

## BEST WISHES TO YOU AT CHRISTMAS!

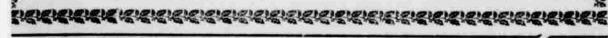
As we think of the generous way in which you have patronized our business, we are moved to thank all of our friends for the good feeling shown toward 中 考定 遊遊客(遊遊 us.

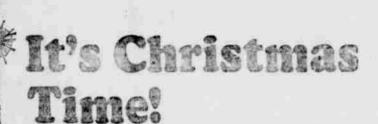
As Christmas approaches, we hasten to offer you our most sincere and hearty wishes for a joyous Christmas, attended with a super-abundance of good will, happiness, and well-being.

In a spirit of the greatest possible neighborliness we wish for you a Christmas unclouded by care, and brightened with all that is good.

### OATES DRUG STORE

"On the Same Old Corner"





As we see the holiday wreaths and observe folks rushing here and there, buying gifts, speaking words of good cheer, and showing other signs of Christmas, we pause to think.

"IT'S A PRETTY GOOD WORLD AFTER ALL"

-and right away we catch the spirit of the season and this moment we are thinking kindly of our friends and take pleasure in sending out this message of good wishes.

JOY TO YOU AND YOURS ON THIS DAY OF GLAD TIDINGS-

> Isbell-Burton **Motor Company**





T WAS cold. About six inches of snow had fallen within the last few days. The stores were gay with their glistening decorations and pretty holiday gifts. The pine and spruce trees on the lawns were shining with many colored electric lights. It would be Christ-

mas in a few days.

John Clair and Gordon Lawson were sitting before the open fire in the New Haven University club. They were young and good looking

and frankly men of leisure.
"I think I shall go to Miami soon," said John Clair, as he filled his pipe. "It's getting cold here

"Why don't you stay a while?" asked Gordon, "the season's just started, and there are some very pretty debs this year." "Women, all you think of is wom-en," said Clair disdainfully.

Well, from all the letters 1 get, 1 think they like me rather well, too," Gordon replied loftily.

"Oh I see; perhaps it is because I don't have that magnetic charm myself that I don't like women," laughed John.

"Perhaps," conceded Gordon. The two men were slient for a few minutes. Then John said: "Oh, by the way, Lawson, what are you giving the ladies for Christmas?" "Why?"

"Oh-just a matter of my feeble but still functioning curiosity." "For Carmine-a gorgeous dress er set (she's vain); for Lelah—a rope of pearls (she has an unusually beautiful throat); for

"Stop," interrupted Clair, "Why don't you give her something original-a beautiful shoe tree set, for "What are you going to give the

darlings for Christmas?" demanded Lawson. "My dear Lawson," he answered condescendingly, "I am going to pre-

sent a girl with her brother as a "A brother? Why not a bus-

tell you the story?"
"Yes, go ahead—if it gets too tire

some I'll let sou know." "Do you remember when I gradu-en from Yale?" began Ciair; "that was about three years ago, I believe, and a notable year, because it was the last time I ever did any

Lawson sighed, "Ah-the detailed history of John Clair," he mur-

family went to Europe and able to find any trace of bint perturent on the boulevard with the best of intentions of making a happy combination of a little study and a few good parties. "You were always clever," said

Lawson with mock appealsal.
"Strange as it may seem to you.
Lawson, I have a hidden talent. I can write. When I was in school I even bad aspirations to be a newspaper man."

I see. This is only about yourself. There are no women in this

"Walt a moment. There will be presently. The whole story tangs on the fact that about Christmas time that year I wrote an unusually good English theme. It was about a Russian Christmas,"

"Good Lord" ejaculated Lawson, "you've never been to Russia. "I know, but I took the idea

thing, and rewrote it. Well, the good-hearted prof. handed it in to one of the papers, and they pub-lished it. How realistic the story was you will understand in a few

"I hope so,"
"Christmas eve I was coming home rather late from a party, in fact a series of parties, so it was almost dawn when I let myself in the apartment. And what should I see éuried up asleep on the chester-field but a girl. She was poorly dressed, and she had a lot of dark hair that had fallen across her face, so I couldn't tell whether or not she was pretty, but I took the chance. was pretty, but I took the chance, and awakened her. She sat straight up and looked at me and smiled. She was beautiful, fine features and

that would make most of these that would make most of these dens-turn green with envy. Well, any-how she started talking to me in an ungodly tongue and all I could do was look amazed. "'Aren't you Russian?' she asked. "'Heaven forbid,' I replied; 'I am Godl-fearing American citizen.

a God-fearing American citizen, about to graduate from Yale, and—
"I beg your pardon," she said coldly, and moved toward the door.

"'I am sorry if I have offended you in any way.' I apologized. Won't you at least stay and have breakfast with me? "She shook her head, but when

she saw how it was snowing outside, she reconsidered and turned around,
"'I suppose you deserve an planation,' she said.

"'You don't have to tell me a thing, if you don't care to,' I re-

piled. "You funny boy; don't you think it is at all strange to find a girl

whom you'd never seen before, asleep in your apartment?"
"I don't know—I was just wondering why I ever stopped believ-ing in Santa Claus,' I answered.

"The girl laughed, and after that we got along beautifully. While we were eating breakfast she told me all about it. It seems that she was a member of the aristocracy in Russia, not a princess, perhaps, but still of very high rank. Well, she and her brother managed to get along for a time, then one day be her to go to another town



Was Beautiful, Fine Features and That Sort of Thing."

business, and he never came back, She heard from him once or twice, and he said he was escaping to you will recall," continued Clair, her story to the New York and Bos-the family west to the School ten newspapers, but the America, and asked her to follow es she came to New Haven. She read my story, thought I was a Russian writing under a pen name, went to the newspaper office, obtained my address. with a faint hope she came to my apartment.

"Of course the men in the office knew who you were,' she said indignuntly, but I suppose they thought it would be a good story for you to find me here.'

"'God bless the newspaper men, I said fervently, 'And Pli help you find your brother—what is your name, by the way?

"'Donnia Petromonoff, but couldn't think of letting you try to find bim.' she protested. training to be a detective, and that

will be good practice."
"I don't believe it," she laughed. but you are a dear American, so ! think I shall let you,"

"How nice of her," interrupted Lawson, "And I suppose you found the brother?"

"Yes, I found him just a few days ago, playing in a cafe in Hartford. It was a sort of Russian resort. So I gave blue her address and a little cash. As you have probably con-cluded, I fell in love with the glri, but I decided I wouldn't ask her to marry me until I had found her brother."

"I understand. You wanted to make her feel indebted to you." "She is wonderful," he mused, "wonderful."

The two men smoked in silence t few minutes. Then a boy brought in the afternoon mail. Clair looked through his mail until he found a small envelope addressed in large, unusual handwriting.

"An invitation to spend Christ-mas with Dounia and her brother," he exclaimed, as he tore open the

'May I come, too?" teased Law Clair read:

Dear Johnnie:

I want to thank you many.

gards. We both want you to spend Christmas with us. You will come, won't you, Johnnier

DOUNIA. 1919, Western Newspaper th

## Greetings

Those who know us best know that when we say to you at this season that we wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year we are but expressing the sentiments which we feel toward you throughout the entire year.

For it is one of the fundamental policies of this business that the confidence and good will of the patron must be won and kept. That we have been so markedly successful in accomplishing this aim is a testimony to the genuineness of our profession.

The best of the holidays be yours. and be sure to visit us often during the new year.

## McNeill & Smith Hardware Co.



S the star in the East directed the wise men of Jerusalem to joy and happiness; to "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men;" so the recurrence of the Christmas season in this day directs us into thoughts of love and kindliness.

This is the one time of all the year when the better angels of our nature take complete possssion of our hearts; when the spark of divinity within our souls flares into flames of love for our fellow men.

In this spirit and under this majestic spell, we extend to you and those you love our sincere wishes for a Happy Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

Perry Brothers

(Incorporated)

5-10-25 Cent Stores

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And that on or about 1929, the Defendant the Plaintiff and d told Plaintiff that if

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this, the 3rd day D. 1929.

Clerk District Court

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 Jan. A. D. 1930, the same being the 14th day of said month, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for Coun- said bank and the transaction of such other business that may property, for four ly come before said meeting.

Ous to the 4tc. A. C. Pierson, C.

A. C. Pierson, Cashier.

#### WOODMEN LODGE MEETS

the County met Friday, Dec. 6th at 4 p. m. in the McConnell building and elected officers for the coming year. beer bottle. Plaintiff sues for Consul Commander-L. D. Ratliff.

Adviser Lieut.-R. D. C. Stephens Financial Secretary-Ino. B. Lam-

bertson is Judge Ratliff's office, Friday Jan. 3, herein Prances Robertson is de- 4 p. m. at which time all members sintiff and Jake Robertson is de- 4 p. m. at which time all members are urged to attend. L. D. Ratliff,

Consul Commander. Jno. B. Lamkin. Secretary.

