the greatest enjoyment, Lucky Strikes are the favorites in the theatre world."



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**"It's toasted"** No Throat Irritation No Cough.



Just like we'd meet you on the street or any other place, we want to say

## Howdy Folks!

Hope this will be a happy, prosperous New Year for you and all your folks.

You just don't know how we appreciate your business and your loyalty. But during 1928 we'll do our best to show you.

Come to see us!

## TONKAWA DRY CLEANERS

Tonkawa Hotel Building.

Phone 238



God rest ye, merry gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay!

His words sounded through the hall of the big office building in a high, clear soprano, which made both John Harden and his son, Ralph, look up, startled and irritated. Then, as "merry gentlemen" sounded farther off, John Harden thought, "It's a good thing that woman didn't come in here singing that 'Merry gentlemen.' Indeed!" and he looked over at his son, who sat brooding at his desk.

"If Ralph would only give me his confidence," he thought. "Money trouble of some kind, I suppose, and I'd help him out if he'd only tell me. Troubles enough of my own, but not about money. If a million dollars would remove this threat of blindness, I'd pay it in a minute."

"Let nothing you dismay!" came the clear, light voice again, and Ralph thought:

"How can I help being dismayed, with a pile of gambling debts I'll never get out from under? Father suspects, too, I know, for he looks grim all the time, and keeps his hand over his eyes so much. If he'd only ask me, maybe I'd have the courage to tell him."

As the singing voice neared the office again, Harden growled, "Tell that girl to hush up or go away!" Then the office door opened, and the words "merry gentlemen" made both men look up, impatiently. But, instead of a bold young woman—

stood a scrubby newsboy, saying: "Collectin' for the Times. Circulation manager's so busy he sent me."

"Where did you learn to sing?" asked Ralph.

"St. Luke's choir. We're practicin' for Christmas. Get fifty cents a Sunday."

SHOUT aloud on Christmas morn, "Love and Peace this day were born!"

Meet the world with joy and gladness! Help to banish woe and sadness!

May the memory of this day Linger with you all the way.

So that what's near beside you, Mercy will forever guide you

Fix your thoughts on Love and Peace Till all cruelty shall cease

Christ's Natal Day

By BELLE WILLEY GUE

day, and I get a dollar Christmas, 'cause I sing a solo. Gee, it's luck, for Dad's been sick and if it goes on this way, I'd never get clothes for school. Whaja think? Got five dollars out o' choir money saved for a new overcoat!"

"Here's another toward it," said Ralph, "and I hope your father gets well."

"Thank you!" exclaimed the boy, pocketing the dollar. "Gee, I hope he does, too, 'cause he's all the family I got. He works in a factory where the light's bad, and sometimes his eyes go wrong."

"Couldn't he work somewhere else?" queried Mr. Harden.

"Yep; there's a grand place goin' to be vacant at the paper-box factory, where there's hardly any eye work, but there's so many after it—"

"Wait!" said Harden. "I know Mortimer, who owns that factory. I'll give you a note to take him. What's your father's name?"

"Albert Wickens, and he's all right! You tell 'em I said so—knows him all my life, an' I recommend him."

Presently Harden looked up, saying "Here's the note, and a dollar for your New Year's greeting in advance. Don't forget to come in with it—it's paid for, remember!"

"You bet I'll come! I'd get a handsome tickin' if my Dad ever heard o' my bein' crooked! I'm proud o' my ole man an' I want to make him proud o' me."

With that, the door slammed, and the young voice was heard carolling down the hall.

The two men looked at each other, speaking simultaneously:

"Son, I have something to say—"

"Dad, I have something to tell—"

Then, with half-embarrassed amusement, they both laughed heartily.

"I guess there's a good deal we have to tell each other," said John Harden. "I propose that we get a private room at the club and have some lunch and talk things over."

"Great!" said Ralph, rising to help his father with his coat. "I'm not looking forward, exactly, to what I

What sweeter music can we bring Than a carol for to sing The birth of this our Heavenly King! Shake the hoarse! Shake the string! Heart, ear and eye, or' everything! Shout! the while the active finger Hand divisions with the singer.

Mark and bull night, fly hence away, And give the honor to this day, What does December turned to May, If we may ask the reason why The holy and temperate all things here Stream like the spring time of the year?

We see them come and haste this court, With this simplicity and this splendor, Comes all the patient growth to harvest.

have to say, because I'm ashamed of it, but it'll be a relief."

"Nothing you can tell me will be as bad as this estrangement has been," replied his father. "If it's anything I can help you about—"

"It is, and if you'll straighten me out this time, I know I'll never get in such a hole again. When that kid said, 'I'm proud o' my ole man, and I want him to be—'"

Ralph choked and stopped, but by this time they were in the outer hall, so John Harden simply took his son's arm and pressed it affectionately.

As the elevator reached the street level the two looked at each other and smiled, for down the hall they heard a high, clear voice singing:

God rest ye, merry gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay! (© 1927 Western Newspaper Union.)

### Oath Taken Seriously by Orthodox Moslems

Swearing in Turkey is no slight matter. When a Turk utters an oath he has made in the name of Allah, the traditional expiation is a long and costly affair. If the oath breaker is wealthy—that is, if he has visible means of support for a year—he must give bread to fifteen widows, sacrifice a fat sheep to be given to the poor, and he himself must fast for seven days and seven nights.

When a poorer sinner breaks his oath he must fast for the same length of time, but instead of the gifts of bread and mutton he must take a long stick, break it into three pieces over his head or over the head of the person involved in the broken oath, and then throw the broken pieces out of the window.

The sticks are supposed to absorb the curse engendered by taking the name of Allah in vain, and with the throwing out of the sticks the sinner feels himself absolved.

### Nothing Like It

Without waiting to be announced or even knocking at the door, the young man strode into the private office of the managing director. The business man looked up from his correspondence and inquired sharply:

"Well, what do you want?"

"I want a job, sir," answered the caller.

"Well," inquired the other, amused in spite of his indignation at the interruption, "what can you do?"

"Oh, anything, sir," was the ready answer.

"Anything, eh? And what is your motto for business life?"

"The same as yours, sir," said the young man.

"And what is that, may I ask?"

"The one on your door, sir—'Push.'"

## If Wishes Were Wings



and good will had the power to work magic, your home would be visited by us this Yuletide season and filled to the roof-tree with genuine joy.

Those loved ones you most long to see would be there, all worries and irritations would be whipped out the door, and you would all have the merriest time of your lives.

We hope that it will be so with you anyhow.



## WESTERN PRODUCE COMPANY

# Christmas AND YOU!

Makes a Real Christmas for Us

How could we forget YOU, you who have been so good to us through these many years, you who have had complete confidence in us and who have served us as patrons as well as we have served you as providers of good values and reliable service in our line.

We thank you and wish for all of YOU and all of YOURS the best Christmas and the happiest New Year of yours lives.

## W. W. FIELDS & SON

### Haskell County Abstract Company

W. W. MEADOR, Manager Haskell, Texas.

Complete Title Service.



## MERRY CHRISTMAS

To you whose friendly Good-Will has meant so much to us in the past. May Peace, Joy and Happiness be yours this Christmas and through the coming years.

## JONES & SON

# H. H. Hardin

Merry  
Christmas

## MAY THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS ABIDE IN YOUR HEART AND OURS

In other words, may the spirit of UNSELFISH SERVICE be prevalent everywhere.

We believe our city and community comes as near showing this spirit as any on earth.

A city, a firm, or an individual need have little fear of ultimate success if the guiding light of either could be said to be "the spirit of Christmas."

Happy  
New Year

### YOUR PATRONAGE!

We greatly appreciate it and shall continue to do our best to merit whatever business you turn our way.

If We Could Send You a

# Christmas Boquet

Such as we should like to send, it would not consist of poinsettias or winter roses, but smiles and joy on the faces of your loved ones gathered to celebrate together the gladdest season of the year. Nothing could ornament a Christmas dinner like happy faces, and we hope several will brighten yours, and leave "Christmas flowers" in your memory throughout the year.

# OATES Drug Store



WAS Christmas Eve and everything in the small town of Bobbinville was bubbling over with the true holiday spirit. Brilliantly lighted Christmas trees, holly wreaths and bells above through the windows of most every home in town; while each church joined in with its usual Yuletide celebration.

A snow storm the day before had clothed the town in white, as if in preparation for the great holiday. The children just knew that it was sent on purpose, so that Santa Claus could come in his loaded sleigh and fill their stockings.

But amidst all this joy and beauty there was one sad family, who lived at the far end of Main street. They had just received word that their old set son, Ray, had been lost on the field of battle. Father, mother and the four remaining children were seated within the living room in silence while the happy celebrations were in full swing on all sides of them. Each one was filled with thoughts of other years and how happy they had been. Each saw visions of the heavily loaded Christmas tree gleaming in all its beauty, while their son and brother presided over it in his Santa's outfit. Thus they sat speechless, with lumps in their throats, until bedtime. One by one they retired broken-hearted to finish their visions in the far-off dreamland.

When quietness covered its cloak over the little town and the children's stockings were all waiting for Santa Claus, the midnight flyer pulled in, dropping off a lone passenger—a soldier boy. He had come to surprise his family on the glorious Christmas holiday. Not having heard of the false report of his death, he had come to be their Santa Claus, as of old. As he was hurrying home he met an old schoolmate, who told him the sad story of how his family had mourned, thinking him dead; and that they had not joined in the usual holiday festivities.

Suddenly a beautiful surprise filled his consciousness, and with the aid of his friend he scoured the town from end to end, frantically awakening all the storekeepers. Loaded with



Here He Trimmed the Tree, Hanging All the Smaller Gifts.

gifts, and with his friend carrying the Christmas tree, they proceeded homeward, while the full winter moon looked down upon them, knowingly.

Bidding his companion a Merry Christmas, and thanking him heartily, he crept in through the basement window and carefully ascended to the living room. Here he trimmed the tree, hanging all the smaller gifts upon its branches and placing the larger ones upon the floor beneath.

When it was completed he lay down upon the old couch of his childhood and dreamed happy thoughts. He, too, felt a lump in his throat, but his was a lump of gladness, as there had been one of sadness.

Here he remained in silence, his heart filled with joy, until Christmas morn. As he beheld the sun glimmering upon the snow-covered scene, making diamonds everywhere, he realized that it was to be one of the most gorgeous Christmas days he had ever witnessed. He hurriedly dressed himself in a bright new Santa outfit, his heart wildly thumping as he did so; and he had just seated himself beneath the glowing tree, when he heard his dear old mother's soft, familiar footsteps upon the stairway.

He listened breathlessly while she descended and passed through the hallway into the kitchen. Then soon the old familiar odors of coffee and griddle cakes came floating in. He could hardly contain himself, as he wanted to rush out and smother her with kisses. With sheer will-power he remained silent until the family was called to breakfast.

Then little Ruth stole into the living room to see if by chance Santa had left her anything. She gave a cry of delight as she beheld the marvelous tree loaded with gifts, and Santa himself actually sitting beneath it.

The next moment the whole family stood wide-eyed, gazing upon the scene before them, too surprised to utter a single word.

Thoughts of a practical joke to their friends came to them, and they hardly knew what to do or say. Then came to mother's eyes with the recognition of her lost son.

Just as father was going to speak, Ray, their own son, pulled the mask from his face and called a "Merry Christmas."

### Friend's Mild Rebuke Failed in Its Purpose

Smith and Jones were personal friends, so one day Smith took a personal friend's liberty and said to Jones:

"You mustn't take offense if I speak to you about something I have had on my mind for some time—just a little habit of yours."

"Nobody has ever had the nerve to tell you before," Smith continued in a hesitating sort of voice, "and you are such a splendid, noble fellow."

"Yes, yes," answered Jones.

Smith cleared his throat; then, with great determination, launched out:

"You're one of those fellows who never really know what is being said to them; you're always pursuing some train of thought. Anyone can tell half the time you are not listening by the faraway look in your eyes. You've offended a lot of people. Of course, it's terribly rude, only you don't know it. You mustn't any more, old chap"—putting his hands on Jones' shoulders. "Promise me you'll not."

Jones was then obliged to face his friend.

"Just what were you saying?" he inquired in a faraway voice.

### Organization Counts

The Baldwin locomotive works got an order for a monster locomotive. It was shipped in 15 days.

"How did you do it?" one of the officials was asked.

"Organization," he responded. "Organization is the art of getting men to respond like thoroughbreds. When you cluck to a thoroughbred he gives you all the speed and strength of heart and sinew he has in him. When you cluck to a jackass he kicks."

Here is an illustration worth while, which surely applies to men as well as lower animals.

A wonderful thing is the ability to respond with complete efficiency whenever called upon.

And a more wonderful thing is to be able to get other men to respond that way when you call upon them.

That is what the great men of industry—as well as of war—have been able to accomplish.—Gulf Coast Lumberman.

### Sense and Philosophy

A colored man being interviewed by authorities in regard to a shooting affray gave to the world this bit of philosophy:

"Ah didn't see nothin' so ah don't know nothin'!

"You all know, boss, I spends six months of every year 'tendin' mah own business and ah spends the other six months of the year tryin' to keep from 'tendin' other people's business, so all in all, Iee a busy man."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

'Twas the night before Christmas,  
all through the house

Not a creature was stirring—not even a mouse;

The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,

In hopes that St. Nicholas would soon be there.

—Moore—A Visit from St. Nicholas.

Our Christmas Wishes are that St. Nicholas will leave you so many gifts that the year 1928 will find you more happy than ever before.

Southern Union Life Insurance Co.

C. H. MENEFEE

General Agent

1927

Merry Christmas

1928

# A Road of Happiness

## A BRIDGE OF GOOD CHEER

All of us, at some period of time, have traveled a road bestrewn with rocks and pitfalls, a road where broken springs are a very small part of the damage.

If you have encountered during your past year's travel of any such road as this, it is our sincere wish that after you cross our Merry Christmas bridge, your road for 1928 shall be as smooth as glass.

We wish for you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year.

KING-LAWSON MOTOR CO.

HUDSON-ESSEX

**Glass and Crystal Sets**



Glass flowers strike a most modern note in smart decoration. Transparent, luminous, lovely are these flowers made all of glass even to their slender stems. Only in the most exclusive shops are they to be found, which is directly in their favor if you are seeking a gift for some fastidious friend. Not only flowers, but exotic birds whose plumage is a solid setting of glittering glass jewels, and who are posed on sparkling crystal mounts, are among these decorative elegancies. This glass and crystal vogue includes most beautiful glass ships for table centerpieces. Crystal trees, too, are in evidence.

**For Baby's Comfort**



If baby could write, it is fair to suppose that Santa Claus would be deluged with letters saying, "Please, dear old Nick, bring me a nice little hot-water bottle to make me comfy." A miniature hot-water bottle in a beflowered satin case is a cunning gift. It doubles the message of comfort if a bit of talcum powder be included. These nursery requisites are obtainable in matched sets, beautified with flower craft which creates such wonderfully lovely posies out of satin ribbon.

**A Smoking Set for "Him"**



There's a thrill coming to friend husband or big brother or bachelor when he wakes up Christmas morning and finds a gayly attired "buddy" standing at attention ready to serve him during his smoking hours. These wooden figures are sold undecorated, ready for painting. To enamel them, prepare a paint by breaking sticks of sealing wax into little jars of denatured alcohol, letting it stand all night. Paint his trousers blue, his coat scarlet. Brass buttons on his coat, of course! Make them by dropping spots of hot gilt sealing wax along in the row as you see in the picture.

**Germs Losing Virulence**

Changing habits and diet of man provide germs with different types of soil, so that it is not difficult to believe that germs change their character in the course of centuries, notes Hygeia Magazine, editorially. Leprosy, smallpox and scarlet fever have been almost stamped out or have largely lost the virulence that made them scourges of the past. Appendicitis has become commoner, but it is pointed out in the editorial that the seeming increase may be due to greater facility in recognizing the disease.

Outdoor sports, sensible diet and comfortable clothes have almost completely eliminated a condition known as chlorosis, formerly called the "green sickness" of young girls, a form of secondary anemia due to the sheltered life of the past.

**Clever Little Girl**

Of course, all children are clever to their parents, and the amazing thing is that most of them seem clever to the world. This particular little girl, it would seem, should have a great future in a city like New York.

Recently on one of the few pleasant days she went to her village drug store and ice cream parlor combined and asked for an ice cream soda. It was 20 cents. She complained bitterly to her mother. The next day, with the satisfied look of the cat that had eaten the canary, she reported she had got an ice cream soda at the same place for 15 cents. "But how?" asked the mother. "Well," she explained with childish elaboration, "the coffee sodas are only 10 cents and an ice cream cone is only 5, so I ordered both and put them together!"—New York Sun.

**Cool! Cool!**

Outside it was cold, dark and rainy, but from the lighted windows of the regimental P. C. came sounds of mirth and jollification. "Say, buddy," said Post No. 2, just over and green to the job, "what does P. C. stand for, anyway?" "Oh, that?" answered Post No. 1, an old-timer. "That means pinochle club."—Exchange.

I will reduce the price on all Jewelry, strap and pocket watches and think of a genuine diamond in white gold for \$22.50. Some as low as \$10.00. Have some dandy reconstructed rubys. E. A. McCarty, Dr. of Optics and Jeweler Texas Theatre Bldg., Haskell. 1c

**WARRIORS**

Deputy Game Fish and Oyster Commissioner, Joe Myers has been here several days checking up on trappers. He says that the law requires any one taking furs for the purpose of sale to have a trappers license if they are not trapping on their own lands, and that there is a number that have not procured their license.

Those that have not procured their license by the First of January will be prosecuted, and that the fine for such offense is from \$10.00 to \$100.00.

C. W. Jetton of Curry Chappel community with his wife was in the city Saturday and while here he renewed for his home paper for the ensuing year. He has picked 55 bales of cotton and sold \$149.00 worth of turkeys which he raised this year. He and his family are thankful for what the year has brought them in blessings, and he will begin the new year with renewed energy.

**Tools Found in Africa May Antedate Ice Age**

The prehistoric men of the old Stone age, who lived in Europe for thousands of years during the advances of the ice during the glacial period, and even, perhaps, before that great ice age began, may have learned how to chip their flints and make their rude stone tools under the kinder skies of Africa.

This is suggested by very ancient implements recently found in that continent by an East African archeological expedition.

The stone tools and weapons newly found are believed to have been made and lost by their owners even before the ice age. During all the half million years or more since then they have been lying undisturbed in the gravel deposits where they have now been found.

Africa was too far south to be reached by the glaciers of the ice age, it is observed, but the climate at that time seems to have been cooler and more rainy than now. It was before this rainy period, it is said, that the makers of stone tools must have lived.

During the ice age, and even before its beginning, men of the old Stone age are known to have invaded Europe, from which they retreated again as the ice sheet advanced. Where these men of the glacial period came from has always been a mystery, some scientific men advocating Asia as their probable home and others favoring Africa.

Mr. Brown, a prosperous farmer of the Ballou community was in the city Saturday and renewed for the Free Press while in the city. He is a good farmer and a habitual reader of the Free Press.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Park of the Myers community were Haskell shoppers. They had some good things to say about the home paper and its new columns.

W. G. Gammill of Ranger, Texas, brother of J. W. Gammill living north west of town was in the city Saturday. He is visiting his brother for a few days.

M. T. Maudin and family of Route 2 were in the city Saturday.

J. W. Masie and family were shopping in the city Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Masie are among the most successful farm poultry raisers in the county.

A large number of out of town people were here Monday to attend Baptist Workers Convention.

SEWING WANTED. Mrs. R. Howard, 1012 square, first house west of old Tom Ballard residence.

**FRIENDSHIP**

And now since friendship with its priceless joys is one of the essential ingredients of Christmas and Christmas cheer, we are not going even to taste the long-awaited sweets of the season without first having sent out the wish to all our friends that the Goddess of Goodness will empty every thing enjoyable in their laps.

