

USE IN LIEU OF A CHRISTMAS TREE

PERHAPS you may want to vary the time-honored custom of having a Christmas tree. If so, here are some substitutes that may appeal to you because of their novelty or practicality.

A Christmas umbrella lends itself well to living room decoration and requires less work in preparation and clearing away than a tree. Get a large, colored umbrella, the kind in use for advertising purposes, or utilize any old umbrella that may be on hand. Put a heavy string through a hole bored in the top just below the ferrule by means of which to suspend the open umbrella from the ceiling. The frame may be decorated in any desired manner. A good effect is obtained by covering the inner and outer surface with green crepe paper and relieving the severity with tinsel festooning. A green paper-covered umbrella decorated with "leaves" and snow like that used on Christmas trees also makes a strong appeal. Strings of popcorn, festooning of any kind, bright colored paper chains, ornaments, in fact, anything that is used to decorate the Christmas tree may be pressed into service on the Christmas umbrella.

Fasten pin hooks, such as are used to hang draperies, to the under side of the umbrella for holding the Christmas gifts. The heavier articles should be hung along the ribs to insure safety, but light gifts can be distributed all over the surface.

A Christmas cornucopia is an interesting and unique solution of the problem of gift distribution. Make a large cornucopia out of cardboard and cover it with green or gilt paper. Hang this from the ceiling so that the large end is considerably lower than the small one.

Before hanging the cornucopia, place in it the various gifts well wrapped so as to prevent breakage. Fasten a cover firmly over the open end and decorate it to correspond with the cornucopia. It is well to have the large end so arranged in hanging that when the covering is removed the gifts will land on the table.

A Christmas chariot gives little folks a fine chance to help in the distribution of gifts. By using a few laths, some stiff wire and an old baby cart, the framework of the Christmas chariot may be easily fashioned. This can be decorated with crepe paper, tulle or the like. The little fairy queen, airily dressed, should be seated in the chariot drawn by several of the other children appropriately gowned. The gift packages which the fairy queen distributes should be tied in white paper with tinsel cord or delicately colored ribbons to harmonize with the occasion.

A Christmas cross is easily constructed and quite effective as a substitute for the time-honored tree. The cross may be made of two rough boards securely fastened to a base and the entire surface covered with laurel, evergreen branches, or green paper

festooning. If small electric lights are available a pretty effect can be obtained by outlining the cross with colored bulbs. Gifts may be hung on the cross by means of screw eyes or small hooks.

While not inappropriate for the home, nevertheless, the Christmas cross seems especially well adapted for use in the church where an interesting program may center around it.—Alice Crowell Hoffmann.

(©, 1927, Western Newspaper Union.)

The Christmas Bells

THE bells of Christmas excite also a mystic spell. They awaken rhythm and melody not sensed in other things. The best within us awakens with the first joyous peeping of these bells and we are glad! Everyone is glad on Christmas.

Prizeing and feasting hospent only the joy of the occasion. The beautiful platter, the full cup, and the hearty greeting indicate but faintly the warmth of friendliness and good-will which lies so deep within us. Let the bells continue to ring "A Merry Christmas!"—W. D. Pennypacker.

(©, 1927, Western Newspaper Union.)

BETTER-LATE-THAN-NEVER XMAS GIFT

EVERY other teacher in Grant school received some sort of a Christmas remembrance from their kiddies but me," was the mournful message that drifted through the transom of the Mattocks home to the ears of Dorothy Littleton and Grace Carter. "I've tried so hard to please them and I love everyone of them, but I guess I'm just a dismal failure."

True enough, the girls of the grammar room of the Grant school thought to break Miss Mattocks, their teacher, of being strict with them, they would see that she received no Christmas present. They had gotten it into their fair heads that Miss Mattocks was their enemy, but now—Dorothy and Grace had discovered that Miss Mattocks was only human and that—well, it couldn't be possible—she loved them.

About ten o'clock, the Mattocks sisters were startled by the peal of their doorbell. Most every student of the grammar room of Grant school was there on the little porch. "We thought we would do something different this year," they chimed when she opened the door. They had brought along a gay tree, all decorated and a whole shower of nice presents. Perhaps these were last-minute presents, but Miss Mattocks didn't know that, and since the children were sorry for the way they had misjudged her and she was so happy, what did it matter?—L. B. Lyons.

(©, 1927, Western Newspaper Union.)

Let's Make It "A Merry Christmas"

By JAMES EDWARD HUNGERFORD in Southern Rurales

MY FRIEND, will Christmas mean to YOU

A day of blessings rare, among good friends, whose hearts are true, Whose happiness you'll share? Will Christmas bring the ones you love, The day with you to spend? If so, then thank the One above, For you're in "LUCK," my friend!

To some it means a cheerless day, With strangers all about, And not a single sunshine ray To wipe the shadows out; And all about you they abound— In hamlets, towns and cities; No loving friends will gather 'round To cheer THEIR lonely hearts!

My friend, will Christmas mean to YOU A home that's bright with CHEER? A wife, and laughing children, too, And all that life holds dear? Will Christmas bring you gifts of gold, And BLESSINGS without end? Or will you be "out in the cold," Without a single FRIEND?

If YOU are blessed with "worldly wealth, And friends whose hearts are true; With wife and children; home and health, My friend it's up to YOU To help your friendless fellow men, Whose lives are drab and gray, And bring God's sunshine back again To THEM—on Christmas Day!

Two Weeks of Christmas

In bygone times in "merrie" England, Christmas used to last two weeks, until Twelfth night. Now one day suffices unless we include the customary 30-day shopping drive.—Capper's Weekly.

Christmas in Bohemia

The children in Bohemia are taught to listen on Christmas Eve for a chariot, drawn by two beautiful white horses, bearing the Christ child and the gifts He will distribute among them.—Farm and Ranch.

Christmas in Italy

The children of Italy are taken to the churches and cathedrals where they receive their gifts from the Bambino, which means the infant Christ.—Farm and Ranch.

"Wassail"

"Wassail"—"your health"—was the Anglo-Saxon drinking pledge, taken with the wassail bowl, containing a concoction called "hamb's wool," made of ale, apples, sugar and spices.

Jno. H. Roberts of Vontress was in the city Monday on business and while here extended his date on the expiration of the Free Press one year in advance. He is one of our habitual readers and we appreciate him very much. Thanks, Mr. Roberts.

Uncle Charlie Miller of Gauntt was in the city Saturday. He stated that he had killed two good hogs and was ready to kill others when the weather would permit.

T. A. Coleman and Claud Bland of the Plainview community were in the city on business Saturday. They report everything getting along nicely but the

grain is needing rain. Crops were only fair, according to Mr. Coleman, but mostly gathered and the farmers are about ready to begin plowing for the 1928 crop.

A. B. Wallace of Josselt was in the city Saturday on business. Ab said he was curbing a new well getting ready to take care of his stock for water if the rains did not come soon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Melton of Savies were shopping in the city Saturday. G. W. Segro of Rule Route 1 was in the city Saturday on business.

J. D. Roberts, Jr., of Vontress was in the city last Wednesday on business.

Walter L. Wheeler of Ballew was in the city Saturday on business. Marshall Pierson, State Pure Food Inspector was visiting home folks Saturday and Sunday.

J. W. Davis was in the city Saturday on business and while here had his subscription set forward another year, stating that he sure did like the news his home paper brings to his family on its weekly visits. He is one of our good farmers living out on Route B.

Ed King and son Roy of Post City were here this week visiting relatives. He formerly lived in the Roberts community.

J. T. Robison of Curry Chapel in the city Wednesday of last. While here he sent his subscription through the office for the Wichita Daily Times.

O. B. Norman and family of L. spent Thanksgiving with friends in city.

A. H. Wair and family of this spent the week end with relatives Fort Worth, returning Monday.

M. H. Harris gave us his subscription for the Wichita Times, as he was ready paid up for the Free Press year in advance, so he is now fix for his next year's reading.

NOW COMES Courtney Hunt & Co.

Final Clean up on all Remaining





Coats and Dresses and Millinery

We have only 8 more days in which to close out our entire stock of Coats, Dresses and Millinery. We will begin our invoice the next day after Christmas. So it is imperative that we close out our entire stock of Coats, Dresses and Winter Millinery. These prices will do it—take advantage of this unusual opportunity.

- Any Coat in Our House 1-2 Price Plus **\$1.00**
- Two Dresses of the same value for the price of one Dress, plus **\$1.00**
- All Winter Millinery **ONE-HALF PRICE**

NEW SPRING MILLINERY

We will receive Friday 85 New Spring Hats, salesman's samples, no two hats alike. These Hats are the new advance Spring Hats, bought from our traveling salesman for 33 1-3 per cent discount.

We will pass this on to our customers. These Hats are all in good shape and are better made than regular stock hats. This affords you an unusual opportunity to get a new Spring Hat for \$3.00, \$4.00 and \$5.00 each, and every hat an outstanding Spring style.

OUR BEAUTY SHOPPE ONE OF THE MOST MODERNLY EQUIPPED IN THE WEST.

Expert Operators. All Work Guaranteed.

We don't know of a better Christmas Present than a Permanent Wave **\$10.00 and \$12.50**

We give the Vita Tonic Wave and Marcel, and the Madame Hudson Facial.

A card entitles you to 5 facials for **\$6.00**

Make Your Appointments Early. Phone 232

Mrs. Evelyn Pope Nolner Graduate Operator

Miss Louise Kaigler Experienced Operator

Courtney Hunt & Co.

HASKELL, TEXAS

GIFTS OF JEWELRY




For Hearts Desire

WE HAVE gorgeous articles — sparkling diamonds, platinum settings, delicately wrought gold — art worked into precious stones and metals—all special in our holiday offering.

- Dinner Rings
- Strap Watches
- Wrist Watches
- Mesh Bags
- Many Other Appropriate Gifts

GIFTS THAT LAST

Oates Drug Store

"ON THE SAME OLD CORNER"




HE HAD FOUND THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS

OVER Judah's hills the Star shone resplendent. The ancients believed that stars were windows through which God disclosed a glimpse of the shining glory of heaven. They regarded the stars as guides and when the stars could not be seen it was a token of impending danger. On the first Christmas Eve a star shone. Kepler, the noted astronomer, calculated that conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn took place. The star attracted the attention of three wise men who followed it. Tradition holds that they were three kings and "in one of the cathedrals of Europe can be found their skulls, each adorned with a jeweled crown." Another tradition says they were three sultans, representing the three great families of the earth. They came from the East, perhaps from faraway Arabia. They brought costly presents with them. The first held in his hand a casket of gold; the second, frankincense, and the third, myrrh. Some persons have seen in this three-fold gift a beautiful symbolism; the myrrh having been offered to a mortal, the gold to a king, and the frankincense to a God.

Tradition tells us of a Roman prince who, while feasting in his palace on Christmas Eve, heard a rap at the window. Looking toward it he saw a beautiful face of a little child, and then heard a voice which, like music, whispered, "The Christ Child is hungry." Angered at the interruption, the prince commanded his soldiers to drive the child away and immediately the food upon his table turned to sand. Again he heard the voice, "The Christ child is cold." The soldiers drove the child away once more. At the same time the fire upon the hearth turned to darkness and the cold of winter dispelled the warmth of the palace. The selfish heart of the prince melted. He commanded his soldiers to search for the child. Presently they brought the child, together with other hungry children, to the palace. Henceforth his table was their table, his palace their home. The prince had found the joy of Christmas by first giving it to others.

The hunger of the race is three-fold for food, truth, and God. These hungers are satisfied not by hanging all our gifts upon our own Christmas tree, but by sharing with those less fortunate than ourselves the blessings of life.—Leonard A. Barrett. (© 1927, Western Newspaper Union.)

THE GIRL, THE BANK, AND HER CHRISTMAS

"YES, man, overdrawn. Well, I believe the check was one hundred and twenty. You will make it good? Yes, right away, if you please." The receiver was replaced on the hook by Mr. Reid, vice president of the Valor County Trust and Savings bank. The clerk in the cage alongside of the vice president's office, although apparently busy attending a client's wants, had overheard the conversation. When the account had been entered, he turned to Mr. Reid. "Isn't that girl you just talked with the one who makes weekly visits here to get money? She wears a bluish ensemble which matches the blue in her eyes exactly, and—"

"Yes, Frank. My, but you are observing and may I add, that your memory does not fail you. It seems, or rather she tells me, she wrote this check a month or so ago and thought it had been cashed, so now has overdrawn her account. She hasn't quite enough to cover the check, and she doesn't want to part with the amount she has, for she tells me that will spoil her plans for Christmas presents. So there you are."

Frank said no more but fell to figuring with pencil and paper. A few moments later, "Mr. Reid, I'll cover that check."

Christmas Eve Frank sat in his room reading his paper when the telephone rang.

"Mr. Sweet? This is Miss Johnson. It has taken me all this time to extract a statement from Mr. Reid as to who so kindly honored my check. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for making my Christmas."

Frank gasped, gulped—

"Now, don't you think it would be possible for you to take dinner with us tomorrow? It will be rather lonely to eat Christmas dinner in a restaurant."

Frank's head reeled. "Yes, thank you, most certainly. Merry Christmas until tomorrow."—Eleanor E. King. (© 1927, Western Newspaper Union.)

Oldest Feast Period

As a time of feasting the Christmas period is one of the oldest in the calendar. The ancient sun worshippers probably started it with their celebrations and rejoicing over the return of the sun, signifying the beginning of winter.—Capper's Week

TOY TEA

Beautifully lithographed dishes—bright Christmas designs. Each as celebrated in the Puritan fathers' use at Plymouth.

9 pieces 25c
12 pieces 35c

CHRISTMAS GIVIN'

By AUNT AGGIE
Oklahoma A. and M. College

SOMETIMES I wonder about Christmas, as folks observe it now—
The give an' take o' presents, like swappin', it seems, somehow—
An' I can't help doubtin', a little, though it ain't fer me to say,
If he whose birth it remembers approves o' the modern way.

Of course it's nice an' pretty, all holly an' mistletoe,
With handies tied in ribbons an' greetings 'fin' so;
But what sets me a-thinkin', in a sort o' do-sertal fear,
Is whether exchangin' presents is more'n a selfish cheer.

There wa'n't no thought o' better, or gifts with strings to them,
When Christ was sent to us, back there in Bethlehem.
The comfort still is in fallerin' the example from above.
The spirit o' that first Christmas was pure an' simple love.

At Christmas Time

AT CHRISTMAS TIME Bethlehem is the famous capital of all the earth. Then, the star of Bethlehem outranks all the flaming constellations. Then angels and archangels crowd the sky and fill the night with chants and praise. Then the shepherds come to seek for Mary's child. Wise men come, with gold for a new-born king—with frankincense for the high-priest of all the ages and with myrrh for the sacrificial lamb. At Christmas time the manger is a sacred shrine and the swaddled babe is king of all the earth—Christmas the greatest day of all the year.—William L. Gaston. (© 1927, by Western Newspaper Union.)

Ain't It So!



"What are men's fashions coming to next?"
"Lord knows! What do you think of a guy that wears red knickers?"
"Well, who in the world does that?"
"Santa Claus."

Several Santas

There are several Santas, including Kris Kringle and St. Nick or Nicholas. The original St. Nick was a bishop who is said to have lived to take part in the historic Council of Nice. This is disputed by historians, but he certainly lived prior to the reign of Justinian, in whose time several churches in Constantinople were dedicated to St. Nicholas.—Capper's Week

MERRY CHRISTMAS AT THE POOR FARM

MRS. BRIGGS sat at the window looking out at the snow. Mrs. Fenn sat at the opposite window.

"Mrs. Fenn," said Mrs. Briggs, "did you always have a turkey for Christmas?"
Mrs. Fenn sighed. "Yes, we always had a big one, an' I used to say nobody on earth could roast a turkey better or make better stuffin' than I could. We always had a tree, too."

"So did we," said Mrs. Briggs, "till Emmy died, then we got clear out of the notion. Christmas ain't no fun without a chick or a child to fix for."

The door opened and in came Mrs. Murphy. "Girls," she said, "there's the sweetest little boy in the hospital. He's an orphan; he broke his leg an' they bring him here last night. An' when I was cleanin' in there just now he sez to me, 'Will Santa Claus come to the poor farm tonight?' I sez: 'Sure Mike.'"

"What a pity," sighed Mrs. Fenn. "Shame on yourself," cried Mrs. Murphy. "We got to make Christmas fur him."

"I got a red petticoat—It's too full," said Mrs. Briggs. "I could make him some mittens."

"Grand!" said Mrs. Murphy. "Who wouldn't be pleased with red mittens! Now you be thinkin' an' I'll come back."

In about twenty minutes she returned bearing some cedar boughs. "I thought we'd tie them together an' have a tree. Old Mr. Gates is goin' to town an' he's gonna buy four candles at the tin-cint store."

"Then he can get a bag of marbles and a horn," cried Mrs. Fenn; "I got twenty cents."

"Grand," said Mrs. Murphy. "An' here is four ears of popcorn for the gardsire jest give me. Miss Fenn, you pop 'em an' we'll string it for the tree."

The next night Mrs. Briggs and Mrs. Fenn were sitting at their accustomed windows.

"He even liked the mittens," said Mrs. Briggs.
"Jest as well as he did the horn and marbles," replied Mrs. Fenn generously.
"Wasn't it hignant to have ol' Mr. Hogan with his white whiskers for Santa Claus?"
"An' when you rung the dinner bell er' said 'Whoo, you reindeers,' I could have died a-laffin'!"
"An' wasn't he tree pretty?"
"And wasn't he sweet when he said Merry Christmas!"—Jane Roth.

Shake!



"I don't like the Christmas gifts I get."
"And I don't get the Christmas gifts I like."

The Yuletide

Christmas, the season for the renewal of old friendships, for the forgetting of differences, for the expression of good will and kindness, is here

Christmas

by W.H. PIERCE

'TIS a long, weary road, filled with joy and with sorrow,
The road between Yesterday and Tomorrow;
And the high-lights that shine through the mists of the past
With a gleam that will glow while my mem'ry shall last
Are the wraiths of the Christmases strung through the years,
That are called to the heart through smiles mingled with tears.

There's the great oaken hall at my grandfather's manse,
With its broad flaming fireplace where flame fairies dance;
There's the mistletoe hung near the great carved door,
And twinkling feet flash o'er the smooth gleaming floor;
There's the long oaken table, so lavishly spread,
With grandsire enthroned at his place at the head.

And the rays of the soft mellow candle-light shine
On each loved, loving face as I glance down the line,
And they come to me now as they were on that day,
And I reckon not of years that have faded away,
As they were to me then, they are still in my heart,
For Time and his scythe in this scene have no part.

It is deep in the cloisters where memories dwell
That the heart has its tales of affection to tell;
And though Christmas comes now just as it did then,
It is not the same day that it was to me when
I could stand as a child at my grandfather's knee
And gaze at the blaze on the great Christmas tree.



© 1927, Western Newspaper Union

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.

ANNOUNCEMENT!

We have purchased the Texas Filling Station on Depot Street and will have charge of same in the future. We earnestly solicit the patronage of all the old customers and extend a cordial invitation of others to visit us.

We are installing new pumps, and will continue to handle the well known Texaco Products, with a complete line of Gasings, Tubes, and auto accessories.

Storage by the day, week or month

WE VULCANIZE AND PATCH INNER TUBES AND CAN CHANGE YOUR TIRE WHILE YOU WAIT.

TEXAS FILLING STATION

B. T. BONDS, Prop. PHONE 351

December 16th is the date for the FENESTON LODGE DANCE. "Laughing Cure." High School Auditorium is the place. Come! Come!
Only Government Inspected A Dairy between Abilene and Wichita Falls. Also Poultry Farm. Daily delivery. Fresh Butter. Yard Quick Service. Ring 362F13.



EXTRA! EXTRA! NEWS from the POLITICS! for 1928

Next year, of all years, you will need the best. A President, United States Senator, Governor and other State officials will be elected.

SUBSCRIBE FOR THE FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM and Fort Worth Herald

BARGAIN DAYS ARE HERE!

Daily With Sunday Seven Days a Week \$7.45
Daily Only Six Days a Week \$5.95
Rates in Texas Oklahoma and New Mexico

Regular Price \$10.00 You Save \$2.55
Regular Price \$8.00 You Save \$2.05

The greatest news service ever gathered together by a Southern newspaper—24-hour triple wire Associated Press Service, incomparable Market Reports—with editions based on train departures from Fort Worth insuring the LAST news FIRST.
Remember, when you subscribe this Fall to select a newspaper that will give entire satisfaction to you and your family.
ORDER AT THIS OFFICE
FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM and Fort Worth Herald
AMON G. CARTER, President.

SPECIAL BARGAIN OFFER
The Abilene Morning News
Published By The Reporter Publishing Co.

\$4.70
ONE YEAR BY MAIL INCLUDING SUNDAYS

LESS THAN ONE CENT AND A HALF PER DAY
"WEST TEXAS' OWN NEWSPAPER"

Published At 3:00 A. M. and Reaches You First With THE LATEST NEWS
—Associated Press—Day and Night Leased Wire,
—Universal Service—Night Leased Wire.
—A Page of Comics Every Day.
—3 Pages of Comics On Sunday.
—3 Page Sunday Magazine Section.

This \$4.70 Offer Expires December 31st, 1927
SUBSCRIPTIONS ACCEPTED AT THIS OFFICE



YES! According to 11,105 written opinions from Doctors

WHAT is the quality that Lawrence Tibbett, David Warfield, Nazimova, William Collier, Florence Easton, Mary Boland, Sophie Tucker and other famous singers, actors, broadcasters and public speakers have found that makes LUCKY STRIKES delightful and of no possible injury to their voices?

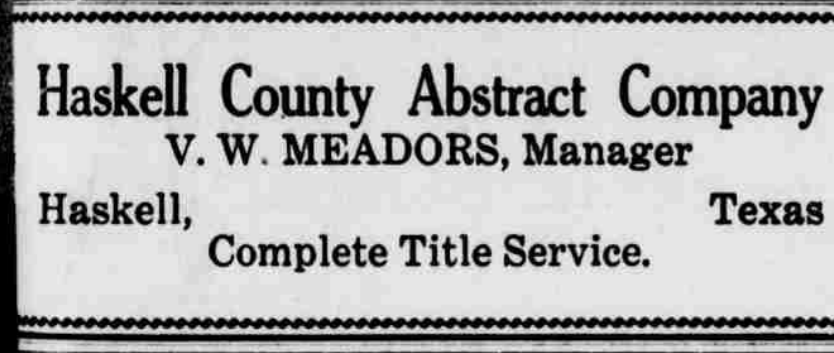
For the answer we turned to medical men and asked them this question:

Do you think from your experience with LUCKY STRIKE cigarettes that they are less irritating to sensitive or tender throats than other cigarettes, whatever the reason?

11,105 doctors answered this question "YES."

These figures represent the opinion and experience of doctors, those whose business it is to know.

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



MADE OF THE CREAM OF THE TOBACCO CROP. We hereby certify that we have examined 11,105 signed cards confirming the above statement.

Haskell County Abstract Company V. W. MEADORS, Manager Haskell, Texas Complete Title Service.

WAGON TANKS Corrugated Wagon Tanks in stock, also Stock Tubs, Tanks, Windmills, Piping, Pipe Fittings. We can take care of your water problem.

JONES & SON

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 P. 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 1-2 of the S. E. 1-4 of Section No. 37 of the Wise County School land patented to the School Commissioners of Wise County, Texas, June the 25th, 1853 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 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 26 day of November, A. D. 1927.

