

The Haskell Free Press

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FIFTEEN YEARS

Junior C. Of C. Will Soon Have Secretary Employed Full Time

TO ANNOUNCE NAME AT BANQUET IN JANUARY

Bob Baskin asked To Speak to Group

The Board of Directors of the Junior Chamber of Commerce met last Monday night to formulate plans for the coming banquet to be held in the early part of next month.

It was decided to ask Bob Baskin, Seymour banker and Public Spirited citizen to make the principal address. Mr. Baskin is the man largely responsible for the progress of the Brazos River Dam near Jud which is receiving so much attention now.

The directors definitely decided they would not use professional talent for their entertainment program but will depend entirely on speakers for the entertainment.

The most important decision was reached when they decided to hire a full time secretary at an approximate salary of \$100.00 per month. It was also voted to hire someone who has had experience as a Chamber of Commerce Secretary and who will be competent to handle all the affairs of the body.

This important step will be discussed further at the banquet which it is hoped will be served at the First Christian Church.

It was decided to ask some of the Home Demonstration Clubs to put on the banquet and in all probability the Midway Club will be the ones to cook the meal as well as serve.

At this early date, it will be impossible to tell if the new secretary will be present as the West Texas Chamber of Commerce will first be contacted and asked to recommend a competent man.

The Jaycees have set a goal of 100 tickets to be sold for the banquet.

1936 Postal Receipts Largest Since 1929

More than any year since that much quoted fall of 1929, Haskell is sending gifts to other cities. Postmaster J. M. Dicks announced last Monday, after a hurried check of the day's business of Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday set some kind of a record in the Haskell postoffice with more packages being mailed than at any other time. Monday was running the record a close second. With people standing in line waiting to get to the windows and a special window being created to try and help out with the rush, it was rather difficult to get the Postmaster to stop all the people in order to give us an interview but there is no question that more people are sending more gifts than at any other time.

So far as could be ascertained, the postoffice is to be closed from Tuesday night to Thursday morning with attention being given only to special delivery letters and packages. The mail will be worked daily however.

Cecil Reeves from Texas Tech, Lubbock, is home for the holidays.

HASKELL HAS GOOD FIRE RECORD FOR 1935

Only 17 Calls Are Answered by Department And Only Three Fires Cause Serious Damage

The 1935 record of fires in Haskell has some rather strange comparisons with the previous year. The last year had 28 calls and 1935 had 17.

In 1934 there were 10 hose lines being used for a total distance of 3178 feet and in 1935 the firemen strung 48 hose lines for a distance of 1820 feet.

Last year there were 48 feet of hose used and in 1935 the total was 74 feet.

Four tanks of chemicals were used in 1935 against two of last year. The trunk pumped a total of 110 gallons in 1935 and three hours and 30 minutes in 1934.

The total value of the property damaged in 1934 was \$10,400 and in 1935 covered \$8,250 of this loss. The total value of the property damaged in 1935 was \$8,500 and there were \$2,100 worth of insurance on the property.

In order and the cause of the fires given. January fire, \$1,000. Mr. Cowley, cause unknown, \$2,100 insurance. St. R. T. Roberts, cause unknown, \$1,800 insurance. Feb-

Only seven days left in which to take advantage of the FREE PRESS bargain day rates. This is an opportunity that comes but once a year and there is no reason why you shouldn't take advantage of the rate at once and save all the trouble and expense of having to renew later in the year at a much higher rate.

The bargain days are over on January First, 1936. This leaves but very few days in which to get your home newspaper that has all the best features and all the best reading. It has all the news, it has it first and it has it right. What more could you ask of a newspaper? We are giving our annual prize... the opportunity to give no other prizes. Our readers are the winners. It's Just

\$1.00

In Haskell and adjoining Counties.

COMMUNITY FARM HEADS MEET SATURDAY

Will Perfect Plans For The Coming Year's Work

A meeting of the new 1936 chairman of the Community Farm Associations will be held in Haskell in the Court House, Saturday, December 28, at 2:00 p. m., to elect the executive committee for the Farm Association, and to receive instructions on electing the community cotton committeemen. The community cotton committeemen are to be elected on the night of December 30th. Haskell County is divided into seven Community Districts and each district is allowed three community cotton committeemen.

Community District No. 1 will hold their election at O'Brien, Texas. It is composed of the following communities: Jud, Idella, Hutto, Mitchell, O'Brien, Cliff, Dennis Chapel and Lone Star.

Community District No. 2 will hold their election at Rochester, Texas. It is composed of the following communities: Marcy, Rochester, New Mid, Myers, Gilliam, Foster and New Cook.

Community District Number 3 will hold their election at Rule, Texas. It is composed of the following communities: Tonk Creek, Rule, Midway, Haskell No. 1, Tanner, Paint and Guant.

Community District No. 4 will hold their election at Plainview School District. It is composed of the following communities: Center Point, Sayles, Haskell Number 4, Sagerton, Vernon, Bunker Hill, Flat Top, Plainview, Ward and McConnell.