MERRY CHRISTMAS—HAPPY NEW YEAR

**HENDERSON DRY CLEANERS**

Phone 133

**Ornate Dresser Things**



Ideal for gift occasions are exquisite articles which show French inspiration in their elaborate finishings of gold lace and satin garlanded with flowers of superb silks and ribbons, all displaying a superior handcraft. Christmas will be a time for rejoicing for the debutante or bride who receives anything so beautiful as the dresser utility box shown in this picture, covered with taffeta silk veiled with all-over gold lace, garlanded with a cluster of handmade taffeta roses. The comb case and top of brush are made to match.

**Historic Ivorex Plaques**



It would seem as if ivorex plaques, which are made in bas-relief, are about to carry the honors, when it comes to most popular Christmas gift selections. They bespeak refinement and good taste in that the subjects they portray are facsimiles of famous scenes, characters and paintings, such as Dickens' home, Old Curiosity Shop, Whistler's "Mother," head of Shakespeare and so on. They look like fine ivory with sepia tones.

**Gifts for Baby Dear**



When it comes to "the dear little dimpled darling 'who' has ne'er seen Christmas yet," Santa Claus is simply lavish in his giving. "Something different" from the regulation silk or kidskin bound baby book are those which specialty shops are featuring of white pique with an applique of wee satin roses. The ribbon carriage strap and coverlid clamps, which complete this baby set, are made of satin flowers.

**Elks Cafe**  
Haskell's Leading Restaurant

**NAUGHT BUT JOY and HAPPINESS**

May every care and sorrow be completely banished, leaving only sunshine and happiness about you in these Merry Yuletide days.

To make your Christmas happier and more complete have your Christmas Dinner at the—

**Elks Cafe**  
75c

**A Time for Sentiment**

MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY

We do not conduct our business for sentimental reasons nor solicit patronage on any other than the soundest business principles. We believe that in commercial transactions customers prefer honest values courtesy and promptness, and like to trade where their business is appreciated. Therefore do we model our policy along these lines.

But these things rather add to our enjoyment of the beautiful sentiment which permeates the Christmas holidays, for this is a time for sentiment, the tenderest the human heart knows.

All joy to you and yours at Christmastide.

**R. J. REYNOLDS**  
"We Don't Meet Prices--We Make Them"

# 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 in 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, out lasts 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.

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

## Haskell Laundry Co.

# May—

You have strength, wisdom, courage and determination to achieve every worthy undertaking in 1928.

Accept our earnest and sincere thanks, please, for the business you gave us in 1927.

**J. F. Kennedy**  
Distributor  
**Texaco Oils and Gasoline**

Plated Parchment Shades



Santa Claus and his reindeers will have to work overtime to deliver the many sleigh loads of plated parchment lamp shades which are now "in the making." Clever women are buying these plated shades undecorated, so as to give them the personal touch of hand embellishment. Many are "saying it" with "scissors painting." One uses scissors instead of a brush, cutting out pictures from decorative crepe paper. These are then carefully pasted on the shade and finally gone over with a coat of transparent amber sealing wax paint. The finished work looks like genuine hand painting.

For the Bachelor's Den



For many this Christmas is going to make a reality of that oft-dreamed wistful dream, "When my ship comes in." It is all due to the conspicuous part that ships are now playing as a decorative feature in modern home interiors. There are ships and ships to be had, some of brass, some of glass for table appointments. The bachelor who glories in a well-furnished den would feel honored to receive this candlestick which embodies a ship in its design.

Marie Antoinette Mirrors



Every boudoir a bower of beauty—such is the sentiment which now prevails in the home. Wherefore 'tis not a wonder, when lady goes a-Christmas shopping, that she is so prone to buy boudoir accessories that tempt her eye and beguile her fancy. You may be sure that these exquisite Marie Antoinette hand mirrors will prove a fascination to every woman.

Scissor Painted Basket



A "scissor-painted" waste basket makes an acceptable yuletide gift for man, woman or child. One cuts pictures out of illustrated crepe paper, which costs but a trifle for a whole roll. After the background of the paper mache basket form has been smoothed with sealing-wax paint, paste on the pictures very smoothly. When thoroughly dry the whole is gone over with a coat of transparent amber sealing-wax paint. While this is still wet, use a pair of scissors to cut out the pictures. If one chooses, suitable decorations may be added.

Vanity of Moire Silk



Here is a swagger vanity to carry on dress occasions. It is of black moire silk bound with gold lace galloon. It shows quality in every detail, especially in its shirred silk linings which are all one could hope for in exquisite fineness. A choice floral done in genuine petite point embroidery adds a touch of refined coloring. Keep this in mind when jotting down things to buy "on the next Christmas shopping tour."

For the Living Room



Well, if it is a splendidly "worth while" Christmas gift you are in search of, take note of this adorable cushion and footstool set. Both stool and cushion are made of black felt, this material being strongly featured for home decoration just now. The decorative flowers are made of felt in all the gay colors, standing out in bold relief against their black background. Nothing handsomer for the living room than these sets!

# All Good Wishes

for you and those you want to see made happy.

We thank you all most sincerely for your patronage of the past and assure you we will be anxious to serve you in 1928.

## Electric Shoe & Top Shop

Depot Street

# All The Gladness of The Season

That is what we are wishing for our friends and patrons. May the road that lies out before you head you into new joys. Let us thank you for past favors. And remember—we want to serve you in 1928.

**F. L. Daugherty**  
Insurance and Loans



**SANTA CLAUS  
OR WAS IT  
CUPID?**

HELEN  
GARDNER

**IT WAS** Christmas Eve—quite the most glorious Christmas Eve Virginia Ray had ever known. Everything was ready for the party—her party—from the "Merry Christmas" place-cards to the splendid Christmas tree that would be ablaze all evening with little lights and colors.

Virginia pinned the last red stocking to the mantel, and turned to her mother. "I think it was real mean of George not to offer to play Santa Claus for me," she said. "After his having such a nice costume, too."

"But, dear," her mother answered, "How could he when you quarreled? I didn't know you had invited him."

"I didn't, but of course I would have, if he had been just the least bit nice," Virginia pouted, and hurried off to get ready to receive her guests. Her mother, busy with last-minute details, smiled in what might have been reminiscence of her own youth.

A few minutes later she went to the phone, held a brief conversation, and as she hung up the receiver she called up the stairs: "Hurry, dear. I do believe some of your guests are coming."

"I'll be right down," Virginia's voice preceded its owner by only a second. "Do I look all right, mother?"

"All right," said Mrs. Ray's voice, and her eyes said, "Lovely," and her heart said, "My own darling!"

Virginia, responding to an urgent bur-ingg! admitted her earliest guests. Half an hour later, when the rooms were filled with merry, chattering young people, the orchestra struck up the first dance. Escorts led their laughing partners to the center of the floor, but Virginia did not dance the first number—she had not invited George. Neither had she invited, as her partner, anyone else.

That dance was over, and another, and another. The Christmas tree was admired; the mistletoe was found, and put to its proper use; occasional silences made clear the distant sound of carolers; the clock struck ten—eleven—twelve.

At that moment the guests were surprised (and so was Virginia) by the sound of sleighbells, a hearty "Merry Christmas," and the appearance, from somewhere near the tree, of as jolly a Santa as one could imagine. Near beside him stood Mrs. Ray.

"Why, Mr. Santa Claus, I do believe," and then she presented him to the company. "My old childhood friend, Mr. Santa Claus, has come to pay us a visit, and as he is all loaded down with his various gifts, which must be delivered by tomorrow morning, I suggest that he give any of us who are to receive his attentions, our presents now."

"I didn't know, Virginia," said Pudgy Clark, the fat and awkward youth who had stepped on Virginia's toes during the last dance. "I didn't know you believed in Santa Claus."

"I don't!" Virginia snapped. "All right," he laughed, "you needn't bite my head off."

The favors distributed, Mrs. Ray called Virginia. "Here, dear, you and Santa lead the grand march. If you will all follow, I think we might find some refreshments in another room."

"Right!" said Santa, in a decidedly unfrigid voice. Somehow, Santa knew just where to go. But then, of course, Santa Claus knows everything. He even knew, a few moments later, when Virginia excused herself from the party, and slipped back to the other room, now in a state of partial disarray, and (for even the orchestra members were enjoying the repast in the other room) forlorn in its emptiness. Virginia was feeling particularly forlorn and particularly proud.

Santa Claus must know everything, for he knew just how long to wait before he, too, wandered from the merry group and joined Virginia. And he (or was it Cupid?) knew just what to say to make this really the most wonderful Christmas Eve in all Virginia's life. Just what it was, I am not sure, but he must have told Virginia, for presently she said, "I know; I know," and she had cheered up quite a bit before he put his arm around her. Somehow she wasn't so forlorn—nor quite so proud.

After a while they walked over to the tree together, and they listened to the carolers; and then, somehow, they stopped right under the mistletoe! What George said was whispered in her ear, so we shall never know, but Virginia was laughing as she answered him.

"Why, George," she said, "how dare you say I don't believe in Santa Claus?"

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**Sicily Can Boast of Many Famous Cities:**

Sicily, named by its admirers "L'isola Incantevole"—Island of enchantment—is situated at the very toe of the boot made by Italy, as if about to be kicked out of the way, and is included in the possessions of that country. It is a colorful island in old history. Before the Trojan war—kindled by the light of a woman's eyes—the Phoenicians sent colonies to Sicily. Syracuse, its principal city, is named by St. Paul in The Acts. "And landing at Syracuse we tarried there three days," Thucydides wrote of the great sieges occurring four centuries B. C. against Syracuse, placed, as one writer estimates it, for both war and commerce in the very center of the ancient world. Two centuries later the old mathematician Archimedes held at bay for three years the fleets and armies of Rome before finally capitulating and yielding Syracuse to its enemies. Messina, another city old in story, was founded by the Greeks more than seven centuries B. C. and is the chief commercial town of the island. Catania, a city of beauty with its palaces, villas and orange groves, is seated at the foot of Aetna, a volcano with a record of many eruptions. Palermo, the capital, is a most interesting city, facing the deep blue sea. In its great cathedral repose the bones of Emperor Frederick II, a ruler with an intellectual development some two centuries ahead of his time and consequently misunderstood.

**Marvelous How Birds Wing Back to Home**

Bird lovers have believed for centuries that migratory birds return to the same home, year after year. Modern science has proved this belief to be right. Birds are caught in traps that do not hurt them, marked with tiny leg bands of aluminum, each bearing a number, and released. Next year, the same birds are caught again in the same locality, often when occupying the same nest.

Evidently, a bird's memory for direction and location must be quite as marvelous as the older writers believed. The catbird winters as far south as Panama, yet catbirds marked in northern Ohio came back to the same neighborhood, year after year. Sometimes they move a few rods or furlongs, but the frequency with which they return to the very spot is astounding.

Cats find their way back to the old home across a township, horses across a county or two, and dogs have been known to pass through several states in returning to a beloved master, but birds find their way across a continent, and sometimes over a sea as well.

**Christmas Long Ago**

THE snow flakes on the sleeping earth their downy music bring. While along us through the frosty air the Christmas joy bells ring. It is the hour of eventide—the glowing fire burns low, And in its depths fair pictures gleam of Christmas long ago.

I see the little cottage nestled close behind the hill; To us it was a refuge sweet from every earthly ill. The blazing logs upon the hearth give forth a ruddy sheen To tinge the frosted pane bedecked with wreaths of evergreen.

I see the little stockings hung beside the ingle nook; I see the childish faces—oh, how gay and bright they look! While from the little trundle-beds their merry voices hum, As eagerly they wonder just "when Santa Claus will come."

How busy were our mothers then from morn until they slept, And from the quaint old kitchen spicy odors upward crept From shelves all groaning 'neath the pie of pumpkin and of mince— Such appetizing goodies have I never tasted since.

Dear faces that I see tonight have gone beyond the skies, For them the joyous Christmas Day now dawns in Paradise. But they seem to hover near me in the fire light's fitful glow, Sweet spirits of the Christmas-time, dear Christmas long ago.

**Christmas Land**

By MINNA IRVING  
in Family Herald and Star

OH, CHRISTMAS LAND is not so far, It's just across the hall Within the little living room Where holly decks the wall. Right in the middle stands a tree With crimson tinsel gay, And strange and wondrous is the fruit It bears on Christmas Day.

An apple and an orange grow Upon the same green bough, A wagon and a rocking horse, A sled and spotted cow; And nuts and sparkling sugar plums, And drums and skates and horns, And dolls with flaxen tresses drop Like pears on windy morns.

But only little boys and girls That always mind at school And know their daily lessons well, And try to keep each rule, And say their prayers both morn and night, Can hope to join the band Of happy children round the tree That grows in Christmas Land.

**1927 THE CURTAIN FALLS**

Soon the curtain will fall on the year 1927. It has been 21 years of successful business in Real Estate, Insurance and Loans for us, as we look back over the years, and think of the many happy hours that have passed by. We have made many new friends and customers, and we only hope to continue to hold your friendship through the coming year 1928.

We hope for you a Christmas brimming full of happiness, and when the curtain rises on the year 1928, that it will rise on the most rosy period of your life.

May The Year 1928 Be One Of The Happiest Of Your Life

**T. C. CAHILL**

**GREETINGS**

Christmas holidays are the harvest season of joys for the whole year. The many kinds of pleasure we have been planning for others or putting off for ourselves we now take time to bring into reality.

All of us look forward to the Yuletide as the season when we shall gather from the Pleasure Fields of the year our fill of the joys which come so plentifully to harvest just at this particular time.

And we are hoping that as you are found among the reapers your garners will be filled to overflowing with the choicest fruits of the gathering.

Along with our good wishes for the Holidays we are extending to you our sincere thanks for your patronage during the year which is closing.

We have tried to merit your good will by honest, courteous service and assure you that your desires next year will be as fully and as satisfactorily met as is within our power to perform.

And now we wish nothing less for you than that you may have a radiantly happy Christmas and a joyfully prosperous New Year.

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# Christmas!

### The Great Love-Link of the World

The time when all the world is joined in one heart-beat, in one thought, in one purpose, to spread joy and gladness all about us!

That's what we want to do for those who have seen fit to use our goods and our services during the past—and we would include those many friends and acquaintances who have shown us many kindnesses. May we continue to be of worthy service to each of you—and may your future years be filled with the choicest of your heart's desire in health, happiness and prosperity.

**HASKELL BAKERY**  
THE HOME OF  
HARCROW'S MILK DANDY BREAD

## Bells a Ringin'

"That thar bell a ringin'?" It's over in Merrydale, mister, a ringin' in Christmas time."

There's a tender place in our heart for that wistful, ragged little country youth, who years ago told us the meaning of that soft chiming far across the valley.

Just a little fellow, but one we've rememberd through the years, with new wishes every year that his pathway be covered with roses.

Perhaps you may be this little fellow grown up, but whether or no, we wish for you and yours, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**FOUTS & MITCHELL**

### Ancient Greek Had

#### Idea of Evolution

Empedocles, the Greek philosopher, anticipated Darwin in his theory of evolution by more than 2,500 years. About 480 B. C. he published his explanation of life and its interpretation of the universe in which he held that "being" or matter was imperishable and hence eternal. He maintained the existence of two fundamental and opposing forces which he typified as friendship and strife. The first he represented as internal and the second as external and these two as in perpetual conflict—the first struggling to maintain the status quo and the second to change it—thus producing, according to his theory, all the phenomena of nature. He held that these changes had been occurring through all the past ages with the effect of development in all phases of existence with man as the highest product, thus far, of the process. Modern scientists declare that in thus indicating the principle "strife" Empedocles grasped the germ of Darwin's idea—the survival of the fittest—for by its exposition he seems to have intended to convey the idea of competition for existence or supremacy.—Kansas City Star.

#### Practical Bible Warning

"There are extraordinary sarcasms in coincidences," says Alexander Black, author of "The Seventh Angel" and "The Great Desire." "One night a letter made off with my overcoat from a restaurant. It was not the sort of restaurant in which one is admonished to be alert. Moreover, I had never been robbed of anything in my life. I had had no admonitory experience. Naturally the incident made a rather profound impression. The weather deepened that impression. "That same night I happened to open my Bible to verify the location of the verse from which I took the title of 'The Seventh Angel.' And in the verse immediately preceding I read these startling words: 'Blessed is he that watcheth and keepeth his garments.'"

### Scented Teas

In China scented teas are popular. The aroma is from flowers. The flowers commonly used are the white jasmine and the "yu lan," a species of magnolia. Such teas are prepared by heating the flower petals with the leaves. Sometimes the flower petals are left in the tea, but usually they are taken out after the tea has the desired scent. In the preparation of some varieties the process consists of sprinkling a layer of fresh blossom over a layer of tea, and repeating the process until the container is filled. Then the container is placed aside until the perfume has thoroughly permeated the tea leaves. The old petals are then removed and fresh petals added. This is repeated until the desired aroma is attained. The tea is then packed for market.

### Seeking Black Canary

A Burbank of birds is trying to produce a black canary, according to a recent issue of the Pet Dealer. Canaries, to date, have been produced white and blue beside the convention at yellow, but no one has yet succeeded in producing a jet black feathered songster and perhaps there will be "millions in it" for the man who succeeds. Novel and harmonious color effects have been produced in recent years by the use of colored bird cages in interior decorations, but the novelty of a jet black canary and a pure white bird cage will be sufficient to satisfy the most exotic demands of the interior decorators.

### Mystery of Egg Lines

Why are some birds' eggs pure white and unmarked and others variously and highly colored, with all sorts of marks upon them, from minute dots to scraggly lines? asks the American Forestry Magazine. How are those spots and markings produced? Nests of birds run all the way from the female laying a single egg on the bare rock on the coast, to those laying ten or more eggs in a very elaborate nest built in very different localities.

### Chinaman Carried Off

#### Maiden of His Choice

"Lah-bah," or the "twelfth moon eighth day" is always lucky for marriages. Poor people of the Anhui province in China can be sure of an auspicious day without going to the expense of consulting the fortune-tellers. This year in the town of Liuchow there was a novel marriage procession. A young man of twenty-two wanted his bride, but her parents are said to have thought him too poor for the girl, and demanded a sum of money which they thought would end in the match being broken off. Friends suggested he should abduct the girl; so on the auspicious "eighth" he and a few friends went to the girl's home, and they were in such force as to carry the day. To prevent anything like lawlessness the bride and groom were bound together back to back and the young man was marched off, like the small, with his house chia li—wife—on his back. The girl had protested she did not want to be his wife, and apparently sulked, but next day things were smoothed over by friends. "But why tie them back to back?" asked one. "Oh, to stop the girl from struggling," said a friend of the groom. In other words it was cave-man stuff.—North China Herald.

### New Guinea Natives

#### Hostile to Visitors

New Guinea is the largest island (except Australia) in the world. It is situated in the south Pacific ocean just north of Australia and somewhat southeast of the Philippines. There are over six hundred thousand black natives on the island, some of them still very savage and hostile to strangers. Being so near to the equator, the temperature is never cold, except on the mountain tops; and for this reason the natives do not require solidly built houses. Their habitations are very simple structures. They are made of reeds or the branches of certain trees, and covered either with some of the long grasses that grow in the islands or with the leaves of palm trees. Some of the villages have streets as straight as our own, but they are not paved being merely dirt roads worn smooth by the naked feet of the inhabitants. The houses must be rainproof, for rains in these regions are often heavy; and they are also proof against earthquakes.

### Mystery of Rheumatism

Rheumatism used to be thought an ailment due to exertion and exposure. It was considered natural that agricultural laborers should be bent and gnarled in old age. Slowly there came the knowledge that rheumatism is due to a poison in the blood, and has nothing to do with hard work or the weather. Now we know that rheumatism affects the heart. In a British ministry of health report, Sir George Newman says that almost all deaths from heart disease of people under forty are caused by the effects of rheumatic infection. The nature of the infection has still to be discovered, and research work in this direction is badly needed.

### If You Want to Borrow Money on Your Land; Read This

I can make you a loan on your land at 6 per cent, 6 1/2 per cent and 7 per cent interest, payable annually, loan made for ten years, with privilege of paying one-fifth of the principal at end of any year, without paying a bonus. You can pay the loan during the first five years, if you desire. The only expense you pay will be abstract fees and recording fees. You get all the money you borrow. If you want a new loan, or renew an old loan, I will pay you to see or write me, before you make your application. I can get you the best loan to be had and save you money.