NEW OPPORTUNITY TO ENTER THE AUTOMOBILE BUSINESS

One of the world's largest and oldest automobile manufacturers is establishing dealers to sell a new six-cylinder model car which will cost at

\$795 f.o.b. factory

Other models of this same manufacturer range in price up to \$2450. They will all be available to the dealers who handle this new popular priced car.

In communities of small size, however, you need contract only for the fast-selling low-priced model.

Practically no capital needed to Start Business

A contract has been worked out to enable dealers to get started representing this new car with hardly any investment.

Sliding scale of commission increases from the base figure if the dealer maintains a demonstrator, handles trade-ins, and maintains a service station.

It is not necessary to do any one of these things at the start, but they may be added one by one as time elapses and profits will thereby be increased.

No such favorable franchise has ever before been offered by any manufacturer

If you believe that you have the ability to sell in your community an automobile that is destined to be the sensation of 1928—a closed car that will offer for \$795 a beautiful exterior, lacquered in the latest fashionable shades, an interior luxuriously upholstered, arm rests, ash receiver, gasoline gauge on the dash, coincidental lock to steering and ignition, steering wheel control of twin-beam headlights, rear vision mirror, automatic windshield cleaner, and similar refinements—proved power to maintain high speed indefinitely—quality construction throughout—if you are able to sell such a car in your community, send in the attached coupon at once.

Room 2615, 310 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Send further particulars on the franchise for the new \$795 six-cylinder car you are advertising.

Name _____ State _____

City _____ State _____

Present Business (If selling cars now, state makes) _____

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 1-2 of the S. E. 1-4 of Section No. 37 of the Wise County School land patented to the School Commissioners of Wise County, Texas, June the 25th, 1853 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 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 26 day of November, A. D. 1927.

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

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. 518, 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 30th day of November, A. D. 1927.

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

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

Herein Fail Not, but have you before said Court, on the said first day of 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, this 1st day of December A. D. 1927 (Seal) Emory Menefee, Clerk County Court Haskell County, Texas By E. R. Wilson, Deputy.

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, 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.

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

Emory Menefee, Clerk County Court Haskell County, Texas

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.

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

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

Herein Fail Not, but have you before said Court, on the said first day of 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, this 1st day of December A. D. 1927 (Seal) Emory Menefee, Clerk County Court Haskell County, Texas By E. R. Wilson, Deputy.

MARRIAGE LICENSE ISSUED DURING THE PAST MONTH

The following marriage licenses were issued by the County Clerk during the month of November:

Clifford Briggs and Miss Ruby Rice.

Floyd Maxwell and Miss Sylvia Newton.

Forrester Lee Stewart and Miss Viola Grace Robertson.

Robert H. Wyatt and Miss Nannie A. Taylor.

C. L. Burt and Miss Velma Strickland.

W. V. Jones and Miss Cora Lee Sanders.

Johnnie Wedeking and Miss Ruby Pannell.

Hubert Nollner and Miss Evelyn Pope.

B. D. Garrett and Miss Aline Vickers.

O. J. Newlin and Miss Caroline West.

Acie Kellum and Miss Carrie Mae Brigham.

Frank Griffith and Miss Ora Henderson.

Thomas Morris and Miss Vernice Mills.

Mat Failer and Miss Evelyn Jenkins.

Alfred Force and Miss Willie Roberts.

Marvin Wheatley and Miss Reba Dinsmore.

Alvin W. Irwin and Miss Ruth Josie.

Frank Batson and Miss Ola Smith.

Noble Henry and Miss Lillie Fraley.

Lester W. Quicksall and Miss Grace Casleberry.

H. C. Mays and Miss Edrie Patton.

Joe Parsons and Miss Edna Conner.

Porter Sumrall and Miss Fay Woodson.

Dunward Rutland and Miss Johnnie Tysinger.

Mack Fitzgerald and Miss Annie Murphy.

Homer H. West and Miss Mamie B. Parsons.

Roy D. Bishop and Miss Marcine McCully.

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.

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

Emory Menefee, Clerk County Court Haskell County, Texas

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.

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

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

Herein Fail Not, but have you before said Court, on the said first day of 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, this 1st day of December A. D. 1927 (Seal) Emory Menefee, Clerk County Court Haskell County, Texas By E. R. Wilson, Deputy.

MARRIAGE LICENSE ISSUED DURING THE PAST MONTH

The following marriage licenses were issued by the County Clerk during the month of November:

Clifford Briggs and Miss Ruby Rice.

Floyd Maxwell and Miss Sylvia Newton.

Forrester Lee Stewart and Miss Viola Grace Robertson.

Robert H. Wyatt and Miss Nannie A. Taylor.

C. L. Burt and Miss Velma Strickland.

W. V. Jones and Miss Cora Lee Sanders.

Johnnie Wedeking and Miss Ruby Pannell.

Hubert Nollner and Miss Evelyn Pope.

B. D. Garrett and Miss Aline Vickers.

O. J. Newlin and Miss Caroline West.

Acie Kellum and Miss Carrie Mae Brigham.

Frank Griffith and Miss Ora Henderson.

Thomas Morris and Miss Vernice Mills.

Mat Failer and Miss Evelyn Jenkins.

Alfred Force and Miss Willie Roberts.

Marvin Wheatley and Miss Reba Dinsmore.

Alvin W. Irwin and Miss Ruth Josie.

Frank Batson and Miss Ola Smith.

Noble Henry and Miss Lillie Fraley.

Lester W. Quicksall and Miss Grace Casleberry.

H. C. Mays and Miss Edrie Patton.

Joe Parsons and Miss Edna Conner.

Porter Sumrall and Miss Fay Woodson.

Dunward Rutland and Miss Johnnie Tysinger.

Mack Fitzgerald and Miss Annie Murphy.

Homer H. West and Miss Mamie B. Parsons.

Roy D. Bishop and Miss Marcine McCully.

COMING ABILE Dr. MELLENTHIN SPECIALIST in Internal Medicine for the past fifteen years DOES NOT OPERATE Will be at GRACE HOTEL FRI. AND SAT. DEC. 16 AND 17 Office Hours: 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. TWO DAYS ONLY No Charge for Consultation

Dr. Mellenthin is a regular graduate in medicine and surgery and is licensed by the state of Texas. He does not operate for chronic appendicitis, gall stones, ulcers of stomach, tonsils or adenoids.

He has to his credit wonderful results in diseases of the stomach, liver, bowels, blood, skin, nerves, heart, kidney, bladder, bed wetting, catarrh, weak lungs, rheumatism, sciatica, leg ulcers and rectal ailments.

Below are the names of a few of his many satisfied patients in Texas who have been treated for one of the above named causes:

- Mrs. J. H. Sonntag, Frisco. Mrs. T. H. Schmalriede, McGregor. Mrs. Will Seelig, Haskell. Mrs. Sam Wilson, Brownwood. Mrs. Loren L. Wright, Abilene. Mrs. P. W. Rossell, Palestine. Robert Hoffman, Yorktown. Emil Muchi, Seguin. Remember above date, that consultation on this trip will be free and that his treatment is different. Married women must be accompanied by their husbands. Address: 211 Bradbury Bldg., Los Angeles, California.

In Memory of a Loved One Who Has Departed This Life.

Mr. Emory Mayfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Mayfield of the Cottonwood community, was born in Denton county, Texas in 1856 and was 31 years, and 4 months old when he died Nov. 16th, 1927. He was a member of the Baptist Church and was married to Miss Annve Rhea Mathison on May 4, 1918. To this union two children were born.

Emory was a model young man, a christian gentleman, a loving father and an affectionate husband. He is survived by his wife, two children, father and mother and a brother and seven sisters and a host of friends who mourn his early demise. May the loving hand that called this loved one from time to Eternity watch over and guide those who are left behind, and when the time comes for them to leave this sinful world may they too fall asleep in Jesus as sweetly as he. He was conscious of death and talked about it just before he passed away. Yes dear parents, we believe that he saw the angels beckoning to him to come. While we grieve and mourn because of his departure we have the sweet assurance that his happy soul is basking in the sun-light of God's eternal glory and will sing forever around the throne.

"A precious one from us has gone, A voice we love is still, A place is vacant in our home That never can be filled, O, yes, that voice is stilled on earth, But, O! how sweet to know, It is heard among the angel band Where there is no pain or woe. But O! our hearts are broken, We cannot help but weep, To know that he lies buried Beneath the sod, so dark and deep. You cannot know how we miss him, Our home is not the same, But we know that our sad loss Is Heaven's happy gain, Now his spirit is sweetly resting, In the home beyond the skies, Where there is no pain and suffering, No more tears, nor sad good-bye. Darling one, we will meet you, Some sweet day we know not when, Up in Heaven be reunited, Never more to part again."

—Mrs. W. F. Weaver.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE ROBE COMMUNITY

- Mr. and Mrs. Amos Patterson visited in this community Tuesday night.
- Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Phillips and Miss Lillie Cloer went to Abilene Tuesday.
- Mr. Frank Patterson has spent the past week at Post City with a crowd on a wolf hunt.
- Mr. and Mrs. Frank Elmore of Howard visited Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Payne Tuesday.
- Mr. and Mrs. Slover Bledsoe of Cottonwood visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Patterson this week end.
- Mrs. W. H. Russell is spending a month with her daughter, Mrs. White at Floresville, Texas.
- Sunday School was re-organized at Rose last Sunday. Mr. Jim Henshaw was elected superintendent; Mr. H. F. Thompson, assistant; Miss Teria Patterson, secretary; Miss Gibson, Mrs. Thompson, Miss Lillie Cloer and Miss Vera Walker, teachers.
- The Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. J. A. Newby last Friday. Preaching and Sunday School were well attended here Sunday.
- Mr. Josh Cloer has repaired and painted his residence.

Dreaded Aches, PAINS Disappeared. My health had been poor for ten years, before I took Cardui, says Mrs. Anna Cronin, of Rockport, Ind. I was lifeless and no account. I dragged around day after day, every move an effort, and never feeling the joy of being well. "At times, I had a dreaded ache across my back, and my sides hurt me. I worked along, sometimes hardly able to leave my bed, but the demands of a growing family had to be attended to so I would get up, do what was absolutely necessary, and then lie down again. "One day, someone suggested Cardui to me. I took it for several months, and at the time I was growing stronger, and less nervous. My aches and pains finally disappeared. "That was two years ago. My improvement has been permanent. The good health, which followed the taking of Cardui, is still with me, so I do not hesitate to recommend it to my friends."

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

A SOLID FINANCIAL FOUNDATION Through its ample resources, modern service and close personal knowledge of the needs of this community, this bank aids every customer in building a solid foundation—without which, success in any line of endeavor is impossible. "Ask Our Customers" THE HASKELL NATIONAL BANK The Old Reliable Since 1890 Capital and Surplus \$100,000.00 OFFICERS: Mrs. M. S. Pierson, President, Hardy Grissom, Vice-Pres., 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. Waldrop, J. W. Gholson.

PINKERTON DAIRY MEETS CLASS A REQUIREMENTS

The Pinkerton Lodge Dairy, located half way between Haskell and Rule near the residence of the proprietor, Mr. T. A. Pinkerton, meets all government requirements for a Class A dairy. The large dairy house centers a well fenced square of ground where no cat, dog, stock nor poultry are allowed, except the milk cows during the milking period, both morning and night. The ground and dairy house are kept scientifically clean all of the time. The cows are milked at five o'clock sharp, both morning and evening. The Pinkerton Lodge Dairy is government inspected and tagged in every particular. The dairy hands wear the regulation white suits. When they enter the Dairy House the first thing they do is to disinfect their hands and shoes. Then they wash the cows with three waters, the first contains a washing powder, the second is clear rinsing water, the third is the government approved B. K. water. Then the cows, which wear tags in their ears signifying that they have passed all government tests are quickly milked by the helpers who also have been examined for tubercular germs or other diseases. The milking is done in what is termed closed vessels. Each cow's milk is then taken to a well equipped milk room, weighed and run through a separator. Two especially interesting facts about the separator are first, the comparison in the large stream of milk to the tiny ribbon of pure cream, the second was the foreign matter that found its way into the refuse cream after the above extremely careful manner of handling the milk. Again the dairy hands go through the same process of washing all vessels and the house itself with disinfectant water before leaving it for the next milking. Each cow's feed is weighed at each milking and the result placed on a large card-board for the inspector to see any time that he calls. The cream is churned only in the morning and the butter is sent direct to the customers fresh and sweet. The entire plant is electrically lighted. It is well worth any one's time to drive out to the Pinkerton Lodge Dairy at five o'clock any afternoon and see that splendid group of dairy cows being milked in the manner as described in this article.

T. C. U. HOMECOMING WONDERFUL SUCCESS

The Homecoming Day, November 24th promoted by the Alumni and Ex-Students Association of Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, was in the language of the President, Mr. M. E. Daniel of Breckenridge, Texas, a howling success. More than four thousand ex-students were present. It is the wish of that organization that another such Homecoming shall be enjoyed next year with the remaining six thousand Exes present. The addresses of many of the ex-students and present names of former co-eds are unknown to the Alumni Association and an effort is being made by that organization to establish a complete and correct list of its membership. Ex-students and Alumni who have changed their addresses and women members who have since changed their names by marriage are asked to mail this information to The Acting Secretary of the Alumni Association, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Tex. Anyone knowing the whereabouts or present names of the following Alumni and Ex-students who have moved since they left school is asked to notify the Association. Alumni and ex-students from Haskell, Texas, are as follows: John Oates, Earl Odell, Lela Odell, Roy Shook, M. O. Shook, Caleb Frederick Terrell, Miss Franke Terrell, Calvin Wilfong, Kathleen Wilfong, H. G. Williams, Louis Wallace Fields, Clyde Grissom, Ernest Grissom, Hardy Grissom, Pearl Grissom, Gladys Huckabee, Laura Huckabee, Werther Bowen Long, Jennie Vic Mculloch, Frank Baldwin, M. Preston Baldwin, Miss Tommie Boone, Clara Pink Bryant, Grace Barlow, Elizabeth Baldwin, John Darrell Boren, Mary Clifton, Artie Bell Cummins, Irvie Foote, Anita Grissom, Frances Grissom, Madeline Hunt, Mary Lee Pinkerton, Helen Shook, Mildred Shook, Geo. H. Morrison and wife.

RULE CITIZEN ENBAKES IN THE CHICKEN BUSINESS

F. M. Jackson of Rule began in the chicken business on a small scale and has made a success from his experiment. He is assisted by his wife and daughter, Miss Augusta, who takes a lively interest and are helping their husband and father make a success. They purchased from the various breeders over the surrounding country eggs from which they hatched with their own incubator 1,400 baby chicks and raised about 1,300 of the lot, which was a wonderful success for their first experience. They have sold down to about 450 pullets which they are keeping for egg production. They expect to begin in the near future with the pure bred Plymouth Rocks and expect to buy some of the very best birds in the states to establish their yards. Mr. and Mrs. Hallie Chapman of Roberts were in the city Saturday shopping. Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bland of Sayles were shopping in the city Saturday. G. L. Walker of the Gauntt community was in the city Saturday and while here gave us the price of the Free Press and Wichita Times. He is an enthusiastic reader of the Free Press and makes a saving by getting all his papers through this office. Thanks, Bro. Walker. Lawson Bailey of the Weaver community was in the city Saturday and renewed his subscription to the Free Press for a year. He is one of our appreciated readers and his kind remembrance at this time was gladly received. B. M. Perdue of the Midway community, who is just completing a nice new home on his excellent farm renewed for the Free Press and the Wichita Daily Times while in the city Saturday. Thanks. Mr. and Mrs. Travis Arbuckle, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Lebo, Frank Falwell and F. L. Daugherty attended the Shrine Ceremony in Wichita Falls last week. Mr. Lebo made the trip across the desert and he reported the sands were sure hot. Mr. and Mrs. Paris Trimmer of Howard were shopping in the city Saturday. Mrs. S. E. Cethron of Roberts was in the city Saturday shopping. M. F. Spurlock recently returned from Spur. He reports cotton conditions as about the same as it is in this section. He believes that the picking is just about the same stage of the game all along the line. He states that cotton is picked as closely in the sections he visited as it is in Haskell county and when we are through picking here they will be through out there. Mr. Spurlock is manager of the Harrison-Spurlock Gin Company of this city and as he is interested in cotton he noted the conditions closely. J. A. Cook, a prosperous farmer of the Weinert section was in the city Friday and set his subscription forward for two years, thanking the management for sending him the paper. We appreciate Mr. Cook on our list of readers. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Adams of Rule Route 1, were shopping in the city Saturday. J. B. Hester and son Luther of Rochester were Haskell visitors Friday. Mrs. G. E. Cearley of west of town left last Friday morning with her son Carl to spend Saturday and Sunday with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Belew of Winters. George Tanner and W. R. Carothers of Rule were business visitors here Saturday morning. Will Chastain and family of Midway were in the city Saturday. C. G. Burson of the Midway community was a business visitor to the city Tuesday and while here he gave us his renewal for the Free Press for the ensuing year. We thank you. H. N. Therwanger of Weinert was in the city Friday on business. Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bruton of east of town were shopping in the city Saturday. E. E. McGregor and family of Needmore, west of O'Brien, were in the city shopping Saturday.

Mrs. S. E. Cethron of Roberts was in the city Saturday shopping. M. F. Spurlock recently returned from Spur. He reports cotton conditions as about the same as it is in this section. He believes that the picking is just about the same stage of the game all along the line. He states that cotton is picked as closely in the sections he visited as it is in Haskell county and when we are through picking here they will be through out there. Mr. Spurlock is manager of the Harrison-Spurlock Gin Company of this city and as he is interested in cotton he noted the conditions closely. J. A. Cook, a prosperous farmer of the Weinert section was in the city Friday and set his subscription forward for two years, thanking the management for sending him the paper. We appreciate Mr. Cook on our list of readers. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Adams of Rule Route 1, were shopping in the city Saturday. J. B. Hester and son Luther of Rochester were Haskell visitors Friday. Mrs. G. E. Cearley of west of town left last Friday morning with her son Carl to spend Saturday and Sunday with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Belew of Winters. George Tanner and W. R. Carothers of Rule were business visitors here Saturday morning. Will Chastain and family of Midway were in the city Saturday. C. G. Burson of the Midway community was a business visitor to the city Tuesday and while here he gave us his renewal for the Free Press for the ensuing year. We thank you. H. N. Therwanger of Weinert was in the city Friday on business. Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bruton of east of town were shopping in the city Saturday. E. E. McGregor and family of Needmore, west of O'Brien, were in the city shopping Saturday.

CLARENCE SAUNDERS
SOLE OWNER OF MY NAME

Owned and Operated by
W. M. MASK
"The Farmer's Friend"
PHONE 96

SPECIALS for Sat. Only

- Peaberry COFFEE, lb. 30c
- Arbuckle's COFFEE lb. 37c
- 25 lb. Sack fine Table SALT 39c
- 4 lb. Sack fine Table SALT 12c
- 50 lb. Block Plain SALT 45c
- 50 lb. Block Sulphur SALT 55c

FREE DEMONSTRATION



McCOLLUM & COUCH
HARDWARE and IMPLEMENTS
Saturday, December 17th

A factory representative will demonstrate the remarkable qualities and many uses for this wonderful new finish, adapted for brush application in a variety of popular colors and stains.

Come in and see how easy it is to apply—how quickly it dries.

Bring in a small article and have it finished free of charge.



"Miss Muffet" Table and Chair Set

Give it the right of way as this 14 1/2 inch high table has a strong ply 15x21 inch wood top. The two chairs are 1-2x8 1/2 inches and 18 inches high, have low backs. All are beautifully finished in turquoise blue enamel and orange striped. A picture of little Miss Muffet of Mother Goose fame forms the table center piece.

\$1.25



AIR RIFLES

Single Shot \$1.00
350-Shot Repeater \$2.00
1000-Shot Repeater \$3.00
Pump Gun \$5.00



MINIATURE FORDSON

Boys know it takes a tractor to run a big farm the right way today. Here's a little Fordson—6 inches long—enamel body. Looks just like its big brother.

50c



TOY TEA SETS

Beautifully lithographed metal dishes—bright colors, artistic designs. Each set in attractive box.

9 pieces 25c
15 pieces 50c



ART VASE LAMP

An exquisite lamp for boudoir, end table, or desk. A lovely hand painted Japanese vase on a black wood base and a gongite shade. 12 inches high. Complete with cord and plug.

\$2.95

Toys



SUGGESTIONS

- No-Break Dolls 25c
- Doll Cradle 50c
- Teddy Bear with voice 50c
- Basket Doll 49c
- Wood Bead Baby Rattles 25c
- Doll Bed \$1.25
- Harmonica—
 - American Ace 25c
 - Marine Band 50c
- Toy Electric Iron—Real—will heat \$1.25
- Aluminum Toy Cooking Utensils 25c
- Toy Gas Range 50c
- China Toy Tea Sets 50c
- Wood Pull Toys 35c
- Fine Paint Set 50c
- Artist Books 10c
- "Boy Builders" Erector Set \$1.00
- Crazy Flivver 60c
- "Sandy Andy" Toys and Games \$1.00
- Ford Sedan 25c
- RUBBER BALLS—**
 - 3 1-2 inch 25c
 - 5 inch 50c
 - 7 inch \$1.00
- "Gilbert" 23-piece Tool Chest \$5.00
- Steam Shovel \$1.00
- Musical Bunny 35c
- 8-unit Tree Outfit \$1.00

A LOAD OF CHRISTMAS CHEER!



WOMEN'S PURE SILK AND RAYON HOSE
In Gift Box

Good hose always make a most acceptable gift. The leg in these hose is extra long—34 inches—and is pure silk and rayon throughout. How has fashion marks, high splined heel and toe—double sole. Choice of season's newest shades. Size 8 1/2 to 10. In gift box.

\$1.00

Stocks of some items are limited. Come early and get exactly what you want. We have it—now!

SUGGESTIONS

- Checker Board 25c
- Domino Sets 25c
- Toy Machine Gun 50c
- Trumpet 25c
- Cornet 50c
- VELOCIPEDES—**
 - 14 inch \$3.50
 - 20 inch \$3.95
 - 24 inch \$4.75
- Steel Wheelbarrow 50c
- Ukelele 25c
- Uncle Sam Watch \$1.25
- Framed Pictures, Famous Paintings, 13x17 \$1.00
- "La Marque" Gift Stationery 25c
- Crib Blanket 36x50 inch \$1.00
- Baby's Toilet Set, made of "Ivorith" 6 pieces \$1.35
- Perfume in Fancy Bottles 35c
- Bradley's Games, 25c, 50c, \$1.
- Photo Frames, 5x7 and 8x10 \$1.00
- Steel Coaster Wagons, 13 1-2 by 32 1-2 inches \$5.95
- Illustrated Story Books 10c-25c
- Handkerchiefs, 3 in box 25c
- Salad Bowls 50c



DRESSED DOLL

Just think—almost 2 ft. high—as big as a real baby. Cries like one! Beautiful modish voile dress, fetching bonnet, panties, socks and fashionable slippers. A darling in every way—sweet and affectionate.

\$1.50



CHILD'S STATIONERY

You've always wanted writing paper all your own. Here's a beautiful big box of 48 sheets and 48 envelopes. The interesting designs in colors on the writing paper are very charming. Good quality linen finish, latest and most popular tints.

25c



SAFETY BLOCKS

Box of 9 25c
Box of 16 50c
Box of 30 \$1.00



MUSICAL TOP

Sings while it spins in a glowing rainbow of colors—fast and furious like a whirling dervish. Long action spring winds easily. Red, yellow and blue. 3 3/4 inch size.