Community District No. 5 will hold their election at (Continued On Page Eight)

WE ARE WISHING YOU A Merry Christmas A Happy New Year!

MRS. J. M. PERRY, PIONEER HASKELL RESIDENT BURIED

Rites Held Sunday at First Methodist Church for Early Settler

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the First Methodist Church for Mrs. J. M. Perry, 73, pioneer Haskell county resident who succumbed at the family residence here Saturday night following an attack of pneumonia. Rites were conducted by the Rev. R. N. Huckabee, Methodist pastor, assisted by the Rev. C. A. Tucker, Presbyterian minister.

Widow of the late J. M. (Mike) Perry, well known pioneer resident and respected citizen of this section, Mrs. Perry and her husband moved to this section in 1890, four years after the county was organized. They were actively identified in the early-day development of this area, both in church and civic affairs and contributed immeasurably to every worthwhile movement affecting the interests of the community. Mrs. Perry united with the Methodist church in 1889, and remained a faithful and conscientious worker in her faith until death. She had been in ill health for two years, following the death of her husband in January, 1934.

Born Catherine Berry in Alabama, July 28, 1862, daughter of prominent Southern family. She was married to J. M. Perry in 1881. Six children were born to the union all of whom survive. The family resided continuously in Haskell County after moving here forty-six years ago.

Surviving relatives are three sons: Wayne Perry, Haskell; Grover Perry, Rochester, N. Y.; Lorenzo Perry, Baltimore, Maryland; Daughters: Mrs. Lela Sparkman, Lubbock; Mrs. Ruby Sparkman, Roscoe; Miss Ola Perry, Washington, D. C. A brother, Hugh Perry, resides in Houston; and two sisters, Mrs. Irene Orenbaum, Hillsboro, Texas, and Mrs. Will Higgins, Waco. Twenty-one grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren also survive.

Active pallbearers were Ree Gardner, P. G. Kendrick, Arthur Merchant, Arthur Montgomery, Ray Overton, Claud Jenkins. Flowers were handled by Mesdames Ree Gardner, P. G. Kendrick, Claud Jenkins, Jess Barton.

Honorary pallbearers: W. H. Overton, H. M. Smith, Bud Rike, Lynn Pace, R. A. Haynes, George Fields, Oscar Oates, Tom Ballard, S. P. Post, S. N. Neathery, T. D. Strickland, Shelby Harris, C. K. Jones, R. E. DeBard.

Floyd Taylor of Austin is here visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. L. F. Taylor through the holidays.

200 Farm People For Each Worker

"Christmas, is it?" R. E. Skipworth, county supervisor for the Resettlement Administration, looked at the calendar yesterday and hoped he would get an hour off for Christmas dinner. He has had a crowd of clients around him day and night for several weeks, while he and his helpers worked out plans for these families to get back into farming, where they can earn their own living and stay off the relief rolls. A county advisory committee of volunteer workers has also been meeting regularly, to approve the plans.

"Every Resettlement employee serves about 200 people," Mr. Skipworth said. "In this region of Texas and Oklahoma, almost 200,000 individuals are included in the families being directly benefited by the Resettlement program. In the whole there are a million and a half people in such families.

Right here in Haskell, Knox, Stonewall and Throckmorton Counties, we are serving 109 families, with an average of five people in the family, which makes 436 individuals being benefited. There are only 5 employees of the Resettlement Administration in the counties of Haskell, Knox, Stonewall and Throckmorton.

Two new residences Being built in Town

J. D. Montgomery began the construction of a six room modern residence on Clark street the first of the week. The building will be of frame construction and veneered with nation stone. When completed it will be one of the nicest small homes in the city. The two story residence of O. E. Patterson on Houston street is nearing completion. This home is also veneered in nation stone and will be one of the most imposing residences in the city when completed.

Mrs. Gilbert Sowell had the following visitors with her during the past week: Mrs. M. V. McLendon and children of Slaton, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Taylor of Hollis, Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. Tobe Olliver of El Paso, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Gilbert and children of Seymour, Mrs. Wanda Hale Morris of Chicago, Ill., Mrs. Bradley Rattan of Cooper, Texas, Mrs. Jno. T. Wilson, and Mr. and Mrs. Rogers Gilstrap, all of Haskell.

George Kinney of the Kinney Funeral Home made a trip to Stamford Monday and brought A. C. Boggs, Jr., home from the hospital, where he had been confined for several weeks suffering from pneumonia.

Miss Anna Maud Taylor, student in Hardin-Simmons is home for the holidays.

WHAT DO YOU THINK—?

Without fair warning this question was asked about the opinion of business conditions. We rather hesitated about telling the people that we were going to print the interview inasmuch as people are always wanting someone else to break the ice and the answer is usually "go see someone else first."

Here it is, informal and an honest opinion, not studied over and pondered for a week in advance. WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK FOR 1936?