#### Citation By Publication The State of Texas,

To the Sheriff or any Constable laskell County-Greeting:

You are hereby commanded, you summon, by making publication of this citation in some newsparer published in the county of Haskell if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in a newspaper published in the nearest County to said Haskell County, for our consecutive weeks previous to the regurn day hereof, James Mc-Calley whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the Hon. District Court, at the next regular term thereof, to be holden in the County of Haskell at the Court

#### Ratliff & Ratliff ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Office in Pierson Building

J. G. FOSTER

ATTORNEY AT LAW Office in Haskell Natl. Bank Bldg. House thereof, in Haskell, Texas on divorce and for the restoration Court No. 4044, wherein Pearl Mc-Calley is plaintiff and James Mc-Calley is defendant. The nature follows, to-wit:

Suit for divorce on the grounds of ber, A. D. 1929. cruel treatment of such a nature as (Seel) husband and wife insupportable; Plaintiff alleging that the Defend ant was guilty of excessive crue treatment, and outrages toward Plaintiff. Defendant drank to excess, frequently cursed and abused the Plaintiff and on one occasion struck Plaintiff on the head with a

the 6th day of January, A. D. 1999, her former name and for cost of suit then and there to answer a Petition filed in said Court, on the 6th day of November A. D. 1999, in a suit of the next term thereof, this writ, numbered on the Docket of said with your endorsement thereon. showing how you have executed the

of the plaintiffs demand being as said Court, at office in Haskell. Texas, this, the 6th day of Novem-

Lois Earnest, Clerk to render their living together as District Court, Haskell County, Tex.

### P. D. SANDERS

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

The Christmas Turkey Market has opened and we are prepared to handle your birds. Call 191 for prices.

Bring Us Your Furs We will buy Furs on Saturday of each week, and will pay the highest prices possible.

Western Produce Co.

#### CHEAP MONEY TO LOAN

The Federal Land Bank of Houston has Cheap Money, Plenty of it, to lend on farm lands in Haskell, Knox and Etonewall Counties, thru the Rule National Farm Loan Assn. of Rule, Texas. Rate 6 %, Time 33 years, Option to pay all or any part after five years, or can pay at any date before five years by paying small bonus. Cheapest and best loan offered in Texas.

Rule National Farm Loan Assn. W. H. McCANDLESS, Secretary-Treasurer

Money to Loan on Farms; Ranches

I can get you a loan on your farm at a low rate of interest, payable annually; the loan to become due at the end of ten years, and give you the privilege of paying as much as one flith of the principal each year if you desire to do so. The cost to you will be the abstract fees and recording fees. If you want a new loan or want to renew an old loan write me or come and see me and let me explain to you, and I will get you the best loan to be had, in a company that you will be pleased with and save you money, so you will be satisfied in the future. You get all the money you borrow.

P. D. Sandrs; Haskell, Texas

HERE'S TO OUR FRIENDS ...

To our older friends, to our newer friends, to our friends yet to be: We take much pride in the firm friendships which we have been able to win by our high quality of merchandise, cheerful service and ready desire to accomodate, and,

We are wishing for you, one and all, the choicest enjoyments of the glad holiday season now with us. May they add to your permanent stock of happiness and to your length of life.

. Please us often with your visits during the New Year.

## J. F. KENNEDY

Agent for "The Texas Company"

## A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS

We take this opportunity of wishing our many friends and customers a very joyful Christmas and A Happy New Year.

We hope that you, whose friendship has been the cause of our success, will continue to favor us during the coming year with this friendship, which we assure you, is deeply appreciated.

### IN APPRECIATION OF OUR PAVORS

We enter the New Year with the determination to excel our past efforts to ple se you, and to cooperate with you every hour of the coming year.

SKELL BAKERY

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## OUR HOLIDAY MESSAGE TO ONE AND ALL

Of every member of this organization our good wishes go out to you for a most merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We desire that all the most wanted delights of the season will come to you.

The service we give throughout the year likewise comes straight from the heart, and it is a pleasure to us to know that so many people are recognizing our efforts to be of the most possible service.

### WITH THE SAME SINCERITY

With which we serve you through out the year the members of our organization now unite in wishing our many friends and customers with whom we have had so many pleasant dealings a Christmas filled with all the things of heart's desire, and a New Year of prosperity and happiness.

Haskell Motor Company

"FORD DEALERS FOR FORD SERVICE"

### CLASSIFIED ADS

Satisfaction of Honest Effort

To Serve and Please

and at all other seasons of the year, but we like to

pause at Christmas time and look back over the

months that have passed and think of what our

friends have meant to us. As we do so we feel a

new sense of responsibility and a deep and abid-

sage of appreciation and our very best wishes for

your happiness this Christmas and throughout

Jason W. Smith

COUNTY CLERK

In the finest spirit we know we send this mes-

ing appreciation of your loyalty to us.

Is the feeling we hold at the gladsome season

#### Abstracts and Loans

We will make you first class Abeasonable prices. We will apprerate your business and be glad to irve you Sanders & Wilson, Har-

#### Miscellaneous

V. C. Dulancy stamped on plate. Finder return to this office or Haskell Electric Gin.

FOR SALE-Nice Jersey beifer, first calf. L. J. Isham.

FOR RENT Nice 4 room house with bath and garage in second Will contract for one year or more. block east of Square, L. J. Isham See C. L. Williams, Rule. at Hardin Lbr. yd.

kell county, black covered book, Sayles School. size 8 by 11 inches, property of Giant reward. A. G. Jenkins, Abilene, Tex-demonstrator only, for as. Route 3.

the New Year.

FEED FOR SALE-Bundled Hig ari, have about 2000 bundles at my tracts of land titles promptly, at place 4 12 miles southeast of Roch

FOR SALE-160 acre farm nine the debt and give me your note for miles west of Rochester, 100 acres \$1000.00 due in ten years without LOST—Bunch of keys on ring, acre. See Will Edge, Rochester, 4p perty. I will give you a contract of in cuitivation, 4-room house, well

> northwest part of town. Bath, gar-age and cow shed. Windmill and good well of water. I. W. Kirkpat-ing contract. Or will rent it to you tfc rick, telephone 254F12

FOR RENT-160 acres of land promptly. Letcher D. King, Owner, Abilene, Texas. 4tp. west of Rule at \$2.50 per acre.

also take care of baby while parents Phone 5. LOST-In northern part of Has teach, W. M. Freeman, Teacher of

Mfg Co. Council Bluffs. In. Finder FOR SALE \$100.00 Orthophonic please return to Free Press office for Victrola with ten records, used as Itp. Payne Drug Co.

FOR SALE OR RENT-The L. L. Odell Homestead in Haskell lately wned by 1 T. Box Price \$2,500.00. live room house; outhouses; good ences; eight lots, plenty of water, There is a loan of \$1500.00 on the ester G. M. Warle. Rochester, blace payable \$20.25 per month on 2tp which three payments have been

sar as above and when you have FOR RENT-6-room house in paid twelve of the monthly installat \$15.00 per month if not sold

FOR SALE-Chevrolet Touring 3tc. Car in good condition, will sell cheap, might take trade or good note. Rat-WANTED-Woman to keep house, liff & Ratliff, McConnell Building.

#### 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 and the second s m. on the second Wed. in Jan. 1930, the same being the 8th day of said month, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for said bank and the transaction of uch other business that may properly come before said meeting Alvy R. Couch, Cashier,

#### Stockholders Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a meet of the stockholders of the FARMERS STATE 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 Jan. A. D. 1930, the same being the 14th 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.

FOR SALE OR TRADE-Several good Used Battery Radios in good condition, these sets taken in on Majestic Electric sets, and are real bargains. C. P. Woodson, Phone I

SEWING MACHINES CHEAPhave sevveral second-hand sewing machines, all in good shape for sale at real bargain prices. See them at Champion Shoe Shop. D. A. Teat 3c

Really Merry Christmas

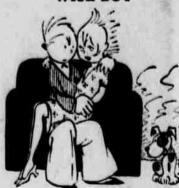
Nancy's eyes glowed.

Making Old Folks Happy WAS Christman night; one of those cold, clear nights, when it is a delight to sit by the fire. Jack and Nancy Lee were doing just this, and they were very happy. "Wasn't Christmas wonderful?"

Jack's arm went round her: "Nancy, you were an angel to do it," he said. "Anyone but you would have just freited in a strange city. Instead, you get up a big dinner and everything for a lot of lonely old people. It—It was great! Honest, I almost cried as I watched them open up their gifts beside the Christmas tree."

"I felt the same way, Jack. "I felt the same way, Jack. I was tempted to just fret about being away from our folks; but, oh, Jack. I'm so giad I didn't! It was wonderful to see those old people so happy! And—and we had a wonderful Christmas, too, didn't we? A really merry Christmas!—Katherine Edelman.

(C. 1929, Western Newspaper Union.)



She-Mother won't let me accept expensive presents from boys at Christmas. He-I found that out before we

got engaged.

#### Baby Dolls Are Adorable

The baby dolls are quite the most adorable of all. They come in triplet, twin or single editions and they are as real tooking as it would seem possible to make them.
-Wallace's Farmer.

Burning the Yule Log The custom of burning the Yule log on Christmas eve is not preva-

lent in England. The custom is followed in some of the rural sections. It is more prevalent in the Scandinavian countries.

Spain's Christmas Dish A favorite Christmas dish in Spain is a soup of sweet almonds and cream.

Miss Johnson. That's that."
Tom Blodgett, who represented the school board in the snow-bound village, stood back and surveyed the fine symmetrical fir he had just made stable in the center of the schoolroom platform. "Now what next, tencher?"