**P. D. SANDERS**  
Haskell, Texas.

## TO THE YOUNG

May you garner treasures of happy experiences during these Christmas holidays that will gladden your memory through all the years to come.

## TO THE OLDER—

May you renew again in the perennial spirit of Christmas the vigor of your eternal youth, living over again the joyful hours of the cherished past and adding them to the pleasures of the present.

## TO ALL—

A MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS

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For colds, grip and flu take



Relieves the congestion, prevents complications, and hastens recovery.

For comfort's sake any kind of clothes would do, be they flour sack, horsehide, many, or few. But since Adam and Eve left the garden for sin fashion and style have gradually crept in. 'Til man no longer thinks himself well dressed unless his suit be cleaned and neatly pressed. (Continued Next Week)

**HENDERSON DRY CLEANERS**  
Phone 183

## WIN BY WORK

To gain success you must not shirk. Life's battles all are won by work. The man who files by the day will find his debts he cannot pay. Another rule on which depend, is always earn more than you spend; and on the day your note falls due be sure and see that you come thru. The Farmers State Bank is willing to lend a helping hand and be your friend.

**THE FARMERS STATE BANK**



### LOCAL NOTES

T. L. Atchison called and renewed the paper for his brother-in-law, S. E. Jones Stanton, Texas, so that the news of Haskell County may be enjoyed by the relative in a nother part of the state. Shelby Harris, a habitual reader of the Free Press, who owns and operates a good farm in the Savies community, renewed for the Free Press and Wichita Daily Times while in the city Saturday. L. E. Massie of the Roberts community was in the city Saturday bringing a large candy bucket filled with high priced eggs. L. Z. is a good farmer and has a flock of hens that have not struck for higher wages. Rev. E. H. Dickerson and Rev. Allen Bristow of Abilene were here Saturday afternoon. Rev. Dickerson is pastor of the Baptist church at Weaver. Alex Pinkerton of Rule was in the city Saturday on business. J. J. Dean of Haskell Route 4 was here Saturday. Mr. Dean lives in the Howard community where he is engaged in farming. Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Singleton of Post were in the city Saturday shopping. E. W. Welch and family of Gilliam community were here Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Allison of Pinkerton were shopping in the city Monday. Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hill of north west of town were shopping in the city Friday. Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Wogman of Midway were shopping in the city Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stodghill of Gauntt were in the city Friday shopping.

### NEWS ITEMS FROM FOSTER COMMUNITY

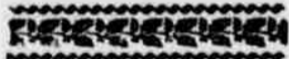
Mr. J. L. Reid Jr. and wife returned Monday from De Leon where they had been visiting relatives. Mr. Henry Smith, contractor of Haskell, started to work on Mr. W. H. Harrell's new house in the Gilliam community which Mr. Dee Adkins of this community will move in as soon as the house is completed. Miss Reba Hasty is leaving for San Angelo after the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. A. Choat and family of Gorman are visiting Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Clark this week. Miss Odell Clark spent Tuesday night with Miss Margie Jones Dec. 13th. Mrs. F. A. West spent last Saturday night with her daughter Mrs. Jerry Harrell of this community. Mr. J. W. Hewitt of this community is contemplating buying a new car. The boys basket ball team is progressing very nicely, with daily work-out. They expect to play a game before the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Reid visited relatives at Weirert Sunday. Miss Mary Bell Parr spent Wednesday night with Misses Etta and Reba Hasty. Mr. C. P. Faulkner of this community returned Thursday from a visit to the Plains. Mr. J. F. Hooker and family were visitors at C. E. Harrell's Sunday. Miss Reba Hasty spent the weekend with Mildred and Odell Clark. Misses Reba Hasty, Odell and Mildred Clark visited Hugh and Hazel Gauntt of the Gauntt community Sunday December 11th. Mr. C. C. Caldwell and family visited his brother of Haskell Sunday. Mr. J. E. Faulkner and family visited his father-in-law Sunday December the 11th. Mrs. J. W. Faulkner and family are planning on spending the Christmas holidays at Ft. Worth. Mr. C. P. Faulkner and family visited his father-in-law, who lives in the New Mid community, Sunday afternoon. Mrs. W. C. Whigham, who lives at McCamey is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. W. Faulkner.

# We Are Remembering Our Friends

## With Best Wishes for Christmas and 1928

May the season bring you more joy than you anticipated and the New Year bring you more blessings than you have hoped for.

With this expression we send also our thanks for all favors of the past.



### Harrison-Spurlock Gin Co.

# Many Hearty Good Wishes

For the merriest Christmas and decidedly the Happiest and most Prosperous New Year you and yours ever enjoyed.

*We are grateful for the patronage accorded this business during 1927. It will be our aim and hope to so serve you in 1928 that you'll be glad you are one of our patrons.*

## DAVIS ECONOMY STORE

LOW PRICE LEADERS

### INTERESTING NEWS FROM ROSE COMMUNITY

Mr. Richard Spinks has purchased a Ford.  
The Ball game Friday afternoon between Rose and Post resulted in favor of Rose. The girls then served refreshments to the ball team.  
The box supper for the benefit of the Home Demonstration Club netted \$35.00 for which those helping have the thanks of the club. Mr. H. D. Bland auctioned off the boxes. Miss Gladys Cloer won the cake for being the prettiest girl, Raymond Lusk won the bar of soap for being the ugliest man after a close race against Dot Payne.  
School will close Friday for the holidays.  
Mr. Short has returned from a deer hunt in South Texas.  
Mr. J. A. Newby and family will leave Wednesday for Sherman for the holidays.  
John and William Scheets made a business trip to Ft. Worth this past week.

### LOCAL NEWS ITEMS FROM SAYLES COMMUNITY

Mr. Otis Johnson is suffering with his hand this week, we all hope he will soon be O. K.  
Everybody come to the Christmas tree and program at Sayles Friday night Dec. 23 and the ball game Friday evening on the Sayles court.  
Mrs. Annie Mercer of Stamford is visiting in this community.  
Bill Luce of Throckmorton spent the week end visiting in this community.  
J. W. Mercer and son Doyal and David Mercer visited in this community Thursday.  
David Strickland spent a few days in Stamford last week visiting friends.  
Roy Guinn from Pampa Texas came home to spend Christmas with his parents Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Guinn.  
Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Bird of Sayles spent Sunday with Leonard Bird of McConnell.  
Beatrice Willis, Totsy and Mary Belle Tompson and George Pruette were visiting Francis Chopman Sunday.  
Billie Harris is on the sick list, a severe case of tonsillitis.  
Mrs. H. E. Melton spent Sunday with Mrs. Doolen of Haskell.  
Bob Melton, Clifford and Rex Felker left for East Texas where they will visit friends and relatives.  
D. R. Easterling has purchased a Dodge Coach.  
H. D. Bland and family, also Frank Falwell and family of Haskell visited in the A. L. Bland home Sunday.  
Everybody enjoyed the sermon that Jesse F. Wiseman delivered Sunday. He will be with us again next third Sunday.

### LOCAL NEWS FROM MIDWAY COMMUNITY

Mr. H. S. Gibson was called to the bedside of his mother last Sunday eve.  
The Midway boys ball team defeated the Lone Star team last Friday on the Lone Star Court 14 to 12.  
The Demonstration Club met with Mrs. McClintock on Tuesday evening.  
Mr. Paul Frierson was real sick for several days last week but is able to be up at this time.  
Mr. Will Chastain visited his parents at Grandview Texas last week.  
The Midway school is progressing nicely with a large number of pupils enrolled.  
Mr. L. N. Lusk is on the sick list this week, but we hope he will soon be able to be among his friends again.  
Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Perdue have just finished remodeling their home which makes it one of the prettiest homes in the Midway community.  
The singing at Midway last Sunday afternoon Dec. 18th was a decided success for the first time. There will be another singing the third Sunday in January 1928 when a class will be organized and regular singing dates established for the new year.

### INTERESTING NEWS FROM NEW MID COMMUNITY

We had a box supper at New Mid Friday Dec. 16. We did well in a financial way and had a splendid time in a social way; notwithstanding the fact that there was a tent show at Rochester last week and a High School play Friday night. We made \$42.63, and we thank all those who contributed and we certainly thank Mr. Floyd Rose for selling our boxes.  
Mrs. F. C. Ballard has returned from near Munday where she has been visiting her son Pat Ballard.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bevel have a very sick baby and Mr. and Mrs. John Jones have a baby seriously ill.  
Mrs. O. D. Pool is on the sick list.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Ballard and sister Willie Eliza spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. D. Adkins of Foster.  
Mr. W. E. Wright and family are moving to Crosby County. They will be missed as they have been living in this community so long.  
Mr. and Mrs. D. Jones and family of O'Brien spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Pool.

### CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. Cecil Koonce and children and Mr. D. Koonce take this method of thanking their many friends and neighbors for their tender kindness and service during the recent illness and death of their husband, father and son, Cecil Koonce. It was hard to bear but your presence and words of comfort cheered us in this dark hour. Also we thank all who contributed to the beautiful floral offering. May God's richest blessings rest and abide with you.

### LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa:  
I want a big walking and talking doll with shoes and stockings and curly hair.  
Marjorie Ratliff  
Haskell Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a set of tinker-toys, Raggedy Ann Story book, erector set and a pair of boots. Also some candy, apples and oranges. I am a little boy five years old.  
Paul Wesley Roberts.  
Haskell, Texas  
Dec. 14, 1927.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want to tell you what to give me for Christmas so you will know what I want, a top, a car, a gun that has caps with it, some roller skates and a box of candy and thats all.  
Your little friend,  
Windson.  
Haskell, Texas  
Dec. 15, 1927.

Dear Santa:  
Christmas will soon be here and I hope I have been good enough to get some nice things. I would like a ring and some other things. Don't forget mother and daddy and my teacher. Be sure to remember all good girls and boys.  
Your little friend,  
Dorothy Foote.  
Haskell, Texas  
December 16, 1927

Dear Santa Claus:  
I like you and I hope you like me. I am ten years old I go to school at Howard. My teachers name is Mrs. Thelma Medford. I like her for a teacher. I hope you will bring me a gun and a ball, a little wagon, some nuts, some fruit and fire works, and I will thank you.  
Good Bye, your friend,  
Arthur McMahan.  
Haskell, Texas  
Dec. 16, 1927.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want you to bring me lots of toys. I want you to bring me a doll, a ring, a wrist watch, some candles, a manicure set, a vanity, a box of stationery, a bar pin, a box of candy, a pair of roller skates, a little comb, a story book, a piano and a talking machine and I want you to bring my little brother a watch and a tractor and a little gun.  
Your friend,  
Nevada Underwood  
Haskell, Texas  
Dec. 20, 1927.

Dear Santa Claus:  
We are two little boys eight years old, and want you to bring us a nice large tool chest with 2 saws and 2 hammers, some horns, cap pistols, fire works, fruit, nuts and candy. We will hang our stockings by the flue in the dining room. Now please don't forget to come to see us, and be sure and visit all the other little children in town.  
Your two little friends,  
W. B. and R. F. Harrison.  
Haskell, Texas  
Dec. 19, 1927.

Dear Santa Claus:  
As Christmas is most here I will write you to let you know what I want you to bring me. First I want a wagon, and a gun that will shoot, and 5 boxes of shells, a ball and a bat and lots of candy, cakes and bannas, oranges and nuts, grapes and other things. Don't forget my mother and father, and don't forget my teacher and my friends.  
Yours truly,  
Clinton Williams.

### ROCHESTER STUDENTS HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

Two students, from Texas Woman's College, will return to their home in Haskell county for the Christmas holidays. They are Misses Lora and Flora Hanson of Rochester, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Hanson.  
Both girls were active in their high school work. While in high school, Flora was on the debating team which went to the district meet, was the Valedictorian of her senior class, won numerous county essay contests, and was secretary of her senior class. Lora won on the debating team which went to the district meet, and was on the high school Volley Ball team.  
Lora will graduate from the Academy at T. W. C. at the end of the first semester, after which she is planning to take commercial course. Flora is a freshman, and is a reporter on the college paper, "The Handout." She is majoring in Journalism, and intends to continue her journalistic work after finishing her course at T. W. C.  
Both Lora and Flora are prominent members of the Twin's Club, and of the Tea Cup Club, Lora being vice-president of the Twin's Club.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Ware of Midway were shopping in the city Friday.

LOST—Gasoline hose off oil truck. Finder please return to this office or to Bell-Moore Chevrolet Co. for reward. Bert Trice. Itc.

WANTED—Second hand Ford roadster, must be in good condition and priced at a bargain. Apply Free Press.

### HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB AT HOWARD

On December 18, the girls of the Howard school met and organized a girls Home Demonstration club. The following officers were elected: Lola Nanny, president; Veda Williams, vice president; Oleta Wells, secretary-treasurer; Edith Foote, reporter. The club decided that the regular meeting days would be the first and third Thursday of every month.  
Miss Gunn the Home Demonstration agent of Haskell county demonstrated to the girls how to make a cup towel and pan holder.  
We have nine members thus far including the following girls: Jewell Tidwell, Oleta Wells, Zora Nanny, Lola Nanny, Veda Williams, Opal Medford, Ruby McMahan, Edith Foote. The girls are very enthusiastic over their work.

### Frequent Bilious Attacks

"I suffered with severe bilious attacks which came on me two or three times every month," says Mr. Ollie Miller, of Murray, Ky. "I would become dizzy. My head would ache terribly, feeling as if it would almost burst. It felt exactly like a tight band was being drawn closer and closer around my temples. My stomach would be so upset I could not retain any kind of nourishment for hours. I would have to quit work and go to bed. My color was awful. I was yellow and my skin was drawn and dry. I did not have any energy—no ambition to work. I was just about half sick most of the time because of these spells. One day one of my neighbors, who has used Theford's Black-Draught for years, said he had noticed how bad my color was and thought it would help me. I got some Black-Draught immediately and began to take it regularly until I got my system clear of the poison I had been absorbing. I soon began to feel better and developed a fine appetite. I had no more bad headaches or bilious spells." R-122



# WE EXTEND Cordial Greetings



and the best of good wishes for the New Year to all our patrons every where.

And our dealings with you have been most pleasant.



## Davis-Mitchell Gin Co.

# Christmas Greetings

THE success we have attained and the remarkable business we have builded would be worth little if we did not have the feeling that our valued customers had been a part of it.

AND, it would take a great deal of pleasure from us should we not be able to express to them our sincere thanks. Therefore, we desire to acknowledge our sincere appreciation for the splendid patronage we have enjoyed.

AND in the rush of business and routine we pause to wish for each one a very Merry Christmas and we hope the New Year will bring happiness and a good measure of prosperity.

## F. G. ALEXANDER & SONS

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FORTY-FIRST YEAR

## GROANING TABLES

are everywhere becoming aware that Christmas is here again and that they will have to stand up under the usual burden of delicious viands which give the Yuletide its festive spirit. Ceilings and rooftrees are resounding again to peals of merry laughter that let them know their best echoes will be needed for another week.

Everybody and everything seems to be taking on the spirit of the season, and we are not one whit behind in wishing for everybody the jolliest Christmas of their lives.

## TONKAWA COFFEE SHOP

SAM WENTWORTH, Chef and Mgr.

See Our Christmas Dinner Menu in this paper.



Rule, Texas  
Dec. 16, 1927

Dear Santa:  
I am 7 years old. Will you please bring me a wagon, bicycle, air gun, drum, tool set and a package of fire crackers, a toy train and some candy, apples, oranges and all kinds of nuts.  
Clyde, Harrell, R 1, Box 82.

### BOX SUPPER AT HOWARD NETS MORE THAN \$53.00

A box supper was given at Howard last Friday night in which a little more than \$53 was received from the sale of boxes which will be used to supply books for the school library and play ground equipment. Mr. H. G. Hammer was the popular auctioneer and it is reported that he is a real money getter. Mrs. Thelma Medford was awarded a beautiful cake in a contest. A good time was enjoyed by the attending congregation.

### BOOTHE CASE CONTINUED UNTIL MARCH TERM

Many Haskell citizens were called to Albany last Monday as witnesses in the C. S. Boothe trial which was transferred to Shackelford County from Haskell last term. Owing to the illness of one of the important States witness the case was continued until the 6th of March. Some of the boys said there were so many Haskell people in Albany that it looked like they were in Haskell on meeting so many Haskell people there.

### Return from Normal Music School

Misses Mae, Ollie and Faye Free returned last Wednesday from Mineral Wells where they have been attending the Vaughan Normal Music School. Their mother, Mrs. W. M. Free who accompanied them also returned with them. They report a wonderful school and a great good accomplished in the cause of sacred music.

Mr. H. B. Hilliard of East of the city was a Haskell visitor Saturday. He is through picking cotton and is now ready to begin his farm work for 1928. He is a reader of the home paper and appreciates it very much.

### INTERESTING NEWS FROM POST SCHOOL

Grades for the second month of school will be given out next week. We had hoped to be able to do this at this time but on account of the holiday rush can not.

Work is very satisfactory, of course some are not working as they should. Friday Dec. 16 Post made a trip to Rose to play basket ball. Rose won the game by a score of 42 to 18. After the game the Rose D. E. girls with their teachers served the players of both teams and their teachers, also Mr. Dodson of Haskell with sandwiches, cakes and hot chocolate. We count that a real treat and will say it was enjoyed by all and we wish to heartily thank the Rose girls and their teachers.

Twenty four chairs have been added to the girls cooking and sewing class room and \$50 worth of extra equipment has been ordered. Soon we will have our room well equipped.

\$50 worth of tools have been added to the supply of the work shop and more will be added later.

The trustees have bought a Kohler Electric light plant and it is being installed this week for use in our holiday programs.

Thursday night a real christmas program will be given by the school and Friday night a play will be given for the benefit of the basket ball team and other interscholastic league work.

Monday, Dec. 19, Miss Ellis, our County Supt., visited school and made some very interesting talks to the pupils. We are always glad to have Miss Ellis visit us and especially as she did today and find us as we are at our daily work and not expecting visitors.

Our trustees are working hard to give us a better school all the time and all the time are thinking of things they can do that will be of benefit to the school and community.

We wish every patron would visit and see just what your child is doing. We also invite all others who are interested in schools and their improvements to visit us.

T. A. Coleman and Mr. and Mrs. Claud Bland of Plainview community were Haskell visitors Saturday.

## Letters to Santa Claus

Haskell, Texas  
Dec. 19, 1927

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am two years old. I am a good boy for my size. Please bring me a coaster wagon, ball, candy, apples, oranges and anything you have to spare.  
With lots of love to Santa Claus,  
Edwin Allen Lusk.

Old Glory, Texas  
Dec. 17, 1927.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I wish you would bring me some little dishes, doll, doll buggy, candy and all kinds of fruits and nuts. I am a little girl 5 years old. Be sure to bring my little twin brother something too. So good bye.  
Lois Fay Lackey.

Old Glory, Texas  
Dec. 17, 1927.

Dear Santa Claus:  
As sister is writing to you I will drop in too, so please bring me a velocipede, a gun and train and all kinds of nuts, candy and fruit. I am a little boy 5 years old, a twin brother of Lois Fay. So good bye, from,  
Lewis Ray Lackey.

Haskell, Texas  
Dec. 15, 1927

Dear Santa:  
Won't you please bring me a doll, little wagon, tractor, train, candy, nuts and oranges. Please bring some toys to the poor little girls and boys, also.  
Many thanks Santa,  
Jimmidine Box  
Haskell, Texas.

Haskell, Texas

Dear Santa:  
I want you to know that I have been a good girl and want a big doll, table and chairs, and little stove. Brother wants a foot ball, gun and cow boy suit and that is all for us.  
Lots of love from brother and me.  
Betty Jo Starr.

Haskell, Texas  
Dec. 19, 1927

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a good little girl. I am seven years old. I want you to bring me a doll, a big doll buggy, a bicycle, a story book and paper doll furniture. Please bring some candy, fruit and nuts.  
Your friend,  
Hazel Louise Foote.