N. I. McCollum, McCollum Hardware Company Haskell.

"Business will be better next year. Times have been so bad during the past few years that the farmer has had all he could do to buy food and clothes. He has had to let his implements and his farm tools get along as best they could but he won't have to do that now."

"They all know that they have to have good tools to do the work they should and they have used up all their balling wire and we hardware men will come into our own now."

The fine crop that we are harvesting now is being used to repay the banks that have carried the men for several years. That money usually comes back into circulation all right but it takes time for it to

Haskell District at Top of Paid up list

Officials of the Emergency Crop Loan who are busy getting in collections on the 1935 loans announced that the Haskell district which is composed of six counties in district two, is leading in collections for the entire West Texas territory from El Paso to Fort Worth. Haskell County is approximately 94 per cent paid, Stonewall County is 96 per cent, Knox County 90 per cent, Foard County 90 per cent, Baylor County, 96 per cent and Throckmorton County leads them all with a percentage of 99.99.

This territory has been leading the entire State and it is believed by the local heads that it is still at the top of the list although no definite figures could be quoted as the East Texas and South Texas territories have not published their figures in several months.

Local Gin men before Railroad Commission

J. M. Crawford, J. A. Bynum and A. H. Wair, local gin men have returned from Dallas where they appeared before the Railroad Commission in the interest of the rule whereby cotton may be moved by compresses for compression and consolidation within a 100 mile radius.

The hearing is being held in the Baker Hotel and will probably take two or three weeks before the Commission will hand down its ruling on the question, according to Mr. Wair.

Henry Grubb of Barnes City, Iowa, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grubb and sons, Estel and Esten of Winterset, Iowa, are visiting their niece and cousin, Mrs. Sam A. Roberts and family.

Mrs. Myrtle Meyer went to Wichita, Kans., Saturday to carry her daughter, Minnie Ann and Francis, to spend the holidays with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Meyer of Anthony, Kans.

S. R. Grace and family of DeLeon, arrived in Haskell last Sunday to spend the holidays with his parents, T. L. Grace.

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get around to us. Yes, I know that this next year will be lots better for all of us and we especially, I am well pleased with the prospects. Today (Saturday) has been the busiest in several seasons, in spite of the steady rain that we have had all day. I like the looks of things.

Best Welsh Service Station Haskell.

"Well, I don't look for a big increase in business but it seems to me that we have had a lot of people come to town and still I haven't had a good, steady business. I don't get any 'boom' business all along though, and I suppose that is better than being rushed off your feet one minute and then wearing out your pants the next."

I really do think that I will have a good steady business all next year. I don't look for a boom at all. Just a nice steady increase.

Mrs. Jeff Davis and daughter, Donna Lou, left last Tuesday night for San Augustine to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Greer.

Mrs. W. M. Reid left Sunday for Dallas, to spend the Christmas holidays with friends and relatives.

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Sheriffs Department Makes Several Liquor Arrests During Week

Happy Birthday, Mr. Alexander



F. G. Alexander, pioneer resident and one of the first merchants in Haskell celebrated his 81st birthday on Tuesday, December 24th. Everyone in this territory joined the Free Press in wishing Mr. Alexander Many Happy Returns of the Day.

FIGHT IF YOU MUST BUT DO IT IN SILENCE

Dusky Exponents of art Call Sheriff to Referee

Margaret was a lady and Blue was a baseball throwin', hotel porterin' fool, and when two magnificent personalities like that get together there is bound to be some sparks flying and some hair pulled.

Blue got some tips just before Christmas and invested in a little jag of the flowing bowl and couldn't nobody hold him a light 'cept Margaret and Margaret could only travel a short piece with a drinkin' man like Blue.

Blue and Margaret got to the stage where both were bragging. Margaret about the man with yaller shoes and a hard hat that wanted to set up to her and Blue was telling about how he used to have the 'high brows' follerin' him around after the games and when the jealous boys tried to make something of it, why Blue just pulled out his Deep Ellum Special like this and "wham" like this and there wasn't no boys hanging 'round to tell him what to do, naw suh.

Now both of them were lying to each other and they both knew it "but lawdy, we ain't had a good fight since 'mancipation day and let's take a little nip and I'll show you about them wimmin and I'll show about them men with slick fronted shirts and a genuine gold tooth."

Everybody would have been happy if the white folks hadn't got scared. They hadn't heard such a good fight before so they called

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AAA WILL CONTINUE WITH COTTON PLAN

1936 Program Will Vary But Little From Last Year Plan of Operation Officials Statement

In announcing the new four-year cotton adjustment contract and the program for 1936, the Agriculture Adjustment Administration has set up a plan intended to continue the work of adjusting the supply of American cotton to the world demand. A. L. Smith, chairman of the State Cotton Allotment Board, said at College Station recently.

"This of course, involves adjustment of Texas acreage planted to cotton," Smith said. "The national base acreage quota has been fixed at 44,500,000 acres for 1936."