Leggy Johnson laughed gayty to "Next, we have all the Christman

"Next, we hang all the Christmas ornaments I've been able to get together in this community and all the strings of popcorn and cranberries the mothers could spare."

"You're bound to have a Christmas celebration of some kind, aren't you, even if we have been hemmed in here for four straight weeks. In all the years I've been here I've

all the years I've been here I've never seen such a steady snowfall," Tom continued; "not a chance for an auto to make that forty miles to the city, all up grade as it is. The youngsters will get their faith in Santa Claus shaken, I'm afraid, this year. Presents will be mighty scarce."

"Scarce all right," l'eggy cheer fully agreed. "But they're going to have as good

a Christmas as it is possible for us to give them." "I'm with you on that," Tom said, "My little

folks and all the other kiddles are looking forward to more than they ever have to any Christman. The big folks are, too, Fine idea of yours,
Miss Johnson,
Everybody's
keen about it."
As they chair-

the tree was fast ted the tree was fast becommas apparel. They had barely finished when the village folks began to straggle in, heavily laden with baskets of food. It was to be a community dinner, followed by carols and games and the distribution of the few presents they had been able to assemble from the town's meager resources.

It was when the games were the very liveliest that the crash came— a crash that jarred the little school-house and brought the merrymak-ing to an abrupt standstill.

A second, and Tom, followed by others, rushed out; then came the real surprise. In came Tom and with him-Santa Claus in a scarlet Hudson Bay coat, plaid trousers tucked into his heavy boots, and a fur cap pulled down over his

Behind them were the others, their arms filled with bundles of dolls and trumpets, drums and all sorts of toys were piled in a great hamper that two of the men brought in between them.

The boys and girls shouted with giee and the older folks looked on in amusement. Tom and Santa Claus walked straight to Miss Johnson, Santa Claus pulled off his great fur cap. Both Santa Claus and Peggy stared.

"Peggy!" he stammered,
"Reg!" she stammered back. "Where did you come from?" Santa Claus found his tongue;
"I was headed here—I didn't
know you were here. I heard the

town was snowbound and thought I'd be Santa Ciaus. But I thought if was five miles ured my big car could get through on the down grade. I hated to think of kiddles having no Christmas. But the car got off the track in the drifts and we

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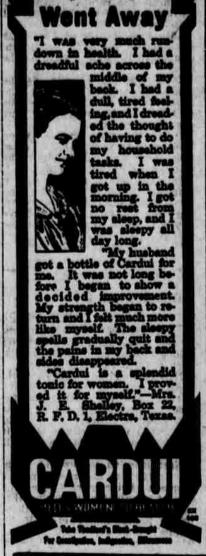
Florence Harris Wells



Well may it be said of the wom-an who uses this dainty flower pow-der box that "she has a rose-leaf complexion," Cunning idea, this of nestling a little round pasteboard powder box in the heart of a hand-made crepe paper rose. A cluster of artificial flower stamens are pasted on the lid, which makes it easy to hundle (see sketch). Love-Christmas gift!

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Rose Powder Box



## MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR

At this season of universal happiness, we wish to thank our friends for their patronage. Ours has been the privilege, the opportunity for a service which we sincerely hope has accomplished its mission in bringing unqualified satisfaction.

We appreciate the confidence which has been placed in us, and now, on the threshold of the New Year, we dedicate ourselves anew to the continuance of this service, which we trust will continue to grow more inclusive and helpful.

**BETTIS CHEVROLET** COMPANY

## A REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Recalls to our mind the liberal patronage and good will of a large number of friends and acquaintances whose kindnesses have meant so much to us and our business during the months just past that we want to make a general expression of appreciation of the many favors you have bestowed upon us.

Take from us our heartiest wishes for a most Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

MAYS DRY GOODS CO.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU

In extending to you our wishes for a joyful Christmas season we do not forget to thank you for the patronage and other marks of good will you have bestowed on us during the twelve months now coming to

We appreciate the confidence of the public, and make it our aim always to merit the trust reposed in us. We take pleasure in serving the needs of the community, and invite your patronage on a promise that courtesy and service shall be our constant offering to

While you are enjoying the prosperity of the New Year let us be of assistance to each other.

#### OFFICERS

Mrs. M. S. Pierson, President. Hardy Grissom, Vice-President. O. E. Patterson, Active V-P. A. C. Pierson, Cashier. Miss Nettie McCollum. Assistant Cashier

#### DIRECTORS

Mrs. M. S. Pierson, Hardy Grissom, J. U. Fields, J. W. Pace, L. F. Taylor, G. W. Waldrip, J. W. Gholson

at the Haskell Postoffice, Haskell, Texas.

Roberts, Editor-Publisher

Copy. Four Months



for Bennie, the Thief BENNIE chuckled, slipping through the dark with the cles jeweiry. Suddenly he drew seck close against the wall. Some ne had entered the next room. "Grandmother, do you really be-tree in prayers?"—it was a girl's

"Certainty, dearle. We prayed that we might hear from George on Christmas day, you know, and the day isn't quite over."

"Listen, dearie, I'll tell you about a prayer I had answered once . . ."
Bennie's lips curied. Nobody believed in that atust any more. If there was really a being that knew things, Bennie wouldn't steal. He'd be afraid. The story told by the sincere older voice made Bennie nervous. She seemed to mean it! "Grandma, Christmas day will be

er in baif an hour-"
"In a half hour many things can happen."
Minutes passed. Bennie heard whispered prayers. Finally he grinned in relief. A minute to twelve!

Then, a sound at the door and two women cried happily, "George!" In awe Bennie slipped away, but te left the Jewelry.—Clara Agee days.



Unexpected Surprises Welcomed at Christmas ANOTHER

SCROOGE

Blanche &

HERE was to be no exchange

had made very plain. This Christ-

mas "stuff" was all "the bunk," any-

"Do you think so?" the man asked as he paid for his paper. "Sure!" was the enthusiabilic re-ply. "Ain't we goin ta have a tree at the church tonight?" point-

ing across the street, "with candy and nuts, and everything. And tomorrow a dinner? I'll say

Then-"Oh, walt a minute,

ter," he called after the retreating who quickly turned. "Look!"

displaying a red glass pin for the man's inspection. "Ain't this a man's inspection. "Ain't this a peach!" proudly. "It's for my Mom.

with smiles.

of Christmas gifts that year,

in the family, as Gordon Wade

DOROTHY sat buddled disconsolately in the big arm chair before the grate fire. To have tonsils out just before Christmas was bal enough, but to be waiting for a sweetheart and to know that there was a forwarded letter in another girl's handwriting, also awalting him was much worse.

"Hello, Dot," in breezed Jack, all loy and Christmas galety. He leaned over and kissed her ten-

"You poor kid. It's sure tough, Dorothy smiled wanty and point-

of to the letter on the table. "Who the deuce?" Jack siit the envelope, glanced over it and thrust it into his pocket. "Why aste time reading your letters when I've got you-but it was sure and of you to have Mary write way-time and money wasted, just to help the merchants sell their

Dorothy eyes brightened and ten that she and asked Mary Jack and tell him how if it ever did. Western Newspaper Union.)





come again as little children.

Then the asperition of little are softened, the cares and ambitions of life cease their clamor, and Love settles upon the family circle. Then the empty chair may have its occupant of the spirit, and the touch of a vanished hand may be felt in the soft stirrings of the Night of Peace.

The REAL Vision of Christmas is lost to those who fail to see in the family circle the symbol of the greater group—the Family of Mankind—and to catch in this season of goodwill on earth some glimpse of the Larger Brotherhood. Sldwly, for hearly, two thousand years, that Vision has been taking form. Although from time to time eclipsed, it invariably returns bursting over every cloud of war and hatred, a little brighter, a little nearer, a little more defined. Whenever the call of sudden disaster or spectacular suffering is heard, generous hearts in every land respond. And in millions of unbaralded instances mercy is not strained and charity spreads to protecting wings as gently as falls the dew from summer skies.

The HAS ordained Christmas that once a year the harmonies of the swen may fall on ears unsealed by selfishness, on hearts miracultons bear to the daily grind, that in that hour of peace may come a clearer vision of the Brotherhood of Man.

Then bear I could allow the strains.

the best I could afford." Then with a sigh, "I sure hope she likes

"Of course she will," the man re-"I sure hope so. Merry Christ-

"Merry Christmas," returned the

The incident was recalled later, when one of the men in the office showed him a watch he had for his wife. In fact, it was re-called several times, as others proudly showed him gifts they had purchased for some loved one. "More useless spending," was the

mental comment Late that day one of the men laid before him a package. "Isn't that the cutest?" Wade saw only very crudely fashioned calendar but Larson was smiling and his eyes were moist. "My little fiveyear-old made that all by herself. I tell you I'd rather have that than almost anything," was the proud "She couldn't walt until toboast. morrow to give it to me," the man

goods. Unif of the things no one wanted either to give or receive. chnekled. "Funny," mused Wark It didn't mean a thing any moremuch these things mean . somefimes." He remembered a foolish was What a wonderful time So his mind was free on that fittle penwiper hidden away in his prisipass was with his unexpected subject as he stopped for his morn-presert—Florence Harris Wells. Ing paper the day before Christ-penr-old fingers—several years ago enr-old fingers—several years ago-but he remembered how happy "Aln't Christmas grand", the newsboy asked his face wrenthed they both were over it.
"It's a good thing promie drop

offine," was the reply. Some capple in this office grouch all year, at just as soon as Christmas somes, they're all smiles," "Working for a present, maybe,"

"Working for a present, maybe,"
was the comment.