Haskell, Texas  
Dec. 20, 1927

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a pencil box and a watch and a rocking chair and lots of fruits and candies and bring Buford a little chair and a watch and a little car and candy, nuts and fruits and don't forget our little sister, Wanda Genne. She wants a doll, little bed and just any thing you have to spare that she can play with. With lots of love, a merry Christmas and a happy new year.  
Odell, Buford and  
Wanda Genne Barton.  
At Home.

## WE CANNOT FORGET

Those innumerable cheerful smiles and happy greetings from our friends and fellow townsmen during the past year.

We cannot fully repay you but we can make one mighty wish—

## HAPPY CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

And a New Year brimming over with 365 days of smiles, good cheer, good health, successful business, and happy, contented loved ones!

**HASKELL MILL & GRAIN CO.**  
"Save the Difference"

## A YULETIDE EXPRESSION WITH US IS BUT AN EVERYDAY WISH

Were it not for the happiness we derive from the loyalty and friendly interest of the people our business would grow cold and dull to us. We feel deeply indebted to our patrons not only for their patronage but for their friendly interest in our business.

*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.

**LEE GROCERY COMPANY**  
Phone 108





# A Christmas of Smiles

Smiles are now lighting the faces of young and old like the flowers that make beautiful the fields of springtime.

And any season that can bring so much happiness to the surface and scatter it about in the path of all must be an extraordinarily good season.

We hope that you will gather a great bouquet of smiles from the happy hours of the occasion and wear it on through the newly coming year.

## HASKELL MARBLE & GRANITE WORKS

A. H. WAIR, Prop.

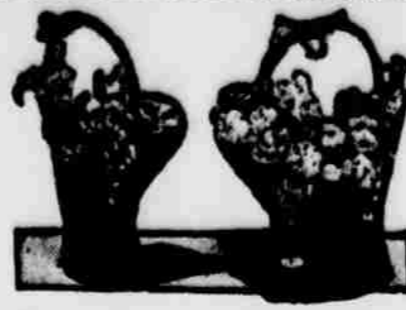
"Mark Every Grave"

### Dainty Handkerchief Case



Remembering that Santa Claus is sure to bring his usual quota of handkerchiefs to every member of the family, a case to put them in is a very timely gift. Aside from its usefulness a handkerchief case as here pictured adds a note of beauty to any boudoir. There is quite a lace crane on just now for things decorative about the home as well as for personal adornment. These perfumed lace cases come satin-padded in any desired tone or tint.

### Flower Basket Book Ends



If you are losing sleep nights trying to "think up" the daintiest and loveliest of Christmas gifts for some winsome debutante or bride, here it is—flower-basket book ends. They are all that esthetic femininity might wish for. Conjured of gold lace, stretched over colorful satin-covered basket forms, they are as substantial and practical as if of heavy bronze. Those pretty posies which spill over the top are handmade of gay silk and satin and tinsel—very "French"!

May This Christmas Be a Very Happy Season to You

Bringing joy and gladness into your life and into the lives of those for whom you are concerned.

How good it is that we have set aside a season of the year when good fellowship prevails and kind deeds are seen on every hand. It is a fitting time to express the gratitude of one's heart. We trust this message will reach all our friends wherever they may be.

### TEXAS FILLING STATION

B. T. BONDS, Prop.

Phone 351.

Depot St.

### CHRISTMAS CLIMAX THAT WAS WELCOME

THIS practical and pleasing gift was planned by a son and daughter for their aged parents, who claimed that the joy it carried through the year was a climax to all previous Christmas love tokens. When the package, on which was written, "Dear Father and Mother, with greetings and our love," was opened there were revealed twelve parcels of various sizes, shapes and colors.

In the December envelope, which was decorated with seals, Santa Claus pictures, holly, etc., was a five-year subscription to the home newspaper, with snapshots of the grandchildren, scenes in the son's and daughter's home, friends, etc.

The January package had a small January calendar on it which held a receipt for a year's subscription to a fashion magazine.

February's box contained a valentine with an original verse which explained a surprise that would arrive early in the month. The surprise proved to be two current magazines, one on Hunting, Trapping, Winter Sports and a Woman's Household and Handwork Magazine.

Comic pictures of March capers decorated the March parcel, which promised, by a receipt inside, a Home and Gardening publication.

April was in the form of a joke, with a note on which was written in large letters, "When? What? Why?—April Fool." Through the month a popular weekly Farm and Home Journal arrived each week.

A May basket held coins with lines to the effect that the father and mother could purchase whatever they most desired.

For June was a letter, fittingly decorated, in which were congratulations—the wedding anniversary of the parents occurred in this month. There was also forthcoming an "Outing" publication.

As July and August were the months in which the birthday anniversaries of the parents occurred, these packages were wrapped together. In a paper boat, on which was pasted a flag, was wrapped a check to cover a trip to the homes of the son and daughter with instructions to purchase a popular Recreation Magazine, as well as highway guides and maps, for the father had a hobby of studying road guides and maps.

When the September magazine arrived it contained a number of greeting postal cards which the parents could send to their friends.

October's envelope was an order for a religious publication.

November's was a copy of a magazine reviewing the interesting topics of the past twelve months, as a fitting climax to the year's reading material which had given such satisfaction.

The son and daughter had arranged with a book stand to deliver the magazines. What a joy they must have experienced in planning this gift, which was indeed a Christmas climax that lasted throughout the year!—Gertrude Walton. (© 1937, Western Newspaper Union.)

### Earning Praise or Blame

What people say of us after we are dead matters little so far as we are concerned. What they say of us while living may be of utmost importance to us. Yet for the one as well as for the other we are very largely responsible. —Grit.

### Kidding the Kids

"I won't drink milk," exclaims the Tommy, petulantly. Don't squish him! Be diplomatic. Make a game of it.

Children can be made to do things in this way, and enjoy doing them. For example, to make a child drink milk:

Do not give him a whole glass. Use a small glass. Ask how many sips it will take him to drink it all. He will guess. Then doubt him. Let him count each sip. When it is gone make a wager that he cannot better his record. He will say he can, and very likely will prove it. In this way the child will probably drink more than otherwise.—Pathfinder Magazine.

### Beer of Ancient Days

Researches conducted by an eminent Assyriologist deals a scholarly blow to the notion that the Egyptians were the first brewers. A thesis by Doctor Huber, the Assyriologist, published by the German Society for the History of Bibliography of Brewing, shows conclusively that the Egyptians learned the art of making beer from the Babylonians. Sumerians in the seventh millennium before this era used beer in religious sacrifices, early authentic records indicate. The art of malting appears to have been perfected in the fifth millennium and after the time of Hammurabi hops, emmer, a special kind of wheat, and barley, were used.—Exchange.

### Population Increase

It is known that every day about 100,000 persons die and 150,000 are born. Which means that every day the sun sets on 50,000 more people than were on earth when it rose. Never before in human history have births been 50 per cent more than deaths. Taking this as a basis for figures, Edward Ross notes in the Century Magazine that doubling the world's population in sixty years indicates that the earth's inhabitants have increased ten-fold in two centuries. At this rate there will be only a square yard of arable land to a person 1,000 years hence.—Capper's Weekly.

### X-Rays in Industry

The game of "button button" is now being played in a commercial way with the aid of X-rays. The device is used to search for buttons and other solid materials in piles of rags that are to be used for making paper. Serious damage to the pulping machinery is likely if buttons, hooks, eyes, and other hard articles are not removed. To find these objects, the rags are conveyed on endless bands over an X-ray tube, where the solid materials are readily detected by fluorescent screens.

### Thanks to Jealousy!

Parchment was invented owing to the jealousy of two kings. Papyrus was exported from Egypt, and Ptolemy Philadelphus, being jealous of Eumenes of Pergamus because he was afraid the latter would acquire a larger library than his own, forbade the export of the reed.

Eumenes looked about him for a substitute, and ordered the skins of sheep to be dressed in such a way that they could be used for writing. Hence came parchment, the thin, fine variety of which is known as vellum. —Grit.

Merry Christmas

Happy New Year

## We Welcome Christmas Holidays

because they always do so much to dispel the cares lighten the burdens and add to the joys of this rather serious matter of fact old world of ours. These glorious days bring such a flood of delight that it is impossible for all of it to be consumed during the season and we find the world much happier and better for a long time after each Christmas.

We like to feel that we are helping to make the world a better and more enjoyable place in which to live, and we sincerely hope that your Christmas will lack none of the joys you most desire for the occasion.

McNeill & Smith Hardware Co.

Health and Much Happiness

Peace and Long Prosperity



## When is gasoline Efficient?

To be 100% efficient, gasoline should meet each of the three requirements of the Triple Test. (See below.) You can be absolutely sure of its efficiency if it's Conoco. The Conoco name has long been the symbol of highest gasoline quality.

CONTINENTAL OIL COMPANY

Producers, Refiners and Marketers of high-grade petroleum products in Arkansas, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

THE triple test MOTOR FUEL



- 1 Starting
2 Acceleration
3 Power and Milcage

Mr. and Mrs. Paris Trimmer of Howland were Haskell shoppers Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bland were in the city Saturday from Center Point.

We wish everyone

MERRY CHRISTMAS and JOYOUS NEW YEAR

HASKELL JERSEY DAIRY J. M. WOODSON, Prop.

A Merry Christmas

Just the good old fashioned greeting: From Our House to Your House and we say it because we mean it.

R. L. HARRISON BARBER SHOP

SHOP AT MAYS



ALWAYS FIRST WITH NEW GOODS

Spring Showing

Tweed Sport Coats Taffeta and Braid Poire Twill Coats Hats for Spring \$16.75 to \$34.75 \$5.95 to \$8.50

also Tweed Sport Suits

This is the first note of the coming Spring, and every Coat, Suit and Hat is smart and new.



Mays Dry Goods Co.

SOCIETY and Club

Methodist Sunday School Christmas Tree.

The Baby roll, Beginner and Primary department will have Christmas trees in their various departments next Sunday morning at the usual Sunday School hour.

Boys and Girls Home For The Holidays

Many of the boys and girls who are attending school in various colleges and universities are already home for the holidays.

Mrs. J. G. Foster Entertains Sunday School Class.

Mrs. J. G. Foster entertained her Sunday School Class of the Church of Christ in her home last Friday evening.

Mrs. George H. Morrison Presents Pupils in Recital

On last Thursday evening Mrs. Geo. H. Morrison presented her beginner class and a number of her intermediate pupils in recital.

Pupils having a part follow: Mary Joe Morrison, Eisie Gholson, Helen Ballard, Louise Pierson, Myre Lena Tubbs, Catherine Wair, Audra Gayle Roberts, Mollie Hester, Lora Marie Hammer, Ollie Hester, Alta Mary Hester, J. G. Foster, Jr., Delpha Case, Daisy Bell Pierson, Jimmie Grace Looney, Jewell Jewett, Audra McKnight, Anna Bell Stanton, Lucy Martin, Eva Dell Squyres, Edith Foote, Janie Lyle Martin and R. H. Muser.

Virgil Reynolds and Johnny Banks On State Honor Roll of Interscholastic Foot-ball Class B

Parading across the gridirons of Texas this season has been the largest group of outstanding foot ball players in the history of the Texas Interscholastic League.

The Laughing Cure Scores Big Success.

The Laughing Cure, the home talent play sponsored by the South Ward P. T. A. last Friday evening at the High School Auditorium scored a big success from practically every angle.

Elaborate Bridge and Forty-two Party Given in Elks Hall.

The Elks Hall was the scene of quite an elaborate bridge and forty-two party on last Wednesday evening when Judge and Mrs. W. H. Murchison, Mrs. O. E. Oates, Mr. and Mrs. John Oates and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bernard entertained jointly for one hundred and twenty-five guests.

Cora Carver of Farmersville, house J. E. Bernard and Judge and Mrs. W. guest of Mrs. John Oates; Mr. and Mrs. H. Murchison and little daughter Mary Sue Murchison. From here the guests were refreshed at a charmingly appointed table, where Misses Helen Harbison and Lois Earnest ladeled cherry punch.

Announcing an Early January Marriage at Lovely Tea.

Three joint hostesses, Mrs. A. C. Pierson, Mrs. John P. Payne and Mrs. Grady Roberts of Chillicothe very charmingly announced the approaching nuptials of Miss Grace Martin daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Martin of Haskell and their brother Mr. Roy Killingsworth also of Haskell in a tea in the home of Mrs. Pierson last Tuesday afternoon.

refreshment plate carried the announcement card, Grace Martin-Roy Killingsworth, January the 8th 1928. Mrs. Mack Martin and Mrs. Thomas Ballard presided over the guest book and little Miss Louise Pierson held the silver card tray for the one hundred and twenty guests who called.

Mrs. Theron Cahill and Mrs. Hill Oates Entertain With Lovely Christmas Party.

Entertaining a large circle of friends with both bridge and "42", Mrs. Theron Cahill and Mrs. Hill Oates were hostesses in the home of the former last Friday afternoon. The interior of this lovely home looked like Santa Claus' home with its numerous Christmas trees lighted with candles, and when at the close of the games the small tables were centered with lighted red candles while the guests were served a salad plate with coffee.

For colds, grip and flu take



Relieves the congestion, prevents complications, and hastens recovery.

We Feel Indebted

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

EXTEND GREETINGS

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.

PEARSEY AND STEPHENS

Phone 28. Haskell, Texas

To One and All-- Merry Christmas

Nothing is too good for us to wish for every person who counts Haskell his home--be it banker, farmer, or laborer--especially including those little tots who in years to come may fulfill your fondest desires.

We hope that our efforts in the past have helped those whom we have tried to serve--that in our purpose, which is dedicated to every man, woman and child in Haskell, we may be of help to YOU in your time of emergency or danger.

Again--A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Haskell Volunteer Fire Department

Weeks Program TEXAS THEATRE Dec. 26th to 31st

Monday & Tuesday The BIGGEST laugh of the year "ROOKIES"

with Geo. K. Arthur COMEDY FABLES

Wed. and Thursday CLARA BOW and ESTHER RAWLSON in "The Ten Modern Commandments"

COMEDY NEWS

Friday & Saturday "Cradle Snatchers" WITH SERIAL

Weeks Program HASKELL THEATRE Dec. 26th to 31st

Monday & Tuesday "SUNDOG TRAIL" WITH COMEDY

Wed. and Thursday Art Accord in "HARD FISTS" WITH COMEDY

Friday & Saturday Ruth Mix in "TEX" Elks of Scotland Yards

# To the Stockholders and Directors of the Haskell Hotel Company, and the People of Haskell---

With the passing of the old year and the arrival of the new; with the accumulated experience of past years, we realize now more than ever that there is nothing finer than friendship, fellowship and the joy of serving.

The old year could have been better—it could have been worse. For the good things we give credit to you all and the bad things we'll try to overcome with service with a smile in 1928.

We appreciate your co-operation and many kindnesses and wish every one of you a Merry Christmas and a successful New Year.

**Geo. B. Roberts & Family**  
**TONKAWA HOTEL**  
**TONKAWA COFFEE SHOP**

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Furnished by  
**HASKELL COUNTY ABST. CO.**  
 Haskell, Texas

City of Haskell to L. T. Adkins, Lot 1, Block 28, Consideration \$50.00.  
 J. T. Hughes to Gene Hughes, Lots 3 and 4, Block "N" Courtwright and Smith addition to Haskell. Consideration \$500.00.  
 J. F. Cunningham to Eugene Curry, 199 acres Washington County R. R. Co. Sur. 2, Consideration \$5,075.00.  
 M. J. Douglass et al to A. E. Whittemore, 127 1/2 acres Sur. 138 and 140, Blk 45 H&TC Ry. Co. Consideration \$6000.  
 Ed Ivy to Gipsy Production Co. Oil Lease, W 320 acres Sur 3, Blk. 3, H&TC Ry. Co. Consideration \$2.00.  
 H. D. Neff to Helen Harbeson 70x140 Sub 77, Peter Allen Survey, Consideration \$3740.00.  
 A. M. Hagan to Peerless Oil & Gas Co., Mineral Deed 1-8 interest, Nancy Lea and P. Mass Surveys, Con. \$10,000 T. P. Brooks to J. C. McKinney, E.

10 Pt. Lot 2 & W 15 ft. Lot 3, Blk 19 Haskell, Consideration \$12,500.00.  
 J. C. McKinney to T. P. Brooks, 140 acres Jas. Wilcox survey, Con. \$5,440.  
 Victor Zeigler to Roxana Pet. Corp. Assignment Oil Lease, 80 acres B. T. Morgan Survey No. 142, Con. \$1.00.  
 Victor Zeigler to Roxana Pet. Corp. Assignment Oil Lease, 80 acres, Thos. Bacon survey, Consideration \$1.00.  
 Mrs. Ivy Mize and husband to T. E. Sollock, Lot 13, Block 49, Rule. Consideration \$1500.  
 W. A. Hareman to Luella Hardeman 180 acres Wm. Walker Sur. Con. \$10.00.  
 S. S. Kouri to Marland Oil Co. Assignment Oil Lease, 40 acres D. McFadden Survey, Consideration \$1.00.  
 W. H. Murchison to Tom Davis, 202 acres Wm. Branden survey, Consideration \$12,000.00.  
 G. L. Mullinix to C. D. Grissom, 160 acres J. Joslin Sur. Con. \$5050.  
 M. P. Wilson to Peoples Lumber Co. Lots 1 & 2 Block 23 South Side Add to Rule, Consideration \$10.  
 M. H. Guinn to H. B. Jenkins, 100 acres Coryell County School Land, Consideration \$6500.

M. H. Guinn to J. B. Pitman, 150 acres Coryell County School Land, Consideration \$6750.  
 A. P. Neal to J. G. Mulkey, 70X93 Blk 5 Baldwin Add to Haskell Con. \$100.00.  
 A. P. Neal to J. G. Mulkey 72x93 Blk 5, Baldwin Add to Haskell. Consideration \$2,500.

### Lucky Thirteen Club Enjoy Colorful Christmas Party.

A delightful, colorful Christmas party that might have been planned by the girls of a quarter of a century ago was enjoyed by the Lucky Thirteen Club last Monday evening in the home of Miss Lois Earnest who was assisted in this lovely affair by Miss Agnes Cox. The open fireplace ablaze with a cheery fire, vied with the lights of big red candles that shed a glow over the lovely fir Christmas tree, bells, holly branches, poinsettias and in sharp contrast with all of this warmth but still carrying out the Christmas idea, were banks of snow and icicles. A program precluded the coming Santa Claus. All sang "Silent Night," "Why the Chimes Rang," Miss Lewis Manley, Vocal Solo "Joy to the World," Miss Cora Carver, Farmersville, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. H. H. Hester of Fort Worth, guest of her mother, Mrs. R. J. Earnest. Just here Santa Claus himself surprised the guests by following a sharp knock on the door and quickly giving all present lovely gifts, telling of his snowy trip as he did so. Then the hostesses gave each guest a stocking from the tree that was filled with fruit, nuts, and candy. Bridge tallies were passed and Miss Grace Martin, bride-elect, was named honor guest. After several games of bridge, date pudding, topped with whipped cream and cherries, cheese sandwiches, olives and coffee on plates, with chocolate candy favors, molded as Parisian perfume was served. The honor guest, Miss Grace Martin, was given a picture and the miniature Christmas Trees which centered the bridge tables were cut for by the guests. Special guests were Miss Cora Carver, Farmersville; Miss Jane Wilkenburger, Stamford, guest of Miss Agnes Cox; Miss Mary Ella Pace and Mrs. J. L. Southern, and Mrs. H. H. Hester of Fort Worth. Club members: Miss Grace Martin, Miss Lewis Manley, Miss Leila Welsh, Madalin Hunt, Mayme Barron, Sula Maye Ratliff, Elaine Mills, Nettie McCollum, Eunice Huckabee, Helen Harbison, Ermine Daugherty, Maybelle Taylor and the hostesses.



R. L. Vick an ex-mail carrier of Rule was in the city last Wednesday and set his paper up two years. Mr. Vick lives at Rule and carried the Mail out of Rule for more than ten years and was one of the best carriers in the work and endeared himself to his patrons so closely that they were loth to give him up. He is now engaged in farming and fruit raising, having one of the best peach orchards in the county.