Estimates of the acreage and production resulting from the adjustment required and permitted vary, but the estimates of acreage to be planted in 1936 is around 31,800,000 acres, a reduction of 12,700,000 acres from the base.

With average yields, this would result in production slightly in excess of 11,300,000 bales next year, according to figures from the AAA.

The minimum adjustment required for 1936 will be a reduction of 30 percent below the base acreage established for individual

farms. The producer, however, has a maximum of 45 percent base acreage. Between these two points of adjustment is expected to be the adjustment required in 1936. The adjustment required in 1935 ranged from 35 to 48 percent of the base; in 1934 it was 25 percent with the base acreage increasing to 35 percent. The adjustment for contract years 1936 will be determined by the Secretary of Agriculture in conformity with conditions for the specific contract.

On the basis of 45 percent weight, the cotton crop was 13,047,000 bales; and in 1935, 9,836,000 bales; and in 1934, 141,000 bales, according to Government estimates of 1935.

Miss Dorothy Loveland, nurse at Haskell and wife of J. C. Loveland, spent the week-end in Falls with relatives.

LAST MINUTE HAULS NET SEVERAL PINTS

Arid Christmas in Store for Haskell

A goodly quantity of "Holly cheer", sufficient in fact to inure quite a group with the proper attitude of the season, reposed today in the Sheriff's office following raids which were conducted Saturday by members of the sheriff's department in Haskell and Rochester which netted a total of seventy pints of bonded whiskey, one gallon of wine, several pints of Apple Cider Brandy and a small quantity of "corn" liquor.

Following the officer's visit to a residence in west Haskell where 30 pints of bonded whiskey, some wine and contraband whiskey were seized, T. E. Vaughn, occupant of the house was arraigned before Justice R. H. Davis, charged with possession of liquor for the purpose of sale. Bond for appearance before the Grand Jury was set at \$500, which the defendant posted and was released from custody.

Deputy Sheriffs Riley Loveland, Mart Clifton and Ollie Klatt, composed the raiding squad, and several hours after the execution of their sweep, a quantity of bonded whiskey, mostly in pint bottles, was taken from the proprietor, Roy Bradley, at Rochester.

Bradley, brought to Haskell in appearance before Justice Davis was charged with possession of liquor for the purpose of sale, and appearance bond of \$500 set to await action of the Grand Jury. Bradley was released after his bond had been perfected.

The three officers admitted a "water haul" when they visited another suspected residence in West Haskell. Occupants, officers stated, noticed the approach of the "law" and the man of the house—who had foresightedly placed an axe near his storage of several half-gallon containers of "spirits"—fell to his knees and with right good will in welling up, raised the axe right and left among the officers as the officers were making admittance to the house.

Confronting the unwelcome visitors, he remarked, "This ain't the first time I've done this—preparation is made also found at the place, was made by the officers. No arrests were made.

Saturday's raids were in furtherance of Sheriff Giles Kemp's determination to stop insofar as possible the bootlegging traffic in Haskell—and as the situation now stands for the thirteenth day of the County.

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The WOMAN'S Page

Justice Davis Unites Sagerton Couple in Marriage

Wallace C. McLennan and Miss Betty Mae Mowell, both residents of the Sagerton section, were united in marriage Saturday by Justice in the Peace R. H. Davis at his office in the courthouse.

Contracting parties are members of prominent Haskell County families, and have the best wishes of a host of friends.

Mrs. F. L. Daugherty Hostess For Luncheon Club Members And Husbands

Luncheon Club members had their regular Christmas party Friday night, December 20th at the home of Mrs. F. L. Daugherty, with husbands as invited guests. The entertaining rooms were artistically decorated with chrysanthemums combined with greenery where the tables were arranged for the two course dinner prepared by the members. After the dinner, club members assembled in the dining room where a Christmas tree centered the dining table with gifts that were given to each one from names that were drawn at the last party. Games of "84" were played until a late hour. Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames W. M. Reid, A. C. Pierson, O. E. Patterson, R. C. Couch, R. C. Montgomery, Jno. A. Couch, R. J. Paxton, T. J. Arbuckle, Sam A. Roberts, B. M. Whitaker, R. J. Reynolds, Mrs. J. H. Cooper, Mrs. H. S. Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Daugherty.

Fidelis Class Met With Teacher, Mrs. E. J. Reynolds Sunday Morning

The Fidelis Class of the First Baptist Church met in the home of their teacher, Mrs. R. J. Reynolds Sunday morning, for a Christmas party, which has been a custom for a number of years. The President Miss Nettie McCollum first on the program, gave a welcome to all members, some who are only here at Christmas time, being teachers in other places. After two songs, Mrs. Bill Richey gave the devotional in a story form, of the birth of Christ, following with a scriptural reading, Mrs. R. J. Reynolds led in prayer, Mrs. Bert Welsh sang "Oh Night Divine", accompanied by Miss Mary Couch. A

word of Christmas cheer from Mrs. Reynolds, and gifts from the beautiful Christmas tree were distributed by Mrs. Bill Richey, Mrs. D. S. Hood and Miss Nettie McCollum. Names had been drawn for the gifts.