"No, they aren't," was the emphatic answer. "They're all talking about what they're going to give—not get. No, sir! They just forget themselves once a year and remember there are others on earth.

And a good thing, too, say I."

Wade thought about it many times that day. Maybe Anderson was right. Maybe people did give because they enjoyed giving, Maybe it really was unselfish on their part. After all, life wouldn't be worth much if you didn't have anyone you cared enough about to ever



people you cared. It would be rather strange not to have any of the usual excitement of Christmas preparations at home. No whispered secrets and no ex-

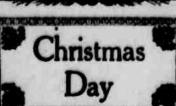
citement about hiding gifts. It would be sort of quiet, too.

Junior was "a great kid." He certainly did want that bicycle. And Helen would be as proud as a peacock with that wrist watch she had been talking about so much. And Jamie, "the little scamp," he surey would be disappointed if that football wasn't there tomorrow

And Grace-bless her heart-sho was the best wife and mother possible. She deserved something mighty fine. They were all a "fine bunch," and nothing was too good for them. And he was going to show them that he thought so, too.

way home he was too happy to think of how tired he was. "It was a case of another Mr.

rooge," he chuckled to himself.



E crimon and green of the helly, The candle-light's flickering glass What matters the years that are for I know that your friendship ender May the season's best pleasings beyon

Artful Glass Toiletries 



If you're asking what's "smart" to give for Christmas, decorated glass tolletries is the answer. A bottle for every lotion or medicine, cold cream jars, powder boxes, soap dishes. Oh! there's no end to the intriguing articles to be had, each Was there time enough—yes, it he hurried. After telephoning home he would be late; off he rushed shouting "Merry Christmas" as he picture.

## AMONG OUR ASSETS

We like to count among our assets the only one that money cannot buy, your good will.

And so at this holiday season, we extend to you, not only as a customer alone, but as a friend-

The Best Of Wishes for A Merry Christmas And Happy New Year!

FRANK KENNEDY BATTERY SHOP

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**Legerprope** 



We are extending Xmas Greetings to all our many customers in Haskell and Haskell County. We thank you for your kindness and patronage for the past year. We have enjoyed serving you and hope to have the pleasure of serving thru the coming year.

MERRY XMAS; HAPPY NEW YEAR

MR. AND MRS. HENDERSON

Henderson Service Cleaners

#### The Boar's Head

The Christmas custom of "bring-ing in the boar's head" dates back to the Druids, whose delty, Freya, the goddess of peace and plenty, rode a golden boar.

Christmas "Waits" Christmas "walts" get their name from the old Scottish word "waith," meaning wandering or roving. Gradually the term was applied to wandering musicians.

Christmas Legend in Sweden There is a legend in Sweden that the Christmas tree sprang from the soil where two frue lovers died, the candles standing "for remem-

Height of Christmas Trees The average beight of Christ-mas trees is from 1 to 15 feet or more, the greater number probably

Early English Carols The first English collection of

Christmas carols was published in

"Noel" and Christmas "Noel" is the French equivalent for the English word "Christmas."

Majestic

C. P. WOODSON

PHILCO BATTERIES

BATTERY & RADIO SHOP Bettis Chev. Bldg.

COUGH SYRUP AN ORIGINAL PRESCRIPTION TRIED AND PROVEN

> For Sale By Payne Drug Co. "The Rexall Store"

### RESOLVED

That our efforts for the New Year 1930 will be strengthened by our sincere desire to execute any and all such resolutions as made at the beginning.

May the year 1930, shower upon you the many blessings of health and prosperity-surpass any previous year and give us both strength and wisdom of which we must possesslest our undertakings will be hope-

This firm welcomes the opportunity to express its appreciation to the people of Haskell and Haskell County for the great progress made during the past and hopes for all a continued prosperity.

FOUTS & DOTSON

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## GLADLY WE WELCOME YULETIDE



We welcome again the opportunity to express to our many friends and patrons our sincere gratitude for the continued evidence of your good will which has made the closing year a good one for us.

We are counting on your friendship and patronage during the year soon to dawn upon us and are preparing to show to you our appreciation in the form of better values and more complete service in ever department where we find improvement possible.

In the meantime: Merry Christmas-Happy New Year.



WESTERN PRODUCE CO.

RALPH PAYETTE, Manager

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Haskell, Texas

## SINCERE GOOD WISHES

To those who have favored us with their patronage, large or small, during the past year and to all the people of our entire community. We thank you most heartily for your 1929 patronage and look forward in pleasant anticipation of continuing our pleasant relations with each of you on through the New Year.

C. P. WOODSON, BATTERY AND RADIO SHOP

Bettis Chev. Bldg.

Dear Santa Claus;

from your little friend,

Dear Santa Claus:

and John Larned.

Dear Santa Claus:

erts. From,

ear Santa Claus;

Dear Santa Claus;

Vera Condron.

Fay Campbell.

Lois Burson.

Denville Burson.

Clarence Burson.

Haskell, Texas, Dec. 20, 1929

I want to tell you what sister an I and our little brothers want. want' a doll buggy and a bed. My sister wants a doll buggy and a bed Walter Dee wants a tricycle and a gun and some fireworks. wants a gun and some fire works

and an airplane too, and we all want some good things to eat, candy, apples and every thing that is good to eat. Bring mother and daddy some good things to eat. Goodbys

Santa Claus, from your little friends, Capitolas, Frances, Walter Dee

I have tried to be a good little

forget me. Iwant you to bring me a doll, coll bed, little piano and lots of fruit and candy. Don't forget my little 3 year old uncle, Jimmie Rob-

I am a lttle grl 9 years old. I am

n the 4th grade and am going to school at Foster. I would like fo

you to bring me a pair of rolle kates and a football and lots

candy, apples, oranges, nuts an several other good things to ea Your loving friend,

Weinert, Texas, Dec. 20,

girl this year so be sure and don't

Haskell, Texas, Dec. 20, 1929

Billie Laverne Hurt.

Rule, Texas, Dec. 20, 1929

Clyde Harrell.

I am a good little boy and I am not going to ask for much. I want a little red wagon and some fruit,

candy and nuts. I am 15 months old. Don't forget my little cousins. We will all be at Grandpa Tidwell's and f you don't bring them something they will want my toys. I all next year. Lots and lots of love will promise you to be a good boy

Mary Louise Crandal

## HEARTY GOOD WISHES

#### TO THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE THIS BUSINESS POSSIBLE

To YOU we owe our success. To YOU we acknowledge our obligations.

To YOU we send this Christmas message, and in the true spirit of the season extend

#### Christmas Greetings and Good Wishes for the New Year!

There is much pleasure in doing business in a community of such fine people we have here. We expect to give you better service in 1930 than ever before and sincerely trust that we may have the opportunity to prove this to you.

COME TO SEE US IN 1930

## MARTINS DRUG STORE

**PEREMERICAL SERVICIONS DE LA COMPANION DE LA** 

### Letters to Santa Claus

Please bring me a red wagon, and when you get on the plains. Dear Santa Claus: a doll, also candy and nuts. I have Two lttle friends, Betty Jo Bishop tried to be good. Bring Laverne a and Billie Ruth Smith. ttle kiddy car. I live at Weinert

and am 3 years old. limmie Roberts

O'Brien, Texas, Dec. 20, 1929 Dear Santa Claus; I am in the third grade. Will you

pretty toys to play with. I'll tell you some of the things I want this Christmas. I want a large baby roll with brown eyes, long eyelashes and brown curly hair, for I dearly love the come Christmas. Bring me some come Christmas. Bring me some continued me some continued Mrs. Wallace. "He lost continued Mrs. Wallace." curly hair. I could set for hours fruit and nuts. Bye, bye, from, and comb and curl my dolly's hair. I am going to build me a play house and I want you to bring me a cabinet, a set of dishes, and a little baby bed. Daddy will build me a table and some chairs. So you needn't bring me the table and Dear Santa Claus; dishes and a doll trunk. I want a bothered with gas on his stomach, chairs. I want a telephone where I I am going to look for you Christ-little telephone and a tricycle. I He aiways had that tired, worn-out because I'm sure I'd get lonely ball and a sewing set and a doll that sometimes. I also want a bike be- will say mama and that has sleepy cause my dolly would need sunshine eyes. I have been a good girl and and dolly and I could have lots of studed hard. Yours truly, fun together riding the bike. As this is hard times I'll cut my wants short as there are so many small boys and girls to want toys. Lots of love and kisses,

Elizabeth Cummings.

toys and some fruit, nuts and candy in the fifth grade. I go to school at the best little child at the South Ward. Your loving ren in the country.

Mardell and Sammie White.

Floydada, Texas, Dec. 20, 1929 Dear Santa Claus;

We are two little girls, we play to. Dear Santa Claus; to all my little friends down there you, and also my friends at Floydada

Weinert, Texas, Dec. 20, 1929 Santa Claus I hope there will be

years old. I want a doll and a tricycle. Your friend. Knox City, Route 1 December 20, 1929

Dear Santa Claus;

I am a little girl four years old.