S. V. Middlebrook of the Post community calls and renews for the Free Press for the ensuing year. He is a Haskell county boy and a good farmer. W. M. Tucker of the City Cafe called and renewed his Free Press Monday of this week. He is a regular reader of the Free Press and keeps his subscription paid in advance.

W. C. Brite a progressive young farmer of the Gilliam community was a pleasant caller at our office last Tuesday and renewed for the Free Press and Wichita Times for the ensuing year.

J. E. Tucker of Rule Route two made a business trip to Haskell last Monday and while in the city renewed his subscription to the Free Press for the new year.

W. L. Wheeler made his annual call to the Free Press and renewed for the Free Press and Wichita Times which he has to come to his address each year. Getting the papers through this office he makes a save and his patronage is appreciated.

E. C. Cass called in Wednesday morning and renewed for the paper a year in advance stating that he could not get along without the Free Press in his home. Thanks Mr. Cass.

Mrs. Everett Rayborn spent last week end in Seymour with Mr. Rayborn who is employed in a local drug store. J. A. Blake a good farmer of the Gauntt community was in the city Saturday.

J. L. Seets a frequent visitor from Route four out of the city renewed for his home paper while here and is now ready for the new year's home news.

Miss Jane Wilkenburger of Stamford came home with Miss Agnes Cox last week end and enjoyed the Christmas party given by Miss Cox and Miss Lois Earnest on Monday evening.

Mrs. H. H. Hester of Ft. Worth is the Haskell guest of her mother Mrs. R. J. Earnest and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reid and son Allen of Electra are guests of Haskell relatives for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson of Ft. Stockton are the season's guests of her parents Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Caldwell.

Dick Spurlock of Parco, Wyoming has come to spend Christmas with his parents Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Spurlock.

### NEWS FROM PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY

The people of this community are very glad to see Mr. and Mrs. Aubry Shelley return to their home at this place. Mrs. Shelley has been at Temple in the Sanitarium.

The Cottonwood boys visited the Pleasant Valley boys for a game of basket ball, Friday week. The score was 12 to 0 in favor of Pleasant Valley. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Ashby visited in Wichita Monday.

The carnival at Pleasant Valley brought the neat sum of \$70, which will be used for the school.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Riley of Lake Creek spent Sunday with Mr. J. C. McGuire and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Diffe Jr. of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Loe of Rochester are guests of Judge and Mrs. J. G. Foster.

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*

Merry Christmas

Happy New Year

# Health and Happiness

We hope these two will come to see you Christmas Day and remain with you for a whole year.

# SIEGEL'S Dry Goods Co.

## DON'T FORGET—

Flowers sent with a gift add a hundred-fold to the sentimental expression that prompted the giving.

CUT FLOWERS — POTTED PLANTS

## HASKELL FLORIST

CHAS. M. CONNER  
 Phones 212 and 245

## BECAUSE

Our hearts are filled with gratitude for the kindness shown us, for patronage given us, for words of encouragement and good-will on every hand—we avail ourselves of the opportunity Christmas brings of extending our very best wishes for an enjoyable Christmas and a New Year of prosperity and happiness.

## MODEL TAILOR SHOP

E. B. LANCASTER, Prop.  
 Phone 261

## Packages of Good Will

We endeavor to wrap up a little good will in every package of merchandise prepared in our store, using honesty, courtesy and promptness and a sincere appreciation of whatever amount of business you have favored us with.

And now that the Merry Christmas season is upon us we can't refrain from mailing out in the form of this advertisement a great number of Good Will Packages bearing our heartiest wishes that you and yours may enjoy a most peaceful and happy Christmas.

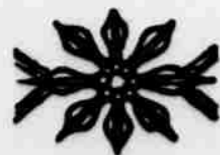
## WILLYS-KNIGHT WHIPPET CO.

E. SUTHERLIN, Mgr.

## The Magic Of CHRISTMAS



Now that Christmas is here again with its magic world of beautiful things designed especially to make people happy, and since all the days and nights are filled with its spirit of good cheer, we are wishing for you the largest possible share in the very best enjoyments of the season.



**MARTIN'S DRUG STORE**  
South Side Square

### Equipped His Forces With Bibles and Guns

When Russell, Majors & Waddell selected Nebraska City, Neb., as the point for the handling of military freight to western points in 1858, the company had in its service 20,000 oxen, 3,000 wagons and 4,000 teamsters. On the day that the first big train began its long trek for the West, Alexander Majors addressed his teamsters, saying in part:

"I am a moral and religious man, and I feel it my duty as a member of society to carry out and enforce, as far as possible, a wholesome moral influence; therefore, I give every employee a copy of the Bible to defend himself against moral contamination; and also a pair of Colt's revolvers and a gun to defend yourselves against the like Indians; and each of you is required to sign a contract to the effect that while in our employ you will not use profane language, nor get drunk, nor gamble, nor treat animals with cruelty, nor interfere with the rights of citizens and Indians, nor do anything ungentlemanly toward anyone; and a violation of this agreement shall make you liable to a discharge and a forfeiture of your wages."—Kansas City Star.

### Look for "Funny Man" to Exhibit Samples

A great drawback to being a professional column conductor is the fact that whenever you meet any new people you are expected to floor them with a barrage of witty remarks, H. I. Phillips complains, in the American Magazine. The attitude implied, if not expressed, is: "So you're a humorist! All right, amuse me!"

When the portrait painter comes to a house party the guests do not gather about him and demand that he drag out his oils and paint something for them. When a prominent architect is introduced nobody thinks of exclaiming: "Oh, Mr. Fithelbert, do be a nice man and dash off a few blueprints of the ground floor plan of the new gas works!" A business man can safely attend any party without anticipating any requests that he do some lightning calculations and drive a few sharp bargains with his host or hostess. If a fireman goes to a birthday party he is not asked to put out a fire.

But the man with a reputation for being even 30 per cent clever is expected to prove it.

### Discouraging Weeds

Chemicals employed for the purpose of killing weeds kill every green thing—grass, weeds and all. Ordinary saline solutions are effective for the purpose—salt and water. Sometimes the more drastic corrosive agents are used, such as nitrate of soda or sulphate of ammonia. They render the ground barren until rains have washed them away and nature has reseeded the affected soil. The results are not permanent, therefore, although plant growth may be killed for a season by a single strong application. None of these chemicals should be employed in a garden or around a dwelling. There elbow grease is still the only satisfactory agent for discouraging weeds.

### Canada's Big Game

The big game animals which may be taken in Canada are moose, caribou, deer, big-horn sheep, Rocky mountain goat, bear, grizzly bear and lynx. Moose, deer and bear are the chief animals hunted in the maritimes in Quebec and Ontario and in the prairie provinces, and in most of them caribou may also be hunted in season. In the prairie provinces and British Columbia buffalo and antelope are protected at all seasons and this is the case in regard to elk or wapiti, except in certain localities. There is an open season for big-horn sheep and mountain goat in Alberta and British Columbia.

### Once Religious Festival

While Halloween is to us a frolic and a time for merrymaking, our ancestors believed in the practices and rites of the day and took part in its ceremonies as a part of their heathen religion. To those early people such customs had a deep significance. The thirty-first of October was first set apart by the Romans. Though it lost some of its meaning, the day was observed by Christian people, and All Hallow eve has come down through the ages, being observed and celebrated differently as the years make the original rites seem curious and out of date.—Child Life Magazine.

### Origin of Perfumes

Perfumes first were used only in religious services and were consecrated to this use. The world has come a long way from the time when any other use was considered a sacrilege. The industry is very old. The caravan which brought Joseph as a captive into Egypt was engaged in carrying perfumes from Persia. A treatise on perfumes has been found written by a Greek scientist who lived about 300 B. C.

### Unkind Thrust

Two actors who were very jealous of each other met in a hostility. They exchanged frigid nods. "How are you getting along?" asked one, presently. "Pretty well," replied the other. "Still keeping alive." "The first man eyed his rival steadily for a second and then asked, casually, "What's your motive?"



IT WAS to be a wonderful New Year for the Feltons. At least, it would be for Blanche Felton, but Raymond Felton, her husband, was not quite so sure about the matter, although he never breathed his doubts to a soul. Their new residence on Allan street was all finished and they were to move in before the New Year.

Blanche was excited beyond measure; she would have the finest home of all her friends; for the new house, planned to be a rather moderate home in the beginning, had somehow developed into a rather pretentious structure. That this had been all due to her, Blanche had never stopped to think, and Raymond, easy-going and adoring Blanche as he did, never told her. He wanted her to be happy and this had really been the first thing he had ever seen Blanche so set upon; up to now she had always been very moderate in her demands. And she deserved a fine home, if ever a woman did!

But Raymond Felton was worried. He confessed to himself that he could not figure out exactly how they were going to keep the place up. He must try and make some extra money in the next year. But how? he asked himself.

At home Blanche was singing loudly as she went about her work. It was two days after Christmas and she was packing all the little odds and ends about the house preparatory to the big move. A loud ring at the doorbell brought her downstairs. Outside stood a man and woman, strangers to Blanche. They stated their mission as soon as they entered. Somebody had told them about the new house on Allan street and they wondered if there was a possibility that it was for sale. Mr. Gray was coming to town as manager of the big Deimar company, and as they had quite a family they needed a large home and were willing to pay a good price. They had



Demand That a Certain Bill Be Paid Immediately.

already looked all over town and could find nothing to suit their needs.

Blanche told them that the house was not for sale; that they had built it for their own home, and that there was nothing like it in town. She talked at such length and aroused their interest in so many of its new features that Mr. Gray asked her if he might take a look at the plans. Flattered by his interest, Blanche said she would get them. She remembered that Raymond had put them away a few days ago, saying that he was putting them with all the papers. Blanche guessed that he had put them somewhere in his big desk and she was right in this surmise. They were enclosed in a huge envelope with a host of other papers, some of which fell out when she drew out the plans. Stooping to pick up the scattered papers, she looked hastily at the first one and her face flushed as she read. It was an almost rude demand that a certain bill for material be paid immediately. Picking up another one, she was shocked to see that it was almost of the same type. The third paper was in Raymond's writing, and though Blanche knew little of business she could see that he had been trying to figure out ways and means to make his income do the impossible. Then understanding dawned upon her, and with it an added rush of love for the man who had been willing to do so much for her. "Poor, dear Raymond," she whispered, "how selfish and blind I have been."

Mr. Gray was charmed with the plans and again asked if there was any chance that they might change their mind. This time Blanche said she would think it over and asked them to call that evening and talk with her husband. Before their coming, however, Blanche herself talked it over with Raymond and told him that she was not so keen about the house after all—that it would entail too much work and too much worry—and that instead they would fix up their own cosy little place a bit and buy some of the things they both wanted.

Raymond entered into the New Year minus the load of worry he had been carrying and Blanche and he were very happy in their old home, and, woman-like, she was proud of the neat profit they had made in selling the new house over which she had taken such pains.

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### Look for Opportunity for Good Investment

You do not have to go a thousand miles from home to make money. Opportunities are all around you. Look about. Keep your eyes and ears open. Ask questions. Investigate. If you find—and you will—an enterprise in your town which has fallen on evil days, get at the reason for its difficulties. It may be bad management. It may be dishonesty, it may be extravagance, it may be faulty manufacturing. It may be any one of a hundred things. No matter! If the business is one which justifies itself—that is, if it serves or tries to serve, some good purpose—the chances are nine in ten that, some day, somehow, it will "come back." When it starts—when it is evident that it is headed upgrade, put what money you can spare into it. You may lose; but I doubt it. One of the richest men I know bought stock in the company of which he is now president and the largest stockholder when it was so thoroughly discredited that its \$100 shares were selling at less than a dollar, and he was bookkeeper on a salary of less than \$100 a month. But, investigate before you invest, not after, if you would play safe.—From The New Age Illustrated.

### Shut Door of Own Tomb

Robert Louis Stevenson once described Father Damien as "the man who shut with his own hands the door of his sepulcher." Father Damien was a Belgian missionary who went out to Hawaii in 1872 to minister to the victims of leprosy in the colony on Molokai. He founded schools, improved housing conditions and made the colony a brighter and more habitable place. Gradually the hideous disease took hold on the benevolent missionary and Stevenson's description became a grim fact. It was then that Father Damien fell into the practice of beginning his talks and letters with the melancholy words, "We lepers."—Fathinder Magazine.

### Freak Goldfish

Many Japanese goldfish fanciers favor the kinds with bulging eyes as of a bullfrog, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. This characteristic is said to be developed by keeping the fish in tanks with only two small holes admitting light. The fish strain the muscles of the eye, turning and seeking the illumination, consequently acquiring the bulging effect through excessive exercise of the muscles controlling the eyes. Among 200 rare specimens presented to the United States by Japan in return for a gift of whitewash, were several patterned in delicate red, black, gold and silver colorings and with long, fluttering fins.

## WE WON'T TALK BUSINESS NOW



Our business talks pretty well for itself anyhow to those who come around in listening distance, but just now we want to tell you that we are hoping that you will gather in great portions of Christmas joy to divide with your family and friends and that you will all have enough left over to last you all through the days of the new year:



## CASH MEAT MARKET

N. T. Smith.

Jason W. Smith.

When All the World Resounds With the Spirit of

## LOVE

It's the time when you and I forget ourselves and think of the other fellow—the time when fire sides glow throughout the world in the spirit of Love, Sacrifice and Appreciation.

We would have all our friends and patrons everywhere to know that we wish them a Christmas filled and running over with the good things of life, including good health, abounding happiness and abiding prosperity.

## FARMERS GIN COMPANY

J. A. GILSTRAP, Mgr.

SECOND ANNIVERSARY

# May Saint Nicholas Give You of His Very Best

Good Cheer is the best sauce for Christmas dinners; without it the finest is but poor fare and with the humblest becomes a feast.

As you and yours gather about the table or fireside to renew again old friendships and cement new ones the while you eat Christmas dainties, may the very essence of Good Cheer gladden and hallow your table, your fireside and your hearts.

Let us multiply our own joys this Christmas by dividing them with others. Let us add to the sum total of our happiness by taking something we can spare and giving it to another less fortunately circumstanced, and as the spirit of unselfish giving passes about from heart to heart and every face is lit up with the light of Christmas joy, then will Christmas bless us with the greatest happiness we have ever known.

## *We Give You Thanks We Give You Joy*

As far as joy is ours to give. We greatly appreciate the patronage you have given us through the year which is now swiftly drawing to a close. We have tried to show our gratitude in the form of prompt, efficient and always cheerful service, and now that the season of joy is upon us we are telling you again that we are grateful to you and we hope that you will have a bright and happy Christmas and a New Year of uninterrupted happiness and prosperity.



**“M” System Store**  
*H. B. Atkeison, Mgr.*

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**Citation on Application for Probate of Will**  
**THE STATE OF TEXAS**  
 To the Sheriff or any Constable of Haskell County, Greeting:

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

The State of Texas,  
 To all persons interested in the Estate of Margaret Leon Deceased, C. E. Leon, H. S. Leon and H. C. Leon, have filed in the County Court of Haskell County, an application for the Probate of the last Will and Testament of said Margaret Leon Deceased, filed with said application, and for Letters Testamentary which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the first Monday in January A. D. 1928, the same being the 2nd day of January A. D. 1928 at the Court House thereof, in Haskell, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said application should they desire to do so.

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

Emory Menefee, Clerk County Court Haskell County, Texas.

turn thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Haskell, Texas, this the 12th day of November A. D. 1927.

Emory Menefee, Clerk County Court Haskell County, Texas.

**Stockholders Meeting**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the **HASKELL NATIONAL BANK** of Haskell, Texas, will be held in the offices of said bank in the City of Haskell, State of Texas at 2 o'clock p. m. on the second Tuesday in January, A. D. 1928, the same being the 10th 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 meeting.

A. C. Pierson, Cashier

One Esty Organ, good as new; very appropriate gift for your little girl's Beautiful oak, at a bargain. C. W. Goodwin.

**Citation on Application for Letters of Guardianship.**  
 No. 725.  
**THE STATE OF TEXAS**  
 To the Sheriff or any Constable of

Haskell County, Greeting:

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

The State of Texas,  
 To All Persons Interested in the Welfare of Claude Leon, Minor, H. C. Leon has filed in the County Court of Haskell County, an application for Letters of Guardianship upon the Estate of said Minor which said application will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the 1st Monday

in January A. D. 1928, the same being the 2nd day of January A. D. 1928, at the Court House thereof, in Haskell, at which time all persons interested in the welfare of said Minor, may appear and contest said application, if they see proper to do so.

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

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Haskell, Texas, this the 13th day of December A. D. 1927.

Emory Menefee, Clerk County Court Haskell County, Texas.  
 By Ermine Daugherty, Deputy.

### 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.

We are just like other business men, we need our money, and must have it to meet our own obligations.

We ask that you give this matter your prompt attention, and see us at once, not later than January 1, or you need not expect further service from us.

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

**FREE**

We will replace any battery that goes dead up to 12 months from date of purchase of a complete Apex or Arborphone Radio Set from us—providing the complete Set is purchased before December 25, 1927. We will also give one year's repair and adjustment service FREE with any set.

*We Are Exclusive Agents for the*  
**ARBORPHONE**  
 5-Tube Neutrodyne 2 Dial Set Console Model  
 Complete with Loud Speaker, Aerial, Tubes and Batteries Installed in your home  
**\$120.00**  
*and the*  
**APEX RADIO**  
 A 6-Tube Single Dial Super-Heterodyne Console Model  
 Complete with Loud Speaker, Aerial, Tubes and Batteries Installed in your home

**FRANK KENNEDY**  
*Tonkawa Hotel Building*

**THE FUTURE**

Step by step, as you travel the pathway of 1928, may each move bring you nearer the goal of your heart's desire.

The old year is gone with its memories only left. It was a year in which much progress was made.

But the New Year is before us. So with our faces toward the sun of this new year that is dawning, we have resolved in our hearts to do our utmost to show, in a tangible manner, our sincere appreciation of the confidence and loyalty of our patrons in the past.

**MARVIN H. POST**  
*INSURANCE — LOANS*

# Many Thanks To You . . . .

that our Christmas is as merry as it is. We are grateful that you appreciate our efforts to make our business succeed on a strict basis of merit and courtesy. The liberality of your patronage naturally makes us feel better at this season.

And now in return we give you in all sincerity our hearty wishes for the merriest and best Christmas you ever had, followed by an equally prosperous and enjoyable New Year.

## FOUTS & DOTSON

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FORTY-FIRST YEAR

CONTRACT LET FOR 20 BLOCKS PAVING

A contract was let Thursday by the City Council for 20 blocks of paving in the city of Haskell to the Tibbetts Construction Company of Houston, Texas.

The contract calls for brick construction, laid on a 4-inch concrete base with a sand cushion between the concrete and brick—the same type of paving that was used in the present pavement in the business section.

The contract was let on a bid of \$2.85 per square yard for 6 per cent certificates, or \$2.74 for 8 per cent certificates to be divided into six equal payments. The two bids are optional with the council and it is understood they will accept the bid that meets with the approval of the majority of the property owners affected.

The City Council is well pleased over the bids received, as a number of contractors were present and the bid accepted is believed to be an extra good one for the city—as it is about 25 per cent lower than the bid on the paving done in 1921 in the business section.

HASKELL CITIZEN MOVES TO VINCENT TEXAS

George Holmesly who has lived in Haskell for many years and during his stay here has made many friends who will regret to learn that he is moving his family this week to Vincent in Howard county where he will make his future home.

He has followed the carpenters trade here for a number of years but will change his occupation to farming in his new location. He is moving for the benefit of his health which has become impaired the past year.

We recommend Mr. Holmesly to the people of his new location.