Mrs. Reynolds expressed her appreciation for a lovely Bible given her by the class. Those present were: Mesdames O. W. Maloy, Oscar Oates, W. A. Holt, C. V. Payne, Ralph Duncan, Bill McKinnon, J. P. Payne, R. L. Lemmon, Bill Richey, Roy Killingsworth, D. S. Hood, Bert Welsh, W. P. Trice, W. A. Lyles, Elmore Smith, Anton Theis, O. M. Guest, and Misses, Nettie McCollum, Mary Grindstaff, Mary Couch, Hassie Davis, Margorie Whitaker, Margaret McCollum, and Mary Emma Whiteaker. Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Reynolds.

The Ruth Bible Class

The Ruth Bible Class met in the home of Mrs. Bill Woodson last Thursday December 19, in their Christmas social. The Christmas tree with its many gifts created the Christmas spirit within our hearts. The program opened by singing "Silent Night" Prayer by Mrs. W. D. Rogers, Mrs. J. A. Gilstrap gave a very impressive Devotional. Her subject was "The Meaning of Christmas." The celebration of Christ's birth points us to Bethlehem. The first gift that was ever given was by the wise men to the Christ Child with love and faith. Christmas is a home coming of our loved ones and we show our love by gifts great or small in memory of the greatest gift that has ever been given. God also gave us gifts of talent, singing, readings for God to dedicate our homes to teach our children the meaning of gifts, peace, and good will.

Refreshments of Tuna salad on shredded lettuce, Christmas candies and coffee was served to the following: Mesdames, Frank Reynolds, Virgie Brown, Anna Neil, Walter Rogers, Vick Kuenstler, W. C. Humphrey, John H. Clifton, Earl Ammons, T. L. Oliphant, C. E. Reese, E. W. McAfee, J. A. Gilstrap, E. W. Andrews, John McMillan, Austin New, Mary Fore, Bill Johnson, Carl Power, Chas. E. Smith, Floyd Rogers, J. E. Robinson, R. H. Banks, Iola Henshaw, D. A. Jones, D. H. Brown, Jesse Jossell and the hostess, Mrs. Bill Woodson. We were glad to have as our visitor, Mrs. Ercell A. Harwell of Denver, Colo., and a prospective member, Mrs. Rubin Carter.

H. F. Grindstaff and daughter Miss Mary of Rule, who is a teacher in the schools at Kennedy, Texas, were visiting in Haskell Saturday.

Miss Eddie Goodwin of Archer City is spending this week with Mrs. Myrtle Meyer of this city.

For Bad Feeling Due to Constipation

Get rid of constipation by taking Black-Draught as soon as you notice that bowel activity has slowed up or you begin to feel sluggish. Thousands prefer Black-Draught for the refreshing relief it has brought them. Mrs. Ray Mullins of Lath, Ark., writes: "My husband and I both take Black-Draught regularly and find it splendid for constipation, biliousness, and the disagreeable, aching, tired feeling that comes from this condition." With reference to Erupp of Black-Draught, which this mother gives her children, she says: "They like the taste and it gave each good results."

BLACK-DRAUGHT

As the year draws to a close we pause to reflect on the elements that have entered into it and it is indeed a privilege to extend to you our Gratitude for the success of our business, realizing full well that you have played the leading role in making our activity possible.

So It Is With Sincerest Good Wishes That We Extend This Merry Christmas Greeting To All.

HASKELL MOTOR CO.

Davis-Murry Nuptials Are Held at Weinert Sunday

The marriage of Miss Sena Mae Davis and Mr. Robert Rex Murry was solemnized at 10 o'clock Sunday morning at the First Methodist Church at Weinert, with Rev. W. M. Culwell, pastor, performing the impressive ring ceremony.

Miss Davis is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Davis of the Dennis Chapel community and a grand-daughter of R. H. Crow of Haskell. She attended the Haskell High School until two years ago and is now a senior in Weinert High School.

Mr. Murry, formerly of Joplin, Mo., is the son of Mrs. Scott Caddell of Weinert.

The bride was dressed for the ceremony in white Maltese crepe with silver accessories and for the honeymoon trip, she wore Henna crepe with black accessories.

The happy couple left immediately after the wedding for Waco, Temple, Mart and Killeen to spend the holidays. They will return soon to make their home in the Dennis Chapel community where the groom is engaged in farming. Mrs. Murry will continue with her school work.

Belton Duncan and Lucille Kendall Married Sunday

Miss Lucille Kendall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kendall of Haskell, and Mr. Belton Duncan, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Duncan of Haskell were united in marriage at the parsonage of the First Christian Church by Rev. H. M. Gillmore, Sunday afternoon, Dec. 22nd.

The bride graduated from Haskell High School in 1932 and was an honor student throughout her school career. The groom also graduated from the Haskell High School in the class of 1932.