10c



FIBER DOLL CARRIAGE

How proud you will be to have a carriage like this! Closely woven of flat fiber, natural and beautiful color finishes. Adjustable hood makes a perfect sun-shade, and large rubber-tired wheels are almost noiseless. 11 1/2 in. high, 16 1/2 inches long.

\$3.95



NEW BORN BABE

Too cunning for anything with its realistic baby face and baby clothes. Best of all, it has crying voice and moving glass eyes. You'll love it most to death. 8 in. high.

50c



WOOD BEAD DOLL

Baby like something for amusement and that's what this doll provides. Ever ready to entertain baby for mother! Twists and squirms into all sorts of shapes and capers. Bright painted beads on strong cord elastic—6 1/4 inches long.

25c

Fouts & Mitchell

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.

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.

Stockholders Meeting
 Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the FARMERS STATE BANK of Haskell, Texas, will be held in the 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.
 J. B. Post, Cashier.

J. E. Patterson and family of the Open Section were shopping in the city Saturday.
 Martin Arend of Vontress was in the city last Wednesday and while here called to see us. He had just returned from a two weeks trip to South Texas. He says that Haskell county is in better condition than any section he visited while away. Martin is a close observer and knows conditions when he sees them. He is a booster for his home county and is one of our best farmers. He renewed for his home paper while he was in the city. Thanks

Humble Beginning of York's Great Minster
 York minster, erected 1,300 years ago, owes its conception to the passion of an early English king. It was Edwin, the king of Northumbria, whose ardent love for a Christian princess caused him to erect the first minster. Edwin was a pagan then, and Eadwald, king of Kent, refused to sanction a marriage between his sister Ethelburga and Edwin, holding it unlawful for a Christian maiden to be wed to a pagan. However, Edwin's love for the princess ruled his every action and he resolved to become a Christian. History records that they were married while Edwin was still a pagan. Bishop Paulinus, who held great sway at Eadwald's court, did not hide his disapproval of the match, but he was a wise man, and instead of wasting time in idle words he set about the task, with the aid of the new queen, of converting Edwin. On Easter day, 627, Edwin was baptized in a small wooden church called St. Peter the Apostle, and this was the first minster of York. The primitive structure was later enclosed in a stone building at Edwin's request, but before it was completed, the convert was assassinated by Oswald, who became his successor. A Norman cathedral, years after, marked the spot where the first minster stood, and where the present great minster now stands.—London Tit-Bits.

throughout the Atlantic states. The popular belief that Indian summer weather was predicted by the native Indians in conversation with the first European settlers finds no documentary corroboration, and the idea that the term "Indian summer" was employed by the early settlers seems to be a myth. In general, neither this term nor anything corresponding to it is to be found in any Indian language. The term "Indian Summer" in its present usage was introduced into England from America. In 1778 Horace Walpole used the same expression, but he evidently had in mind the intense heats of the midsummer weather in India and the West Indies.

Eminent Domain
 Eminent domain is the right of a government to take private property for public uses without the owner's permission, provided just compensation is given. In this manner land is obtained for parks, post offices, forts and sites used for other public purposes. Governments often confer the right of eminent domain on railroad, telephone and other private companies engaged in callings generally regarded as essential to the public welfare. Eminent domain is based on the principle that an individual's private interests should not be permitted to stand in the way of the interest of the whole community in which he lives.—Exchange.

Habit, Not Instinct, Is Mankind's Ruler
 What a world there is behind that one word habit! If you would get close to human nature, forget all you ever have heard about instincts and throw away your notions about natural bent and predispositions and innate talents and "blood," because man is not that kind of animal. He is a creature of habits—a few bad ones can ruin him for life. Look into habits—find out how they start, how they are formed, how they end, how they may be broken, et cetera, and why some are good and some simply ruinous. Note especially how emotional habits eternally move us this way and that. And before you decide that this boy or that woman never was fitted for this or that role, remember that any one of a dozen bad emotional habits may make success impossible in almost any direction. These habits were made, not born.—George A. Dorsey, in Cosmopolitan.

Tough Job for Mr. Fish
 The pulp for sacrificial parenthood should go to a certain species of catfish. Although the male of this species (Arius-galeichthys) is so constructed that he needs an unusually large amount of food and though he has the accompanying voracious appetite to satisfy it, he fills his mouth with the eggs laid by his mate and carries them until the eggs are hatched. The eggs of this species are unusually large, too, says a scientist writing in the Forum, some of them measuring 17 to 18 millimeters in diameter, so for a fish that reaches even his length of three to four feet, a spawning of such eggs makes a cumbersome mouthful.

Seems to Be Book Surplus
 With 55 miles of books on its shelves, the British museum has to find places for 55,000 more each year, according to an article in Capper's Weekly. "To place new books and newspaper and periodical files, the museum has been building extra swinging tresses and supporting them on the east iron framework of the dome," Capper's Weekly continues. "It has now warned that if more weight is placed on the dome the whole structure may be pulled down. What is the world going to do with its books?"

Not of Indian Origin
 As to the origin of the expression "Indian summer," Mr. Albert Matthews has shown that it does not occur anywhere either in printed books or manuscripts until the year 1794, but at that time it was in use

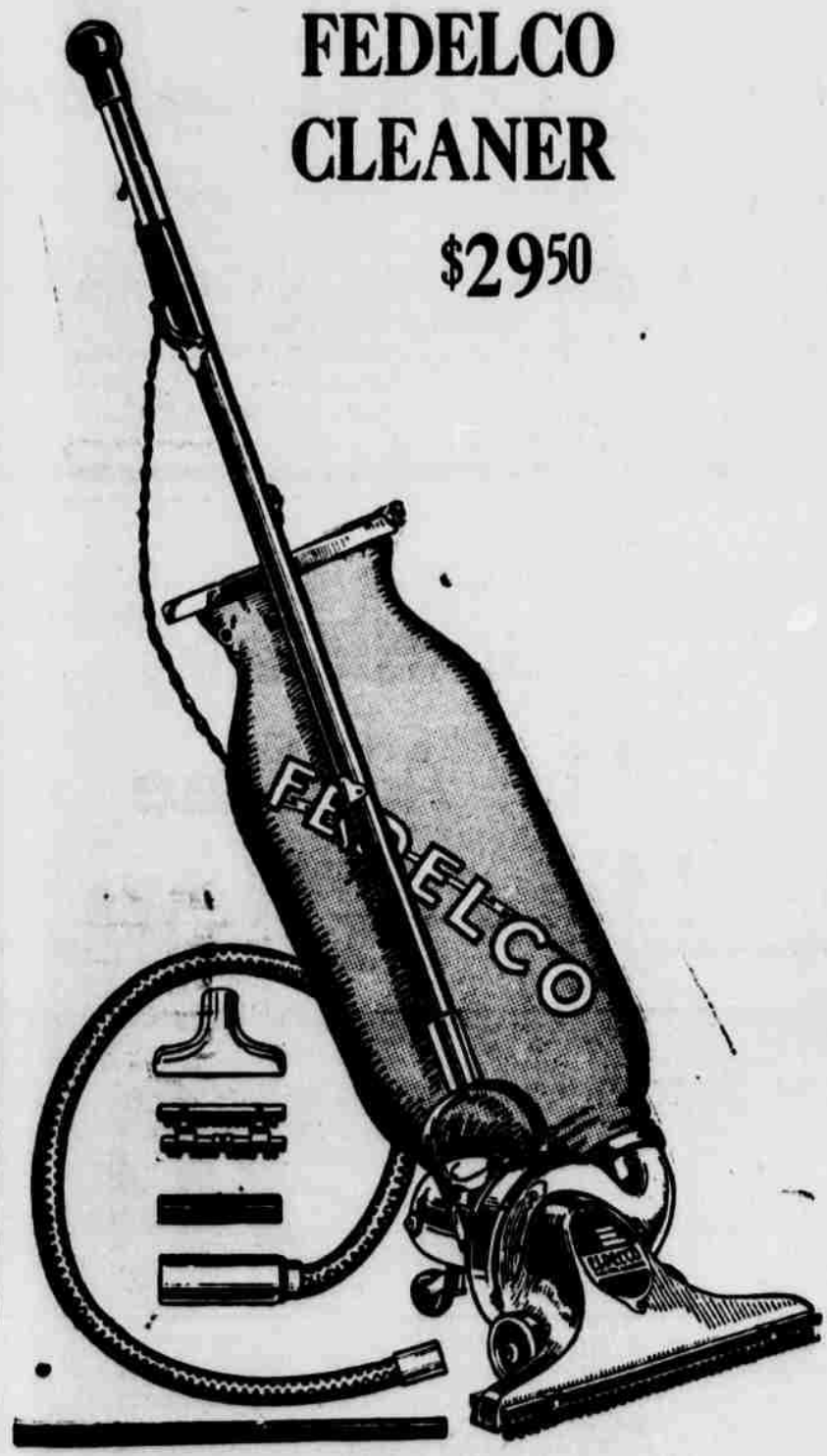
THE CHRISTMAS SEAL
 Despite the fact that all connection between the Red Cross and the Christmas Seal Anti-Tuberculosis Campaign was severed some six years ago, there remains in the public mind a confusion that reasonably might work to the detriment of both the Red Cross local work and the anti-tuberculosis work. The two works are not connected; they are conducted by different organizations, nationally and locally.
 About six years ago, with the growth of activities more strictly in accord with its purpose, the Red Cross found it expedient to turn over the anti-tuberculosis campaign to another organization, the National Tuberculosis Association. That organization has since conducted the annual sale of Christmas Seals which is its sole source of revenue. Like the Red Cross, it has state and county organizations.
 The public should realize that in contributing the "membership dollar" or a larger sum to the Red Cross it is not contributing to the organized fight against tuberculosis.
 It should realize also that by buying Christmas Seals later it is not contributing to the Red Cross. Two separate purposes, each necessary and wholly meritorious, are served by the two organizations and the two campaigns.

J. L. Wright of Midway paid for the Free Press while in the city Friday, for a year in advance and said "Let'er keep coming—we like the Free Press."
 J. M. Ivey of Jud was in the city Friday and while here gave us a check for three dollars for two years subscription. Mr. Ivey is a frequent visitor to our town. He is ex-Commissioner of Precinct One.
 C. M. Overman and family were here last Saturday from their farm home at Vontress.
 Byron Wright of Vontress was in the city Saturday on business.
 R. B. Guess, Commissioner of Precinct Two was in the city on business Saturday.
 John Ivey and family of Dunn, Texas, were here this week visiting relatives and friends. They formerly lived in the Sayles community where they have a host of friends who are glad to welcome them back on their visit. They are Free Press readers and kept posted on the news of Haskell county.
 George Moeller of the Irby community was in the city last Saturday and while here renewed for the Free Press and the Wichita Daily Times. George is a regular reader of the Free Press and gets all of his papers through this office—taking advantage of the saving which we offer to our readers.
 John Jones of Sweetwater, who is connected with the firm of Jones, Cox & Company of this city was here this week visiting friends.



GIVE ELECTRICAL GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS
THEY LAST LONGER

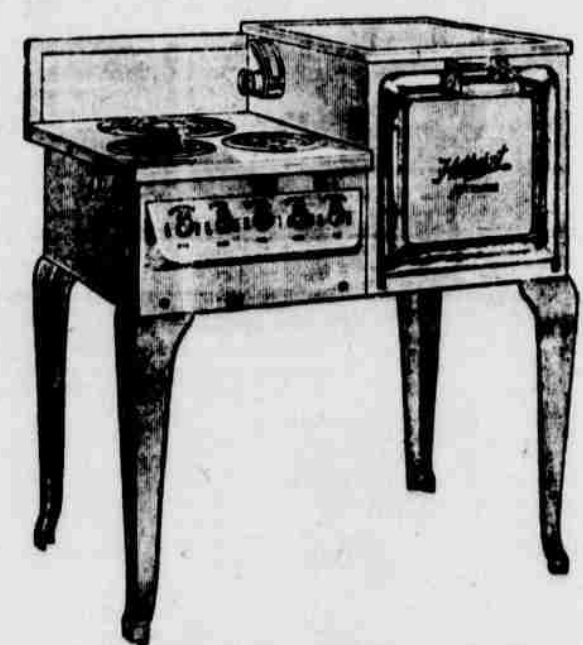
FEDELCO CLEANER
\$2950



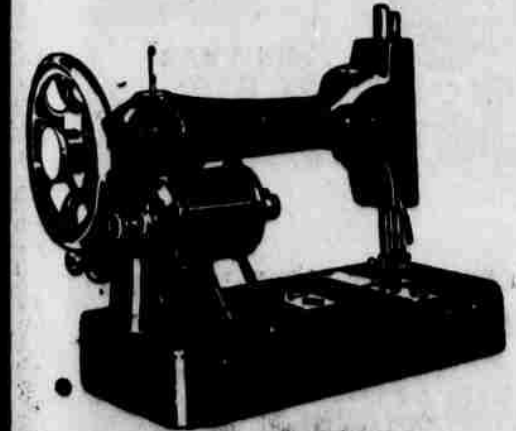
Percolator Sets



Bridge Lamps \$10.50 to \$15.00



What Mother Really Wants \$5. down—18 months to pay.



Electric Sewing Machines \$38.00 to \$90.00

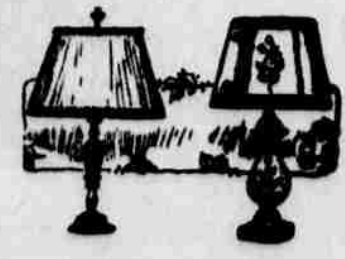


Table Lamps, Irons, Toasters, Curling Irons



Waffle Irons



Lighting Fixtures

West Texas Utilities Company

The New FORD CAR
Will Be Here WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY OF NEXT WEEK
Dec. 21 and 22

Beautiful Body Lines
 Choice of Four Colors
 40-Horsepower Engine
 Four-Wheel Brakes
 Standard Gear Shift
 Hydraulic Shock Absorbers
 20 to 30 Miles per Gallon of Gasoline
 Theft-Proof Lock

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COME IN AND SEE IT
Haskell Motor Company
HASKELL, TEXAS
Phone 229

When HE Comes



Christmas Killarneys by Frances Grinstead

JOSEPH REAGAN had just opened his little florist shop on a morning a few days before Christmas. In his single window were baskets of poinsettia, pots in which Christmas cherries grew, fragrant narcissus that reminded you spring would be here some day, and in the center of the display was a great basket of pink roses.

Joseph, his eyes bright with the light of the Christmas spirit that comes to us at this time, stood con-



tentedly, palms flat on a counter, and looked out at the street.

He saw a boy who might have been sixteen or seventeen, though small for those years. His suit proclaimed its own threadbareness, as well as the boy's thinness, by the way it clung to him. He tried to pull his ragged cap down over ears that were flaming with cold, and Joseph thought he shrunk from putting the worn soles of his shoes against the freezing-cold pavement. But as the boy came opposite the florist's window he sheered inward on the sidewalk to look at the display of those wares that only people who have satisfied their needs in food and clothes can afford to buy.

Joseph noted with pity the pinched features, the look of grim control in the face of one so young. It was the great basket of pink roses that held his attention. Joseph expected to see him turn away with the look of resignation many more prosperous seeming people have when they must pass the temptation of flowers. To his surprise the lad, seeming to settle the worn coat a little more closely on his shoulders, entered the shop briskly. Just inside the door he shivered with delight in the warmth. Joseph saw he had sandy hair and eyes of Irish blue.

"It's freezing he is, the poor boy," Joseph murmured to Katie, "and sure the shop looked friendly."

"And would you like to look at the flowers, young sir?" he bowed to the unpromising customer. "You're welcome to enjoy them all. But maybe you'd like first to warm yourself be-

side the radiator. It being a frosty morning."

"Thank you, I will," the boy stretched numb fingers over the steamy heat after he had taken of his cap in deference to Katie, who watched him sympathetically while she pretended to retie the satin ribbon around a pot of poinsettia. "But I want to buy some roses. Like those in the window."

"Ah, the Killarneys," smiled Joseph. "They are bonny flowers, the Killarneys."

He stepped lightly to the refrigerator at the back of the shop and, taking out a bouquet of the roses, brought them forward for the young man's inspection.

The lad thrust a hand into his pocket. Joseph and Katie saw him put back a nickel and two pennies. The rest he spilled onto the counter, because his hand trembled with cold.

"There's only a dollar and a half," he said. "How many will that buy?"

The florist shook his head. "Not so many of these, son. But let me show you. We have some here we call 'seconds.'"

He retraced his steps and drew forth another bouquet.

"Oh, those are finer yet!" cried the boy.

"They look so," said Joseph fairly, "but they will not last quite so long. They bloomed too soon, for there were not enough people wanting roses yesterday, when they should have been sold."

"I will take those," said the boy of the sandy hair, the glow in his blue eyes seeming to warm his whole body, "but they are to go to a little town east of here. Could you mail them for me to Mrs. R. E. Arnold, at Ladonia?"

Joseph, scribbling slowly on the pad he drew toward him, could only think of the miserable nickel and two pennies he had seen the boy put back in his pocket.

And he thought, "Sure, now, why wouldn't he be sending them to some bonny lass like my Katie instead of a 'Mrs.' This is only some woman who has charmed the lad for pastime, or more like it's some fine lady, his teacher perhaps, would dislike to know he's spent his last money for these."

He overcame a natural hesitation—it was one of his business how the young boys spend their money—and leaned across the counter toward the boy.

"Sure, an' wouldn't it be better now if you took the money across the street there and got yourself a good



breakfast at my friend Timmy O'Mara's? Are you sure you want to send the lady these flowers, and you with only seven cents left to you?"

"Oh, yes," insisted the boy, who with thawing out by the radiator had lost much of his shrunken appearance, "you see, they're for my mother."

"Your mother!" exclaimed Joseph, consulting the memorandum he had made, "Mrs. Arnold. Son, I made sure your name would be Irish."

"And the first of it is. It's Terrence," beamed the sandy-haired lad, "and my mother is Irish. Sure, Killar-

ney means all the romance of the world to her. And how she loves the roses! She says they seem to her like they had souls or the little people was in them. I must send her the roses for Christmas so she will think, do you see, that I am doing well, for I haven't enough money to take me all the way home, like I wanted to go."

"Sure, Terry, you're talking the blarney now yourself," the florist smiled through misty eyes. At the kindness in that voice the boy's head suddenly went down on the counter and he was sobbing with heartbreak.

"Katie, if he's more than fifteen after all!" was Joseph's whispered exclamation before he rounded the counter, to put an arm across the boy's shoulders.

"There now, Terry. Tell me all about it, lad," he urged, and Terry did, snuffling after the deluge of tears.

"So you ran away because the mother wanted you to stay in school. And you're homesick for the little cottage, with the flowerpots inside in winter and in summer the rosebushes green



and blooming. Well, I think we can fix that up. I'll take you over to Timmy O'Mara's restaurant right now. Then we'll see about getting you a ticket home."

The blue eyes of Terrence were bright and he choked on his thanks, "But how'd I pay you again for that? Mother doesn't make much at the sewing and who at home would hire a boy that had run off and left his mother?"

"I don't know who at home would, but I would. For afternoons when school hours are over. It's hard to find boys who love the flowers, isn't it, Katie?"

Katie, suddenly appealed to for conversation, uttered a breathless "yes," but there was an expansive smile of approval with it.

"Your mother might as well sew in the city," the florist went on, "and there's a fine high school where they have classes to teach you about growing flowers."

As Joseph Reagan took his hat from a peg and opened the door, Terry nodded dumbly and the glow in his eyes, though it may have been produced by anticipation of breakfast, was not lessened by the thought of school.

"Shall I mail these roses to Mrs. Arnold, father?" asked Katie.

"No! No! What are you thinking of! Those 'seconds' will be a day older when they reach her. Send the finest Killarneys we have. Didn't you hear him say his mother is an Irish lady? And besides, Terrence is practically a member of the firm now."

(© 1927, Western Newspaper Union.)



Christmas Everywhere

Christmas is celebrated in almost every country in the world, possibly in every land, since our missionaries and travelers have found their way into almost every heathen land, carrying the Christian customs with them—Farm and Ranch.

THE Christmas Burglar

By JAMES J. MONTAGUE
in Missouri Forum

HEAR a rattling in the hall,
The creaking of a chair;
A shadow peeks along the wall,
A cry is heard in the air;
A muffled tread leads to and fro
While, shrieking in the gloom,
I watch and wait, for well I know
A burglar's in the room.

A burglar! Just when Santa Claus
Has scampored up the line
And madly dashed away, because
There's much more work to do!
A burglar, with an eager face
And wide and shining eyes
Just as the sun comes up to chase
The darkness from the skies!

Oh what a reckless burglar this—
A burglar without fear,
Whose rapturous little shrieks of bliss
The household wakes to hear!
Who tumbles bundles all around
And searches stockings through
And cries aloud that he has found
That Santa Claus is true!

He had his doubts but yesterday
His faith began to fall,
He feared the rescuer and the sleigh
Were but a fairy tale;
For someone said—but they were wrong,
The prayed-for toys are here,
The faith that he has held so long,
Still shines, serene and clear.

SERVE NUTS AFTER CHRISTMAS DINNER

FROM the days of our venerable forefathers it has been the custom to close our holiday dinners with nuts. Not only do they balance the more cloying sweetness of plum pudding and hard sauce and after-dinner bon bons, but they represent in themselves the observance of the pleasant-est of old customs.

Many of us have seen on the shelves of confectioners and high-class grocery stores jars and boxes and cans of salted nuts, plump, brown and inviting. We have inquired the price, or even dared to ask timidly for a very small quantity. They were delicious, it's true, but prohibitive in price for the ordinary family.

Happily nuts can be salted and spiced at home, and those best adapted for this use—peanuts and almonds—are not fabulously expensive, bought in quantity and in condition for home treatment.

In purchasing nuts, however, whether shelled or in their shells, insist on being allowed to make sure that they are free from insects and imperfections. Ascertain as well as you can whether they are really fresh. Otherwise your labor will be in vain. If pecans are a favorite in the family, it is best to buy your supply already shelled, for they are difficult to remove. Peanuts bought for home use should be raw. To blanch your holiday nuts, place them in a pan and pour boiling water over them, allowing them to remain in it for two minutes. Then the water is drained away and cold water is run over them until they are cool. The skins should then slip off readily. When they are removed the nuts should be dried with a towel. Occasionally nuts, such as filberts and pistachio nuts, part with their skins rather unwillingly. They will have to take a hot bath of three to five minutes' duration before their coats will come off.

Our "home-made" nuts may be browned on top of the stove, in the oven or in deep frying fat, as is most convenient. Experience, however, has proved that the latter method is by far the most uniformly satisfactory. Good vegetable fat or olive oil is necessary for browning. It must be put in a deep kettle and brought to a heat of 300 degrees. To insure success, a deep fat thermometer should be used. The nuts, thoroughly dry by now, are placed evenly in a layer in the bottom of a frying basket and immersed in the hot fat to fry for two minutes. When a delicate brown they must be removed immediately and placed on a sheet of brown paper or toweling to drain. They should be sprinkled with plenty of table salt and spread out to grow dry and crisp before serving.

If you prefer even browning to the above method, place your blanched nuts in a shallow pan containing fat, put in a 350-degree oven and roast the nuts until delicately brown, stirring them often. For browning on top of the stove a tablespoonful of fat oil is allowed to each cup of nuts. They are distributed evenly over the surface of the pan and fried with constant stirring until they are the right color.

When your nuts are browned you may make a mixture of three-fourths of a teaspoonful of salt, half a teaspoonful each of cinnamon, cloves and allspice to each cupful of nuts and sprinkle the spicy mixture freely over them.—Frank H. Sweet.