Just the right age to want lots of have studied hard. Will you come presents, a coat, a banjo-uke, lots of husband has derived from the use of the presents, a coat, a banjo-uke, lots of husband has derived from the use of the presents.

Mildred Owens, Lone Star School.

> Knox City, Route 1 December 20, 1929

can phone my little girl neighbors mas and I want you to bring me a want a machine.

Syble Tinker,

Lone Star School.

Haskell, Texas, Dec. 20, 1929 Dear Santa Claus;

Mother says that she is going to Dear Santa Claus; Rochester, Texas, Dec. 20, 1929 make you cake for Christmas, I Santy do you want me to tell you nuts. I am a little girl 6 years old and I something. One Christmas I was want a doll that can cry and go to asleep and the house top had some sieep, and I am a little boy 4 years old and I want a tricycle and we have twin brothers 2 years old named Floyd and Lloyd and they and it was snowing, the snow had fallen in on my neck. I want a pretty want a tricycle, too. Now wont we boys have some fun this winter and went mother and daddy have lots of noise. Now if you bring us these state cry, and glass arms and record and I have been a good little girl, and I want you to bring me a doll that has brown curley hair, eyes that cry, and glass arms and and set of dishes ed at Oates Drug Store.—Adv. noise. Now if you bring us these legs. I am eleven years old, I am and some fruit and candy. Don't

Fern Campbell.

Dear Santa Claus; Haskell, Texas, Dec. 20, 1929

gether all time. Our mothers think Hiw are you getting along these won't ask for much. I want a red old fellow. Your little friend, we have been good little girls. As days. I am writing you to tell you coaster wagon and some fruit and you are coming soon we will tell you what I want for Christmas. I want candy. Bring my lttle brother what we want you to bring us. We a bicycle with 26-inch wheels. I Albert, a tractor. Lots of love, want a bylo baby doll, a cedar chest want oranges, apples, nuts and and a set of ittle dishes. Santa I candy. I want a football. I guess used to live at Haskell, so be good that is all for this time. Love to

Woodrow Johnson

Haskell, Texas, Dec. 20, 1926 Dear Santa Claus;
I am a good little girl. I am eight years old. I want a doll and a tricycle. Your friend, Dorothy Josselet.

Haskell, Texas, Dec. 20, 1929 Health Before and After Taking I am a good little girl. I am eight

"My husband had a minor case of the stomach trouble," said Mrs. Homer Wallace, 2816, N. 16th Street, Haskell, Texas, Dec. 20, 1929 Waco, Texas, while talking to the I would like for my Christmas Orgatone representative in her home I would like for my Christmas recently about the benefits her

Haskell, Texas, Dec. 20, 1929 this appetite entirely, and every-thing that he did eat would disagree with him. He had a bad spell of I am nine years old. I am in the the 'summer flu,' and never of second grade. I want a big nice doll seem to get over that entirely. He and a doll bugy. I want a set of had indigestion a lot, and was and sluggish feeling, and it seemed that he was getting to be in a gen-

eral run-down condition. Haskell, Texas, Dec. 20, 1929 "Some of our friends recommend ed Orgatone to us as being good I am a little girl. I want a big for such troubles as my husband had, doll and a ball and jacks. I want and we began to notice that it was a stove and a trunk and some dishes. so highly recommended every where, that we decided that we ought to try it. Well he bought himself Haskell, Texas, Dec. 20, 1929 bottle, and has just finished it. And believe me, he surely is changed for I want you to bring me a doll for the better. He can eat most any het you are glad, aren't you? Christmas, that has long curly hair thing now, and he has an awfully Mother is going to invite you to and a pretty pink dress and I want good appetite. He is not bothered We are writing you to let you Christmas dinner. Will you come? some oranges, apples, candy and with indigestion or gas at all, and he never seems tired and worn-out Emma Pearl Graham, age 7. now. He is always full of 'pep,' and feels good all the time. We are Haskell, Texas, Dec. 20, 1929 very glad to recommend this new medicine, Orgatone, for it has done I am a little girl nine years old my husband so much good, and he

> Haskell, Texas, Dec. 20, 1929 Lots of love from your little friend. Dear Santa Claus;

Please slip over and let me sit down by your side and tell you I Haskell, Texas, Dec. 20, 1929 am trying to be a good girl and I want a Christmas stocking full of I am a little boy five years old toys, a doll and some fruit and and I am a good little boy and I candies. Hurry and come, you dear

Mary Tidwell.

Haskell, Texas, Dec. 20, 1929 Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a doll with rea Haskell, Texas, Dec. 20, 1929 blonde curls.

Grace Anne Martin.

## ON THE THRESHOLD OF ANOTHER YEAR

The members of W. W. Fields & Son rejoice in the steadfast friendships that have enriched the years of their service to this community.

For the ever widening host of men and women whose patronage and esteem have become so marked a factor in their careers, the members of this firm express the trust that the New Year will bring to you in full measure an uplifting spirit of peace and joy.

May your hearts be freed from the pangs of care and blessed with an abiding sense of fresh and bouyant fortitude: may training and application of past have fitted you for a more fruitful service in the future, through which the cherished ambitions of life shall be attained; and withal may the advancing years be rich in gifts of wisdom, health and plenty and mellowed by the soft luster that glows in the consciousness of duty alone.

W. W. FIELDS & SON

### A Holiday Message



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO OUR MANY FRIENDS. MAY 1930 BE THE HAP-PIEST AND MOST SUCCESSFUL YEAR OF YOUR LIFE.

OUR OFFER OF A FREE HEATER WILL CON-TINUE UNTIL THE NIGHT OF DECEMBER 24TH. HAVE YOU AVAILED YOURSELF OF THIS WON-DERFUL OPPORTUNITY YET? WHY NOT GIVE MOTHER A GAS RANGE OR A RUUD AUTOMATIS WATER HEATER FOR CHRISTMAS? IT WILL MAKE HER WORK A PLEASURE.



## Haskell Gas Company

"If it can be done with heat, it can be done better with gas."

## "GREETINGS"

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We wish it were possible for us to take each one of our good loyal friends by the hand and express to you our appreciation of our loyalty and friendship, but since this is impossible, we wish to express to you, our old customers, our appreciation of your loyalty. To our new customers, our appreciation of your confidence. To you who are not our customers, the hope that we may be of service to you, and to wish you not only a Merry Christmas but a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Believe us your friend.

## Courtney Hunt & Co.

here decorated the High School last Wednesday afternoon students from the Kaigler exas program. All on the prourtain went up and Luella on directed the program

Every Fellow Ought To John Thomas Crandal. Christmas Story-Martell Cliff

To Bring-Paul Crawford, I Want For Christmasetter To Santa Claus-Labry

Solo-Clara Edwards. Name Shall Be Called Won-Ethel Irby. Christmas Story-Theda

Solo-J. O. Chitwood. Must Be Good-Anna Maude

Ruth Woodson. Solo-Edith Foote You Going Home For Christ--Herman Pitman ing number, song by entire t body, lead by Herman Pitt-Silent Night, Holy Night."

Ramblers Enjoy two Party.

eve of her departure with fer Crawford. nd for a visit to his people Wimbish, sponsor for the ton. mblers, estertained in her the McNeill Appartments, Grace Looney. evening with a lovely for members of the orand their escorts. Prorty-two was played until wiches, potato chips, olives colate and mints, home dies, devil food cake and to Misses Vera Adkins, Ratliff, Mattie Muriel Wal-Raymond Morgan, Ray-

#### hursday Might.

inclemen of the pupils of Mrs. G. n's Music School and sevents from the Kaigler Expression came to the st Church and encourttle folk in their efforts h something in the fine ogram follows: y Mood, by Carey, piano

Dorothy Gayno solo-Christine Lowe immer Boy, piano/solo-

Vine, piano

Readings, (a) When I Grow Up (b) Christmas Presents Parents Get Frances Merie Edwards. The Song of the Drum, by Anna Rischer—John Guest. When Dolly Sleeps, piano—Wyno

School of Music rendered a Pouts.

School of Music rendered a Pouts.

The Two Stockings by Meading-Charming- Clarice, piano-Frances Martelle Clifton.

The Doll's March by Taylor-Fred Catch Me, piano-Milam Jones.
A Letter To Santa Claus-Labry Ballard.

Curly Locks, piano-Geraldin Waltz of The Plower Farries iano-Ruth Josselet. Telling Santa What To

eading—Dorothy Josselet.
Rosy Cheeks Polle—Gladys Fouts Melody in F., piano-Noka Bailey Narcissus, piano-Geraldine Con

The Approach of Christmas, read-ng-Cleo Edwards.

The Little Cadet, piano-Martelle

Voice of Spring, piano-Rozelle The Evening Star, piano-Dorothy

Herren. Jolly Darkies, piano-Helen Ballard. Canoe Song, piano-Maxine Quat Dolores (The Desert Flower piano-Kathleen Crawford.

The Bells, piano-Anna Bell Star Dreams, piano-Jimmie Love Mazurka Pompsa,

The Bridge Builder, reading-Dut

Bessie's Christmas Dream, reading -Helen Ballard.