The couple will make their home in Haskell.

Church services were well attended here Sunday.

Bill Ceverny of Munday, spent the week-end in the home of Mr. George Moeller.

Miss Annie Lena Stiemfath, Henry August and Fritz Stiemfath, of Throckmorton, spent Monday in the home of Mrs. George Moeller.

Mr. Willie Pieser and George Moeller spent Sunday evening in Munday.

Those on the sick list: Mr. Will Sielz with pneumonia; Melton Anderson with pneumonia; Robert Ejem is doing better. He has been sick for 2 weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. August Rueffer and family of Cottonwood, spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Puschell.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stewert and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Klose and family and Felix Klose spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Klose of Haskell.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Peiser spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stewert of Vontress.

Mr. and Mrs. George Klose and family and Mr. and Mrs. Alfons Pieser and son went to Abilene Wednesday on business.

Mrs. Opal Redwine of Graham spent the week end in Haskell and accompanied her sister, Mrs. F. O. Quatibaum, to the Wichita Clinic Hospital where she will undergo major head surgery. They were both accompanied by F. O. Quatibaum.

SHERIFF'S SALE

The State of Texas County of Haskell NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Haskell County, on the 15th day of November, 1935, by Roy Ratliff Clerk of said District Court for the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Nine and 8/100 dollars, and cost of suit under a Judgement in favor of S. C. Winchester Guardian of Clovis Winchester a minor in a certain cause in said Court, No. 4510 and styled S. C. Winchester, guardian of Clovis Winchester, a minor vs. C. G. Gay et al, placed in my hands for service, I, Giles Kemp as Sheriff of Haskell County, Texas, did, on the 25th day of November, 1935, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Haskell County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

Lot number seven (7) in Block Number thirty seven (37) in the original town of Haskell, Texas, and levied upon as the property of C. G. Gay and that on the first Tuesday in January, 1936, the same being the 7th day of said month, at the Court House door of Haskell County, in the town of Haskell, Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., by virtue of said levy and said Judgement and writ I will sell above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said C. G. Gay.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, one 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 26th day of November 1935.

GILES KEMP, Sheriff Haskell County, Texas.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO THE SHERIFF OR ANY CONSTABLE OF HASKELL COUNTY, GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to summon Algeron S. Randolph, D. C. Freeman and wife, Mary E. Freeman, Louisa H. Ward, J. R. Ward, Jessie Ward, Sallie Ward, Emma Connally, R. W. Connally, G. D. Jefferson, J. W. Jennings and R. N. Warren, and the heirs of each of said named persons, whose names are unknown, and the legal representatives of each of said named persons, whose names are unknown, and the unknown claimants or owners of the property hereinafter described, whose names are unknown, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Haskell County, Texas, to be held at the court house thereof in the town of Haskell, Texas, on the 1st Monday in January, A. D. 1936, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 26th day of November, A. D. 1935, in a cause numbered 4000 on the docket of said court, wherein S. P. Mistrot, Caro B. Spring, A. Feme Sole, Lucille M. Fisher and her husband, Stanton P. Fisher are plaintiffs, and Algeron S. Randolph, D. C. Freeman and Louisa H. Ward, J. R. Ward, Jessie Ward, Sallie Ward, Emma Connally and her husband R. L. Connally, G. D. Jefferson, J. W. Jennings and R. N. Warren, and the unknown heirs of each of said named parties and the legal representatives of each of said named parties, whose names are unknown, and also the unknown claimants or owners of the property hereinafter described, and Mrs. Ada Warren, Mable Warren, feme soles, and H. N. Warren are defendants. The cause of action being as follows: Trespass to try title concerning

the land hereinafter described, and plaintiffs allege that they are the owners in fee simple title of the following described land, situated in Haskell County, being part of the Algeron S. Randolph Survey No. 71, Abstract No. 400, described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at S. E. corner Wm. G. McDaniel survey an old original corner bearing trees found by H. M. Rike county surveyor, Haskell County, Texas, October 28, 1905. Thence West 2180 vrs to N. E. corner Jefferson Section. Thence South 1290 vrs to a rock set for S. W. corner. Thence N. 89 degrees 51 feet E 2185 vrs to a corner in middle 60 foot road. Thence N. 0 degrees 12 feet W. 1285 vrs to place of beginning; containing 500 acres of land, more or less. That on October 1st, 1934, they were in possession of said land, and were then and at all times subsequent thereto, and are now entitled to the possession, of same; plaintiffs, or those through whom they claim title, have held peaceable and adverse title of said land, cultivating, using and enjoying the same, and paying the taxes thereon currently as and when due and before delinquency, and claiming under deed or deeds duly registered for a period of five years or more next after a cause of action accrued to any of defendants, and plead the statute of five years limitation; plaintiffs plead statute of ten years limitation as barring any claim to said land upon the part of the defendants; plaintiffs plead the statute of twenty five years limitation as barring any claim to said land upon the part of the defendants; plaintiffs allege that on or about January 1st, 1935, the defendants entered upon the land described in said petition and die possessed plaintiffs of such premises, and have at all times withheld and now unlawfully withhold from them possession of said land. Plaintiffs pray that they have judgement for title and possession of said described land in accordance with their respective interest to the same, and have writ of possession.