(© 1927, Western Newspaper Union.)

P. D. SANDERS

LAND LAWYER

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

JAS. P. KINNARD

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

Office in Pierson Building

Ratliff & Ratliff

ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW

Office in Pierson Building

EARLY DAY PRINTING IN WEST TEXAS

The following article was written by H. B. Martin who was in the printing business here with his brother Oscar Martin in the early days. The article appeared recently in the Amarillo News. Mr. Lockney who is mentioned in the article is said to have established the first Dry Goods Store in Haskell. Amarillo, Texas, Sept. 16, 1927.

To The News:

In the Agricultural building at the Tri-State fair, yesterday I saw a copy of the "Texas Kicker," published at Floydada, in 1890. This paper was established by J. F. Lockney, the founder of the town of Lockney. It was printed on an Army press and the type was made before the "point system" had been introduced in the manufacture of type. It was with this press and type that the first newspaper was established in Throckmorton county, from there it was moved to Haskell county, in 1886, where Oscar Martin established the Haskell Free Press. From Haskell this material was moved to Benjamin Knox County by this writer who established the first newspaper in Knox County in 1887. It was then purchased by Lee Smith, who established the first paper in Stonewall county, at Raynor—there is nothing left of Raynor now except a monumental court house which a few years ago stood all alone on "The Baldies."

This plant was again moved to old Dickens City where it participated in the early affairs of Dickens county. Next it was moved to Floyd county by J. F. Lockney who established the "Texas Kicker." From Floydada it went to Plainview, and I am told it was sold for junk and the original mortgage was paid off before the press was



Arthur Edwards

Optometrist and Jeweler
1st Door North Corner Drug Store
Haskell

CHILDREN'S FATAL DISEASES

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

Gates Drug Store

entirely worn out, which was unusual in those days. To the writer it was like meeting a boy hood friend to see a newspaper that was printed with the very material with which he began his apprenticeship as a printer, and that interest was enhanced by his personal knowledge of the part this old "Army press and out of date type" have played in the development of West Texas. A contemporary of The Kicker once complimented the paper by saying, it was "well edited, but that it looked like it had been printed on a hay press with axle grease for ink and shoe pegs for type." H. B. Martin.

H. J. Hamblen
Flourishing and
Electrical Work
ALL WORK GUARANTEED
Located at Haskell
& Smith Bldg.
Phone 145

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

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

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

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

RULE NATIONAL FARM LOAN ASSOCIATION, RULE, TEXAS

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

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 6½ 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.

for Economical Transportation.

CHEVROLET

USED CARS

with an OK that counts

This Car has been carefully checked and reconditioned where necessary

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



Amazing Values And Easy Terms

Come to our salesroom and inspect our O.K.'d reconditioned cars. We have the car you want at a price that will please you—and our terms are unusually reasonable, with the lowest financing charges available through the General Motors Acceptance Corporation.

The red "O.K." tag is attached to the radiator of every one of our reconditioned cars. It means that the car has been gone over completely by expert mechanics, using genuine parts for all replacements. Look for this tag—and buy with confidence.

Bell-Moore Chevrolet Co.
Haskell, Texas

QUALITY AT A LOW COST

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, it 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.



Body by Fisher

Make this Christmas last for thousands of miles

Buick for 1928 combines exquisite beauty with unmatched get-away, power and handling ease.

Step into our showroom today and select the model which is best suited to your family's needs. Pay on the liberal G. M. A. C. time payment plan. We'll make delivery on Christmas day—or whenever you prefer.

a Buick for Christmas

HARDY MOTOR CO.

BUICK DEALERS STAMFORD

The Christmas Spell

By FOLGER MCKINSEY
in St. Louis Globe-Democrat

A WHISPER in the house,
A rumor through the rooms,
The children quiet as a mouse,
With cheeks as red as blooms,
A titter on the stair,
A smothered laugh, and then
That wonderful and mystic air—
When Christmas comes again,
A slipping in at dusk
With bundles to be hid,
An odor of the cookies' musk
Beneath some closet's lid,
A kindlier grace and glow,
A softer thought and speech,
A dearer wish to grow
In closer love for each,
And this and these—they tell,
They are the deathless sign—
It is the Christmas spell
In your home and in mine.

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

Oates Drug Store

For colds, grip and flu take



Relieves the congestion, prevents complications, and hastens recovery.

WHAT TO MAKE FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

"WHAT shall I make for Christmas?" has puzzled so many children whose means are limited, that a few suggestions should be welcome.

First on the list comes mother, who doubtless would appreciate a needle-book, cut from flannel or any other soft woolen material, with the edges neatly hemmed. The cover may be of colored silk, or the whole may be cut in the outline of a cat, flower or other object.

A boy may prefer to grow a plant in a neighbor's hothouse. Particularly at the Christmas season, when the general aspect is rather gloomy, a flower or fern will find a welcome. The ideal gift for a sick person, a plant is quite as appropriate for one in good health.

Waste baskets are far from a usual gift, and they are always acceptable. Unless one is already skilled in basketry, it would be unwise to attempt weaving one, but heavy cardboard covered with scraps of wall paper may be used. This basket should be square, with a cardboard bottom pasted in. The wide ribbon may be run through slits near the top and tied in a bow at one corner. Sewing wax will also lend distinction, and this form of decoration may be used on wicker baskets as well.

A dainty lingerie perfume which any woman or girl would prize can be made by saving the petals of red roses. These are dried and sprinkled with salt, and should be stirred every morning for about ten days. For two quarts of petals, mix separately quarter ounce each of ground mace, cloves and allspice, half ounce ground cinnamon, two ounces powderedorris root, and quarter pound dried lavender flowers. Any other flowers that retain their fragrance after drying may be added. This mixture (or any other recipe for pot-pourri) is added to the rose petals.

A cupful or more of these dried petals are then tied in a bag of silk or mesh and finished with an artificial flower or any other dainty top. If preferred, smaller ones may be made, containing about half a cupful each. These should be presented in groups of three.—Helen Galsford.

SIGNS YOU CAN BELIEVE IN

If your breath is bad and you have spells of swimming in the head, poor appetite, constipation and a general no-account feeling, it is a sign your liver is torpid. The one really dependable remedy for all disorders in the liver, stomach and bowels is *Herbine*. It acts powerfully on the liver, strengthens digestion, purifies the bowels and restores a fine feeling of energy, vim and cheerfulness. Price 60c. Sold by

Oates Drug Store

Two Christmases

By BOY BLUE

- Green paper dolls
And green paper bills—
Whiffiness of starlight
And hush of white bills—
Bustle and hurry
Go left and to right—
Wise men and shepherd lads
Draping all night—
Gifts of electric trains,
Dolls dressed in fur—
Warm breath of ox and ass,
Incense and merr—
Crowded shops, crushing streets,
What to men seek?
There's a Child, watching,
With tears on His cheek.

The Christmas Tree

According to a German legend, all trees blossomed on Christmas Eve. To make fact agree with legend, small cherry twigs were properly cultivated at home so as to bloom about Christmas time.

Pere Noel in France

Children in France look for the coming of Pere Noel with the same pleasure and impatience as ours do for the coming of Santa Claus.—Farm and Ranch.

Christmas Trust

DURING the Christmas rush in one of America's many towns, not much attention was paid to names on envelopes and packages, but only to addresses, and all those not found at the addresses marked were returned by the carriers to the post office with a "not at this address" written across the top.

They were sorting these out at the main post office when they noticed the name of one which had a "not at this address" across the top.

It was addressed to Santa Claus, and the street number was one before which a Santa Claus had stood during the last holiday season.—Mary Graham Bunker.

(© 1927, Western Newspaper Union.)

CHRISTMAS IN THE APARTMENT HOUSE

JEANETTE KIRBY hurriedly finished dressing and proceeded to tap on the bathroom door and inform her husband, Edwin Kirby, that if he didn't hurry, they'd be late for the Christmas party. Edwin didn't want to go, she knew, but she had insisted, so he acquiesced.

On the other side of the wall, or rather in the other half of the house, dear little Mrs. Whitley paced the floor gowning in a quaint old dress of other days, and a modest little bonnet topped her silver locks. The Union church had promised to call for her by motor to carry her to their annual holiday party and she was very happy as a result.

Thus it was, when the clock sounded the hour of eight, tears flooded the eyes of both women—one because she had been forgotten and the other because her spouse wouldn't hurry. Both women had opened the front doors of their apartments and had stepped out upon the porch. A beautiful snow had begun to cover the ground and Jeanette knew Edwin hated tramping through a snowstorm, while she, herself, loved it. Mrs. Whitley concluded that the young folks of Union church had decided she shouldn't venture out in a snowstorm. Neither woman noticed the other until a low sob escaped the lips of the elder one.

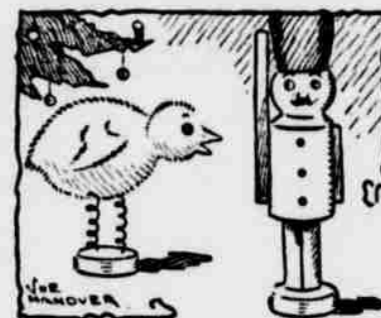
It was but a few moments until the two women had sobbed out their own selfish griefs and had decided to have a Christmas party all their own. Edwin Kirby joined most heartily in their plans and made numerous trips to the basement for canned fruit and potatoes, and to the attic where he found the folded patent Christmas tree, some candles, some red bells and roping, and a huge sack of dry popcorn.

What a party! The Kirbys forgot their differences in making dear Mrs. Whitley happy and, in turn, Mrs. Whitley loved the company of young folks. "Never since pa died, have I had such a wonderful Christmas party," declared Mrs. Whitley, when she bade the happy child-like couple good morning at her door a number of hours afterward.

"Some good must come out of every misunderstanding," thought both women as they closed their eyes in sleep at the end of such a happy Christmas eve.—L. B. Lyons.

(© 1927, Western Newspaper Union.)

Well Satisfied



Wooden Soldier—Don't you wish you were a real chick?
Toy Chick—Not on your life—I'd be too apt to get fried!

Feast in Honor of Christ

The very first evidence of a feast having been held in honor of the birth of Christ was in Egypt, about the year 200.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Furnished by
HASKELL COUNTY ABST. CO.
Haskell, Texas

W. T. York to C. B. Burdine, Mineral Rights on 100 acres, Survey 229, Block 45, H. & T. C. Ry. Co. Consideration \$200.00.

J. T. Hester to J. T. Berryhill, West 100 acres of North 1-2 Survey 206, Block 45, H. & T. C. Ry. Co. Consideration \$7812.50.

F. M. Robertson to T. C. Morrison, Parts Lots 2 and 3, Block 1, Baldwin Addition No. 2 to Haskell, Consideration \$225.00.

Roy Day to L. P. Lackey, 2 acres, Ruthy Campbell Survey, Consideration \$1650.00.

Reynolds Cattle Company to S. S. Kouri, Oil Lease, Survey 102, 103 and 191 acres S. T. Blakeley Survey, Consideration \$10.00.

R. C. Couch to R. L. Edwards, 100 acres D. J. Woodlief Survey, Consideration \$5000.00.

T. G. Cahill et al to J. V. Davis, part Lot 4, Block 3, Robertson & Day addition, Consideration \$350.00.

Leo Bass to R. Hutchens, Lot 1, Block 8, Rochester, Consideration \$35.00.

J. H. Bush to D. M. Guinn, 157.8 acres Survey 7, B. B. & C. Ry. Co. Consideration \$6750.00.

W. H. Carothers to Lonnie B. Hester, 185.24 acres Jos. Korus Survey, Consideration \$16,871.00.

A. W. McGregor to Almeida McLendon, 1.2 interest W. A. O. Wadsworth Survey, Consideration \$5760.00.

W. D. Payne to T. E. Sollock, Lot 10 and North 1-2 9, Block 55, Rule, Consideration \$2000.00.

Adler Edmiston to W. F. Bateman, Assignment Oil Lease 85 acres Survey 50, Block 1, H. & T. C. Ry. Co. Consideration \$1.00.

Adler Edmiston to W. F. Bateman, Assignment Oil Lease, 93 1/4 acres M. Dunn Survey, Consideration \$1.00.

Jno. A. Couch to Albert H. Harrison, West 75 feet Lots 8 and 9, Scott Addition to Haskell, Consideration \$2600.00.

J. B. Pittman to G. E. Sellers, S. E. 1-4 Sub. 29, Red River County School Land, Consideration \$8000.00.

A. C. Foster Jr. to J. W. Kirby, Bk. 6, Foster & Jones Addition to Rule, Consideration \$370.00.

S. S. Kouri to Humble Oil & Refining Co., Assignment Oil Lease, 160 acres Survey 11, Block 3, H. & T. C. Ry. Co. Consideration \$10.00.

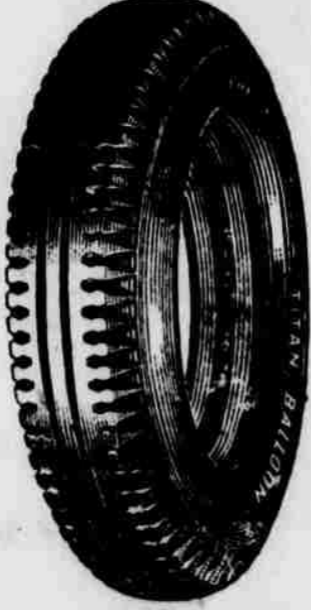
COTTON

Cotton is the overcoat of a seed that is planted and grown in the southern states to keep the producer broke and the buyer crazy. The fibre varies in color and weight and the man who can guess the nearest to the length of the fibre is called a cotton man by the public, a fool by the farmer, and a poor business man by his creditors. The price of cotton is fixed in New York and goes up when you have sold and down when you have bought. A buyer for a group of mills in the south was sent to New York to watch the cotton market and after a few days deliberation he wired his firm as follows: "Some think it will go up, some think it will go down. I do too. Whatever you do will be wrong. Act at once." Cotton is planted in the spring, mortgaged in the summer and left in the fields in the winter.—Author Unknown.

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



DIAMOND Heavy Service Truck Cord



TITAN Full Balloon

Tires Tires Tires

Our policy in the sale of tires is to handle the highest type of Tires made and sell them at the lowest possible price. This is the only way we can be honest with our customers and ourselves. Junk tires do not make friends—but we are ready to guarantee that you will always get **MORE SERVICE** for **LESS MONEY** with



DIAMOND Full Balloon

DIAMOND and TITAN TIRES



TITAN Heavy Cord

Fouts & Dotson

EVERYTHING FOR THE AUTOMOBILE

NATURE and SCIENCE created this Super-Oil!

NATURE endowed Pennsylvania Crude Oils with certain qualities which make them superior to any other crudes in the world. The science of Amalie engineers has converted the cream of Pennsylvania Crudes into a motor oil—Conoco Amalie—which recognizes no superior for satisfactory motor lubrication.

That's why you'll profit by using Conoco Amalie Motor Oils, the guaranteed 100% Pure Pennsylvania Oil, regularly. On the basis of cost per mile, it's most economical. It cuts down repair bills—increases your engine's power—eliminates all lubrication worries.

Get it at the Conoco sign.

CONTINENTAL OIL COMPANY

Producers, Refiners and Marketers of high-grade petroleum products in Arkansas, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming



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

Y. W. A. Girls Meeting
On last Tuesday evening the Y. W. A. Girls had a special meeting in the home of Mrs. Gistrap. They were honored with a visit by Miss Penick from Stamford. The devotional was led by Mrs. W. C. Williams. Missionary Program from Royal Service rendered by Miss Ruth Clough and Miss Imogene Scott. Miss Penick gave a very interesting talk on how to gain A.I. Standard, also the building to be erected at Leuders, Texas for the Y. W. A. Girls use during the Encampment each year. This little lady left a good impression here with the girls, as quite a number of them told me that she was an excellent speaker. A social hour came next. Miss Penick, mixed and mingled among the girls and all seemed to have a good time. May we hope to have the pleasure of a return visit from Miss Penick soon. A cordial invitation is extended to all the young ladies to attend our meetings. "Come thou with us, and we will do thee good."

Harmony Club

The Harmony Club met Wednesday afternoon. A Christmas program was rendered, directed by Mrs. C. L. Lewis, each member present answering with Original Christmas Poem. Mrs. John W. Pace in her beautiful way gave a synopsis of Bach's "Christmas Oratorio" and Handel's "The Messiah" and gave a selection "The Hallelujah Chorus" from the "Messiah". Marjorie Rogers gave an interesting talk on Christmas Carols and their origin. Mrs. Baker favored us with one of her many piano selections. Mrs. Harry Stalcup sang "The Lord Is My Salvation." Mrs. Tom French and Mrs. Southern served a lovely plate lunch to the Club.

White-Taylor

On last Saturday, December 10, Mr. Paul White and Miss Lee Taylor were united in marriage in Rule. Miss Taylor is the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Taylor of the Cooks Spring community and a grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Davis of the Vernon community. Paul is the son of Mr. and Mrs. White of Cooks Spring. They left Saturday afternoon for Big Spring, Texas, where they will visit friends and relatives. They have many friends in Haskell county who wish them happiness and success. They will be at home in the Cooks Spring community.

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.

I WILL have in Haskell next Saturday on the street near Grissom's corner a choice lot of Mammoth Bronze Turkeys for breeding stock. My turkeys have taken all premiums where shown including the Grand Champion at the State Fair at Dallas. Prices reasonable. W. M. Porter.

STRAYED OR STOLEN—From Assembly of God Church at Haskell, Sunday night, one gray horse about 15 hands high, branded O-BAR on left shoulder, with saddle on. Finder please notify P. F. Kirkland, Haskell, Tex.

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

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

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

THE PARTIES having our Cotton Seed Huller are requested to bring same home at once. Sanders & Crawford, Ginners.

Mrs. Mary A. Blakeley, teacher of the New Mid school, where she has been employed as principal for the past four or five years, spent the week end with home folks Saturday in the city.

Will Harrell, one of the leading farmers of the Foster community was in the city Saturday and while here renewed his subscription to the Free Press. Will stated that he had more than 100 bales of cotton from the farm where he lives and has more than 25 bales yet in the field from the late crop.

W. C. Elliott of south of Rule was a visitor to the city Wednesday. He states that he will move from the place where he now lives to a farm near Knox City where he will farm next year. Mr. Elliott is a reader of the Free Press.

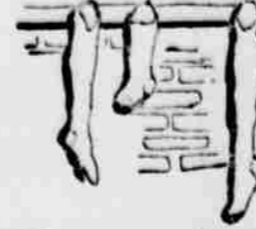
E. N. Baker of Abilene was here Saturday visiting his brother, T. J. Baker of Midway.

Good Old Christmas Time

by **Edith Miniler**



SOME day I'll make a Christmas song,
And fill it full of words that sing,
Of Santa and his bells a-ringing,
Which educators say be wrong!



I'll stockings hang, nor be afraid,
To name the sweets and granny-cakes,
Yet never hint at stomach aches
For bright eyed lad or tiny maid.

All rooms with garlands I will trim,
All rooms with holly wreaths be gay,
Nor will I on the morrow-day
O'er miss and fuss be sour and grim.



The biggest Christmas tree I'll choose,
A bearing gifts for everyone,
And joking gewgaws full of fun,
But not a single thing of us.

For ancient customs I'll be strong,
And not forget the mistletoe,
Where each girlieen may kiss her beau,
And ne'er a match shall come out wrong.



The carollers shall all be there,
To walk and sing, however old,
Nor shall a single one catch cold,
Though snowdrops sparkle in the air.

And who will love my little song?
I rather think that all of you
Who read, will say, "We think so, too!"
Though educators call it wrong!



Do you want a used car at your own price? If you do, see us at once. Every used car on hand must be sold by Saturday December 17th. Bell-Moore Chevrolet Co.

Misses Mary Couch and Elaine Mills spent the week end in Munday with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Cooper of Holiday and children came to Haskell Monday night to the bedside of her father, Mr. Cecil Koonce, who has been very ill for several weeks.



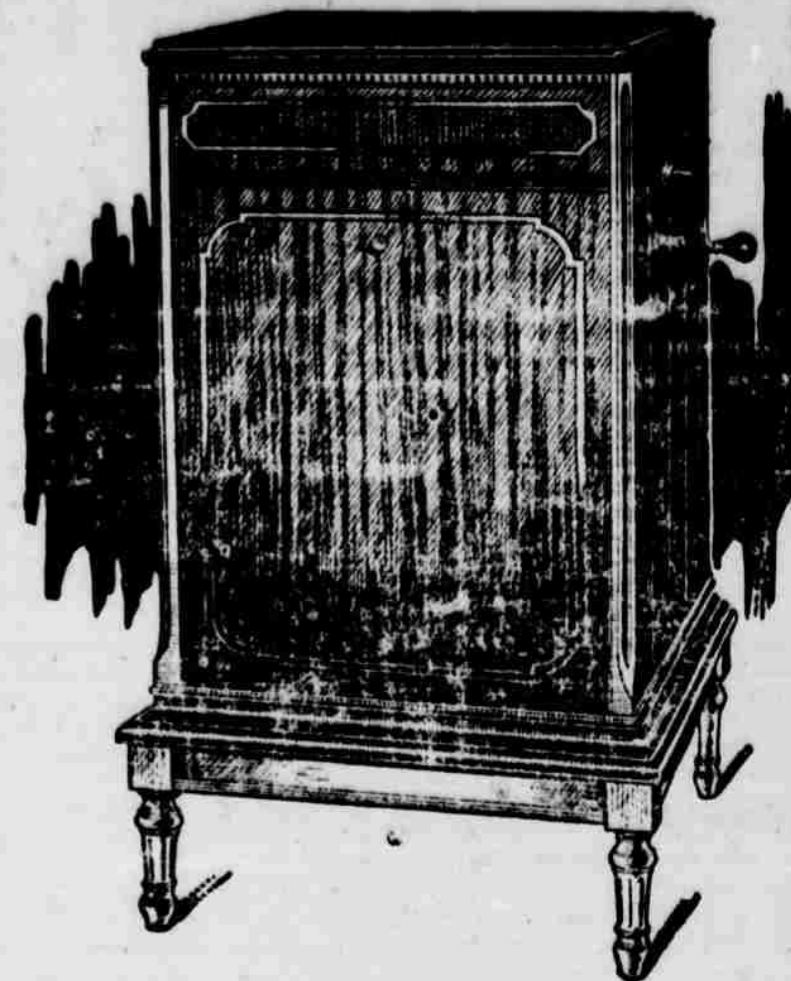
SPECIAL MENU Christmas Dinner Sunday Dec. 25th

- Shrimp or Oyster Cocktail
- Cream of Tomato Soup a la Crouton
- Olives Celery
- Roast Turkey with Cranberry Sauce and Pecan Dressing
- English Peas Candied Yams
- Snowflake Potatoes
- Hot Biscuit
- Waldorf or Fruit Salad
- Plum Pudding, Mince or Pumpkin Pie
- Coffee or Milk

\$1.00

Tonkawa Coffee Shop
Sam Wentworth, Manager

HEAR THE COLUMBIA VIVA-TONAL



Model 602 Price \$90.00

"Like Life Itself"

F. G. ALEXANDER & SON
5-10-25c Department

Collier Bros.

Phone 198 East Side Square

Friday and Saturday Specials

Ratliff Tamales No. 2 Per can 13c

Red Seal Brand Chili Per can 14c

College Inn Cream of Tomato Soup 12c

Lamp Chimney No. 2 10c

Qt. Jar Mustard 28c

Libby Apple BUTTER 1 qt. Cans 27c

Don't forget the Kiddies Christmas Tree. We have a nice lot of fur pine Trees—
5 to 6 feet **\$1.50** 7 to 8 feet **\$2.00**

Collier Bros.