CECIL KOONCE BURIED LAST WEDNESDAY

Cecil J. Koonce, son of D. Koonce, pioneer resident of Haskell County, died at the family residence last Tuesday December 13th at ten minutes to eleven o'clock p. m. and was buried in Willow Cemetery on Wednesday at five thirty o'clock. Funeral services were conducted at the First Christian Church at four o'clock by the pastor Rev. G. R. Forrester, assisted by Rev. W. B. Vaughn, pastor of the Methodist church and Rev. George H. Morrison. It is the custom to remember and say the good about our departed loved ones, but only a rugged, honest, kindly dispositioned husband, father, neighbor and friend, could have caused all to praise him as he did for his loyalty to the right, his high sense of honesty and integrity in home and public life. A very fine tribute was paid him by one of the officiating ministers, a rich heritage for his children. "It was a principal with Mr. Cecil Koonce never to go in debt for anything" and the poet could sing of him: "He looked the whole world in the eye and owed not any man." The Harmony Club composed the choir assisted by a few male voices. "Face to Face" was sung as a duet by Mrs. J. F. Morrison and Mrs. Eugene English. The floral offering was beautiful. Cecil J. Koonce was born March the 17th, 1878 in Campbell, Hunt County, Texas, and was married to Miss Julia Weems in 1897. To this union four children were born, Wayne Koonce, Mrs. N. E. Cooper of Holiday, and Misses Patsy Lou and Ella D. Koonce of Haskell, all of whom were present at the funeral service.

A sister of Mrs. Koonce, Miss Lula Weems, who made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Koonce since their marriage was also present and the aged father Mr. D. Koonce, an invalid mother, who was in Campbell, Texas and one sister.

The pall bearers were Messrs Joe A. Jones of Rule, former business partner, D. C. Stephens, N. I. McCollum, W. J. Carlisle, Bruce Clift, and John Ellis. The sympathy of the community goes out to the bereaved ones in this sad hour.

Out of town guests who came for the funeral services of Mr. Cecil Koonce were Miss Ella Day, former expression teacher of Haskell High School of Abilene, Mr. Joe A. Jones of Rule, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Cooper and children of Holiday and Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Park and Miss Ida Thompson of the Myers community.

BUSINESS HOUSES TO CLOSE MONDAY

Practically all of the business houses of Haskell will be closed on Monday following Christmas, in order that their employees may have an extra holiday for Christmas, which comes on Sunday this year. Those places of business who signed the petition to close are given below:

- Courtney Hunt & Company.
- Grissom's Store.
- J. W. Gholson Grocery.
- W. M. Mask.
- Lee Grocery Co.
- Henderson Cleaning Plant.
- McCollum & Couch.
- King-Lawson Motor Co.
- West Side Barber Shop.
- W. W. Fields & Son.
- R. V. Robertson Co.
- R. J. Reynolds.
- Fouts & Mitchell.
- Jones Cox & Co.
- Tonkawa Dry Cleaners.
- Tonkawa Barber Shop.
- F. G. Alexander & Sons.
- "M" System Grocery.
- Haskell County Abstract Co.
- West Texas Utilities Co.
- McNeill & Smith Hdw. Co.
- E. A. McCarty.
- Collier Bros.
- East Side Market.
- R. L. Harrison.
- J. V. Hudson.
- Model Tailor Shop.
- Mays Dry Goods Co.
- Bill McDonald.
- Cecil Shop.
- Elam Parish.
- Shaving Parlor.
- Pearse & Stephens.
- Siegel Dry Goods Co.
- Cotton Exchange, R. E. Hall, Mgr.
- Arthur Edwards.

119 Bales of Cotton Raised by Haskell Co. Farmer

W. A. Hise of Howard was in the city Saturday and called at our sanctum and had us place his name on our subscription list for a year in advance. Mr. Hise has not been a citizen of Haskell many years but has made time count in a financial way. He has made more than \$15,000.00 in the past three years on rented land, but he will not be a tenant farmer longer only by choice, as he has purchased a fine farm of 320 acres of land on the South Plains within one mile of the progressive city of Lockney. But he will not move to his new possessions until 1929, preferring to stay in Haskell county and farm one more year.

This year he has picked 119 bales of cotton and has some cotton in the field yet to pick. He grows plenty of feed to take care of his work stock and uses a tractor just when he needs it. This community will regret very much to give this good family up from their association, but will wish them well in their new location.

MULE DIES WHILE BEING LED BEHIND CAR

W. G. Pope of the Foster community purchased a span of good mules from another farmer and he tied the team behind his auto to lead them home. He had not gone far after starting the car until he noticed that one of the mules was staggering. He stopped at once but the mule died before he could get out of the car.

The animal had filled its lungs with monoxide gas from the exhaust from the running motor and its life was snuffed out at once. During cold weather it is given out by good authority that the motor does not burn all the gas which goes into it which is converted into the most deadly gas known and when the lungs of man or beast is filled with it death will result in a few seconds. There is no remedy for monoxide gas poisoning.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Martin of Brownfield are the season's guests of her mother, Mrs. R. H. Sprowls and other relatives here.

Mrs. J. G. Foster and Miss June Smith were guests of Mrs. H. D. Neff in Hamilton last Friday and attended the club where Mrs. W. S. Douglas, State Art Chairman of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, was the main speaker.

J. H. Williams an old time friend of the Free Press who lives in the Open Section on the O'Brien and Haskell road with his neighbor U. B. Willis called at our office Tuesday morning and set his date for the Free Press one year in advance. They were delighted with the paper and had many things to say about the home paper. Thanks to these our friends.

Our Christmas Wish to You



BOOTHE MURDER CASE CONTINUED

According to information given the Free Press Tuesday afternoon, the case of the State of Texas vs C. S. Boothe set for trial at Albany on Monday Dec. 19th, was continued on application of the State on account of the absence of material witnesses. The case was set by Judge M. S. Long for March 26th, 1928. This case was transferred to Albany from this district several months ago.

HASKELL YOUTH GIVEN FOUR YEARS

(Abilene Morning News) O. T. Pohl, Haskell youth, was given a sentence of four years in the penitentiary in 104th district court Monday, upon entering a plea of guilty to charges of forgery.

The defendant will have to serve a five-year suspended sentence he received in Haskell county several years ago on a similar charge, local officers said. The sentence was recommended by the same prosecuting attorney, District Attorney Calmehon, who represented the state in the trial here. Calmehon asked the jury in Haskell county to give the youth a suspended sentence because of his age, it is said.

Because of waiving the 2-day period, in which a motion for a new trial might be filed, the defendant was sentenced yesterday by Judge Chapman and is now confined in the Taylor county jail awaiting the arrival of the penitentiary agent.

GINNING REPORT FOR THIS COUNTY

There were 40,557 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, ginned in Haskell County, from the crop of 1927, prior to December 1, 1927, as compared with 41,268 bales ginned to December 1st, 1926, according to Jas. E. Lindsey of Rule, Special Agent of the Dept. of Commerce.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Diffe of Dallas are visiting Mrs. Diffe's sister Mrs. Jesse G. Foster and other relatives in the city.

H. B. Weaver who recently purchased a home in the north western section of this city and moved his family here for the benefit of our splendid school renewed for the Free Press and had it changed to his address here. We are glad to welcome this good family to a home in the city.

Miss Perry Lee Smith spent last week end with her parents in Stamford and was accompanied by Miss Louise Kaigler.

Frank Turner of Rule was in the city Tuesday morning and made this office a pleasant call while here.

Annual Cantata of Harmony Club on Christmas Day

It has been the custom for the Harmony Club to render a Christmas Cantata for the entire Haskell community for a number of years and they will do so this year on Christmas Day evening at the First Baptist Church. It is said by those in authority to be one of the most sacred and beautiful cantatas yet presented by this club. The public is cordially invited to attend. There will be a free will offering taken to defray the expenses of the program.

Vocal Solo—Mr. Earnest Wright. Piano Solo—Mrs. Marvin Post. Reading—Miss Brucile Bryant. Vocal Solo—Mrs. Wayne Koonce. Address—Rev. G. R. Forrester, pastor of the Christian Church. Offertory—Mrs. O. E. Patterson. Christmas Story—Mrs. C. M. Kaigler. Chimes of the Holy Night—Fred B. Holden.

Christmas Bells are Ringing—Choir. How Beautiful Upon the Mountain—Mrs. Vaughn Bailey and Choir. But Thou, Bethlehem—Mrs. Harry Stalcup and Choir.

Earth's Weary Waiting Done—Mrs. T. A. Pinkerton and Mrs. J. F. Morrison and Choir. In the Watches of the Night—Mrs. J. L. Southern.

Good Tidings—Choir. Let Us Go Even Unto Bethlehem—Mrs. C. L. Lewis and Choir. Jesus Our Lord—Miss Marjorie Rogers and Choir.

The Star in the Eastern Sky—Mrs. Harry Stalcup and Choir. The Lord is Born Today—Choir. Benediction—Rev. H. R. Whatley, pastor of the Baptist Church.

A. & M. Extension Service Agent Visits Haskell

Jno. Egan, district agent of Extension service of A. & M. College was here Monday in conference with County Agent Trice in reference to his work here, after which Mr. Trice carried him to Graham late in the afternoon. He reports the work in this county among the best in the state.

The white gifts to the king was observed by the First Christian church in this city with a splendid program last Sunday.

The Senior B. Y. P. U. at the First Baptist Church gave a program just before the preaching hour which was enjoyed by all present.

Hugh Anderson, came in Monday to spend the holidays with home folks. He is attending the Tech College at Lubbock.

M. O. Field of Plainview is here this week and his family will arrive Thursday to spend the holidays with their children and friends. They formerly lived in Haskell where Mr. Field was engaged in the Confectionary business.

Mr. and Mrs. August Buchtein and little daughter of Rule were Haskell visitors Tuesday morning.

LOCAL HUNTERS BAG EIGHT POINT BUCK

Paris Morrison and Tom Clark returned Tuesday from a hunting trip in South Texas. They were fortunate in being able to bring home a fine eight point buck. Tom was the lucky man of the party according to reports. A number of Haskell hunters invaded the deer territory this season all more or less successful. Different parties have brought in seven or eight bucks since the season opened.

THE MUNICIPAL CHRISTMAS TREE

It was away back in 1923 that Mrs. J. U. Fields sponsored the lighting of a Municipal Christmas tree to be kept burning on the public square of Haskell all during the Yuletide. One of the lovely evergreen trees on the court house lawn was found to be entirely appropriate. The West Texas Utilities Co. built the star that tops the tree and wired the tree for lighting. Haskell citizens helped with the expense. Since that first year the West Texas Utilities Company has furnished the current and taken care of the decoration of the tree. This year they have volunteered to bear all of the expense of the Municipal Christmas tree for the full week. The custom of lighting a public or municipal Christmas tree and singing Christmas carols on the street is an old one in almost all foreign countries and it is a beautiful and sacred one that we well may emulate.

LOCAL MAN WINS IN INTERNATIONAL SHOW

J. D. Hughes, farmer and rancher who lives in the Post Community 9 miles Southeast of here, took first premium on the best ten heads of milo maize exhibited at the Chicago International Grain and Hay Show which has recently closed. This is the second time that he has won first on maize at the International Show as he won the honor during 1926.

Competition at the International Show is open to the world. In winning first place Hughes brings honor to himself and upholds the reputation of Haskell County in producing maize that will stand high in any show of the country. County Agent Trice selected the maize shipped to the show both years.

Attend Jones Co. Institute Supt. J. Horace Bass and Miss Minnie Ellis were in attendance at the Jones County Teacher's Institute Saturday. Mr. Bass spoke to the group during the forenoon on the subject of the "Classroom Teacher." The people of Stamford treated the teachers to a fine turkey dinner at 12 o'clock.

BIG RABBIT DRIVE PLANNED WEDNESDAY

According to Judge S. A. Hughes, grand potentate of the Royal Arch rabbit hunters, a call has been issued for a mammoth drive against all members of the jack rabbit family, to be launched next Wednesday, Dec. 28th. The Pittman farm southwest of town near Mule Creek has been selected as the starting point of the drive, and all hunters are urged to be on hand for the start. It is the intention of those planning the drive to make it one of the largest ever held, on a scale with those of several years ago. It will be remembered that the county will pay a bounty of five cents for every jack rabbit killed in this county.

Remember the date, next Wednesday Dec. 28th, and the place, the Pittman farm; and be on hand.

FORMER HASKELL CO. BOY DIES IN CALIFORNIA

News reached here this week that Edgar Dilbeck died in Central California December 18th after a lingering illness of many months. He was a son of Rev. J. L. Dilbeck who formerly lived south of town and is also a brother of Mrs. Howard Montgomery of the Post community. The young man was just budding into manhood when he became sick and the family moved to California for his health but the change in climate did not help him and in spite of all that human hands and medical skill could do he passed away.

J. R. Darden of Haskell Route 1 was in the city Saturday and was placed on our mailing list as a new subscriber. He is a splendid young farmer and we are glad to enroll his name on our mailing galley.

Dennis P. Ratliff Appointed Masonic District Deputy

Dennis P. Ratliff, attorney of this city, has been appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the 91st Masonic District of Texas, according to information received from Grand Lodge headquarters. The appointment was made by G. R. M. Montgomery, Grand Master of Texas, at the last annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, held at Waco. The 91st District is composed of the counties of Haskell, Throckmorton, Knox and Baylor, comprising a number of lodges. Mr. Ratliff has been very active in Masonic activities in this city, and his selection for the post of District Deputy of this district is an honor well deserved.

MRS. D. B. ALLISON BURIED TUESDAY

Death is always sad, but when it comes into the home and claims the mother leaving the husband and a number of small children it is beyond expression. Monday morning Dec. 19, at 1:10 o'clock Mrs. Elsa Scott Allison wife of D. B. Allison of Pinkerton community passed to her reward after a very brief illness. The deceased was born in Jones county August 27, 1896. She was converted at the age of 14 and united with the Baptist Church and lived a beautiful Christian life to the end.

She and Mr. Allison were married on Nov. 15, 1916, and to this union four children were born, the youngest is a little more than one year of age. She united with the Pinkerton Baptist church in 1921 when they moved into the community and she lived and served in this church and was one of its most active members until she was called home last Monday morning. Funeral services were conducted at the Rule Baptist Church by her pastor, Rev. J. A. Kinser, who was assisted by a former pastor and friend of the family, Rev. L. S. Jenkins of Goree, after which her remains were laid to rest in the Fairview cemetery south of Rule near the home of her childhood. A large congregation were present to pay their last respects to this noble woman and a beautiful floral offering was placed on the mound by loving friends in token of the high esteem in which she was held.

Her going has brought sadness to the hearts of many, but great will be her reward in the house not made with hands eternal in the heavens, where she will forever sing around the throne of God.

She is survived by her husband and four small children, a father, five brothers and four sisters and a number of relatives who mourn her early departure. May He who alone can pour balm into sorrowing hearts comfort the bereaved loved ones in this dark hour of sorrow.

BAPTIST WORKERS MET HERE MONDAY

(By Dick O'Brien)

The regular monthly meeting of the Workers' Council of the Haskell Baptist Association was held with the First Baptist Church at Haskell on Monday of this week. Scores of members from the churches over the district were present. The program was entirely Scriptural, centering around the book of Colossians. Rev. J. A. Kinser discussed the first chapter to the edification of all present. His address gave the day's program a good start, setting out the outline of the book, and laying the foundation for the following discussions. Brother Kinser is one of the most interesting speakers in our midst. The second chapter was given by Rev. I. N. Alvis. Brother Joe W. English, of Knox City, was scheduled for this chapter, but was hindered from attending on account of illness. Brother Alvis, discussion was lucid and vigorous, and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The third chapter was very ably handled by pastor C. E. Ball of Rule. This chapter really contains the heart of the epistle, and Brother Ball led us with the author from the unfathomed depths of Divine Election, to the heights of redemption glory. This was truly a fitting climax to the morning session.

At the noon hour the ladies of the church spread a veritable feast of good things to eat, and a very happy social hour was enjoyed by the messengers and home folks.

The afternoon session began with a discussion of the last chapter of the book of Colossians by Rev. P. D. O'Brien pastor of the First Baptist Church of Monday. After this the women had charge of the meeting with the President of the Associational, W. M. U. Mrs. J. O. Bowden of Munday, in the chair. Mrs. Herrin of Rochester, who was for several years a missionary in China, conducted a very interesting devotional. She related several interesting incidents from her experiences in China. She was followed by Mrs. Chas. Davis of Rule, and Mrs. Joe W. English of Knox City, who gave thrilling messages on different phases of W. M. U. work. There were several special musical numbers during the day, which were thoroughly appreciated by the congregation. Taken all in all it was a wonderful day. We meet next at Munday the last week in January, which is the regular Fifth Sunday Meeting.

MRS. J. A. MAPES BURIED TUESDAY

Mrs. J. A. Mapes passed away at the family home in the Roberts community at 2 p. m. Monday December 19th. She was 62 years and a few months old when the end came. Mr. and Mrs. Mapes have lived in Haskell county many years and they are among the best known families in this section. We wish to give a few facts concerning her life, which was spent in the service of her Master, whom she put first in all things.

She was born in Cook County, Texas, April 20, 1865, which was the last year of the Civil War. She grew to girlhood and at the age of 15 was converted and united with the Baptist Church and her's was a life of Christian service to her family and to her God until the end came last Monday.

She and Mr. Mapes were married in 1884 and to this union seven children were born and all are living except one son who passed away a few years ago. She was a noble christian woman, devoted to her family and her Maker and she was loved by all who knew her. She was ever ready to minister to the needs of her friends at all times and was always cheerful and proved a blessing to those who came in contact with her.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. Jones of Haskell, a former pastor and life-long friend of the family, at the Roberts Baptist Church at 2 p. m. Tuesday, after which her body was given burial in the Roberts cemetery.

A large congregation was present to pay their last respects to this noble woman whom they loved in life and mourned in death. May the One who is too wise to make a mistake and too loving to be unkind comfort the bereaved ones in this dark hour of sorrow.

AN OLD FASHION CHRISTMAS TREE

There will be an old fashion Christmas tree at the Baptist church Friday evening of this week. The program will begin at 7:30 o'clock. The reading committee will be ready for gifts throughout the day. You are invited to bring presents of any description, of any value and for any one. Bring your love tokens and help make it a great occasion.



**Notice of Sheriff's Sale**

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of a certain order of sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court of Haskell County, Texas, on the 25th day of October, A. D. 1927, in a certain cause numbered 3837, in which judgment was rendered on the 29th day of September, A. D. 1927 in favor of F. C. Quade Plaintiff against Ammetta Williams and husband L. C. Williams, Eva Bryant and husband E. R. Bryant, Chester Cobb, Harvey L. Cobb and Paulene Cobb, Defendants, for the sum of Nine Hundred Fifty-seven & No-100 Dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of ten per cent per annum from date of judgment, and cost of suit; whereas said judgment is a foreclosure of the Vendors' Lien on the hereinafter described real estate, I have levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in January, A. D. 1928, it being the 3rd day of said month, between the hours of ten o'clock a. m. and four o'clock p. m. on said day, at the Court House door of Haskell County, Texas, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction for cash, the right, title and interest of the said Ammetta Williams, L. C. Williams, Eva Bryant, E. R. Bryant, Chester Cobb, Harvey L. Cobb and Paulene Cobb, in and to the following described property, to-wit:

Lying and being situated in the County of Haskell, and State of Texas and being as follows: 1st. Tract, being 55 acres of land off the east end of the South 12 of the S. E. 14 of Section No. 37 of the Wise County School land patented to the School Commissioners of Wise County, Texas, June the 25th, 1858 by Pat. No. 284, Vol. 13. Abstract No. 405 and Survey No. 76, and 2nd. Tract being 45 acres of land out of the N. E. Corner of Subdivision No. 30 of said Wise County School land and described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at the N. E. Corner of said subdivision No. 30 for the N. E. Corner of this 45 acres; Thence S. 600 varas to stake for corner; Thence W. 451.6 varas to stake for corner; Thence N. 600 Varas to stake for corner; Thence E. 451.6 varas to place of beginning, containing 48 acres of land less 3 acres out of the N. E. Corner of same heretofore conveyed for school purposes, and the two tracts aggregating the sum of 100 acres of land, for the satisfaction of said judgment, interest and costs.

Dated at Haskell, this the 26 day of November, A. D. 1927.

Al Cousins, Sheriff,  
Haskell County, Texas  
By J. M. Perry, Deputy.