Miss Mitchell Directs Christmas Contata Before North Ward P. T.

mas Cantata was directed before the North Ward P. T. A. last Thursday r, Mary Willis, Bessie Bee afternoon by Miss Mitchell, mits Katherine Wings, Vivian and art teacher of the north ward Selda Maples, Jessie Bland, school. Children from the school in the Martin, Vada Thomas, picturesque costumes were in the cantate. It was in two acts and between curtains, Miss Lucy Martin es, Charles Poote, Herman read "A Christmas Story." A small John Clifton, William admittance fee of ten cents was Buford Cass, Chesley charged and this will be used by le Edwards, Charlie Rose, Miss Mitchell to buy books for her Whiteker, Kenneth Sher-department in the school.

Ward school joined forces and rendered a lovely Christmas program Thursday night, parents last Thursday afternoon. Many pat rons attended the program despit the cold disagreeable weather. There were playlets, dialogues and readings which reflected much credit on both the children and teacher hristmas songs were also sung.

#### Presbyterian Christian Endeavor Program For Dec. 29

Leader-Pauline Frierson. Topic: "Making Christ's Kingdom Song Service

Worship Service. Leader's Call To Worship-Ps. 24 Response: "I Love Thy Kingdon

## WE KNOW NOT WHAT THE NEW YEAR HOLDS

But we do know that it is the beginning of hopes, new thoughts, new prospects and determination to achieve. We hope it will for you many opportunities for success and you will be ready for each of them.

We thank you for all you have meant to not only in patronage but for the d influence you have used among your

Scripture Reading: Matt. 21:1-7.
Prayer: "That We May Make esus, King of Our Lives"—Johnnie

Leader's Introduction Looking Backward What ou See! Mary Pearsey. The Kingdom in My City aunity-Dixie Orr.

The Kingdom Within Me-Has I Leader's Closing. Business Mizpah.

Christmas Present for Nancy Potter's Birthday

DICK ROBERTS was in love with Naney Potter, so was Jim Preston. Dick was working his way through college. Jim's fa-ther was a multi-millionaire.

ther was a multi-millionaire.

"Not much show for me," Dick solitoquized, as he did up Nun's present, a soft, goldy scarf that matched the glint in Nan's hair and the gleam of her brown eyes.

Amongst the ribbons and seals he thrust the card. "When Your Birthday Comes on Christmas," it was headed.

Dick took it over on Christmas eve. There sat Jim, safely ensconsed in the easiest chair in the room.

Dick whistled bravely as he

trudged homeward through the snow. It was Christmas, the time of happiness no matter how hurt one's feelings were. It was Christmas afternoon when Nan called up urging Dick to come over. Dick whistled cheerily as he

tramped homeward that night.
Oh, yes, Jim's present was a gorgeous supphire bracelet and there was a lovely Christmas card. But-Jim had forgotten that Nan's Florence Harris Wells.

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0 Oil Aids Santa Claus

in Making Family Happy THE Berrimans had known both cold and hunger; but when oil spilled prosperity all over the district, it included Hal's ranch.

Now he could do things for Lutle and the girls! They should have a home. Having located one for him, the realtor started to show him through. "Never mind," said Hal, "all! I want to know is—is it het?" Reassured, he bought it furnished, Christmas eve.

Next morning he brought them.

Next morning he brought them. He lighted the fire in the cheery fireplace. Sallie quickly spied the row of stockings and hugging Betty, cried: "I always knew there was a Santa Claus, even if he couldn't find our ranch." "Just what we wanted 'co." said Betty. Lutie emptied her stocking engeriy as a child. Silk stockings, bon bons, gloves and deep down in the toe—a wedding ring! "Better ten years inte than never," inughed lini. "A happy wedding, Hal, even without a ring. Money isn't everything." "Powerful convenient, thing." "Powerful convenient, though," returned practical Hal. It was his day.—Noni C. Balley. (3) 1919. Western Newspaper Union.)

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Truly Merry Christmas

for the Lonely Hearts THE large old home sold-Margaret Brierley and her mother in their new home—a small apart-ment in a distant city, dreaded the holidays, away from the old

Brierley unfolded a plan to Mar-garet. Their apartment was small but homelike, "with lots of love in it," as Mrs. Brierley often said. Now there was the young man artist across the hall, the young music student, the elderly lady, and several others all away from home, and doubtless lonely for home just

now. So why not have them all in for Christmas?

A tree sparkling with lights and decorations greeted the guests Christmas day. Inexpensive, funny gifts from a grab bag and games brought many hearty laughs. Trou-bles momentarily fled and hearts lightened. Margaret and her mother agreed with their radiantly hap-py guests' sentiment—"A truly Merry Christmas. One of the hap-plest I ever knew."—Blanche Tan-

WHAT STOPPED HER



your friends this year not to give you any Christmas presents."
"Well, I was only I thought some
of them might really do it."

HOLE IN ONE





granted only yesterday.

## MAY THE JOLLY CHRISTMAS TIME

Bring to all our host of friends and customers a high measure of happiness, and may the beginning of the New Year find you one and all ready to take up the responsibilities of another twelve months with joy and lightness of heart.

We Want to Serv You During 1930

Pearsey & Stephens

HERE'S OUR CHRISTMAS PACKAGE FOR YOU

Good

Health

Good

Luck

Peace:

**Happiness** 

Manu

Friends

Much

Prosperity

Complete

Contentment

CHEERFULLY YOURS

& M STORE

R. L. Lemmon

J. G. Mulkey

### CHRISTMAS CREETINGS

To Those Who Have Made the Entire Year Happy For Us

Through the sunshine and rain, the heat and the cold, the past year has been a happy one for usmade so because of the people with whom we have dealt. Surely no business was ever more fortunate in this respect for we claim our big family of patrons is one unexcelled anywhere.

And now come the joyous holidays with all the glee and gladness; with the spirit of good-will and kindness—when everybody seems to be striving to make some one else happy. We join in this great spirit of the Yuletide season to make merry with you.

To you, our patrons, who have meant so much to us in the past year, we extend the season's best wishes with the hope that the choicest of all the delights will be yours. And we thank you, just as sincerely as we know how for your patronage and for all you have meant to this business.

We promise you now, if it is our pleasure to serve you during the New Year (and we hope we may), that we will be found each day doing our best to make it pleasant and profitable for you.

The Haskell Free Press

### A Picture for Christmas

By Clara Agee Hays preperere

N CHRISTMAS eve Marion surveyed her apartment-wreaths of holly in the windows and a tiny tree with colored lights in the living room. For three Christmases-all alone-she'd done this. Even baked a chicken towell-make it seem Christmasy.

Anyway, she wasn't hungry or homeless. Marion's smile was wistful and perhaps a little bitter. There was no one in the whole city to share her Christmas. She'd worked up to a good job, but her business acquaintances all had their own family festivities. How the girls who worked under her had planned and chattered for the last week! They called Marion "Miss Morris" and were timid before her. Of course, she couldn't break the ice with, "I'm only a lonely girl! Don't think of me as a boss. Let me share your fun."

Marion paused now as she passed "Jack's" picture on the table. Playfully she screwed up her face. She'd get him a present, of course, A-a cigarette case with his inftlats-expensive but simple, That's the way the girls at the office sounded. And be'd get her a-she dropped the enlargement and hur-ried to rescue the potatoes to rescue the pointoesscorched for supper.

Last year "Jack" had been a present from herself. Her brother, Ben, thousands of miles away, had sent a snapshot of himself taken with a young man. "My pal and 1-He's a real fellow," Ben had scrawled neross the back. Marion had studied the fine face in the picture and yearning born of a long unrealized dream of romance stirred her. Finally when last Christmas came she had guiltily cut her brother's picture off and had the other enlarged and framed.

"The color of his eyes?" asked

"Oh-er-brown," she said and biushed. That was what she want-ed him to have. She had called him "Jack." And ever since "Jack." had been her confident, her pal, her fiance. The long evenings



Told Ben I'd Look You Up."

passed more easily when she looked into the large brown eyes and dreamed of the time she and "Jack" might have a home of their own. But, tonight, another empty Christmas eve, Imaginative Marion with twinkling eyes, became mat-ter-of-fact Miss Morris of the office. "It's ridiculous!" she scolded. "Completely in love with a picture! I must be losing my mind!" Vindictively she thrust "Jack" into a drawer and sat down to make herself read and forget.

Suddenly the doorbell rang. Marion opened the door cautiously.

Then she gasped. When David Bruce entered he wondered why the attractive sister of his pal stared at him as if 

plained a little nervously. "Shouldn't have broken in on your Christmasa perfect stranger-1-ah was a little lonesome, I guess."

Marion managed to say softly, "I'm glad you came." And David, felt that somehow she was. There'd been lots to talk about.

David leaving late, anticipated with actual eagerness the dinner with

sang as she got up early on Christ-mas to "get things done." David came early, too, and Marion, pin-ning a towel around him, let him help. It seemed natural. She and he had been friends in her imagina-tion so long! The afternoon passed swiftly. In the evening they went to a theater.

to a theater. When they returned, "A look at the trees before you go?" invited

David stepped in-for a look at Marion. He flushed and glanced

"I-1 told Ben-If his sister was as—attractive as the picture be showed me, I'd—want to bring her back with me and—" He looked up seriously. "Please don't think me cheeky. I've got to return so 

"Oh, Jack!" Marion gasped in happy confusion and then flushed. But David's brown eyes had read he's and what her lips said didn't

matter. (@. 1929, Western Newspaper Union.)