Week's Program TEXAS THEATRE Dec. 19 to 24

Mon. and Tuesday Adolphe Menjou
—in—
'Service for Ladies'
COMEDY FABLES

Wed. and Thursday Milton Sills
—in—
'Hardboiled Haggarty'
WITH NEWS

Friday and Sat. Johnny Hines
—in—
'HOME MADE'
SERIAL COMEDY
MATINEE EVERY DAY OPEN AT 2 P. M.

Week's Program HASKELL THEATRE Dec. 19 to 24

Mon. and Tuesday "The Temporary Sheriff"
WITH COMEDY

Wed. and Thursday "BLAZING DAYS"
WITH COMEDY

Friday and Sat. Ken Maynard
—in—
"The Devil's Saddle"
with BLAKE OF SCOTLAND YARDS—New Serial.

TOYLAND IS READY

with the biggest assortment of Toys and Gifts ever assembled in Haskell—
Wheel Toys Air Rifles Dolls Bats Trains—Just Anything you can think of
Also Many New and Attractive Gifts for the Grown Folks. Come and See!



The CARRYOLA Master

ONE WINDING PLAYS THREE RECORDS
CLEAR TONE
THROW BACK TONE ARM
2 DOUBLE DISC RECORDS FREE

\$24.95

F. G. ALEXANDER & SON
5-10-25c Department

R. J. Reynolds

QUALITY FOOD

Specials for Friday and Saturday

Woodside Farm PURE RIBBON CANE Syrup, gal.	82c
MOTHERS OATS (China) package	35c
FAULTLESS STARCH package	7c
PORK & BEANS No. 2 Can	8c
Lyndon Brand Sifted SWEET PEAS No. 2 can	14c
K C BAKING POWDER 25 ounces	18c
CHRISTMAS TREES—Place Your Order Now!	

We have stocked every ingredient to make Fruit Cakes. You can put in the old-time flavor with our specially prepared "Genuine Rum Flavoring."

R. J. Reynolds

"We Don't Meet Prices---We Make Them"

Geographic Joke

Panama perpetrates one of the greatest of geographic jokes on those who visit it. It convincingly makes east west. From Panama City the sun rises out of the Pacific, which to most American minds is the proper place only for setting suns. And he who sails through the canal from the Atlantic to the Pacific travels not from east to west, as he naturally expects to do, but from west to east, or, more accurately, from north-west to southeast. One gets the impression, as one writer has phrased it, that "there is something crooked about this." The crookedness is found to be in the isthmus, which runs predominantly east and west, instead of north and south, and in addition makes a double curve like the letter S, so that at one place the Atlantic waters are actually west of those of the Pacific.—National Geographic Society Bulletin.

Wanted, Temperature!

Last winter Mr. and Mrs. Brown were ill with the "flu" in separate rooms. One morning, hearing a conversation going on between the colored maid and Mr. Brown, Mrs. Brown asked the maid when she entered her room if Mr. Brown had any fever. The maid replied that she did not know.

Mrs. Brown then said to the maid: "Go and ask Mr. Brown if he has any temperature this morning. Tell him I haven't any."

As the maid left the room, she left the door open, and Mrs. Brown overheard the following conversation: "Mr. Brown, Mrs. Brown says is you got any temperature this morning?" Mr. Brown replied: "I don't know whether I have any or not, Lucy." And the maid said: "Well, if you is got any she wants some, cause she ain't got none this morning."—Youth's Companion.

Playing-Cards Differ

American playing-card manufacturers have a profitable market awaiting them in Mexico and other Spanish-speaking American countries. But cards must be of patterns different from those to which Americans are accustomed. People in those countries demand the Spanish pack, which consists of only 40 cards, and tens. Furthermore, the face cards are different. The ace (called "as") is much like ours; the "rey" (king) wears a crown, the queen is represented by a young woman, and the jack ("caball") is a horse.

Most of the playing cards used in Spanish-American countries are imported from Spain, and are sturdier than ours. Commonly they are thin and flimsy, so as to be hard to shuffle, and tearing easily.

Possibly Uncle Eph Had the Right Idea

When the late speaker Cannon was a small boy, living on the Wabash, he was taken to his first circus by an old negro named Ephraim. And this is what happened—as told by the speaker to his secretary, L. White Bushy, and retold by the latter in "Uncle Joe Cannon: The Reminiscences of a Pioneer American." Ephraim worked for Uncle Joe's father, and it was likewise his first visit to a circus.

"We looked at the elephant and the camels and the lions and tigers"—Uncle Joe is telling the story—"and they were all wonderful to me and also to Uncle Eph, but what held our attention longest was the big baboon, who stood up in his cage, manlike, bigger than I was. Uncle Eph was greatly impressed with the animal that bore a resemblance to the human, and we stood a long while in front of the cage.

"Uncle Eph was always respectful and sociable with everybody he met. When we stopped in front of the baboon's cage he took off his old hat and, with a nod of his head, said: 'How is you?'

"The baboon stood holding to the bars of his cage and staring at us. Uncle Eph repeated this question, and, getting no response, he looked the animal over for a moment and said:

"That's right; you keep your mouth shut or they'll have you in the field hoeing corn like me." And we went away to continue our round of the cages.

"I have seen," adds Uncle Joe, "men make reputations for wisdom with their fellows just as the baboon did with Uncle Eph. It is not a bad rule."

Rare Fishes Brought Far From Their Home

Continuously flowing, steam-heated sea water has enabled a cargo of scarlet starfish, jazz fish and huge red hermit crabs to travel in luxury from the Madeira Islands to the London zoo. Between 80 to 90 exotically colored specimens were successfully transported from their native haunts and added to the marine collections by E. G. Bouleenger, director of the aquarium. Since these types require a constant temperature and water abundantly aerated, specially constructed containers were required to bring them to their destination alive. A large wooden tank was divided into compartments and fitted with steam pipes. Fresh sea water was pumped continuously into the tank, which the steam pipes held at a constant temperature. Other high lights among the cargo were chocolate and purple castnet fish and puffer fish, which blow themselves up like a balloon by forcing air into their swim bladders. When they desire to collapse the air is exhaled with a noise like a squeak.

Grecian Shrines

It was at Kalavrita that the beginnings of the Greek war for independence were made, and the tattered banner which the Archbishop Germanos took with him from his cell when he sallied forth to begin the contest is still kept as the sacred war banner of Hellenism and was brought out in much state at the beginning of the war with Turkey.

Another well-known shrine in Greece, and one which is most frequently visited by tourists, is that at Meteora, where the giant needles of rock are capped with extensive buildings to which the venturesome may ascend either by rickety ladders set in the interior crevices or by means of a net drawn up by a creaking and primitive windlass.

Reason for Sunday

How did Sunday become the first day of the week instead of the seventh? The Sabbath of the Jews was the seventh day of the week, the day of cessation from work among all Hebrews, following six days of labor and closing the week. Sunday was the first day of the week celebrated in memory of the resurrection of Christ. It is therefore also known as the Lord's day. In the Bible (in Acts 20:7) we are told that the disciples in Troas met weekly on the first day of the week for exhortation and the breaking of bread. Justin Martyr said that Christians gathered then because it was the first day on which God made the world and because Jesus Christ on the same day arose from the dead.

History of Potato

"The potato entered this country," Doctor Lauder said, in an address to the American Association for the Advancement of Science, "not as surmised by De Caudelle, through an alleged band of Spanish adventurers, but in a perfectly respectable manner from Bermuda, where it had been introduced some years previously from England. It is a prank of fortune that the potato, originally a denizen of Chile and Peru, appears as a naturalized Englishman in the United States. The potato had arrived in England about 1583, or a little later."

Getting It Straight

"You say you didn't write burning letters," thundered the lawyer for the plaintiff in a divorce suit, "but here is the proof in black and white." "Black and blue," interrupted the judge, "if you are referring to the letters in your hand." "Why?" "The stationery is blue and the ink, I assume, is black."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

It Was a Good One

It was our custom in English class at school to choose a certain person to read his theme aloud before the class, writes a correspondent. On this particular day the girl who sat across the table from me had let me see her paper before class started. It was a good one, so when the teacher asked whose theme we would like to hear, I promptly suggested that the girl across from me read hers. She arose, but instead of reading the one I had seen, she took another one from her book. It was a wonderful ode to the president of the senior class, praising him to the skies and throwing oratorical bouquets at him. I was the president.—Chicago Tribune.

Idea for Searchlights

In the night, when low clouds float in a thin veil above the river, where searchlights on battleships throw their beams upon them, a curious round patch of light can be seen on a cloud. Airmen flying above these clouds would also see the patch of light and, in clear weather, the long beams cast upward into the sky.

The suggestion has been offered that air-lighthouses should be provided with vertical searchlights of great power. Even in moderately foggy weather the light would penetrate the cloud of mist and be visible from above.—Popular Science Monthly.

Tourmaline Peculiarity

The crystal, tourmaline, is capable of attracting small bits of paper and straw in much the same way as amber. This attraction is, of course, due to an electrostatic charge.

When the crystal is exposed to sunlight of a low temperature it loses its electrical charge, but regains it upon being heated again. If it has a negative charge at first, it will have a positive charge when it is reheated.

Several other precious stones exhibit phenomena along this line, but tourmaline is the most interesting and spectacular of all.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Furnished by HASKELL COUNTY ABST. CO. Haskell, Texas

T. E. Sollock to R. L. Vick, Lot 1 and 2 Block 57, Rule, Consideration \$4,600.

R. L. Vick to T. E. Sollock, 75 acres of Sur. 82, Bk. 1, H&T Ry. Co. Consideration \$9,335.99.

G. V. Cobb to S. S. Kouri, Oil Lease, S. E. 40 acres Sur. 2, E. T. Ry. Co. Consideration \$1,000.

H. H. Hardin to A. C. Foster, Jr., N. E. part Lot 3, in Block R & D Add to Haskell, Consideration \$3,500.00.

Frank McCully to Carl Davison, Lot 3, Bk. 22 South Side Add to Rule, Consideration \$125.00.

Ola Dunn to Joe M. Holcomb, 80 acres Sur. 2, Bk. 2, Washington Co. Ry. Co. Consideration \$5,000.00.

Sam A. Roberts to P. A. Womble, Lot 12 Scott Add to Haskell, Consideration \$350.00.

R. F. Brown to G. L. Mullinix, NE 160 acres J. Joslin Survey, Consideration \$5,000.00.

Frank Glass to H. B. Glass, 276 acres Survey 22 and 224 acres Survey 23, B. B. B. & C. Ry. Co. Consideration \$20,250.00.

W. W. Starnes to A. G. Willmon, Lots 9 to 12 Block 22 S S Addition to Rule, Consideration \$3,800.00.

Alice Rayner et al to Earl Morrison et al, Lot 1, Block 11, Haskell, Consideration \$650.00.

W. E. Howard to J. L. Earls, 83 1/2 acres B. F. Wood Survey, Consideration \$35,000.00.

Roy Campbell to C. F. Oman, Lot 16, Block 26, Weinert, Consideration \$725.00.

Rev. J. A. Pinker of Abilene, who is pastoring the Pinkerton Baptist church passed through the city Saturday en route to his appointment for Saturday and Sunday.

Working for yourself or another man. Make your suit appear the best it can. Neatness helps you jobs to get and hold. Even if your clothes look pretty old. But you can't spend time to clean and press. We do a better job that costs you less. (Continued Next Week)

HENDERSON DRY CLEANERS

Phone 183

CREDIT A BIG FACTOR

The man who lives by honest work. Who pays his debts and does not shirk. Who builds a credit in advance. Can take advantage of business chance; The man who works and plans and schemes. But has no credit, only dreams. Of things he hopes to some day do. While he with credit puts them thru. The Farmers State Bank is ready to go. With honest men who ability show.

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

Courtney Hunt & Company Sale Starts Monday

Ever on the alert for true values in dependable, well made and cleverly styled apparel, we announce a

SPECIAL PURCHASE AND SALE of Beautiful Priscilla Rayon Underwear



PAJAMAS · GOWNS
STEP-IN CHEMISE
FRENCH PANTIES and BLOOMERS

Tailored and Beautifully Trimmed
NEW STYLES · NEW GARMENTS

Finely woven Dupont finish rayon of excellent quality, soft and beautiful in appearance. Not for a long time have we been privileged to offer such remarkable values in strictly new, well made and desirable lingerie.

STEP-IN CHEMISE
FRENCH PANTIES
PAJAMAS
GOWNS
BLOOMERS

Values to \$3.98
Choice for

\$1.98



The ever increasing popularity of Rayon is due to its splendid appearance and serviceability. It is economical, stands up under washing, and wears remarkably well. Come prepared to make a liberal selection. These values cannot be duplicated.

A choice of colors is offered in these garments in beautiful pastel shades of flesh, peach, Nile and orchid, and in all sizes. Come in and see them for yourself. You will agree that we made a timely purchase and offer you splendid values.



READY

We have prepared some of the most delicious FRUIT CAKE you ever tasted. See them in our window.

Place Your Order Now
1 to 5 pounds

Haskell Bakery

Makers of HARBOR'S MILK DANDY BREAD

These Extreme Savings will be Welcomed by Every Christmas Giver

Gifts That Will Completely Meet "HER" Needs

Beautiful Rayon Underwear, Pajamas, Gowns, Step-Ins, Teds—Special Christmas Sale **\$1.98**

Cadet Silk Hose—Embroidered Knee, Clock Trimmed, Van Dyke Heel, **\$1.95 and \$2.95**

Beautiful fitted Traveling Cases or Hat Box **\$7.50 to \$25.00**

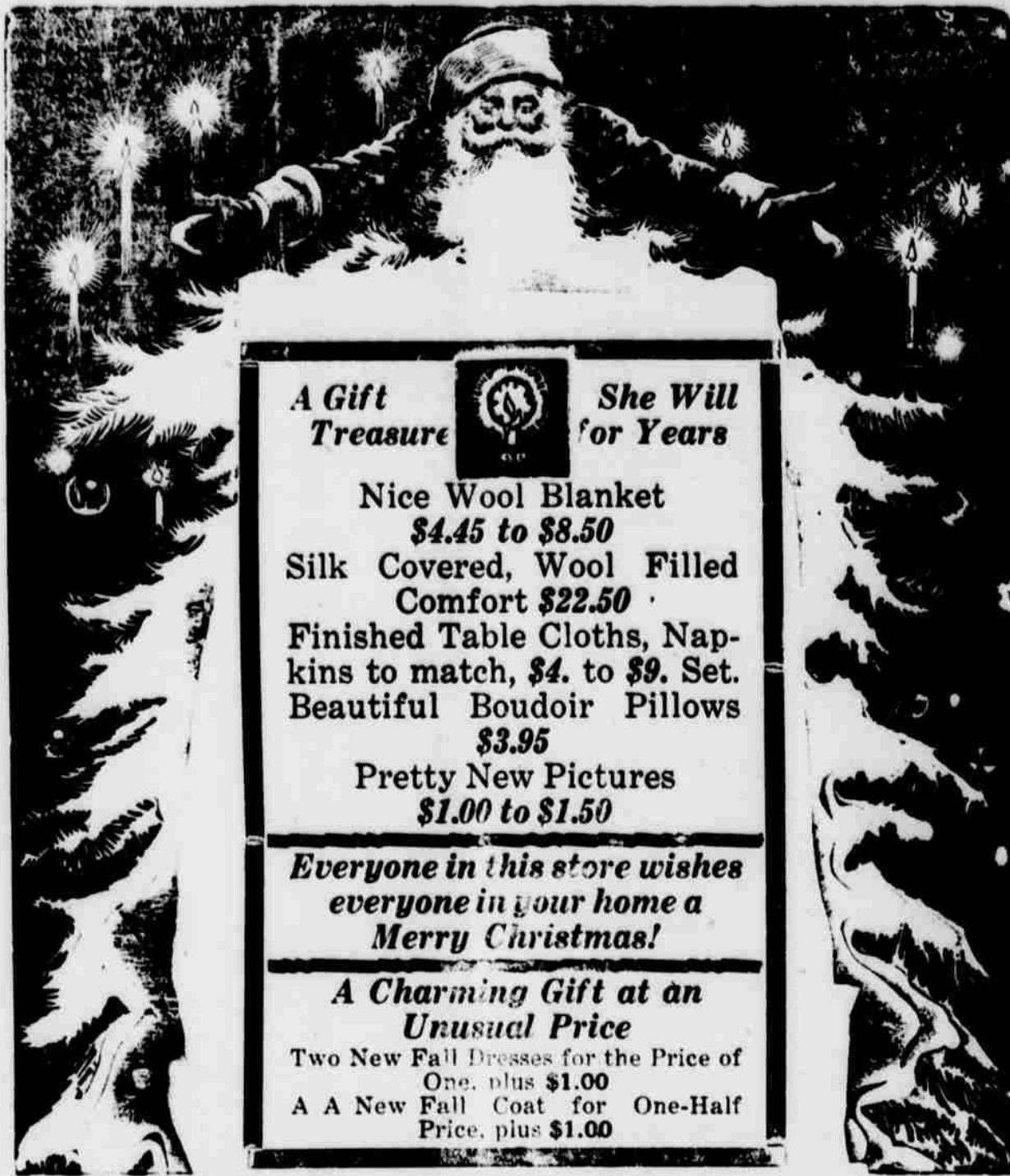
A pretty Oriental quilted, or Cut Chenille Neglige **\$7.50 to \$25.00**

A Gift Everybody Wants

Pretty Underwear
Attractive Pictures
Pillows
Table Linen
Bed Coverings

For Good Little Boys and Girls

Mama Dolls, Warm Gloves, Belts, Neckties, Hose Supporters, Garters, Caps, Sweaters, Boots and Booties.



A Gift Treasure She Will for Years

Nice Wool Blanket **\$4.45 to \$8.50**
Silk Covered, Wool Filled Comfort **\$22.50**
Finished Table Cloths, Napkins to match, **\$4. to \$9.** Set.
Beautiful Boudoir Pillows **\$3.95**
Pretty New Pictures **\$1.00 to \$1.50**

Everyone in this store wishes everyone in your home a Merry Christmas!

A Charming Gift at an Unusual Price

Two New Fall Dresses for the Price of One, plus **\$1.00**
A A New Fall Coat for One-Half Price, plus **\$1.00**

"He" Will be Delighted to Receive These Gifts

A beautiful new Necktie **\$1.00 to \$5.00**

A Gladstone or Traveling Bag, **\$7.50 to \$25.00**

Silk or Lambs Wool Socks **75c to \$2.00**

Pure Linen Imported Handkerchiefs, **25c to \$1.50**

A Nice Sweater or Lumberjack, **\$3.50 to \$7.50**

A Gift of the Finest Sort

Good Luggage
Good Hosiery
Dainty Underthings

These Make Excellent Gifts

Bed Spreads, Blankets,
Linen Pieces, Toilet Articles,
House Shoes

In This Store There's a Gift For Everyone On Your List



JUST the THINGS that "HE" LIKES at the Price YOU WANT TO PAY

Neck Ties	50c, \$1.00 to \$5.00	\$7.50, \$6.50, down to \$1.50	Arial Jaeka Sweater
Socks	25c, 50c to \$2.00	\$29.75, \$24.50 to \$19.50	New Fall Top Coats
Belts	50c, \$1.00 to \$2.00	\$22.50, \$15.00 to \$1.50	Hand Bag or Suit Case
Caps	\$1.00, \$2.50 to \$3.00	\$3.50, \$2.50 down to \$1.50	Wool and Silk Mufflers
Handkerchiefs	10c, 25c to \$1.50	\$3.50, \$2.50 to \$1.50	Dress Gloves
House Shoes	\$1.50, \$2.00 to \$3.00	\$2.50 to \$1.50	Silk and Athletic Underwear
Shirts	\$1.00, \$1.50 to \$5.00	\$4.50 to \$3.50	Heavy Leather Puttees



Are You Seeking a Christmas Gift at a Moderate Price?

Hand Bags **\$1.00 to \$18.00**
House Shoes for all the Family **69c, \$1.00 to \$3.00**
Kid Gloves **\$1.00, \$2.00 to \$3.00**

JUST THE SORT OF THINGS WOMEN GIVE EACH OTHER, AND THE MEN LOVE TO BUY FOR MOTHER, SISTER, OR WIVES

Pure Thread Silk Underwear, Gowns, Teds, Step-Ins, Bloomers	\$2.95 to \$6.75
Pure Linen Luncheon Sets, with Napkins to match	\$1.00 to \$2.50
Beautiful Assortment of Corsages for Ladies Kid Gloves, a big assortment for	50c and \$1.00
Wonderful Ladies Imported Handkerchiefs	\$1.00, \$2.50, to \$3.50
	10c, 25c, 50c, \$1.00 and \$1.50

Here is a Gift She Will Prize Best of All!

Beautifully Fitted
Hat Case
\$8.95

Here is a Gift They Will Really Use

Coats for Ladies and Overcoats for Men, Kimonos, House Dresses, House Shoes, Shoes, Hosiery, Underwear, Pajamas, Night Shirts and Gowns.

A Husband Who Selects These Gifts Will Find He Has Chosen Wisely

Oriental or Quilted Neglige
Nice Silk Hose
Nice Silk Underwear
Pretty Warm House Shoes
New Kid Gloves
Pretty Boudoir Pillow
Silk Covered, Wool Filled Quilt



Christmas Purses Will Delight In These

Millinery
1-2 Price
Ladies and Children's Coats
1-2 Price Plus \$1.00

A Wonderful Gift for a Wonderful Dad

Warm Overcoat, Shoes, Gloves, Hat, Warm Socks, Underwear, Sweaters, Beautiful Neckties, Mufflers.

Styles That Please the Boys, Values That Will Appeal to Dad

Boys Boots and Booties
Boys Lumberjacks or Sweaters
Boys DuPont Storm Coats
Boys 2-Pants Suits
Boys Sure-Fit Caps
Boys Warm Gloves
Boys Neckties
Wool Blanket



To our old friends, loyal and true, to valued new friends, and to those whose friendship we strive to serve, do we most hartily wish unmeasured success and good fortune throughout this year and the many years to come. With grateful appreciation for all the favors received by us from them, and for that priceless though intangible asset—Your Good Will—which we esteem beyond measure—WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Courtney Hunt & Company



His Great Power as Satirist of Vice

It is unquestionably the greatest English satirist, and it is in-... to observe why he is so... more effective than our numer-... satirists today, of whom we have... plenty. The reason—apart from the incomparable austerity and... of his prose style—is not far... It can be stated in two... Our present contemporary... ridicule virtue; Swift ridic-... vice. Our living satirists at-... religious and moral people, and... all, they make fun of anyone... in earnest. If this earnest-... is directed toward the pred-... selfish satisfaction of lust or... but expresses itself in religious... or social reform, then the satire... on increasing intensity. Swift... treachery, ingratitude, lech-... pimping, uncleanness, hatred... swinishness, avarice, and the... murder sentimentalized un-... the name of patriotism. And it... these degrading vices were... about him in England in 1720... all about us in England and in... at present that the cutting... of his sword went so deep and... so many victims wriggle, and... so explains why that sword has... lost its edge in 200 years.—Wil-... Lyon Phelps, in Yale Review.