**Notice by Publication of Final Account**  
**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Haskell County—GREETING:  
J. E. Hawkins, administrator of the Estate of E. D. Lambert, deceased, having filed in our County Court his Final

Account of the condition of the Estate of said E. D. Lambert, deceased, together with an application to be discharged from said administration.

You are Hereby Commanded, that by publication of this Writ for twenty days in a newspaper regularly published in the County of Haskell 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, 1928, of said County Court, commencing and to be holden at the Court House of said County, in the city of Haskell, on the first Monday in January, A. D. 1928, when said Account and Application will be considered by said Court.

Witness Emory Menefee, Clerk of the County Court of Haskell County.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at my office, in the city of Haskell, Texas, this 5th day of December, A. D. 1928.

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

**Notice of Sheriff's Sale**

The State of Texas,  
County of Haskell.

Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Dallas County, 95th Judicial District of Texas, by J. B. Finks, the Clerk of said Court, dated the 7th day of November 1927, for the sum of \$3916.00, with interest from March 24th, 1925, on the sum of \$3560.00 at the rate of 10 per cent per annum, and on the sum of \$365.00 at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, together with costs of suit, under a judgment rendered in said court on the 24th day of March, 1925, in cause No. 54562-D, and styled Realty Trust Company vs. A. J. Smith, and wife, Alma Smith, on the docket of said court, said order of sale having been issued out of said Court and placed in my hands for service, I, Al Cousins, as Sheriff of Haskell County, Texas, did, on the 30th day of November, 1927, levy on, seize, and take into my possession the following described real estate situated in Haskell County, Texas, to-wit:

Being 234 acres of land known as Section No. 9, the Robert Hollis survey, described as follows: Beginning at a stake set 3800 varas South from the Northwest corner of the Nancy Lee survey; Thence East 1900 varas to the Southeast corner of the C. P. Abbott survey; Thence South 696 varas to the Northeast corner of the Herman Holt survey; Thence west 1900 varas to stake in the East line of the Samuel King survey; Thence North 696 varas to the place of beginning, and being the same land described in the patent from the State of Texas to Mrs. P. M. Gregory, assignee of J. T. Patterson, No. 516, Vol. 45;

Said property was levied on as the

property of A. J. Smith and wife, Alma Smith, and notice is hereby given that on the first Tuesday in January, A. D. 1928, the same being the 3rd day of said month, between the hours of ten o'clock A. M. and four o'clock P. M. on said day, at the Court House door of the County of Haskell, in the town of Haskell, Texas, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title and interest of the said A. J. Smith and Alma Smith, and each of them, in and to said property above described, in satisfaction of said sum of money in said order of sale mentioned, together with interest, costs of suit, and costs of sale, said sale to be made by virtue of said judgment and said order of sale and levy.

In compliance with law I hereby give notice by publication in the English language once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Haskell Free Press, a newspaper published in Haskell County, Texas.

Witness my hand this the 30th day of November, A. D. 1927.

AL COUSINS,  
Sheriff of Haskell County, Texas.  
By B. M. Gregory, Deputy.

C. F. Graham who has moved near the city and bought a good farm was here Friday and renewed for his home paper and the Wichita Times, and is now supplied with both state and county news.

**Out of Christmas Smells**  
W.D. Pennypacker

WHEN summer lanes were deep in flowers,  
And overhead was gay,  
Who thought of snow, and ice, and bells—  
A really Christmas day?  
But summers come, and summers go,  
The Seasons' tables turn,  
And joy and feasting take their place  
Where Christmas candles burn.

Deep in the embers, where the logs  
Lay smoking 'neath the crans,  
A thousand little twinkles catch  
A rhythmic, Yule refrain:  
The day of glad good-will has come—  
Most festive of the year;  
The day among ten thousand days—  
Our Christmas Day, is here!

While Christmas Fires  
are Burning

WE'LL BE THINKING  
OF YOU!

Thinking of the pleasant relations we have had with friends who have not only patronized this business our patrons during the past year and of the loyalty of but who have spoken kind words in our behalf. We thank you a thousand times and assure you that all through the year ahead we will be found doing all within our power to please you and serve you even better.

May joy, like that you knew in happy childhood be yours during Christmas and may the New Year unfold before your vision paths you'll find pleasure and profit in traveling.

**R. B. SPENCER LUMBER CO.**

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**Tender, Crisp Pop Corn**

that fairly melts in your mouth — that's what you get when you buy our

**JOLLY TIME**  
**Brand Pop Corn**

Freshly popped and seasoned just right.  
You'll say it's good — just try it.

GEO. B. MILLER—2nd. Door West Texas Theatre



**Six and One Half Per Cent Farm Loans**

Being associated with the Commerce Farm Credit Co. of Dallas, with over \$100,000,000. Resources, I am prepared to make loans on farm lands upon very favorable terms, mostly at 6 1/2 per cent int. and on ten years' time with option of borrower to pay one-fifth of principal on any interest paying date. Interest payable only once a year. No payment of semi-annual interest nor purchasing of stock required.

JAS. P. KINNARD, Lawyer, Haskell, Tex.

**Old Man Weather Can't Spoil Christmas**

An unexpected shower of rain may scatter a spring picnic or hail may break up a summer festivity, but Christmas celebrations and the Christmas spirit are not built with such fragile stuff. If Old Sol smiles we may be glad, but rain or sleet or snow will not keep us all from gathering about our cozy fireside corners and steaming tables of tempting dishes and having the great time of our lives. The worse it is outside the merrier we will make things within.

Here's hoping all yours will be there to enjoy the days with you, and that 1928 will be your happiest, most prosperous year.

1927

1928

**BERT WELSH**

# Wants

**ATTENTION POULTRY RAISERS**—Z-I-P Parasite Remover used in drinking water rids poultry of the Bugs, Lice, Fleas and all other pests. Sold and Guaranteed by Reid's Drug Store. 35c 4p.

**LET ME BE YOUR FLORIST.** Mrs. Crawford, Florist. Phone 154. 4tc

**LOST**—Female Boston terrier, brindle with white marking, had on harness when last seen. Reward. Dr. J. Smith. 1tc

**BARGAINS** in farms and city property for sale. T. A. Williams, Haskell.

**FOR SALE**—Victrola, upright style med oak; practically new; in excellent condition; 125 records. Will sell sacrifice. J. E. Bernard, Phone 390.

**LET ME BE YOUR FLORIST.** Mrs. Crawford, Florist. Phone 154. 4tc

We will make your first class Abstracts of land titles promptly, at reasonable prices. We will appreciate your business and be glad to serve you. Sanders & Wilson, Haskell, Texas.

**FOR SALE**—1928 model Dodge Sedan in first class condition. Only been used 4 months. Can be seen at Kennedy's Garage. E. J. Allen. 2p

**\$25.00 REWARD.** I will pay \$25.00 reward for information as to the whereabouts of Mrs. W. Maimes or Mrs. Leona Rice and children. They are driving a 1925 model Chevrolet touring car, license number 731,502. W. W. Maines, Route Trent, Texas. 1p

**LOST**—Pocketbook containing about \$4 in money. Lost in or near Bert Nash garage Saturday Dec. 3. Find and return to this office for reward. W. Nash, Haskell. 1c

**WANTED**—Ambitious, industrious, able person to introduce and supply demand for Rawleigh Household products. Good openings near you. Make sales of \$150 to \$600 a month or more. Rawleigh Methods get business everywhere. No selling experience required. We supply Sales and Advertising Literature and Service Methods—everything you need. Profits increase every month. Low prices; good value; complete service. W. T. Rawleigh, Dept. TX4763, Memphis, Tenn. 4c

**BARGAIN**—Upright Victrola, looks like new. Mechanically OK—and 43 records at a real bargain. R. R. English. 3tc

**FOR SALE**—A few heavy springers and heifer yearlings. These are all good jerseys. See J. F. Pinkerton. 1tc

**FOR SALE**—A new 2-room house, lot and garage. Close in. E. A. McCarty, Jeweler and Optometrist, Texas Theatre buildings.

**HOGS FOR SALE**—50 head pure bred Durocs. 15 gilts, some bred to my Lillard boar, some open. 30 choice weaning pigs. One sow and some fat hogs. W. H. Cunningham, 3 miles east of Rochester, on Joe Hester old home place. 4p

**CUSTOM MATCHING** I wish to thank my many customers for their patronage in the past. Wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Expect to start Hatchery January 2. See me for dates. South of East Ward School, phone 287. Crawford Hatchery, Haskell. 3tc

**LOST**—A pocketbook Dec. 2 containing about \$65 in bills, a \$20 gold piece and a telegram receipt made out to Pearl Johnson. A liberal reward for finder if returned to Mrs. Tom Johnson, Route 3, Haskell, Texas. 1c

**CLEANUP SALE**—We must sell our entire stock of Used Cars before Saturday December 17th. Every car is a bargain. Bell-Moore Chevrolet Co.

**ONE FORD TRUCK** with baby bed cheap. See truck at my home in west part of town. C. W. Goodwin. 1p

**CHRISTMAS TREES** We have a number of fern pines—just the thing for the "home tree" on Christmas eve—they must be seen to be appreciated. They will be sold at the following prices as long as they last.

7 to 8 feet high.....\$2.25  
5 to 6 feet high.....\$1.25  
4 to 5 feet high.....95c

**FOOTS & MITCHELL**  
**HOTEL FOR SALE**—On account of ill health, will sell Norton Hotel, furnished, 31 rooms, good business. Well located. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Norton, Haskell, Texas. 1tp

**FOR SALE—RENT**—Four mules, one mare, one wagon, some tools and harness, 13 milk cows, 5 calves. Then will rent for 2 years, 100 acres for cultivation, 225 grass, running water. \$600.00 cash will handle this. E. B. Featherston, Aspermont. 1c

**WANTED**—To buy several tons of maize. Will sell several head of shoats. J. D. Hughes, Haskell, Texas. 2p

**FOR SALE**—Five room house on corner west of the Baptist Church. Price \$1,200. Will take \$200 cash, balance as rent on monthly payments. See or write W. P. Whitman. 4tc

\$7.00 a day—\$35.00 a week—5 day week. Run a McNess Store on Wheels in country. Earn as much or better than \$7.00 daily—year around work—no boss—no experience necessary. Must have car and furnish references. Write today. FURST & THOMAS, Dept. A, Freeport, Ill. 1p

**PINKERTON LODGE DAIRY**—Only Government Inspected A Class Dairy between Abilene and Wichita Falls. Also Poultry Farm. Daily Delivery. Fresh, Butter, Yard Eggs, Quick Service. Ring 362F13. 1tc

**LET ME BE YOUR FLORIST.** Mrs. Crawford, Florist. Phone 154. 4tc

**Citation on Application for Letters of Guardianship** No. 724

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

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

Haskell County, a copy of the following notice: The State of Texas,

To All Persons Interested in the Welfare of Lucille Foote, Eleanor Foote, Garvin Foote, Hazel Foote, Minors: R. L. Foote has filed in the County Court of Haskell County, an application for Letters of Guardianship upon the Estate of said Minors which said application will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on First Monday in January A. D. 1928, the same being the 2nd day of January, 1928, at the Court House thereon in Haskell, Texas, at which time all persons interested in the welfare of said Minors, may appear and contest said application, if they see proper to do so.

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

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Haskell, this 1st day of December A. D. 1927 (Seal) Emory Menefee, Clerk County Court Haskell County, Texas. By E. R. Wilson, Deputy.

**AN EXHILARATING EFFECT** A bottle of Herbine on the shelf at home is like having a doctor in the house all the time. It gives instant relief when the digestion gets out of order or the bowels fail to act. One or two doses is all that is necessary to start things moving and restore that fine feeling of exhilaration and buoyancy of spirits which belongs only to perfect health. Price 60c. Sold by

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## C. P. WOODSON

### Battery Station and Radio Shop

Winter is here and it is time to get your batteries in good shape. If your battery is down I will charge it; if sick I will repair it; if dead I'll sell you a new guaranteed one for \$9.00 exchange and up. I also have used batteries at good prices. All work is guaranteed and prices reasonable.

I have some real bargains in new and used Radios. I do any kind of radio repairing or installing. Let me make an electric set out of your old battery operated set and your trouble will be over.

**WORK CALLED FOR AND DELIVERED**

Bell-Moore Building. Phone No. 1

# MAY YOUR STOCKINGS

## Be Filled With Plenty ON THIS HAPPY CHRISTMAS DAY

### 1927

Our store has made many new friends and customers during the year 1927 and we want to take this opportunity of thanking those who have filled our stocking with business.

### 1928

May the coming year be one of the most successful of your life. We hope that throughout the coming year our service shall continue to be the kind you like, and we hope to receive your patronage in the future as we have in the past.

### Our New Year's Pledge

All the employees of our store pledge to you a service that will be even better in the future than it has been in the past, and that is promising a lot, for our service has been admired for years.

## McCOLLUM & COUCH

### HARDWARE and IMPLEMENTS

# Butter Flies Don't Fly

at Christmas time, but snowflakes sometimes do, and they are just as pretty in their season as are the lovely winged insects among the flowery fields of May.

But the thing that always makes Christmas the beautiful season that it is is the spirit of love which radiates from the hearts of people and goes out to light up smiles on the faces of others less fortunate.

May your heart be as warm and happy and full of good cheer as ever you could wish, and may you be able to share some with somebody else.

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Haskell, Texas, Thurs., Dec. 22, 1927.

**TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS**

The present management of the Free Press departed from their former policy the past year of a strictly paid in advance subscription. This was done to favor the farmers who made and sold their cotton at a loss last year. Many of our friends have renewed and thanked us cordially for the favor and many others will come before the first of the year and set their dates forward. The Free Press thanks each and every one of their loyal friends for their continual patronage and will assure you that greater effort will be put forward if possible to please and assist you. But short settlements according to the old adage make long friends and we are going back to our former practice of a paid advance subscription unless otherwise arranged for. Our field man W. M. Free will be on the streets and will visit your homes and it will be easy and convenient for you to renew your subscription or arrange with him about it so that we will know that you want the paper. The small price of \$1.50 is within the reach of all and is the greatest investment you will ever be able to make in a life time, when you consider the value you get in return.

We do not wish to remove any name from our subscription list it is always with regret that this is done, but there is nothing left for us to do when you are notified and we do not hear from you. We trust that our friends will heed this and renew that we may begin the year with a clean slate. Thanking you again for your favor.

F. A. Klose who lives in the city but owns some excellent farm lands east of town renewed for the Free Press and the Wichita Times Tuesday, so that he can keep posted on state and county news.

**SQUARIN' UP WITH SANTA**  
By FRED KELLER DIX

**DEAR SANTA CLAUS** Since Christmas isn't very far away, And daddy said he's goin' to write a-tellin' you to stay Away from our house Christmas Eve—'cause I've been bad all year, I'm writin' 'fore my daddy does to sorta' make things clear.

You know, last summer, Santa dear, Tom Scott began to tease My collie dog and said he's jest et up with pesky fleas. I soaked him in the ear, 'cause he was pickin' on my pup— But Santa, now I'm sorry and I want to square things up.

Texas dull old 'amination time the day I broke the rule And slipped away a-fabin', stead o' goin' on to school. The whole out-doors was rinjin' and the brimmin' 'olins' hole 'Key' a-cassin' and a-hollerin'— 'Come and cut yourself a pole'

The dartin' yellow shiners 'round my book were crowdin' thick. While daddy thought I's safe in school, the teacher thought I's sick— And called to see her ins'lid pupil after school that night. Oh, Santa, now I'm sorry and I want things squared up right!

Now Santa Claus in clovin', won't you sorta overlook These trillin' things it's time—and bring a picture book. An air gun, sled, and skate, and other things that you can spare. Please bring my dog a collar, too, for now his neck is bare.

And don't forget some candy and some nuts, and when you come. If you can find some extra room, you might slip a drum. I'm goin' to be a better boy and mind and go what's right. A Merry Christmas, Santa! Hope I'm squared up now, good night!

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**FORMER HASKELL LADY DIES IN OKLAHOMA**

Mrs. F. C. Wilfong received the news that Mrs. John Brisco wife of her brother John Brisco died last Thursday night December the 15th at her home in Marlow Oklahoma, after a brief illness. Mr. and Mrs. Brisco formerly lived in Haskell but moved to Oklahoma several years ago. The bereaved loved ones have the sympathy of their friends in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jeter of Centerpoint were shopping in the city Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Monke of the Myers community were in the city Friday shopping. Mr. Monke stated that they were planning a trip to his old home in Iowa to visit his mother and other relatives within the next few days. They expect to spend the holidays with relatives in their old home. While here he renewed his subscription to the Free Press.

**Stockholders Meeting**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the WEINERT STATE BANK of Weinert, Texas, will be held in the offices of said bank in the city of Weinert, State of Texas, at 2 o'clock p. m., on the second Tuesday in January, A. D. 1928, the same being the 10th 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 meeting.

G. R. Couch, Jr., Cashier.

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J. B. Post, Cashier.

**Star Parasite Remover**

Give a water or Food to the chickens and turkeys of intestinal worms, disease parasite, blood-sucking Lice, Mites, Flies, Blue Bugs; improve their health, reduce disease, increase egg production. Eggs hatch better with stronger young chicks or more back.

**MORE EGGS**

**P. D. SANDERS**

**LAND LAWYER**  
Perfects land titles. Loans money on farms and ranches and handles Real Estate.

**JAS. P. KINNARD**

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for Economical Transportation

**CHEVROLET**

**USED CARS**  
*with an "OK" that counts*

**Courteous Attention and Highest Dollar-for-Dollar Value**

Patrons of our used car department get the same courteous attention and the same high dollar-for-dollar value as our new car customers.

Used car sales constitute a vital part of our business—consequently, our used car department is conducted on the same high business plane as our new car division.

Look for our red "O. K." tag when you buy a used car. It is your proof that the car has been thoroughly re-conditioned by expert mechanics, using genuine parts for replacement—your guarantee of superior VALUE!

**OK by**

**Bell-Moore Chevrolet Co.**  
Haskell, Texas

**QUALITY AT LOW COST**

This Car has been carefully checked and reconditioned where necessary.

- ✓ Motor
- ✓ Radiator
- ✓ Rear Axle
- ✓ Transmission
- ✓ Starting
- ✓ Lighting
- ✓ Ignition
- ✓ Battery
- ✓ Tires
- ✓ Upholstery
- ✓ Top
- ✓ Fenders
- ✓ Finish

# A Million Christmas Candles

On multiplied tens of thousands of Christmas trees around the world tonight will twinkle a million Christmas candles whose light will shine less brightly perhaps than the millions of sparkling baby-eyes that reflect their mellow radiance. . . . .

A million Christmas candles to warm again a million human hearts with the old, sweet glow of Christmas joy. . . . .

A million Christmas candles . . . . . MILLIONS of Christmas candles . . . . .

And in great power plants all over this broad land . . . and other lands . . . quiet, steady-eyed men will carefully watch and tend the whirling wheels of great machines, keeping a Christmas vigil all their own that those sparkling Christmas lights may not flicker and die.

For the Christmas taper, like the tallow dip, has gone the way of Grandmother's spinning wheel, and Electricity, the Faithful, the Efficient, the Safe and the Sure, has entered in, to add new lustre to the Christmas fireside.

Christmas tapers were delicate, dainty and beautiful things, and sentiment clings round them with a fair, sweet fragrance of half-forgotten childhood days. But practical minds . . . turn back to more painful pictures that have left their lurid scars upon Time's canvas through years gone by . . . pictures of blasted, blackened homes ravaged by the Demon Fire, whose heart remains untouched by Christmas mercy . . . pictures of broken, cindered baby-bodies . . . infinitely precious baby-lives caught up and snuffed out in the red terror of a Christmas-tree holocaust. . . . .

What a Christmas benediction, those softly glowing little electric bulbs that cheerily wink on a million Christmas trees tonight. . . . .

What a Christmas gift from the minds and hands and hearts of patient toilers in laboratory and power plant to the younger generation and to generations yet unborn. . . . .

It is something for the quiet men who keep their Christmas watch in the power plants tonight to think about. . . . .