Mince Pie Made Box-Shaped In early days the minee pie was made box-shaped to typify the man-ger in which the Child was lain,

CONVINCED



hand was quicker than the eye until recently.'

"When was that?" "When some one gave him a black **GETTING THIN** 



roller to help her reduce. She-Well? He-- The roller is getting thinner

MADE OF ICE



in the ice business?

Toys to Bring Smiles



As Santa Claus drops his rotund stuffed frog at the foot of this or that gay lighted tree, he's likely to chuckle with delight, for he knows what fun it's going to be when the children of the household wake up and find this jolly creature waiting to say "Merry Christmas" to them. These grotesque stuffed toys are making a tremendous "hit" with the kiddies. In the collection there's camels and geese 'n' everything known to the animal and bird kingdom.

For Sale By

Payne Drug Co. "The Rexall Store'



Payne Drug Co.

THE MEMORY OF FRIENDS LINGER WITH US

WANTED—To trade a Registered POR SALE—Pull-blood Naragan The fellow who sto Hereford Bull Calf for a good young sett Turkeys; Hens 84.00; Toine 85. for the somery runs Jersey Milch Cow. J. D. Hughes. 3p Ben P. Bruten, Weinert, Tonas, 3tp. ing oars making him

At this time of the year when everyone is renewing old friendships and reviewing in memory the pleasures of the past year we recall with special satisfaction the pleasant relations we have had with our many friends and patrons during the months just gone.

Our friends are always esteemed as our best assets, and nothing could please us more than to know that each one of you will have the merriest Christmas of your experience and enter with joy upon a prosperous and happy New Year.

REID'S DRUG STORE

"WE KNOW OUR BUSINESS AND WANT YOURS"



## Hillside Cottage

(Exclusive Christian Home)

Room and Breakfast \$1.50 South Side

RULE, TEXAS

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

..... AND A MOST PROSPEROUS **NEW YEAR!** 

Another Christmas is at hand and another New Year approaches. We are deeply grateful for the patronage we have enjoyed, and for the kindly favors that have been shown us in the year now passing.

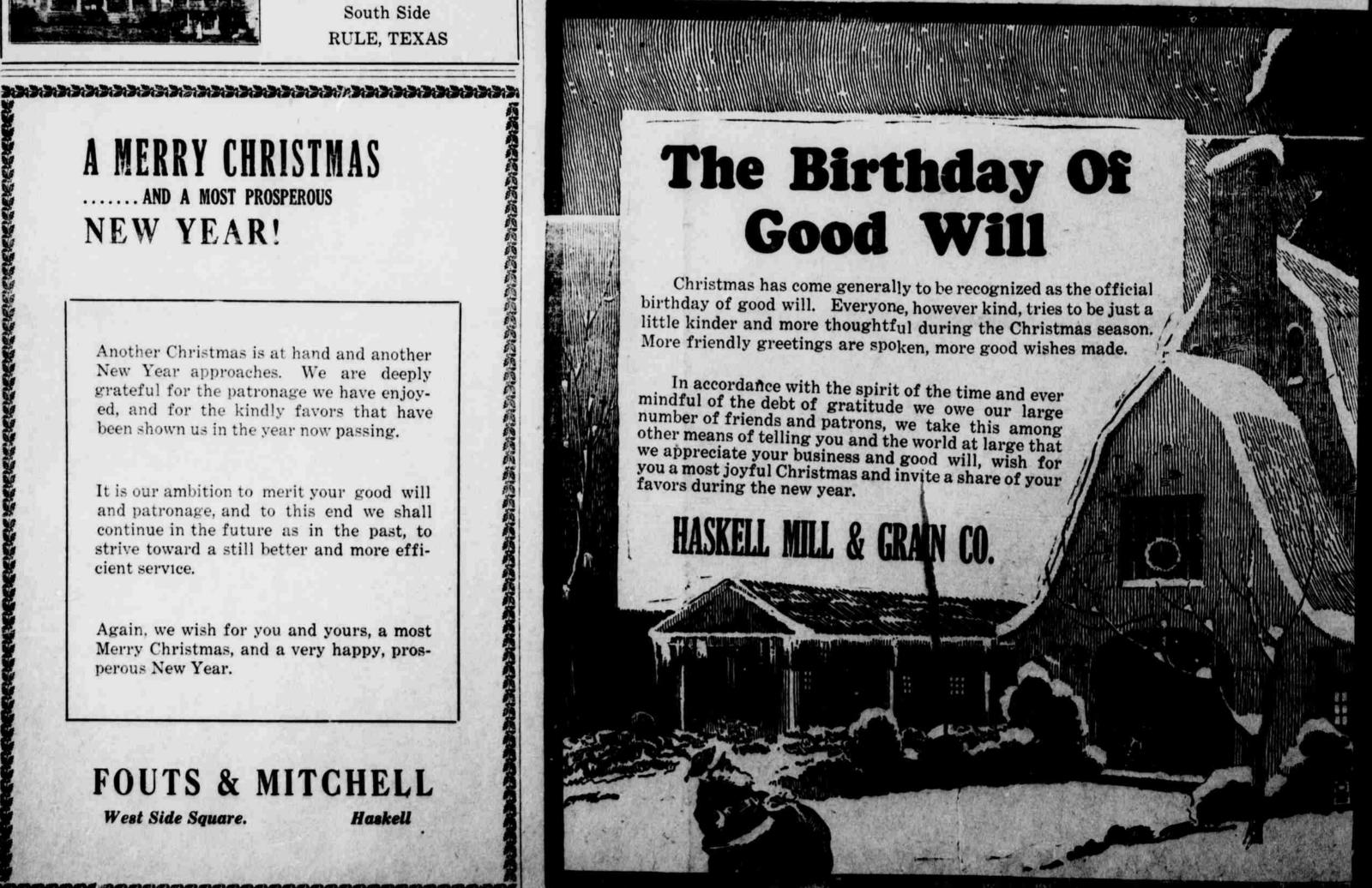
It is our ambition to merit your good will and patronage, and to this end we shall continue in the future as in the past, to strive toward a still better and more efficient service.

Again, we wish for you and yours, a most Merry Christmas, and a very happy, prosperous New Year.

FOUTS & MITCHELL

West Side Square.

Haskell



not only for themselves but travelers at Christmas tide!-Graham Bonner.

to Eight Little Jenks partner, "remember when we doing our Christians chapying ther as kids, and you got so you proposed giving me the ter you'd intended spending on

ng back the quarter for your ent to me, you thought you'd cheated."

ontinued: "I was just think had intended to spend \$25 gift for you this Christmas I suppose you were going to ust as idiotic about your gift." Tes. I'd even thought of a stat

There you are!" exclaimed Hart-, "Now I don't propose that we change a roll of bills, but supwe pool our gift money, and ent it to Poor Jenks here in office, for the new buby." the eight little Jenks got this

Living Christmas Trees F THE price of a live Christmas tree seems high, why not make the tree serve



LOST-Grey femu'e police dog

May The Joy Bells Ring Merrily For You

each day of the

Joe A. Jones

## Waiting for Santa Claus



## GREETINGS

FROM

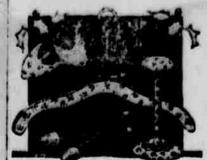
## PORTER, WHITE & TRICE

MAY YOUR NEW YEAR BE LIKE YOUR ARITHMETIC:-

- -Your Joys Added
- -Your Sorrows Subtracted
- -Your Worries Divided
- -Your Happiness Multiplied

WE WISH FOR ALL A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR AND

OR BRUTE BRUTE BRU Ensemble Boudoir Sets \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*



Not only do we dress, but we furnish our homes, a la ensemble, especially the boudoir. Dress hangers, shoe trees, hat stands must match. Latest item to add to this assortment is the heart shaped shoe Stuff them in the toes and "do the trick" of keeping milady's shoes in perfect shape. Christmas displays feature sets as pictured of painted wood and mamel cloth in identical patterning. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Carries Sweet Odor 



Santa Claus likes to carry these ornamental bags wherever he goes, for the sweet odor of their contents (garden lavender) scents up his en-tire pack. They are made of coarse, colorful netting with frills at the top and handpainted embroidery hoop handles. Gift shops report them as among their most popular numbers. They measure from nine to twelve inches across.

Half and Half, at \$1.50 per bushel orth of Haskell.

POR SALE Cotton Seed, Georgia Also one Registered Jersey Bull, 1 PIGS For Sale by Luther His Texas. On Rochester road 12 miles year old. M. P. Emerson, Rochester note and E. B. McDonald, Hasket.

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## **CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND** BEST WISHES FOR 1930

We give ourselves over completely as we are caught up in the fine. rare spirit of the holiday season-the time when the whole world seems akin-when happiness and good cheer fills the very atmosphere. And we are wishing for each of you that afull measure of the season's joys will be yours.