Up to Expectations

The old town of Quindaro on the... river above Kansas City was... in 1856 by free state hom-... who came from New England... City and Leavenworth were... neutral or were dominated by... of the South. New England emigrants wanted... of entry" of their own. The... was built up rapidly with a large... great warehouses, a steamboat... and other evidences of a "fu-... great metropolis." During the... war, however, the men all went... When they returned the... Pacific was building west... the Kaw valley, and a little... the Hannibal bridge was con-... forever making Kansas City... port of entry. Quindaro was abandoned. Its hotel... warehouses went to decay, and... all that remains are the ruins... the memory of a struggle of a... brave men who believed they were... but who were mistaken in their... as to the geographical loca-... of the "future great metropolis."... Kansas City Star.

Trees in Miniature

One can grow miniature trees... a thick-skinned orange in two and... the pulp from one of the... Put a coating of shellac on... outside of this little "bowl," and... the hollow with rich soil. In it... a couple of seeds of an ever-... tree, such as pine or cedar... prop the bowl upright in a room... it will get plenty of sunlight... the soil occasionally, and do... at the room get overheated. When the roots begin to force a... through the orange skin, cut... off level with the surface, tak-... care not to injure the shellac coat-... When the tree has attained fair... it may be transplanted to a... flower pot, but the enticement... roots will permanently stunt its...

Bismarck Was Hungry

"Hungry I can't sit up straight,"... sometimes the plaint of Otto von... and, according to Herr Emil... his book on the Iron Chancellor... remedy was to stuff himself so... he could not bend in any direc-... took some stuffed eel, boiled ham... porridge," he writes of one sup-... and ate several sausages next... had too much and had to take... rum. I finished a box of figs... while I write you I am eating my... box of maraspin and drinking... of Erfurter rock-cellar beer... excellent!" He figured he smoked 100,000 cigars... years and killed 5,000 bottles... champagne.

Pretty Cold in Montana

Coming through Montana recently we... into conversation with a native... relates Harry Daniel in Thrift... "Gets pretty cold up here... the winter, doesn't it?" we ob-... "Well," observed the Montanian... a statue of Old Man Wil-... the pioneer cattle king, on a... hill over in Golden valley... he stands with his hands hang-... helplessly at his sides, while he... forever across the plains he... But, believe it or not, it got... cold up here once last win-... that the old man had to keep his... in his pants pockets all day...

Wonderful Language

It takes a spelling contest to bring... how many words there are that... spelled in two ways. Several... this year on the word "brier."... it brier. They were marked... a careful look at Webster's... International reveals "brier" a... spelling of "brier." "Skillful"... a power for many of the graders... permits both the single and... "brier" form. The last man to... out in one match went down on... "brier." He spelled it with an... either way is permissible.—Cap... Weekly.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS FROM FOSTER COMMUNITY

The Foster Basket Ball team was or-... ganized this week, Miss Juanita Rose... was elected captain last Monday in a... meeting of the team. V. H. Lane, B. Adams, J. J. Oates... went to South Texas hunting last... Thursday returning Sunday with out... any success. Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Clark and daugh-... ter Mary Ruth were visiting relatives... in Gorman last week. Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hensley of Gorman... were visiting Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Clark... and family Sunday Dec. 4. Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Goodno from... Gorman will make their home in the... Foster community. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Oates and son Mr. and... Mrs. M. M. Clark and family will... leave for the Rio Grande Valley the... 20th of Dec. While there they will... visit Old Mexico, on return home they... will stop at Corpus Christi, Galveston... Houston, San Antonio. Mr. and Mrs. Dee Adkins of the com-... munity gave a big dinner Sunday Dec... 4. Many friends and relatives attend-... ed. J. F. Hooker and family returned last... Sunday night from a pleasant trip, vis-... iting relatives in Arkansas. J. W. Kenneth and family are plan-... ning a trip to East Texas to spend the... Christmas holidays. C. E. Harrell and wife visited J. F... Hooker and family of Haskell last Fri-... day night. Mr. and Mrs. George Pool of this... community are the proud parents of a... seven-pound baby boy, who arrived on... November 27. We are glad to report... that mother and baby are doing nicely. Hog killing seems to be the order of... the day in this community. Ollie Har-... rell has a very fine one which will dress... near 350 pounds. Mrs. Teal Bartlett who has been vis-... iting in Mr. D. H. Adkins home for the... past week returned Thursday to her... home in Brownwood. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Adkins, accom-... panied by their niece, Miss Vera Ad-... kins, are planning on spending their... Christmas vacation in Waco. The Foster boys basket ball team met... this week and elected for their cap-... tain, Manford Reid. With daily work-... outs the team hopes to be ready for a... game soon. We have plenty of good... material for daily practice. Mr. Archie Goode is in London, Okla... where he has undergone two serious... operations. Last report he was doing... nicely.

Presbyterian Church

December 18, 1927. The Sunday School will meet at 9:45... a. m. The church service will begin at 11... o'clock. The public is cordially invited... to hear this gospel message. The Junior Christian Endeavor will... meet at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The Senior Christian Endeavor will... meet at 6 o'clock. The evening church service will be-... gin at 7 o'clock. The mid-week service is held each... Wednesday night at seven o'clock. You are invited to attend all these... services. During the past week the work has... been going steadily on towards the... finishing of the church basement. We... are hoping to finish this work some... time in January.

Wants

ATTENTION POULTRY RAIS-... ERS—Z-I-P Parasite Remover used in... the drinking water rids poultry of... Blue Bugs, Lice, Fleas and all other... insects. Sold and Guaranteed by... Reid's Drug Store. 26t 4p.

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

LOST—Female Boston terrier, brin-... die with white marking, had on har-... ness when last seen. Reward. Dr. J. D. Smith. 1tc

BARGAINS BARGAINS in farms and city prop-... erty for sale. T. A. Williams, Haskell.

FOR SALE—Victrola, upright style... fumed oak; practically new; in excel-... lent condition; 125 records. Will sell... at sacrifice. J. E. Bernard, Phone 390.

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

We will make you first class Ab-... stracts of land titles promptly, at re-... asonable prices. We will appreciate... your business and be glad to serve you. Sanders & Wilson, Haskell, Texas.

FOR SALE—1928 model Dodge Sed-... an in first class condition. Only been... used 4 months. Can be seen at Ken-... nedy's Garage. E. J. Allen. 2p

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

LOST—Pocketbook containing about... \$14 in money. Lost in or near Bert... Welsh garage Saturday Dec. 3. Find-... er return to this office for reward. W... R. Nash, Haskell. 1c

WANTED—Ambitious, industrious... white person to introduce and supply... the demand for Raleigh Household... Products. Good openings near you. Make sales of \$150 to \$600 a month or... more. Raleigh Methods get business... everywhere. No selling experience re-... quired. We supply Sales and Adver-... tising Literature and Service Methods—... everything you need. Profits increase... every month. Low prices; good val-... ues; complete service. W. T. Raleigh... Co., Dept. TX4763, Memphis, Tenn. 4c

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 cul-... tivation, 225 grass, running water... \$600.00 cash will handle this. E. B... Featherston, Aspermont. 1c

HOTEL FOR SALE—On account of... ill health, will sell Norton Hotel, fur-... nished, 31 rooms, good business. Well... located. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Norton... Haskell, Texas. 1tp

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

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 Hatch-... ery, Haskell. 3tc

LOST—A pocketbook Dec. 2 contain-... ing about \$66 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 John-... son, Route 3, Haskell, Texas. 1c

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

One Esty Organ, good as new; very... appropriate gift for your little girls. Beautiful oak; at a bargain. C. W. Goodwin. 1p

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 FOUTS & MITCHELL

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE ROSE COMMUNITY Rose and Post basket ball boys played... at Post Friday afternoon. Post... won the victory. Messrs. Richard and Ernest Spinks... went to Wichita Falls the past week... where Ernest bought himself a Ford. We are glad to report that Mrs. J. A... Newby is improving. Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Payne visited in... the Ericsdale community Sunday. Mrs. Frank Patterson entertained... the young folks with a candy-making... party Friday night. Don't forget the box supper Dec. 16. Mr. Short is spending his vacation in... South Texas. Mrs. Joannah Mitchell and other... lady friends of New Mid were in the... city Tuesday. Mrs. Mitchell was vis-... iting her parents, Postmaster and Mrs... John T. Wilson.

BOX SUPPER AT FOSTER A SUCCESS

The box supper given at Foster last... Friday night for the benefit of the... playground and other school equip-... ment was an enjoyable affair and... \$72.88 was received from the sale of... the boxes and other merchandise.

FLOYD ROSE WAS THE POPULAR AUCTIONEER

Floyd Rose was the popular auctioneer... and he is known as a money-getter... Miss Vivian Kelley, one of the teach-... ers of the school was given a cake in a... beauty contest and W. M. Free of Has-... kell received a bar of soap in the ugly... man's contest with J. H. Lawson run-... ning a close second. The funds re-... ceived will be ample for all needs and...

PROF. LESTER BURK, MISS STELLA COOPER AND VIVIAN KELLEY, TEACHERS OF THIS SCHOOL APPRECIATE VERY MUCH THE PATRONAGE OF ALL IN MAKING THE BOX SUPPER A SUCCESS.

J. W. Cerveny of the Vontress com-... munity was a business visitor here Sat-... urday.

Advertisement for MARTIN'S DRUG STORE. Features 'A BEAUTIFUL LINE OF Christmas Greeting Cards is on display now.' Includes decorative graphics of Christmas trees and cards.

Large advertisement for J. F. KENNEDY HASKELL, TEXAS. Promotes 'The Perfect Combination for Quick Starts on Cold Days!' featuring 'TEXACO GASOLINE' and 'TEXACO MOTOR OIL'. Includes detailed text about engine performance and contact information.

Advertisement for HASKELL FLORIST. Features 'For Mother For Sweetheart CHRISTMAS FLOWERS'. Includes illustrations of roses and a woman's face, and text about gift-giving and floral services.



BETWEEN THIEVES
by ALBERT E. PERKS

JABEZ GORM was a hard nut to crack and proud of it. Nobody realized it more than the group of hard men who sat around a table with him, comfortable in their armchairs, warm with the heat of steam radiators and plenty of coal, and little interested in those who could not pay for protection against the bitter late December cold.

"I guess he could pull through if we nursed him a bit," one of the group was remarking. "He's young, and enthusiastic. His organization's good. Never let himself get cornered like this before. Sure will be a lesson to him."

"Nurse him long enough, he'll get into the wholesale line and increase competition. Aren't there enough of us already?" It was Jabez Gorm who spoke.

"If you don't encourage the good ones a bit, you're apt to get all the more bad ones." A hard voice from a hard face was speaking on the other side of the table.

"Ever seen a good one when he's selling against you?" Jabez countered. "Kinda hard to hammer a fellow the first time he's up against it," a rather kindlier voice broke in.

"Harder he's hammered the tougher he'll get. That's how I got toughened," said another.

On and on the debate went. Figures were tabled. How much the debtor owed; how much he was likely to produce in bankruptcy; how much the dividend would be; whether it would pay better to take 50 per cent and get rid of a potential rival, or get 75 and let him start again with a clean sheet, or give him lots of time to pay in full.

On and on they argued. The snow clattered up the window and deafened the outside sounds of happiness and good cheer, of hasten-



"Look, Daddy, What Santa Claus Left for Me!"

ing feet, of shivering limbs, of arms flapping to keep hungry and ill-clad bodies warm.

And the argument went on. Cheerful greetings, happy salutations, heartfelt good wishes were exchanged right and left in the street below; but in an upper room of the big hotel the hard-faced group argued on and heard nothing.

"Well, look, fellows, we can't stay all night. I gotta take the train to-night. All packed up an' everything. Going to play golf in Florida over the holidays. Gotta get this thing over quick or I miss that train."

"Lucky dog. I can't afford to play golf in Florida." This from Jabez Gorm. "Neither can I afford to play good Samaritan to bankrupt young fools. Let him assign and be done with it."

The final decision was so registered, and the creditors' meeting broke up, one to fly for a train heading south; some to join hilarious parties in the banquet halls of the hotel; Jabez Gorm to return to a big, stern-looking house in which many servants had prepared with professional efficiency the seasonal decorations, the gifts and the festal touches that fashion and social custom required to be provided for the children of this very elegant house.

Seven o'clock next morning. The bells were ringing their annual message of peace and good will. A choir in a little nearby church was singing, "Noel, Noel." Charlie Gorm, five years old and full of faith in the things that really matter, was dancing round the paternal bed of the Gorm household.

"Look, Daddy, what Santa Claus left for me! 'N' a letter with it an' ev'rythin'. Look!"

Jabez roused himself and read: "I was cleaning up your house when I saw the kid's stocking hung up and remembered about Christmas. Hate to do anybody a bad turn on Christmas Eve. Here's a buck for the baby's Christmas. Look out for your silver and other valuables some other night."

Not so long ago Jabez had taken prizes at Sunday school.

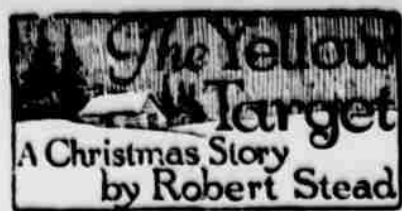
Funny that the only lesson he could think of now was about another thief who repented in time and won the first guaranteed pass through the pearly gates of heaven.

Jabez Gorm would have given a hand to call that meeting back.

But they were gone their several ways. Not for months could they all be got together again.

The church bells pealed once more. To Jabez Gorm they seemed to sing, "Too late, too late, too late, too late."

(© 1927, Western Newspaper Union.)



The Yellow Target
A Christmas Story
by Robert Stead

ANDRE SANDERSEN stroked the lean barrel of his rifle as he sat in the window of the little shanty on his prairie homestead. The full moon of a Christmas Eve poured its white light on limitless wastes of snow. A shaft of that same light fell through the window, gleamed along the rifle on Andre's knees, played about the great hands that fondled its barrel.

But Andre was not conscious of the moonlight, except as it served to accentuate his loneliness. Across the prairie, half a mile to the southward, lay the shanty of his brother, Axel, and his brother's wife, Olga. A point of yellow light shone from Axel's window like a star on the horizon. Half a mile! Andre's rifle would carry two thousand yards, but it would need a rare marksman to hit that point of light half a mile away. He sighted the rifle carefully, estimating to himself whether there was any possibility of finding that little target. Then, as though convinced of the futility of such a purpose, he returned the weapon tenderly to his knee.

For exactly three years the Sander- sen brothers had lived as strangers, although their homesteads adjoined each other. It was three years ago this very Christmas Eve that Axel



had brought Olga, his bride, to share his shanty and his life—Olga, who, in far-off Scandinavia, had pledged herself to Andre! Axel had met her at the railway station, thirty miles away, while Andre lay at home, burning with fever. Then, when she came, it was as Axel's wife!

Andre never had asked, and never learned, what had happened at the little prairie town when the fair-haired, lonely, tired girl rushed to the arms of Axel, his brother. The three had been playmates together, but Andre never had guessed that his brother loved her, too. If, in that moment, Axel had taken advantage of her loneliness and her delight at meeting an old friend to force his suit to instant decision, Andre saw in their action nothing but treachery and deceit. Never since had he stepped on his brother's farm, and he had given Axel to understand that if either he or Olga crossed the dividing line the rifle would bark and bite to kill.

During the short but busy summers Andre managed to drown his anger in work, but in winter the pangs of loneliness were upon him. They always were worse on moonlit nights. Then he would sit in his window, fondling his rifle. Especially on Christmas Eve, the anniversary of the blighting of his life, his loneliness and rage were unbearable.

Andre sighted his rifle again, but it was against all reason that he could find a target so small, so far. Very well—he could go to the target. It was a plan that long had simmered in the back of his mind; tonight he would put it into effect. He drew on his heavy coat, his cap; he drove a bright brass cartridge into the barrel



and saw that there were others in the magazine, and set out across the snow, silent save for the crunching of his heavy boots and the strange clamor of his heart.

At first he walked hurriedly, but as he neared the window he reduced his pace. Silently he crept up, in the shadow, along the wall. Three years ago this very night.

Presently he was at the window. Stealthily he raised his head until he could see within.

In a corner of the little room was a small spruce tree, which Axel, no doubt, had cut somewhere by the river. And Axel and Olga, very happy, it seemed, were knotting it with bits of colored paper. On a table, full in Andre's sight, a yellow-haired baby clapped her hands with glee.

Andre watched the scene, spell-bound, for a moment; then slumped to the ground. For a long while he lay there, oblivious to the cold; fighting, wrestling. Then, leaving his rifle on the snow, he made his way to the door, and knocked.

"Why, Andre!" they exclaimed, as he stood on their threshold. "Peace!" said Andre. "It is the Night of Peace. I bring you peace—and forgiveness."

The Christmas sun was shining when Andre retraced his steps across the snow, to feed his stock.

(© 1927, Western Newspaper Union.)

On Christmas Eve

A German legend is that on every Christmas Eve the Savior comes to earth in the guise of a very poor boy, who asks alms at every door, testing the kindness of human hearts. Naturally on that day no beggar is refused food and shelter.—Faru and Ranch.

Enhancing Gifts of Lasting Charm

OCCASIONAL TABLES
always a suitable gift



New Lacquered END TABLE

Attractive end tables, in decorated red and green. Nicely made, and a decided bargain at our low price of—

\$6.00

End Table

Red -- Green
Walnut -- Gray
Lacquer Finish

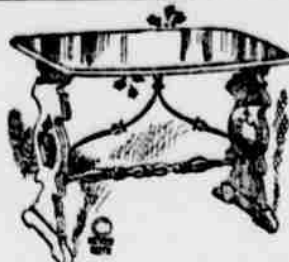
\$5.00



Type End Table

Lacquer Top. Wrought Iron base.

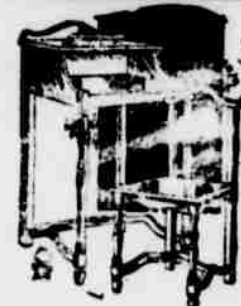
\$10.50



Octagon Burl Walnut Table

A BEAUTY.

\$17.50



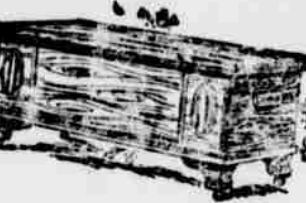
Telephone Set

Complete with low back chair. Walnut finish.

Foot Stools

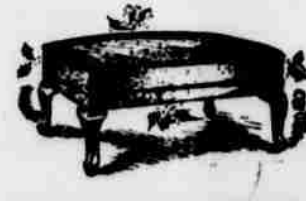
Plush covered.

\$4.00



Cedar Chest

We have a beautiful assortment. All priced very low. A remarkable gift.



Smoking Stands

Wrought Iron.

From—
\$1.25 to \$4.00



Special Showing of Lamps

Junior or Bridge, complete with georgette shade. Newest wrought metal base.



Mahogany Clock 8-day—20 inch

A beautiful, useful gift for the home.

\$11.00



SMOKER

CABINET STYLE
All styles and prices.



CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS

FOR THE BOYS

- Automobile
- Bicycle
- Roller Skates
- Daisy Air Rifle
- Foot Ball
- Target Rifle
- Pocket Knife
- Boy Scout Hatchet
- Tool Chest

FOR THE GIRLS

- Dolls
- Doll Buggies
- Doll Beds
- Cedar Chest
- Piano
- Breakfast Set
- Rocking Chair
- Cooking Utensil Set

FOR GROWN FOLKS

- Book Ends
- Universal Percolators
- Turkey Roasters
- Clocks
- Decorated Waste Baskets
- Miniature Statuary
- Rose Bowls
- Vases
- Bulb Bowls
- Brass Goods
- Decorated China
- Smoking Stands
- Ash Trays
- Serving Trays
- Silver Services
- Odd Teapots
- Novelties
- Radios
- Spinnet Desks
- Occasional Chair
- Fireside Chair
- End Tables
- Console Tables
- Children's Rockers
- Telephone Stands
- Bridge Lamps
- Rugs
- Cedar Chests
- Camp Stoves
- Vanities
- Bed Room Suite
- Windsor Chair
- Davenport
- Radio Cabinets

ODD CHAIRS
ever appreciated.



Comfortable Rocker

Tapestry Upholstery. Walnut frame.

\$16.50

Pull-Up Chair

Covered in a lively design of Tapestry. Frame finished in walnut. Special—

\$20.00



Windsor Rockers

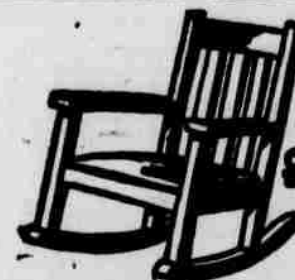
A very popular chair that fits into any room.

\$12.50

Child's Chairs

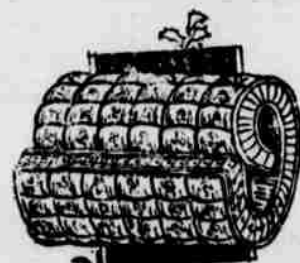
Rocker and straight

\$1.50 to \$6.00



SPECIAL SHOWING PYREX OVEN WARE

WITH SILVER SHELLS FOR TABLE USE. COMPLETE ASSORTMENT



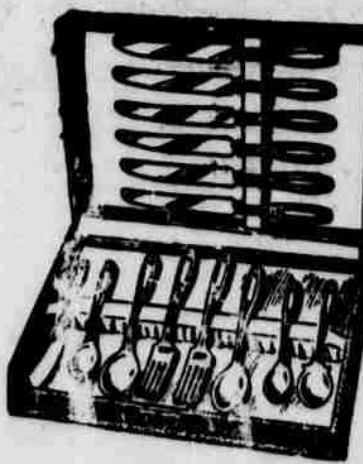
Genuine SEALY Mattress

\$40.00

Honeymoon Set

In TUDOR Plate
20 pieces in Cabinet

\$9.75



GENUINE SMOKADOR

The ashless ash-stand that does not tip over and spill..... **\$14.00**

RADIOLA NO. 17

The most delightful gift you can bestow.

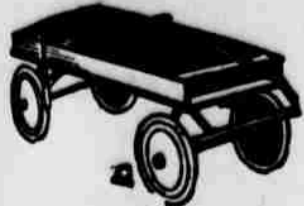
No Batteries. One Dial Control. Attaches to electric socket.

\$130.00



JONES, COX & COMPANY

TOYS AND GIFTS of ALL KINDS



WAGONS
Steel Coasters

Disc Wheels—all steel bodies.
Solidly built.
From—
\$5.75 to \$8.00

ROLLER SKATES
All Ball Bearing

Speedy, well balanced. Strong clamp and back straps.

From—
\$2.00 to \$4.00

BLACKBOARDS

Every child should be given an opportunity to develop talent. We have a complete line of these boards.

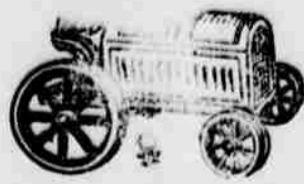
From—
\$2.00 to \$3.00

American Flyer Trains

Every boy needs a train. Special prices.

From
\$1.25 to \$2.25

HELLO BOYS AND GIRLS!
COME TO
SANTA CLAUS HEADQUARTERS



REAL AUTOS
for Children

Any boy or girl will be proud of a real car.
From—
\$7.75 to \$16.50

BOY'S FOOT BALLS

Start them early with a real, tough, serviceable football.

From—
\$1.25 to \$3.00

CHILD'S ROCKER

Nothing pleases a child so much as a chair of their own.