You are hereby commanded to so summon the defendants, and to serve this citation by making publication of such citation once each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof in a newspaper published in your county; but if no newspaper is published in said county, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published.

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.

Witness Roy Ratliff, Clerk of the District Court of Haskell County, Texas.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, in the town of Haskell, Texas, this 26th day of November 1935.

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Haskell County History

As Revealed by the Files of the Free Press 20, 30 and 40 years ago.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Montgomery left Tuesday morning to spend the Christmas holidays with his brother.

The following permits to wed have been issued from the office of the county clerk since the last report: Ed Shaver and Miss Mary Anderson, L. D. Smith and Miss Annie Reed, Frank Underwood and Miss Hattie Medford, Emil Slovacek and Miss Annie Odstrolic, George Clifton and Miss Fannie Lee Fitzgerald, Bascom Hatch and Miss Beatrice Anderson, Floyd H. Stovall and Miss Fannie Maud Lambert, T. N. Gillespie and Miss Lillie Scott, Harry Green and Miss Lillie B. Roberts.

Born December 16th to Sheriff and Mrs. W. C. Allen, a son. Misses Laura and Eunice Huckabee, students in C.I.A. Denton, arrived home Sunday to spend the holidays.

30 YEARS AGO TODAY W. H. Jones of the Pinkerton neighborhood was in town Saturday. He told us he had picked about nine bales of cotton and had about four more in the field.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fields entertained the "frying sized" youngsters last Thursday night.

This has been a very orderly Christmas Week in Haskell. Anything like rowdiness and drunkennes have been pleasingly conspicuous by their absence.

Speaking of the cotton yield in Haskell County, Jno. E. Robertson who has been buying cotton all fall from the farmers and has kept a pretty close check with the condition of the crops, remarked yesterday in the presence of a FREE PRESS reporter that fully half the farms in the county had made half a bale to the acre.

40 YEARS AGO TODAY S. W. Scott is spending the holidays with friends and relatives in Austin.

What this county lacked of being thoroughly water soaked it got in the all night rain of last Monday night. So far this has been the

O'Brien Club Woman Has Good Eggplant Crop This Year

Eggplants grow abundantly in the garden of Mrs. Eugene Westerman, cooper in the O'Brien home demonstration club. Some of them ranged as high as six inches in diameter. It takes eggplant 120 days to mature, and it does much better if it is protected from the hot summer sun. Black beauty and purple spineless are good varieties to plant.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Chrisman of Oberlin, La., are here to spend Christmas with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Welsh and family.

THE TIE THAT BINDS

Any season which brings to the surface as much genuinely good Fellowship as does the Christmas holidays must of necessity be of great and lasting benefit to humanity.

We are glad to have our share in this period of merry making and good will, and wish everyone a happy and wholesome Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year.

Reids' Drug Store

Dependable Service Since 1917

The Meaning of Christmas



What does it mean to you? To us, among many other things, it means an occasion upon which we can broadcast our gratitude to our many customers and friends and wish you one and all a Yule season of unparalleled gladness. We trust that we may continue to count you among our satisfied customers in the New Year of 1936.

Post-Maloy Chevrolet Co.

Phone No. 1.

Haskell, Texas

NOT BECAUSE IT IS TIME-HONORED CUSTOM

But because we mean every word of it and because we feel at this very moment that whatever we may have accomplished in a business way, we owe to our patrons—that is why we send this little Christmas message. It may not be as large as some others, but it means as much as if it occupied a page.

WAIR & WATSON GIN

A. H. Wair V. C. (Dick) Dulaney L. B. Watson

A Brief Summary of the More Important Events of the Year 1935 As Recorded In the Headlines of the Haskell Free Press

The past year has had its moments. The pages of the Free Press reveal joy and sorrow, intense moments in the lives of the farmers when drought and sandstorms gave the farmers a very blue outlook.

The public works that have been started. Their first dreams and the final conceptions, the happy realization.

They are all recorded in the Free Press.

There is an old saying in the newspaper world that there is nothing as dead as yesterday's newspaper. That is true, but the fact that one reads the paper, that one buys the paper is more than just something to take as granted. We have endeavored to sketch some of the highlights of the past year by going over the files for

The columns show the crimes, what happened to criminals and as far as possible, why it happened, and how they were caught.

We cannot give all the details in this brief resume of the news headlines of the past year but they are outlined briefly for your approval as well as possible.

We hope that we haven't left out too much that would have been read for the second time.

Jan. 3 Issue
Farm Census enumerators for county are named. M. E. Giddens, Rochester; Preston Weimer; H. L. Boase, Stamford; W. E. Bland, Haskell; J. B. Edwards, Rule; "Preacher" Henshaw, Leon Gilliam, Haskell.