We've tried mighty hard to make our business all that our patrons would have it be. We are always open for suggestions for the improvement of our service. We want and solicit not only a continuation of your patronage during the new year but your kindly co-operation as

## R. B. Spencer & Co.

JOHN A. COUCH, Manager Lumber

Haskell

Season's Greetings HRISTMAS—what memories of Love, Unfailing Service, Trust and Faith are brought to mind at this period of the year-less rists to militar expression to friends and loved ones. Helping to bring Christmas Joy to over 33,000 families of West Texas, this servant of the people wishes its many friends-old and new- the greatest of

> The members of the West Texas Utilities Company Family unite in wishing our friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

joy and happiness and the utmest of

prosperity.

West Texas Utilities
Company

MASKELL, MASKELL COUNTY TEXAS, THURSDAY, DEC. 26, 1929 16-PAGES.

FORTY-THIRD YEAR

# D BONDS CARRY BY GOOD MAJORITY

### hieves Enter Depot Here Thursday Night

Mother of Mr. G. F. Mullino

Improving Slowly

ding to A. C. Harris, teleoperator of the Wichita Valot the freight office was ed last Friday night and of the telegraph office and on there into the freight of-No other burgiaries were reto the local sheriff's depart

eges and universities for lays, follow

Methodist University-Rike, Thomas Patterson. College O. E. Patterson. ty of Texas-Roy Sanders,

M. College-Grady Murchi-mest Kimbrough. College, Canyon-Erma

Denton-Brucile Bryant, Poteet and Martha Lou

University Mary Couch, . Pt. Worth-Joe Short. tern-Lucy Martin. ph College Glenn Marrs, dson, Bill Ratliff, Amos

Belton-Ione Weaver.

laud Pippen. ck Tech-Felix Mulling on. D. L. Cummins and O -Mary Emma Whiteker

rawford Mrs. W. C. Bickley and Abilene motored over y and spent the day with

Mrs. T. A. Martin of are spending the Christs with Mrs. Martin's Mrs R. H. Sprowls and

atives here

d Mrs. James Williams and ught, Carolyn of Ft. Worth s Thelma Williams of Ft. holiday guests of their Mr and Mrs. T. A. Williams and Mrs. R. E. Sherrill

lienrietta Perrin has as her as guests, children who live of Haskell: Messers Clarence Archer City; Carl Perrin and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. and sons, Jim Tom and Henof Wichita Palls.

Whatley is home from Simniversity with his parents. Mrs. H. R Whatley.

d Mrs. Earnest Sanders who have been pre-Christof his parents, Mr. and Sanders, have gone to Texas to spend the holiher folks

d Mrs. John W. Pace have entertaining their and husband, Mr. and Mrs. waby of Dallas and John Jr. also of Dallas who is of the Medical Depart-Baylor University, for the

a May and Thelms Pearl teachers in the Wichita ols are with their parents

Mrs. F. M. Mullino, who happened A capacity house was in attento the accident of breaking her leg dance at the Methodist Church Sunon a train some weeks ago, is reportd were taken. The thief or ed to be slowly improving at home day night and heard the very beau-forced an entrance through a of her son G. F. Mullino of this city. tiful cantata, "Bethlehem" by Paul Mrs. Mullino is aged and it will take Bliss, rendered by the Harmony time for a complete cure to be effected. A private nurse is still retained.

Director-Mrs. W. W. Koonce. Accompanist-Mrs. O. E. Patter-

Mr. and Mrs. Roy English and children of Plainview, will spendy First Sopranoes-Mesdames. Bert Christmas day with relatives in Dal- Weish, Vaughn Bailey, Leo Duncan. as and Ft. Worth and motor to Demmitt Hughes, Elmer Irwis, R. Haskell and spend the week end J. Reynolds, A. J. Shriver, Jack Sills, with relatives and friends.

B. M. Whiteker, J. A. Bailey, J. L. Southern, W. C. Williams, H. R. Mrs. J. F. McCrary of Dallas is the Whatley, T. A. Pinkerton, E. season's guest of her parents. Mr. Hunter, John Ellis, Misses Bertha and Mrs. I. W. Kirkpatrick and Carmen, Annabel Burt, Edith Foote, Irene McGregor, Eunice Huckabee.

Cummins, G. H. Morrison, Roy Clear-Mrs. Bert Welsh

Ratliff, D. Scott. Altos Mesdames, C. L. Lewis, J Morrison, M. L. Baker, E. Gaston oote and Miss May Free.

Processional. Prayer-Rev. G. R. Forrester. Organ-Miss Catherine Rike. Reading-Mrs. E. Gaston Foote. Organ-Mrs. O. E. Patterson. PART II, CANTATA

Scripture Readings-Rev. H. Vhatley. Hark The Glad Sound Harmony

Reading Saw You Never in The Twilight-Irs. Vaughn Bailey.

Reading Silent Night-Harmony Club. Reading

mony Club. Reading.

Angels From The Realms of Glory Harmony Club. May Free

O. Holy Night-Harmony Club.

Second Soprances: Mesdames. D It Came Upon The Midnight Jerome Sanders In O. Come All Ye Paithful-Har-

> mony Club Announcements-Rev. E. Gaston Poote.

Offertory. Benediction-Rev. M. L. Baker

Mrs, Courtney Hunt Returns From Dellas Sanitarium

The many friends of Mrs. Courtney Hunt will be glad to learn that she

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Mullino have While Shepherds Watched Har, the pleasure of having all of the following children home for the Christwho teaches at Raymondsville; Mr. ton. and Mrs. R. W. Cluck of Spur; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Taylor of Richester; line of Lubbock Tech.

### N. Y. Post Office For Holiday Rush

Jerome Sanders, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sanders of this city has been appointed to assist in the New ing to a letter received by his par-

Mrs. A. J. Lewis and son Bates attended the funeral of T. M. Allison has improved in health enough to of Goree, Thursday, Mr. Allison was out this section. His death occurred Wednesday nght, Dec. 18th.

Misses Mildred Simmons and Beu-

Bill Waiteker and Marvin Branch Once In Royal David's City-Miss Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Whaley and of John Tarlton College, Stephenschildren of Estalline; and Felix Mul- ville are spending the holidays with their parents in Haskell.

### \$985,000.00 Road Bond Issue Carries By Vote of 1839 to 740

Haskell county voters Saturday voiced their approval York post office during the special of the proposed \$985,000 road bond issue by an overrush of the yuletide season, accord whelming majority. Complete returns Monday from all boxes in the county showed that 1839 votes had been cast for the issue, and 740 against the bonds. A paved highway from Wichita Falls to Del Rio over the entire Texas section of the military highway designated by the federal governreturn from the Dallas Sanitarium a pioneer school teacher of Knox ment to extend from the Canadian border to the Rio where she has been for several county and was well known through. Grande river was assured when Haskell county voted road bonds aggregating \$985,000 Saturday.

This was the last gap in highway No. 30 and the entire lah Sego are with home folk for the stretch from the Red river north of Wichita Falls to Del mas holidays: Miss Cathleen Mullino Yule Tide season, from Baylor Bel- Rio on the Mexican border is now either paved, under construction or financed.

The bonds voted by Haskell county will be used on highways 30, 51, 120 and 18. This was the fourth election that the county had held during the last three years in an

> attempt to carry this bond issue. There will be a total of 108 miles of

paying laid in the cousty. Highway 30 will be paved from the Knox county line to the Jones county border. This will give Wichita Falls a paved road into Abilene

and the Mexican border. Highway No. 51 will be paved from the Knox county line through Rule to connect up with highway

as a concrete highway to Del Rio

No. 18, at Sagerton. Highway No. 18 will be paved from the Jones county line to the Stonewall county line.

Highway No. 120 will be paved through Haskell county joining Throckmorton and Stonewall coun-

The vote by boxes was as follows:

DOX-	POF	Agamst
Haskell No. 1	343	80
Haskell No. 2	163	60
Haskell No. 3	88	55
Haskell No. 4	117	37
Rule No. 5.	292	34
Rochester No. 6		57
O'Brien No. 7	- 90	19
Jud No. 8	62	13
Cliff No. 9	21	7
Weinert No. 10		80
Brushey No. 11	. 5	34
Cotton Wood No. 12		24
Jim Hogg No 13		10
Howard No. 14.		44
Cobb No. 15		29
McConnell No. 16		6
Sagerton No. 17		21
Joe Bailey No. 18		26
Tanner Paint No. 19.		16
Bunker Hill No. 20.		13
Post No. 21		13
Rule No. 22		02
TOTAL	1839	740

Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Wimbish Jeft Saturday to spend the season's holiday with relatives in Central Texas.

Lewis Pearsey is with his home folk, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pearsey for the Yuletide season.

David Smith came in from Lubbock Thursday to spend the Christmas holidays with his father, N. T. Smith and other Haskell relatives.

Barton Weish, student of House Jr. College, Houston, Texas, is at home for the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Welsh.

Dr. and Mrs. D. L. Cummins are enoying a visit from the following children during the Christman helicity and days: Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Berry and children Missas vicainia and children, Misses virginia and of Ft. Worth; Mrs. A. B. Pur of Ft. Worth; Miss Lucy Cum teacher in the Quannah School; and D. L. Cure student in Lubbock Tech.

Jewel Gentry son of Dr. as A. Q. Gentry, who has been Decenter College, is at home