Specials. From—
\$1.35 to \$6.50

DAISY AIR RIFLES

All Repeaters

From
\$2.00 to \$5.00

ATWATER-KENT RADIOS



Model 35—6-Tube Only

One dial receiver, crystalline finished cabinet, gold plated ship-model name plate, decorative rosettes and power supply switch
\$49

Model 33—6-Tube

One dial receiver, antennas adjustment device, unusual selectivity, solid mahogany cabinet, gold-plated name plate, power supply switch and vernier knob
\$75



MAGAZINE HOLDERS

Lacquered finish, hand decorated.

From—
\$1.75 to \$10.00

CEDAR CHESTS

Beautifully finished.

Every girl wants a "Hope Chest."

From—
\$12.50 to \$30.00

END TABLES

Every home needs more tables.

All shapes and finishes.

From—
\$2.50 to \$12.50



DOLLS DOLLS DOLLS

Big dolls for little girls—little dolls for big girls. Funny Dolls, Beautiful Dolls, Animal Dolls. **DON'T FAIL TO SEE OUR BIG DISPLAY!**

SPECIAL—Bisque, 19-inch Polly Prim \$1.98
Walking and talking Doll—All dressed up

PEDAL "BIKE"

ALMOST A BICYCLE—FOR THE YOUNGER CHILDREN.

Specially priced

\$15.00



VELOCIPEDS

RUBBER TIRES—BUILT LIKE A REAL BICYCLE.

from **\$3.25 to \$12.00**

McNeill & Smith
Hardware Company

S. E. Kinnison and wife returned last week from Dallas where they visited Mrs. Kinnison's sister and a brother, Mr. J. B. Tiner. Uncle Sim said he and his wife enjoyed the trip very much.

J. L. Linville of Rule was a business visitor to the city last Saturday.

W. S. Pogue, a cattle and hog dealer of the city paid his subscription to the Free Press for the ensuing year. He is just another habitual reader of the Free Press whom we appreciate very much.

R. H. Darnell renewed the copy of the Free Press which is going to a relative in Virginia for two years. Mr. Darnell likes for others to know about Haskell county. Thanks, Mr. Darnell.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Josselet of Josselet Switch were in the city Saturday shopping.

J. T. Kirby of the Hughes Ranch on Paint Creek was in the city Saturday. John is about through picking cotton. He has made a fine crop and is now ready for the beginning of the 1928 crop.

W. H. McCandless of Rule was a business visitor to the city Tuesday.

Mrs. H. Weinert of Weinert was a visitor to our city Tuesday.

Mrs. J. T. Mullis of Weaver was in the city shopping Monday.

V. X. Norman of the Pinkerton community was a business visitor to the city Monday. Mr. Norman is still busy with his cotton crop.

A. A. Frierson of Midway was in the city Monday on business. He is one of the leading farmers of his section and he has many friends who are always glad to see him come to town.

R. W. Thomas, dairyman of Rule was a business visitor to Haskell Monday.

Carl Howell, a cattle dealer of Rule was in the city Monday on business.

Mrs. Dee Tidwell and daughter of Howard were shopping in the city Monday.

W. M. Harrell of Rule Route 1 renewed for the Star-Telegram through this office while in the city Wednesday. Thanks Mr. Harrell.

OUR CHRISTMAS

By **LELIA MITCH** L. THORNTON
in Ohio Farmer

Does Christmas mean but holly wreaths
And gleaming mistletoe;
But princess pine our halls to twin—
Oh, no! I think not so.

It means in Judah's manger-bed
One holy Christmas morn,
Of David's line a Babe is born,
The King of Kings, was born.

Does Christmas mean but ringing bells
And vesper chanted low;
But sermons read and banquet spread?
Oh, no! I think not so.

It means in ebb'ring struggling heart
A gentle spirit birth,
Till each shall ken "God will to men,"
And peace o'er all the earth.

Walter Holt, an enterprising merchant of Weinert was in the city Wednesday on business.

Miss Ruth Crump and Miss Coggins of Weinert were shopping in the city Wednesday.

C. G. Hudson and J. H. Cooper of Rochester were Haskell visitors Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Stanford of Roberts were shopping in the city Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stanford of Roberts were Haskell shoppers Monday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Homer Anderson of Rochester a fine girl on Monday December 12th.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Black of the Gauntt community a fine girl Friday December 2nd.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Rhoades of Roberts a fine boy Wednesday December 7th.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Carothers of Rochester spent the week end with the latter's parents, Dr. and Mrs. L. F. Taylor of this city.

J. A. Jones of Rule was a business visitor to the capital city Monday.

Joe W. Neal of Weatherford was a business visitor to our city Monday of this week.

J. C. Lowe of Brushy was in the city Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. York of east of town were in the city Saturday shopping.

English Club Meets.

On Monday, December 12, the 108 English Club met at the usual time, 3:15 and gave a splendid program. We all know that Christmas is rapidly approaching, so the program committee, who were Oleta Bland, Frances Porter and John English, got together and decided that the most appropriate thing to have would be selections of Christmas poems. The president, Erna Monke, took charge and called upon each member of the club to read his poem. Some of the pieces of poetry read were "Christmas Trees," "When Shepherds Watched by their White Flock," "Christmas in the Olden Time," "Just Before Christmas," "When I'm Just As Good As I Can Be." Mable Bland, Rachel Solomon, Millard Wyatt will serve on the program committee for next time. The work done by this club is really educational and is enjoyed by all.

I WILL have in Haskell next Saturday on the street near Grissom's corner a choice lot of Mammoth Bronze Turkeys for breeding stock. My turkeys have taken all premiums where shown including the Grand Champion at the State Fair at Dallas. Prices reasonable. W. M. Porter. 1p

Mrs. Lebo Entertains Baptist Intermediate G. A.

We studied the first chapter of "The White Queen of Okavong" which was very interesting.

The hostess served refreshments to the following: Ruby Spurlock, Ora Bell, Polk, Irene McGregor, Billie Looney, Lucile Giestrap, Lois and Lilie Payne Stoker, Kate Darnell, Margaret Scott, Anna Maud Taylor, Eloise Couch Francis English and Annabell Burt.

Mrs. H. C. Brock and Mrs. E. Hayes of Paris, Texas, mother and aunt of Mrs. Demit Hughes are guests of their daughter and niece and looking after their Haskell county property.

W. B. Gregory of Weinert was in the city Saturday and says that he will renew for the Free Press and the Star-Telegram because he cannot do without the state and county news.

T. F. Park, wife and baby were in the city Saturday shopping and while here he renewed for the Free Press and is an appreciative reader of the county weekly. Thanks, Tommie.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Medley of Weinert were Haskell visitors Wednesday. Mr. Medley is cotton weigher of his home town.

BUY ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS CHRISTMAS SEALS.



DAINTY LINGERIE
For Christmas Gifts

OF ALL gifts—the one that receives the heartiest welcome is that of Lingerie—and the New Models are even more alluring than ever. Delicately made things of exquisite materials, enhanced by trimmings of lace or embroidered applique, with fluttering satin ribbons as a final touch of artistry. In all tints.

SPECIALLY PRICED FOR CHRISTMAS

Teddies.....	98c to \$2.45	Slips.....	\$1.79
Step-Ins.....	98c	Bloomers.....	98c
Night Gowns.....	\$1.79 to \$3.98	Combinations.....	\$1.49
Corduroy Robes.....		\$3.45	

Davis Economy Store
LOW PRICE LEADERS

BAPTIST ANNOUNCE DATES FOR MISSION RALLIES

The Haskell Baptist Associational Mission Rallies, covering the entire Association, have announced the following program, places, speakers and dates for the first two weeks:

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

The following program will be supplied at each place, with the speakers alternating:

10 a. m. Devotional—To be supplied.
 10:30. The Book of Jonah—H. R. Whitley and J. Q. Herrin.
 11:00. Missions in the Old Testament—J. F. Curry and J. A. Kinser.
 11:30. Bible Doctrine of Missions—L. S. Jenkins and Joe W. English.
 Dinner on the ground.
 1:30. 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 itinerary.

Methodist Church Sunday Dec. 18
 Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Bring an offering for the Orphanage.
 At this Christmas time let us not forget the Orphan children which we are supporting at Waco.
 Pastor will preach at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.
 At the night service the subject will be "Am I a Law Breaker?" We would like to have the Lawyers, Doctors, Officers, Merchants, etc., at this service. A red hot subject.
 Senior League at 6 p. m.
 You are welcome to all these services.

W. B. Vaughn, Pastor.

Haskell Lady Has Tonsils Removed
 Mrs. Oliver Williams returned from Abilene Saturday where she had been for a few days in a sanitarium. While there she had her tonsils removed and her many friends will be glad to know that she is getting along nicely.

Miss Onita Hollis of Memphis stopped over and spent the week end on her return from Abilene to her home with Mrs. Press Perry of this city. She has been taking a business course in Draughon's Business College.

Along the Way

Only 8 shopping days until Christmas.

Help the mail man by doing your Christmas mailing early.

"What shall I buy him?" That's the question that's bothering every wife just now.

And what to buy the wife is just as big a worry to every husband.

Our idea of a boob is a fellow who pays \$10 to join Bill Thompson's 100-percenters.

Mr. Levine should be able to secure a vaudeville contract as the world's most unpopular hero.

To prevent jury tampering it appears we must have undercover men to watch the sleuths who watch the detectives who watch the jurors.

Rockefeller gives two million dollars for a League of Nations library, overlooking the fact that the fellows who run the thing would rather talk than read.

Lindberg has had a hitch of active duty with the Army aviation corps for "practical training." Uncle Sam is determined to make an aviator out of that fellow.

Some states have an annual "Wild Life Day" while in others wild life celebrations are staged mostly at night.

There was probably just as much one-hand driving in Old Dobbin's day as there is today, but the family driving horse didn't have a penchant for climbing the nearest telephone pole.

And while we think of it we would like to know why a horse is generally referred to as Old Dobbin since we never heard of a horse with that name.

President Coolidge says he will spend some time in whittling when his term expires. He has some good practice on the national debt.

Charlie Koonce of Des Moines, Iowa has gone to Cammell to visit his grandmother after a month's visit to Haskell relatives.

Mrs. W. M. Reid and sister, Mrs. Ina O. Whittaker of Sulphur Springs were in Aspermont the early part of the week.

INTERESTING NEWS FROM HOWARD COMMUNITY

The first quarterly conference for the Stamford circuit was held at Morris Chapel Saturday and Sunday, December 9-10. Rev. J. H. Hamblin, Presiding Elder, preached Saturday morning. A basket dinner was served and the business session of the conference was held Saturday afternoon. Bro. Hamblin brought two other helpful messages to the community. One Saturday evening and the other Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. At the latter service two persons were converted and united with the church. The next quarterly conference will be held at Sagerton.

Rev. W. B. Vaughn of Haskell visited with us during the conference. We were very glad to have these spiritual men in our midst.

Rev. W. J. Knap, the new Methodist pastor here, preached his first sermon to an interested audience Sunday evening. At this time a mid-week prayer meeting was organized. The first meeting will be held Thursday Dec. 15 at the home of Bro. Grady Hammer. Bro. J. W. Medford is the leader at this meeting. These prayer services are inter-denominational and all are urged to attend.

The P. T. A. met in regular session Friday evening. An interesting program was rendered, after which plans were discussed for raising funds to supply some needed school equipment. It was agreed to have a box supper Friday night, December 16.

Mr. Oliver Corley and family moved the early part of this week to Flat Top where they will make their new home. We regret to lose these good people from our community, but wish for them much happiness and success in their new location.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Densmore enjoyed a pleasant visit Sunday from their daughters, Mrs. Hoyt Perry of Post and Mrs. Marvin Wheatley of Roberts.

"Surely we were very much pleased with the Schubert Male Quartet, which appeared in Big Rapids on the night of February 10. They are the greatest quartet that has appeared in our city for some years. Everyone liked them, and we, the committee, as a result, are satisfied."—E. W. Pennock, Big Rapids, Michigan.

The Schubert program was good from beginning to end. Not a single minute of the entertainment was dull."—Denton Herald.

The Schubert Quartet numbers and Mr. Miner's humorous selections were most enthusiastically received, and each

member of the company was heartily received in his solo work."—Fairfield (Iowa) Daily Ledger.

C. F. Oman of Weinert was a business visitor of the capital city Tuesday.

Clarence Thompson of the Smith Chapel community was a visitor to Haskell Tuesday.

W. L. Button a prosperous farmer of the Rule Trade Territory was a business visitor to our city Tuesday.

Will Zelisko of Irby was in the city Tuesday and while here renewed for the Wichita Times and the Haskell Free Press for one year each. Will stated that he was through picking cotton and had most of his plowing done for next year's crop. He reported that he had already purchased more than 100 acres of land already J. E. Sparkman of Cottonwood. Mr. and Mrs. Allen Adams of Pleasant visitor to Haskell Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Allen Adams of Cotton and had most of his plowing done were shopping in the city Tuesday.

SHOP AT MAYS

Special Assortment METALLIC HATS

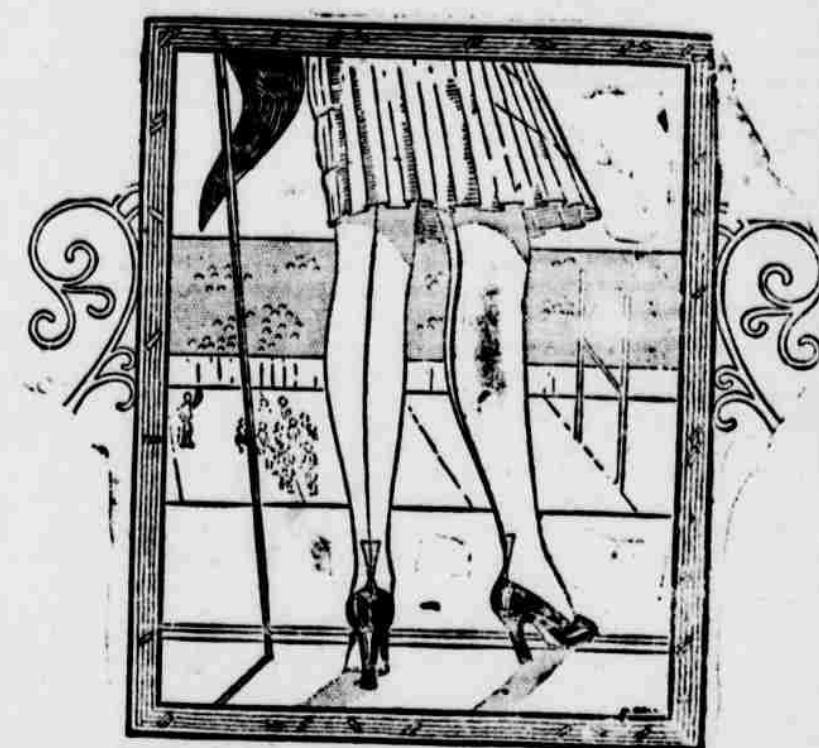
Values from \$5.95 to \$7.50

\$2.95



In order to clear up our stocks we are offering our entire stock of

LADIES COATS
at
1-3 OFF



DIABOLIC HEEL

ABSOLUTELY NEW

In Moonstone and Rose Taupe

\$1.95 \$2.25



A NEW ARRIVAL — BRAND NEW

Extra heavy weight flat crepe Dresses in assorted colors. Remarkable values **\$24.75**

JUST RECEIVED—Another assortment of Dresses—Specially priced **\$9.95**

MAYS DRY GOODS CO.

A Big Christmas Time SALE

A REAL MERCHANDISE TREAT

Offering everybody a grand opportunity to buy useful and lasting gifts for Christmas.

A sale that is far reaching in its scope, important in its determination. One of the greatest merchandise bargain treats ever offered you, backed up with the highest class goods, on sale at the most astounding reductions.

A Big Showing of Ladies and Misses New Spring Coats and Coat Suits, beginning FRIDAY DEC. 16th

CONTINUING UNTIL CHRISTMAS EVE NIGHT DEC. 24

R. V. Robertson Company

SOCIETY and Club

W. H. Murchison Honors
Cora Carver With
the Luncheon.

W. H. Murchison entertained in home last Thursday afternoon with lovely luncheon naming Miss Cora Carver of Farmersville, house guest of Mrs. John Oates as honoree. Christmas decorations were carried out and carnations and ferns and score cards and place cards were done in miniature Santa Claus. A four-course luncheon was served before the bridge game began. Table favors, Dresden sets were given, to Mrs. J. W. Munford of Madill, Okla., Mrs. Theron Cahill, Mrs. John Oates. Guest's prizes were presented to Miss Cora Carver of Farmersville, Mrs. Ina O. Whitaker of Sulphur Springs, and Mrs. J. W. Munford of Madill, Okla. These were bouquets. High score prize was captured by Mrs. Ina O. Whitaker and low score by Mrs. R. R. English. Those who shared this lovely courtesy with Cora Carver were: Mrs. Ina O. Whitaker of Sulphur Springs, Mrs. J. W. Munford of Madill, Okla., Mrs. John Oates, Mrs. Hill Oates, Mrs. C. V. Payne, Mrs. J. P. Payne, Mrs. R. R. English, Mrs. W. M. Reid, Mrs. Theron Cahill, Mrs. J. E. Bernard and the host, Mrs. W. H. Murchison.

Day Spirit Reflected in Colorful
Magazine Club Fall Luncheon.

Some time last year the Magazine Club discussed correct menus and served at one of their meetings and decided to divide the membership in two halves of them would be "The Fall Luncheon Club" and the other half "The Spring Luncheon Club." Each in turn were to serve the other. On last Friday the Fall Luncheon Club were hostesses to the Spring Luncheon Club, with Mrs. John Draper as chairman. The decorations were a miniature Santa Claus and Christmas tree. A delicious luncheon

was ideally served by Mrs. Claiborne Payne, Mrs. Tom French, Mrs. Hill Oates and Mrs. Clay Smith to the club membership. Mrs. Wallace Cox directed the following program while the luncheon was in progress:

Piano Numbers, Schubert's Serenade, and a Group of Christmas Carols—Mrs. O. E. Patterson.

Vocal Solo, Old Judea—Mrs. Claiborne Payne.

Reading, "St. Peter at the Gate"—Miss Dolly Louise Chambers.

The program was concluded by greetings from the new president, Mrs. H. M. Smith.

As indicated by the name, The Spring Luncheon Club will return the courtesy in the Spring.

Mrs. W. M. Reid Compliments
Guest With Bridge Party.

Mrs. W. M. Reid chose what proved to be the coldest day of the season for her bridge party complimenting her sister, Mrs. Ina O. Whitaker of Sulphur Springs, who is her house guest. But the cheery warmth of the interior of Mrs. Reid's home made her guests forget weather conditions as they spent the pleasant afternoon around the bridge tables at the close of which the hostess served a delicious turkey salad plate with all accessories to the honoree, Mrs. Ina O. Whitaker. Sulphur Springs, Miss Cora Carver, Farmersville, house guest of Mrs. John Oates, Mrs. W. H. Murchison, Mrs. John Oates, Mrs. Hill Oates, Mrs. John W. Pace, Mrs. J. U. Fields, Mrs. R. R. English, Mrs. Courtney Hunt, Mrs. R. E. Hall, Mrs. John P. Payne, Mrs. Claiborne Payne, Mrs. Theron Cahill, Mrs. Mamie Barron, and Mrs. J. B. Post.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Bailey
Entertain

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Bailey entertained in their beautiful home on last Monday evening with a "42" party honoring Mr. and Mrs. Demitt Hughes. Christmas flowers were the decorations in the reception suite and dining room. The guests were greeted at the door by the son of the host and hostess, Ronald Bailey who introduced them to the receiving line, Mr. and Mrs. V. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Demitt Hughes, Mrs. H.

C. Brock, mother and Mrs. Joe E. Hayes, aunt of Mrs. Hughes, of Paris, Texas. Little Miss Noka Bailey, daughter of the home passed the score cards. At the close of an enjoyable evening of "42" Mrs. Norton, mother of the hostess assisted her in serving a plate luncheon of cheese fondue, potato chips, vanilla wafers and hot tea. The small tables were centered by a gift basket that contained poinsettias for the ladies and red and green memorandum books for the men. Guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Demitt Hughes, Mrs. H. C. Brock and Mrs. Joe Hayes of Paris, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Pierson, Mr. and Mrs. John Couch, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Irwin, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Trice and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stalcup.

D. E. Girls Banquet
Football Boys.

On the evening of the sixth of December the Home Economics Girls of the Haskell High School gave a lovely banquet in their dining room at the High School honoring the football boys. Small tables formed the letter H and were centered with trailing vines, silver and crystal baskets of red roses and date compotes. A football surrounded with pennants in black and gold graced one of the tables. Victrola music was furnished throughout the evening, and Misses Mary Couch, and Bessie Bee Kaigler served the delicious three-course banquet. Invocation was offered by Mr. Christian. Financial Report, Supt. J. Horace Bass. Interesting Remarks, Board Chairman R. V. Robertson. From the Team, Johnny Banks, and then the coach, Mr. J. O. Dodson; and awarding of prizes. Guests of Mrs. Wayland and her D. E. girls were: Board Chairman R. V. Robertson, Mr. Christian, R. C. Couch and Sam A. Roberts, Supt. J. Horace Bass, Principal M. B. Lebo, Coach J. O. Dodson and O. B. Ratliff, Virgil Reynolds, Clyde Edwards, Rogers Gilstrap, Jerry Irby, D. L. Cummins, Herman Pitman, Johnny Banks, Roy Sanders, Earnest Kimbrough, Glenn Marrs, Ed Henshaw, Lonnie Henshaw, Manuel Medley, Claud Pippin, Spencer Watson, Cecil Bradley, Marvin Branch, Ted Stewart, William Kimbrough and Thomas Patterson.

Virgil Reynolds was elected Captain of the 1928 football team and responded with a speech of acceptance.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Grissom enjoyed a reunion Christmas dinner with all of their children last Sunday. They were Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Grissom and daughters, Misses Anita and Frances Grissom of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Grissom and children, Nancy Flo, Fay and Jack Hardy of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Grissom and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hudson.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Grissom and children returned to Abilene on Sunday afternoon and Mrs. Hardy Grissom and daughters on Monday afternoon after being in Haskell for the Grissom re-union dinner.

LOCAL NOTES

R. G. Jaeger of the Gauntt community was in the city Tuesday and called at this office and renewed for the Free Press and Star-Telegram. Mr. Jaeger is one of the leading farmers of his section. He reports quite a lot of cotton to pick in his section.

Truitt Cobb of Roberts was in the city Saturday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Bruton of Weinert were Haskell shoppers Saturday.

J. C. Chamberlin and wife of Vontress were Haskell shoppers Saturday.

H. and R. Kretschmer of Irby were Haskell shoppers Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Foot, teachers of Howard school, were in the city last Saturday shopping.

R. B. (Uncle Dick) Williams of Foster was in the city Saturday. He was one among the first cotton farmers of Haskell county. He planted a cotton crop in the early settlement of Haskell county and made good when he was advised by the older settlers that cotton would not grow in this section. When you tell an American something cannot be done, that's the very thing he wills to do and they generally succeed.

J. E. Mapes of Roberts renewed for the Free Press for two years while in the city last Friday. Mr. Mapes comes to town pretty often according to his statement. He makes this his trading place.

J. B. Edwards of Ballew spent the week-end in Dallas the guest of his daughter Mrs. George L. Bird.

Mrs. George L. Bird, formerly of Haskell, has accepted a position with the Texas News Company of Dallas.

Dr. J. C. Davis of Rule sent in his renewal to the Free Press through our field man and has his date set forward for one year. Thanks to our friend.

We have secured Miss Augusta Jackson of Rule to give us the news from that city and we are sure that Rule will have a good representation in our columns.