## West Texas Utilities Company

—To its Fifty Thousand friends and customers in One Hundred towns and cities of West Texas the men and women of the West Texas Utilities Company extend their sincerest wishes for a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous, Happy New Year.



about Spud, the market, and even hinted of his love for her.

From down the street a group of children carolled "Silent Night." Martin smiled bitterly. He, too, had believed that story of the birth of a Christ child, once. A "prof" at college had refuted it. Too bad. Pretty story.

She had come to the window now to listen. How lovely she—D—n!

The carol had broken off into terrified screams. A car sped away. Martin found frightened children shivering over the writhing form of a boy. Martin carried him to the light. It was the fellow who bought bits of liver and now and then a scrawny soup bone.

The girl must have seen the accident for she had come out and was saying that she had called an ambulance. They both rode through the crunching snow to the hospital and waited silently.

"Not as bad as we had feared," the doctor finally announced. "Sad case, though. Little fellow is moaning now about who'll take care of his mother. Rent not paid, he says. Seems he's been earning all they've had. When I told him he might be here three months—well, I never saw a kid so down-hearted."

Martin hesitated. "I've got two hundred dollars," he heard himself saying. "If that would do the kid and his mother." He had a fleeting desperate picture of another ten months of saving and stalling off the second mortgage.

He walked home with the girl. Her name was Mary. A regular Christmas name, he said. She smiled.

"That was a beautiful thing to do, Mr. Bowman," she told him. "Did you notice the peace and happiness in that little fellow's face after the doctor had told him? Mr. Bowman, I—"



she hesitated, "I don't suppose you'd care to, but I—we'd like to have you eat Christmas dinner with us. I went up this afternoon to ask you, but you were entirely too busy to notice me and—"

"Too busy to notice you!" Martin gasped. "I thought you'd never noticed me!"

Spud had been waiting. His sleepy accusation as he arose from the doorstep was scarcely noticed. The song of the little injured caroler was running through Martin's mind and replacing a cynical philosophy.

"It was a silent night like this," he said. Thoughtfully, he looked up. In the east, one star seemed larger than the others.

## Haskell Baptist Associational Mission Rallies

COVERING THE ENTIRE ASSOCIATION

Program, Places, Speakers and Dates for First Two Weeks.

Monday January 9	Pinkerton
Tuesday, January 3	Grace
Wednesday, January 4	New Hope
Thursday January 5	Cottonwood
Friday January 6	Curry Chapel
Monday, January 2	Gillispie
Tuesday January 10	Brushy
Wednesday January 11	Howard
Thursday January 12	O'Brien
Friday, January 13	Post

### Program for Each Place (Speakers Alternate)

10:00 a. m. Devotional	To be supplied.
10:30. The Book of Jonah	H. R. Whatley and J. Q. Herrin
11:00. Missions in the Old Testament	J. F. Curry and J. A. Kinser
11:00. Bible Doctrine of Missions	L. S. Jenkins and Joe W. English
Dinner on the ground.	
1:30 p. m. Devotional	To be supplied.
2:00. The People Called Baptists	C. B. Stovall and I. N. Alvis
2:30. Our Past Accomplishments	J. E. Tucker and C. E. Ball
3:00. Our Present Task	J. C. Parks and P. D. O'Brien

One of our returned Missionaries, now on furlough, is expected to be in the whole itenary.

#### Sheriff's Sale

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of a certain order of sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court of Haskell County on the 14th day of November 1927, in a certain cause numbered 3781, in which Judgment was rendered on the 22nd day of October 1927 in favor of T. G. Carney Plaintiff against Joe F. Hudspeth, Defendant, for the sum of Fifteen Hundred and One and 40-100 Dollars with interest thereon at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from date of judgement, and cost of suit; and whereas said Judgment is a foreclosure of the Vendor's lien on the hereinafter described real estate, I have levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in January 1928 it being the 3rd. day of said month, between the hours of ten o'clock A. M. and four o'clock P. M. on said day, at the Court House door of Haskell County, Texas.

I will offer for sale and sell at public auction for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said Joe F. Hudspeth in and to the following described property to wit: Lots Nos. 3, 4, 7, 8, 9 and 10 in Block 34 of the Original town of Rochester in Haskell County, Texas, as shown by map of said town recorded in the Deed Records of Haskell County, Texas, for the satisfaction of said Judgment interest and cost.

Dated at Haskell this 16 day of November, A. D. 1927. 3tc. Al Cousins, Sheriff, Haskell County, Texas.

C. E. Braye of the Ford Garage is a new subscriber to the Free Press paid up for a year in advance.

Frank Underwood a progressive farmer of Howard was in the city Friday on business.

Happy Days of Friends and Loved Ones

## THE SEASON'S BEST FOR YOU

You have been good to us  
—we hope you feel that  
we have been good to you.

## J. W. GHOLSON

May your days throughout 1928  
and each New Year thereafter be  
filled with usefulness, health, hap-  
piness and prosperity

And a Happy New Year Too!

1927..... 1928

Achievements  
WROUGHT

Opportunities  
BROUGHT

# We Have Not the Power

to make Christmas merry. If we had, yours would certainly be a holiday long to be remembered with pleasure. But there are so many things such as the presence of loved ones, congenial friends, outward prosperity, inward content and such like blessings which go into the making of a happy Christmas that we are wishing for you just as earnestly as we can, that if strong wishes help, yours is bound to be a gladsome Christmas.

## JONES-COX & CO.

# LETTERS to SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus:  
Send Billie Wiseman a tricycle and some candy and some nuts and fruits.  
Billie Wiseman

Dear Santa:  
I am a good little girl and I want a Bye-Lo doll, piano, and kiddy kar, nuts and candy and fruit, and, oh, yes, some coconuts. Please don't forget me.  
Barbara Lee Jordan.

Haskell, Texas,  
December 2, 1927.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
Please send me a movie machine, a tool chest, an air gun and some fruit, candy and nuts.  
Lovingly yours,  
Duffer Crawford.

Haskell, Texas,  
Dear Old Santa:  
Please bring me a ball and a yellow duck and a little car, and be sure and bring me some bananas. I don't like candy so don't bring me any. I am twenty months old.  
Jimmie D. Roberts.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little boy 3 years old. I tried very hard to be a good boy. Please bring me a little car and wagon. I live 13 miles east of Haskell. Be good to the poor girls and boys.  
Yours truly,  
Edward Moeller.

Haskell, Texas,  
Dec. 4, 1927.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a bicycle Christmas and I will be a good boy and study my lessons good.  
Berthal Kreger.  
P. S.—I am eight years old.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Will you please send me a watch, a scooter, Sandy Andy, football, overcoat, and plenty of fruit, candy and nuts, and Santa please remember all the other girls and boys.  
Your little friend,  
Bill Key, Jr.  
Haskell, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:  
You have always been so good to me and I will try to be a good girl if you will bring me a doll, a sewing box, something to embroidery, a story book, some fruit, candy and nuts.  
Remember all the little children.  
Your little friend,  
Neil Free, age 9.  
Haskell, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a printing set, and a story book and a toothbrush, and don't forget candy and fruit, and if you have lots of balls bring me a ball too. We live in the west part of Haskell. I am 10 years old.  
Arthur J. Roberts.  
Haskell, Texas,  
December 2, 1927.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please send me a coaster brake tricycle, a all steel coaster wagon, a caterpillar tractor and also some candy, nuts and fruit. Also chaps and air gun. Tom Mix cowboy chaps, size 6 years.  
Yours very truly,  
Paul Crawford.  
Haskell, Texas,  
Dec. 3, 1927.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little girl five years old. I tried very hard to be good. Please bring me a doll and doll buggy, apples, oranges, nuts and candy. I live 13 miles east of Haskell. Please be good to the poor girls and boys.  
Yours truly,  
Amanda Ruth Moeller.  
Haskell, Texas.

Dear Old Santa:  
I am going to school and try to be good, so bring me a bat, a ball and a glove to play ball. Bring me lots of candy and fruit and a story book, too. Be sure and bring Jimmie something so he will let my things alone. I am 7 years old.  
Carl Roberts.

Haskell, Texas, Dec. 6, 1927.  
Dearest Santa:  
I am a little girl three years old with brown eyes and brown hair. I want you to bring me a tricycle, a baby doll and a wagon loaded with candy, nuts, and fruit. Don't forget mother and daddy and the other little children. I am a good little girl.  
Yours truly,  
Frances Cagerlene Carmack.

Haskell, Texas,  
Dec. 7, 1927.  
Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl with brown eyes and curly hair and am two years old. I want a high chair, a baby doll and a kiddy kar. Don't forget mother and daddy. I am leaving a cake on the table for you to cut. I will try to be good.  
Yours truly,  
Charlestene Carmack.

Haskell, Texas,  
Dec. 13, 1927.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
North Pole.  
We have been good little girls since last Christmas. Please bring each of us a doll that walks and cries. Also a little tricycle. Bring us lots of nuts and candy.  
Your little friends,  
Vera Bradley and Mary Couch.

Haskell, Texas,  
Dec. 5, 1927.  
Dearest Santa Claus:  
I have been a good girl all year and I hope you will bring me some Christmas presents. I want a wrist watch, an initial ring and lots of candy, nuts, and fruit. My little sister Tommie wants a doll and buggy. Now Santa Claus, be good to all the other children.  
Your little friend,  
Ruth Louise Cannon.

Dear Santa Claus:  
We are a little boy and girl. I am seven and Bobbie Nell is five years old. I want some Tinker Toys and a cowboy suit. Bobbie Nell wants a little house with all the furniture, and a little broom to keep her house clean. Please send us some candy, apples, oranges and nuts.  
Your little friends,  
Edwin Cass and Bobbie Nell Cass.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I have been a good boy, Santa, and go to Sunday School every Sunday and please bring me a little Bible, tricycle, football, wagon, nuts, candy and fruit and please Santa, don't forget little sister.  
Curtis Jordan.  
P. S.—Say, Santa, don't forget firecrackers and lots of roman candles. Also Jolly Rovers. Please Santa I hope I'm not asking for too much.

Weinert, Tex., Dec. 12.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a baseball, glove and bat. And, yes, Santa, I am so tired of carrying in wood for mother, please bring me a wagon. Daddy is going to Fort Worth in the morning. Do hope he will see you. I have told him to look for you.  
I will be at Grandmother Stephens this Christmas so please don't forget me.  
Lovingly,  
Marion Joselett.

Haskell, Texas,  
December 8, 1927.  
Dearest Santa:  
I am a little girl seven years old. I am trying to be good. Please bring me a baby doll and a little go-cart, and my little brother Alton wants a big coaster wagon and a pretty horn. Bring us fruits, nuts, and candy, also some fireworks.  
We will leave the door open.  
Yours truly,  
Bonnie and Alton Glenn.  
Haskell, Texas,  
December 6, 1927.

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Dear Santa Claus:  
For Christmas I want a french-harp, "The Bobsey Twins at the Seashore," a bed for my doll and a blanket. I also want a lot of fruit, nuts and candy.  
Your friend,  
Dorothy Mae Morgan.  
Haskell, Texas,  
Dec. 10, 1927.

Haskell, Texas,  
December 6, 1927.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little girl just nearly four years old, and little sister is nineteen months old. We want ask for every thing cause we know there are lots more little girls and boys you have to go to see. We want a pretty doll each, and I want a little cradle for my dollie and sister wants a peddle back so she won't cry to ride my tricycle, then just some nuts, fruit and candy or just any thing you bring will be all right. We thank you lots and lots of times and hope you have a Merry Christmas, too.  
With love,  
Velma Frank and Loretta Curry  
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Dearest Old Santa:  
I am a little boy four years old. I think I have been a real good little boy this year.  
Santa I want you to bring me a little green wagon, a bear, a little rifle and lots of candy, nuts, apples, oranges, and lots of good things.  
Say, Santa, don't forget I have a little sister and little brother.  
Don't forget the little orphan children.  
Santa I will go to bed early so you can come.  
Lots of love to Santa.  
A. J. Lewellen.  
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Bye-bye.  
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I am a little girl seven years old. I am trying to be good. Please bring me a baby doll and a little go-cart, and my little brother Alton wants a big coaster wagon and a pretty horn. Bring us fruits, nuts, and candy, also some fireworks.  
We will leave the door open.  
Yours truly,  
Bonnie and Alton Glenn.  
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Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little girl just nearly four years old, and little sister is nineteen months old. We want ask for every thing cause we know there are lots more little girls and boys you have to go to see. We want a pretty doll each, and I want a little cradle for my dollie and sister wants a peddle back so she won't cry to ride my tricycle, then just some nuts, fruit and candy or just any thing you bring will be all right. We thank you lots and lots of times and hope you have a Merry Christmas, too.  
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# Our Christmas Wishes

If all our Christmas wishes for you were loaded on Santa's big sled the load would be so heavy that Dunder and Blitzen scarce could move.

So when we think of Santa's great big job, of visiting millions of homes, our Christmas wishes just come back down to the joyous old greeting—

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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## UPON THE ACTS OF THE CLOSING YEAR

we take much pleasure in thanking our friends for whatever share they have given us of their business and for anything else they may have done toward making our year the success it has been.

We make it our purpose to deal fairly, courteously and promptly with all who patronize us in any way, and solicit future business upon this meritorious basis.

And now we wish for everyone a merry, merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year.

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### Letters to Santa Claus

(Continued from page 2)

Haskell, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:  
For Christmas I want a tricycle, doll and some little dishes. I also want lots of fruit, nuts and candy.  
Your friend,  
Florine Morgan.

Lamesa Texas,  
December 10, 1927.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I thought that I would write and tell you what I wanted. I want a baby doll, a purse, a bottle of perfume a box of handkerchiefs, a pair of gloves, and all kinds of candies, fruits and nuts.  
Your friend,  
Louise Cox  
Box 49.

Rule, Texas, R 1.  
December 1927.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little girl 4 years old and have picked some cotton this fall and I want you to bring me a big doll that cries and sleeps, a little doll bed, teddy bear, a little tiny doll, and oranges, apples, and all kinds of nuts.  
Your little girl,  
Elman Glover.

Haskell, Texas,  
December 12, 1927

Dear Old Santa:  
We have been very good little children, and think you should bring us many toys. Please bring us the following:

A doll kitchen cabinet; doll buggy; doll bed; 4 piece tractor set; Dutch sand mill, and crazy car. With fruit, nuts and candies mixed with the toys.  
Your little friends,  
Eleanor and T. C. Griffin.

Haskell, Texas,  
Dec. 14, 1927

Dear Santa Claus:  
We want a doll that laughs and cries, one that will open and shut its eyes. Bring us one with great long curls, for we have been real good little girls. Georgia wants a cradle, see! Janie wants a ball. We both together want a doggie that will come at our call. Bring us lots of candy and nuts in a box and leave them by the chimney in our little socks.

We love you dear Santa,  
Just a great, great deal  
And can only think of you  
When eating a meal.  
Janie Frazier.  
Georgia Reynolds.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please send me a tricycle.  
Birl Dewy Darnell.  
Rush on please and bring a sack of nuts.

Dear Santa:  
Oh! do bring me a basket ball and my brother a saddle blanket. I am 9 years old.

R. V. Earles.  
Haskell, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1927.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a tricycle, foot ball and a pair of boots, Christmas.  
Your little friend,  
Woodrow W. Johnson.

Haskell, Texas  
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Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little boy 9 years old. I want you to please bring me a wagon, some fire works nuts and candy and any thing else you might want to.  
Your friend,  
Wallace Stark.

Haskell, Texas  
Dec. 7, 1927.

Dear Santa:  
I am writing to you today to let you know that I haven't forgotten you and to tell you what I want for Xmas. I would like to have a new pair of roller skates, a toy fire wagon, some candy and some nuts. Please Santa don't forget my little chum J. W. Edwards.  
Your friend,  
C. W. Bledsoe, Jr.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am just a little boy but I want so many things for Christmas. I want a little coaster wagon and an erector set, a foot ball, a steam engine, and lots of fruit, candy, nuts and all kinds of goodies and I hope all the little boys and girls get every thing they want. My little sister Hope, and I are twins and we are nine years old and help mother all we can. Merry Xmas to you Santa Claus.  
Lovingly,  
Homer Livengoon.

Haskell, Texas  
Dec. 16, 1927.

Dear Santa Claus:  
We are two little boys five and six years old. We want you to eat Christmas dinner with us.  
We want you to bring us a tricycle, if you can and we would like to have a wind up train. Bring us candies, fruits, and nuts and some little toys, we can play with in the house.  
With love,  
Elmer C. and Joe Mac Watson,  
Haskell, Texas, Rfd. No. 3

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Dec. 7, 1927.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Christmas is almost here and I want a watch and some fire works, and fruit, nuts and candy. And bring something for Christmas, too.  
Your friend,  
William Reeves.

Weinert, Texas  
Dec. 13, 1927.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I am a little girl nearly two years old and I want you to bring me a doll, high chair, rocking chair, candy, oranges, apples and nuts.  
Wishing every little girl and boy a Merry Xmas. Good bye Santa.  
Your little friend,  
Winnie Faye Bledsoe.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want a pile-driver and a little car, and a little train, and a pretty calendar and rubber boots or leggins. Mr. Santa, if the toys do not give out too soon please bring me a loop the loop, and candy, fruit and lots of nuts, and a tool box so that I can build things. I have been a good boy nearly all of the time and I love you.  
Labry Ballard.

Haskell, Texas,  
Dec. 11, 1927.

Dear Sweet Santa:  
I have been looking at your pictures in the papers for a long time and what do you think, the other day when I went to town with mama and daddy I saw your sweet face smiling at me. I know you have been coming around close, cause I have never seen so many nice things you left at Mr. Alexander's store for little girls and boys in all my life. Santa I am 4 years old, and not a very healthy little boy. Have been sick for a long time. I am not going to ask you for lots of things. You can just leave me what you want me to have. I am not very hard to please and you just come once a year to see your little children and I want to treat you nice.  
J. C. Callaway.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a doll buggy. I want it more than anything else, and a sewing set, you know one that has thread and needles and a thimble, for little girls; and a double box of crayolas and a story book, too, and roller skates, and a kewpie doll, and a pair of house slippers, and a box of little handkerchiefs, and candy nuts and fruit.  
I love you,  
Helen Ballard.

Haskell, Texas  
Dec. 15, 1927.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring us a mama doll with go-to-sleep eyes, a teddy bear, a little stove a kiddy car, and a piano. Also lots of candy, fruit and nuts.  
Love,  
Little Allene Matet  
and L. C. Bradley

P. S. Please bring our daddies a new ford.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I wonder if you have a baby doll that has a bottle in its hand, surely do want one. A set of little tea dishes, a big ball and lots of other things. I hope you have lots of pretties for all the little children with lots of goodies to eat. Please don't forget our dear teachers, Miss Ratliff and Miss Clark, they are teaching at Post school.  
Merry Xmas and lots of love for you Santa Claus.  
Lovingly,  
Hope Livengood.

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FORTY-FIRST YEAR

## Merry Merry Christmas



### A Christmas Gift From God by Martha Banning Thomas

YOU cannot go with us!" the shepherds said,  
"You are the youngest . . . therefore you must stay  
Here on the hill and watch the flocks instead."

And thus they left him there and went their way.  
He shivered in the cold and stamped his feet,  
Wrapping his shabby cloak of skins around  
His body . . . and he thought:—"They're in the street  
Of Bethlehem and maybe they have found  
What they are looking for. They said a KING!  
Well, let them go and waste their precious time.  
Sheep must be watched."

But soon the strangest thing  
Happened around him. Bells began to chime,  
Shaking a golden music on the air,  
A radiance spread across the wintry hill,

And voices sang like birds . . . and everywhere  
Was music. So the lonely lad stood still,  
Shading his eyes against the dazzling light,  
His heart beat wildly. "PEACE ON EARTH TO MEN!"

The heavenly choir sang. A trembling fright  
Ran through his veins. He could not breathe . . . and then,  
There came a present to this shepherd boy,  
A Christmas gift from God . . . a swift, white thing

Fell at his feet . . . he picked it up with joy  
The glittering feather from an angel's wing.

The others laughed at him when they returned,  
Saying he was too young to understand  
The miracle of Jesus, yet there burned  
The feather like a light within his hand.



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