Mr. W. W. Starnes and children of Rule were in the city Saturday and while here stated that she and the children had just returned from an extended trip to Arkansas and Oklahoma. Elder Starnes is expecting to move his family to Arkansas within the next few weeks. He was the recent pastor of the Haskell and Rule churches and has many friends here and at Rule who will regret very much to lose this good family from this section.

W. L. Fraley of Ballew was a business visitor to the city Saturday.

E. W. Kregger of the Curry Chapel community was a Haskell visitor Saturday. He is still marketing cotton from his 1927 crop. He is a prosperous man.

Rev. J. C. Park, Association Missionary of Haskell District, handed us the kale for the Free Press for the ensuing year. Brother Park has just entered the missionary field here and he is a worker and we will expect some great results this year with Bro. Park in the field.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Park of the Myers community were shopping in Haskell Saturday.

J. S. Stephens of the Gauntt community was in the city Saturday. His wife is visiting her sister at Mineral Wells this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Bean were in the city from Bunker Hill Tuesday shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Landess of Howard were shopping in the city Saturday.

Will Harrell of Foster was in the city Saturday on business. He states that most of the cotton crop is picked in his section.

Mrs. W. H. Russell of the Rose community left last Saturday morning for Floresville, Texas, where she will visit her daughter, Mrs. George W. White. Mr. Russell was in the city Saturday and while here supplied his reading for the ensuing year by subscribing for the Free Press.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Fowler were in the city last Saturday. They are among the old timers of this section. They came to Haskell county in the year of 1900 and made one crop after coming here and the remainder of the years he has been connected with the Hughes Ranches and has been on the job all the while.

A. L. Cox, a former commissioner of Haskell county who is residing at Howard, was here Saturday and subscribed for the Star-Telegram and renewed for the Free Press. Getting his paper through us saved him some money and made us feel good to have our friends remember us.

J. A. Carrigan of Post, who is a leading farmer of that section was in the city Saturday trading with our merchants.

Our Field Man Makes Statement.

In taking up again the field work for the Haskell Free Press, my heart is made to rejoice because of the cordial welcome I have received from my many friends over the county. I am glad indeed to know that in my brief absence that the home paper has moved right along in progress and favor with the vast throng of readers over the county and trade territory. My duty is to help continue this good feeling and loyal patronage that the Free Press has enjoyed for almost 42 years of service for a great people. I shall call on you in your home and in other places of abode from week to week and we trust that each of you will strive to give me good news items that will interest and help others. This is now a time that we cannot live to our selves and there is more or less progress in every home that will help others to know about it. And the home paper is the best medium to impart the good news to others. Let us have the news from every home in Haskell county. It has been our pleasure for the past ten years to visit with Haskell county's citizens and we have become attached to the work so much that it is our greatest pleasure to be in the service. Thanking you in the past for every favor and hoping to see you in your home.

Yours for service,
 W M FREE

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 13th day of December A. D. 1927.

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

Mrs. Ollie Lees and children were in the city Saturday from the Pinkerton community.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Pennington of the Gilliam community were in the city Saturday shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Bristow of Foster were Haskell shoppers and while here Mrs. Bristow called at the office and renewed for the Free Press. Thanks.

MISS CLODAUGH DUKE
Speech Arts Teacher

Presents her students in recital at the High School Auditorium Dec. 21st at 8 p. m.

Now is when we unload. All used cars are going to be sold before Saturday December 17th, regardless of price. Bell-Moore Chevrolet Co.

THE WICHITA VALLEY RY. CO.

Visit the Folks at Home
 Low Round Trip Holiday Excursion Fares
 to
TEXAS AND LOUISIANA
 Dates of Sale
 to
TEXAS AND LOUISIANA POINTS
DECEMBER 16th to 26th, INCLUSIVE
 Again December 31st. and January 1st.
 Limit—January 9th, 1928.
J. L. SOUTHERN, Agent.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Grissom enjoyed a reunion Christmas dinner with all of their children last Sunday. They were Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Grissom and daughters, Misses Anita and Frances Grissom of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Grissom and children, Nancy Flo, Fay and Jack Hardy of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Grissom and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hudson.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Grissom and children returned to Abilene on Sunday afternoon and Mrs. Hardy Grissom and daughters on Monday afternoon after being in Haskell for the Grissom re-union dinner.

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

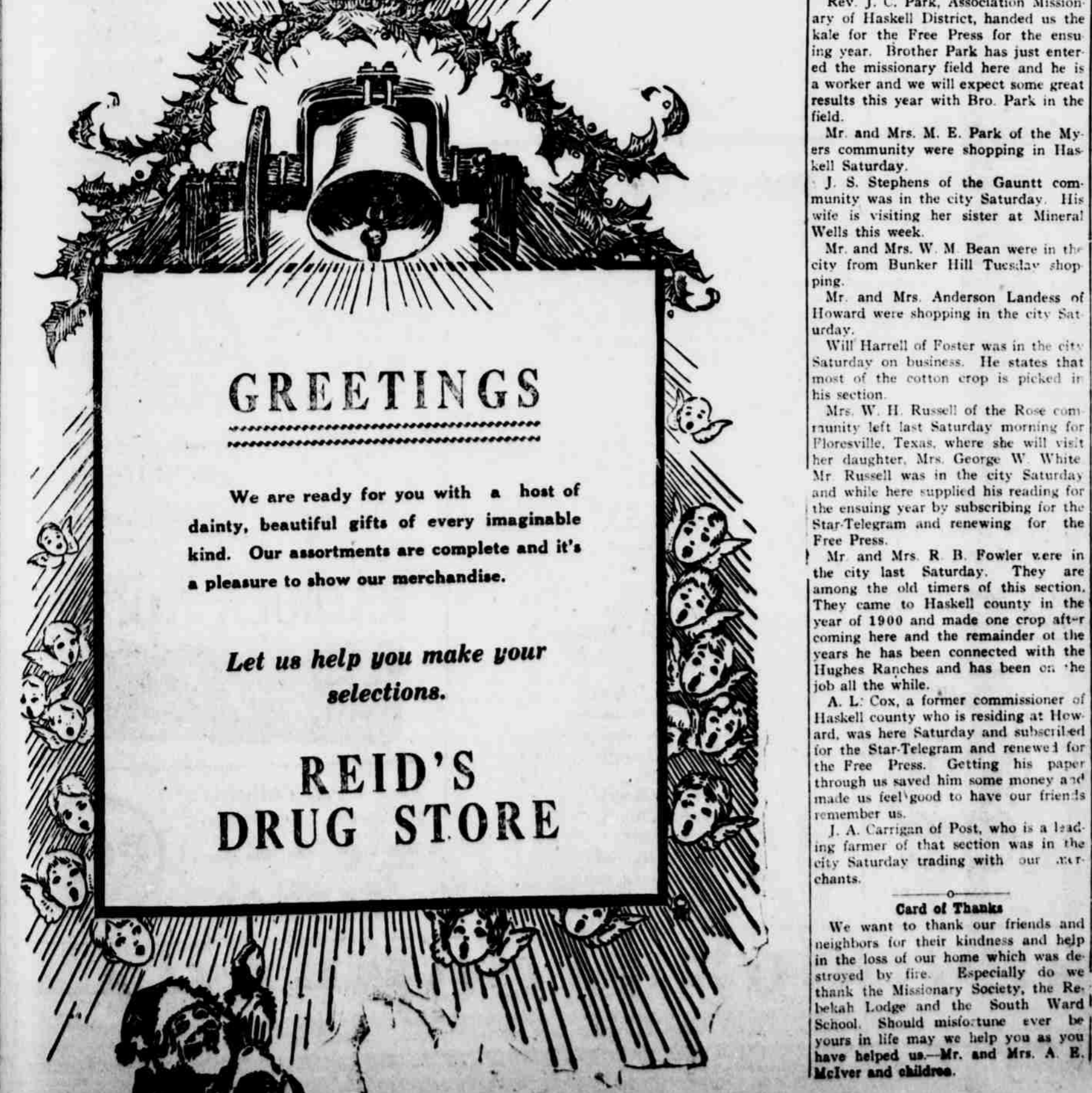
Clean Up SALE

We must sell our entire stock of

USED CARS

by Saturday December 17th, regardless of price. If you are looking for a bargain see us before you buy.

Bell-Moore Chevrolet Co.



GREETINGS

We are ready for you with a host of dainty, beautiful gifts of every imaginable kind. Our assortments are complete and it's a pleasure to show our merchandise.

Let us help you make your selections.

REID'S DRUG STORE

ATKEISON'S

M SYSTEM Most People trade at the "M" System

SAVES FOR THE NATION

BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS CANDIES AND NUTS EARLY THEN YOU CAN GET WHAT YOU WANT.

Folgers Coffee 2 lb. can 98c

White Swan Corn No. 2 can 14c

SUGAR 10 lb. Cloth Bag 67c

Chipso The Ideal Soap Flake Small pkg. 8c

Vegtable Soup Per Can 7c

Forty-One Years of Service in Haskell County.

The Haskell Free Press

Forty-One Years of Service in Haskell County.

PUBLISHED JANUARY 1, 1908.

HASKELL, HASKELL COUNTY, TEXAS, THURSDAY, DEC. 15, 1927-16 PAGES.

FORTY-FIRST YEAR

ASSOCIATION ELECTS OFFICERS

The annual stockholders meeting of the Haskell County Fair Association was held in the City Hall last night. The board of directors were elected from 15 members to 25 and following directors elected for 1928: Henry Alexander, Courtney O. E. Patterson, M. H. Post, M. Conner, J. B. Post, Mack Mar-

RULE MAN SUCCESSFUL WITH SORGHUM RAISING

C. E. Orton of Rule, who has for the past two years been testing out the growing of sorghum cane for home sorghum making has achieved success in his undertaking. This year he made a little more than 1,000 gallons and it was sold from the mill without any effort at a reasonable price and every customer was pleased with his purchase. Last year Mr. Orton made more than 1,600 gallons with the same results, selling out so closely that he had to buy back a few gallons at retail price to supply the needs of his own home. He says that he expects to buy a larger mill next year and plant more cane. He knows that it is a paying proposition. His stock eats the pumpkins and keep fat all winter, so according to Mr. Orton there is no loss in the project.

DICKENSON FUNERAL HELD HERE FRIDAY

E. Dickenson, a former Haskell resident, was buried in Willow cemetery this city Friday afternoon, his remains being shipped here from San Antonio where he passed away Tuesday in December 6th, after about a two week illness which confined him to his room and bed. The funeral was held Friday afternoon at the Brooks home in this city at 3 o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. Robert Forrester. The remains arrived here Thursday night and were carried to the Brooks home for the funeral services.

SCHUBERT MALE QUARTET COMING

Featuring the best known works of Franz Schubert, the Schubert Male Quartet will appear here in recital on the evening of Monday, December 19, at the High School. This quartet was featured a year ago in a twenty weeks tour of Canada in the musical comedy "Three Little Maids," produced by Captain Plunkett, Canada's foremost theatrical producer.

Box Supper at Gilliam

There will be a box supper at Gilliam school house next Saturday night Dec. 17. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the school. Everyone is invited to come.

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Letters are already pouring into this office for old St. Nick, and it won't be long now until he hooks up his high stepping reindeer and heads south to bring joy and happiness to the boys and girls.

Home Demonstration Club Organized for Roberts Community

The girls of Roberts met on Thursday November 29th at 10:30 a. m. to organize a Girl's Home Demonstration Club, with Miss Matilda Gunn acting as chairman. The following officers were elected: Eula Force—President. Lillian Lewellen—Vice President. Eufaula Stanford—Reporter. It was decided that the club should meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. Miss Gunn, the county Home Demonstration Agent, gave a demonstration on hemming cup towels. The meeting was adjourned at 12 o'clock.—Club Reporter.

HASKELL RESIDENT EXHIBITS OLD COIN

Uncle Tom Lemmon of the Haskell Laundry was exhibiting on the streets of the city Monday one of the oldest coins to be found any where. It is one of the old time large pennies which has the date mark clear and visible of 1802. It came to him through a gift of his brother of Colorado. Uncle Tom treasures this keepsake very highly.

HUNTERS BRING HOME THE BACON

R. L. Harrison, Jes Pinkerton, Hugh Coburn and Date Anderson returned early in the week from South Texas where they spent a few days in quest of large game. It seemed that the deer eluded them but they report killing three fine fat wild turkeys. It might have been that they were only hunting turkeys. None of them have committed themselves to the reporter, only the boys report a splendid outing and seemed to have enjoyed the trip very much.

Mrs. Tuttle Dies Friday Morning

We learn that Mrs. Tuttle, sister of Walter Strange, who lived on the Grissom farm north of town passed away at 10 o'clock last Friday morning after a brief illness and was carried to Abilene for burial where he remains were laid to rest at 4 p. m. Saturday. She is survived by two sons and brother and other close relatives. The bereaved ones have the sympathy of the entire community.

W. P. Whitman, a former resident of Haskell and a real estate owner in the county was in the city one day last week and renewed for his copy of the Free Press which is being mailed to his home in Abilene. Bro. Whitman is getting along in years but is just as spry and moves about like a boy. We are always glad to see him when he returns to his old home.

W. R. Carothers of Rule was a business visitor to the capital city Monday.

W. M. Porter of Rouston City was in the city Wednesday and called around to see us and renewed for the Free Press while here. He is one of the best turkey breeders in the county. His birds have won prizes over the state wherever shown. He is expecting to bring some of his best birds here next Saturday for sale to turkey breeders over the county. He knows the turkey game and his turkeys show it.

Rev. L. J. Frost and Jim Muse of Lake Creek were Haskell visitors Wednesday. Rev. Frost says that the new teacher and the new school building at Lake Creek are both completed and are now being occupied. The school is progressing nicely according to Mr. Frost.

M. M. Clark of the Foster community was in the city Wednesday and while here renewed for the Free Press for another year. Mr. Clark is one of our habitual readers and is always ready with the cash to renew when his subscription expires. He was accompanied by Mr. A. Choate of Eastland county who is visiting him and is looking for a location to move his family here.

C. L. Tidrow of the Center Point community was in the city Saturday and paid us for one year and four months renewal to the home paper and said that he had made a good crop and was about through gathering. Only has a few hundred pounds of cotton to pick. Mr. Tidrow is a good friend to the Free Press.

J. R. Pennington of Gilliam renews for the Haskell Free Press and starts the new year with a clean slate. Thanks.

Watch Your Step, Young Fellow



NATURAL GAS FOR HASKELL IN 6 MONTHS

According to a statement given out by one of the active engineers, the gas line will be in Haskell within the next six months with favorable weather. The pipe line crews are now more than 10 miles out of Chillicothe coming this way. The right of way has been secured and the city has granted a franchise and it is predicted that gas will be here on schedule time. The reason for the long delay the line is coming from another gas field than that which was first planned. The line coming in, it is believed will furnish a bountiful supply of gas for all purposes.

COUNTY AGENT TRICE KEPT BUSY TERRACING

County Agent W. P. Trice is very busy these days terracing for the farmers over Haskell county. Last week he terraced the farm of H. J. Cloer in the Rose Chapel community, and expects with favorable weather to do terracing work for H. J. Nauart on the farm of Mrs. Schonerstedt of near Sagerton. Also for Gus Mueller of the same community, then he expects to go to the Rose community and do terracing for C. C. Rose and to Sayles and do terracing for A. J. Easterling, and then to the farm of E. A. Morgan near Sagerton and lay out his work. The farmers have tried out terracing for the past two or three years and they are doing this work because they have seen it tried and know that it pays. They are not guessing.

DISTRICT JUDGE CLOSES TERM OF COURT AT THROCKMORTON

Judge Bruce W. Bryant closed the term of District Court in Throckmorton county Monday and returned home to spend the holidays with his family here. Judge Bryant stated that he had a very light docket for Throckmorton county this term and that he has the docket almost clear.

CHRISTMAS EDITION OUT NEXT WEEK

The Yuletide season is at hand and the Free Press will run its regular Christmas edition next week. One of the principal reasons for this big paper is to publish all the letters that have been sent in to Santa Claus. It has been the custom for so long to print these letters from Haskell children that Santa Claus expects them to be in the paper every year. In fact it is reasonable to believe that this is the only reliable way for the tiny tots to attract the attention of Old Saint Nick for these are busy times and the old man with his gifts must make fast time. All of the merchants will extend their greetings to customers in this paper and it will be jammed full of special prices on gifts of every description.

THE MISER'S DREAM To be Presented by Intermediate School

As the beginning of a series of programs to be offered free to the public by the North Ward P. T. A., a Christmas program will be offered in the high school auditorium next Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The program planned is a very interesting one and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Judge King Makes Statement Regarding Automobile Taxes

Judge A. H. King of Throckmorton was in the city last Friday and in conversation with a Free Press reporter stated that the last legislature passed a law to the effect that after the first of the new year that each county of the state retained 30 per cent of the weight tax of motor vehicles in the county, which means considerable money to the counties where there are large numbers of automobiles and trucks. Judge King stated that this would give considerable means to the upkeep of the lateral roads of Haskell county if the taxes on automobiles and trucks were not paid until after the first of 1928. He stated that the gasoline tax was taking care of the highways and that this new law would mean much to all lateral roads. He insisted that all car and truck owners should not pay taxes until after the first of the new year that this tax might be retained in the county. Tax Collector Chas. M. Conner of Haskell county also made this request in a former issue of the Free Press.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE SAYLES COMMUNITY

Delma Haralson of Abilene motored over to Haskell to spend the week end visiting friends in this community. We welcome Mr. and Mrs. A. Harding and family into our community. Ethel Bland went to Abilene for the week end. Ada and Ruby Matthews spent the week end in Sayles. Beatrice Willis of Haskell spent Sunday with Miss Francis Chapman of this community. Mr. W. H. Wiseman made a business trip to Stamford Monday. Anne Wiseman and Ruth Strickland spent Saturday night in Stamford the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Kirby.

Old Citizen of Rochester Passes Away

We learn through our friend J. F. Gilliland, who is now employed with McCollum & Couch, but who lives at Rochester that Grandpa Summers, 88 years of age, was buried at Rochester Sunday afternoon about 4 o'clock, after a funeral held at the Baptist church by the pastor, Rev. Herring. Grandpa Summers was a well known character at Rochester, having lived there a number of years. The end came at 8 o'clock Saturday night and he passed to his reward. He was known as a good christian man and was loved by a host of friends. The bereaved loved ones have the sympathy of the entire city.

FILLING STATION CHANGES HANDS

Johnson & Pickett sold the Texas Filling Station on Depot Street to Mr. B. T. Bonds of Nocona, who arrived here and took charge of the station last Saturday morning. Mr. Bonds comes well recommended from his home town as a good citizen and Haskell welcomes him and his family to a home in the city. Johnson & Pickett have retained the garage which is located in the same building and will continue to do repair work as usual. This garage will still be known as the Texas Garage. They only sold the filling station which is now a separate business.

Rev. L. J. Frost and Jim Muse of Lake Creek were Haskell visitors Wednesday. Rev. Frost says that the new teacher and the new school building at Lake Creek are both completed and are now being occupied. The school is progressing nicely according to Mr. Frost.

M. M. Clark of the Foster community was in the city Wednesday and while here renewed for the Free Press for another year. Mr. Clark is one of our habitual readers and is always ready with the cash to renew when his subscription expires. He was accompanied by Mr. A. Choate of Eastland county who is visiting him and is looking for a location to move his family here.

C. L. Tidrow of the Center Point community was in the city Saturday and paid us for one year and four months renewal to the home paper and said that he had made a good crop and was about through gathering. Only has a few hundred pounds of cotton to pick. Mr. Tidrow is a good friend to the Free Press.

J. R. Pennington of Gilliam renews for the Haskell Free Press and starts the new year with a clean slate. Thanks.

W. R. Carothers of Rule was a business visitor to the capital city Monday.

W. M. Porter of Rouston City was in the city Wednesday and called around to see us and renewed for the Free Press while here. He is one of the best turkey breeders in the county. His birds have won prizes over the state wherever shown. He is expecting to bring some of his best birds here next Saturday for sale to turkey breeders over the county. He knows the turkey game and his turkeys show it.

Rev. L. J. Frost and Jim Muse of Lake Creek were Haskell visitors Wednesday. Rev. Frost says that the new teacher and the new school building at Lake Creek are both completed and are now being occupied. The school is progressing nicely according to Mr. Frost.

WORKERS COUNCIL TO MEET MONDAY

The Worker's Council for the Haskell Baptist Association will meet with the First Baptist Church in this city Monday December 19, at 9:30 a. m. A splendid program has been arranged, the first four chapters of the book of Colossians will be discussed by four different ministers of the association. Lunch will be served at the noon hour by the Haskell ladies in the basement of the church. The afternoon service after about one speech and a few business transactions will be given to the women's work. A large attendance is expected and a great day awaits those who attend.

LOCAL JUSTICE UNITES SEVERAL YOUNG COUPLE

Judge R. P. Simmons of this city reports the following court house weddings to have taken place in his office the past few weeks. November 26th Roy Bishop and Miss Marcine McCully were united in marriage by Judge Simmons in his office. This happy young couple were reported to have come from Weinert, where they will make their future home. December 1st Bob Henly and Miss Lula Belle Callahan were united by Judge Simmons in the holy bonds of wedlock in a short ceremony. They came from Rochester where they have a host of friends who wish them much joy in life. December 4th Ira Johnson and Miss Gladys Johnson were happily married by Judge Simmons in his office in the courthouse. After the ceremony they returned to Old Glory where they will be at home to their many friends. December 12th C. C. Lackabay and Miss Margaret Smith were married by Judge Simmons in his office and they left immediately for their home in Knox City to receive the congratulations of their many friends.

RETURNING HUNTERS CALL AT FREE PRESS OFFICE

W. M. Houston and J. E. Laswell of Chillicothe were pleasant callers at the Free Press office early Monday morning. They were on a return trip from a deer hunt in south Texas. They report killing one buck and having a fine time. Mr. Houston is a frequent hunter and makes many trips to the hunting grounds during the season. He also belongs to the old time fiddlers and is among the best performers in the state. He enjoys getting his friends together around him and listen to the sweet tones of the old familiar airs of Apple Blossom, Arkansas Traveler and many others of the old time tunes. He never tires of entertaining with his fiddle. He owns one or two of the best violins in Texas.

Haskell Citizen Returns Home With Bride

Mr. Jno. H. Roberts returned from Eastland Tuesday where he and Miss Frankie M. Ellison were married by Rev. Frank E. Singleton at his home in Eastland at 11 o'clock Sunday night. The bride's home is in San Antonio, but they met at Eastland for the ceremony. They will be at home to their many friends at the farm home of the groom in the Roberts community. The Free Press joins their many friends in congratulations.

W. M. Porter of Rouston City was in the city Wednesday and called around to see us and renewed for the Free Press while here. He is one of the best turkey breeders in the county. His birds have won prizes over the state wherever shown. He is expecting to bring some of his best birds here next Saturday for sale to turkey breeders over the county. He knows the turkey game and his turkeys show it.

Roy Miller of Midway was in the city Saturday on business. He has bought a farm near Gauntt school house and expects to move to it after the first of the year. He is now a happy home owner of Haskell county. Not saying anything about his large flock of Plymouth Rocks that help make it possible for him to live happy and have a good living.

H. T. Wright who formerly lived on Mule Creek, but who is now located in Fort Worth, passed through the city Monday en route to his home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Reid of Foeter were in the city Tuesday shopping.

Not only could the Schubert artists vocalize, but they were equally clever on the piano. Piano solos and songs formed memorable parts of the evening's numbers. Four extraordinary voices make up the personnel of the group.

The Evergreen, Pullman, Wash.