Wallace Pugh struck by automobile at South Ward school, fractured leg.

Server Leon, R. J. Reynolds, H. T. Sullivan, Dr. T. W. Williams and A. E. Scott had their cars stripped by thieves.

County officials inducted into office. Mike Watson has charge of combined office Assessor and Collector. Bonds are also made for Charles M. Conner, County Judge, Commissioners P. G. Kendrick, O. L. Darden, Ab Hutchins, and Tom Mapes; B. C. Chapin, County Attorney; Jason W. Smith, County Clerk; Matt N. Graham, County Superintendent; Roy Ratliff, District Clerk; Giles Kemp, Sheriff; Byron G. Wright, County Treasurer; Raymond Brooks, Justice, Prec. 1; R. F. Glenn, Constable, Prec. 1; Bennett Hess, Justice of Peace in Prec. 3; S. L. Cogins, Justice in Prec. 2; Marshall Medley, Public Weigher, Prec. 3; R. A. Green-ward, Constable Prec. 5; Barney Swenson, Public Weigher Prec. 5; R. L. Vick, Justice Prec. 5; W. W. Kitley, Constable Prec. 6; George (Chick) Henshaw, Public Weigher Prec. 1.

Jan. 10 Issue
Mayor Thurman asks for more modern telephone system.

Government is buying 500 head of Haskell county cattle.

\$5,699.09 collected in taxes.

C. B. Breedlove is re-elected as head of Haskell School Superintendent.

Judge Raymond Brooks, newly elected Justice of the Peace for Precinct 1, marries his first couple Miss Johnnie Mae West and W. C. Lov.

Giles Kemp and new deputies make raids on Stamford beer gardens and arrest 16 men.

Jan. 17 Issue
James V. Allred takes oath of

office as Governor of Texas.

J. M. (Mack) Martin of Haskell is appointed Assistant Sergeant at Arms in the House of Representatives at Austin.

W. A. Cameron of Rule, acting as foreman of the Grand Jury faints and smallpox was the cause. All other members of the body, and bailiffs, submitted to vaccination.

Magazine Club officers elected were: President, Mrs. Server Leon; First Vice President, Mrs. B. C. Chapman; Second Vice President, Mrs. T. R. Odell; Recording Secretary, Mrs. T. C. Cahill; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. G. Forgy, and Counselor, Mrs. H. M. Smith.

Grand Jury indicts eleven in 4 days.

N. R. A. representatives in Haskell make merchants pay back salaries. Reported as high as \$800 in one case.

Proposed dam across Brazos River gets attention.

Jan. 24 Issue
B. & W. Filling Station held up. Joe Willoughby, proprietor, found trussed up by officers investigating and is rushed to Seymour hospital.

Vera Stillwell refused to testify in O'Brien "torch murder" case and Clarence Absten, defendant, is found "Not Guilty" of murder charge in District Court at Seymour, where case was transferred from Haskell.

Hung jury in C. C. Short trial.

Jan. 31 Issue
Sam Jay is acquitted in District Court at Anson on murder charge in connection with death of Herschel Melton at O'Brien.

Stamford pastor, Rev. Sam Morris, having made some remarks over a radio station about Haskell county's lack of law enforcement, has to "back water" when brought before the Grand Jury.

Central West Texas Fair dates set for Oct. 15 to 19.

Carl McGregor, "The Lone Wolf," installs cameras, etc., to "mug" and fingerprint criminals, as an addition to sheriff's department.

Western Union installs modern "Simplex" system.

Feb. 7 Issue
\$17,820.40 paid in taxes during the month of January.

Trial of W. I. McKaughn, charged with hammer slaying of J. W. Foster scheduled to be heard Friday.

Lions Club to hold "Womanless Style Show."

Gratex to install stations and wholesale plant here.

Baldwin Ranch, comprising 6,772 acres sold to Chas. J. Kleiner of Cisco.

Mass meeting to discuss beer situation.

Hospital is proposed PWA project.

Feb. 14 Issue
W. I. McKaughn found guilty of murder and assessed five year term in speediest felony trial in county's court annals. Defendant tried and convicted within span of ten days after crime was committed.

It finally rained.

Rule bank named as County Depository.

Telephone Company trying to find out "attitude" of Haskell people concerning modernized system here.

Feb. 21 Issue
Roscoe Conklin found guilty of

robbery of B. & W. Filling Station and gets nine years.

January term of District Court is lightest in several years.

District 13-B is split.

Vera Stillwell is released from murder charges.

Wichita Valley League is organized.

Governor Allred signs Brazos Valley Improvement bill.

Feb. 28 Issue
Fifteen schools accept invitation to participate in interscholastic track and field meet here.

C. B. Breedlove elected to summer faculty of McMurry college at Abilene.

Marble Machines to be taxed.

March 7 Issue
Marcy School house burned Feb. 28.

Entries arriving for track and field meet.

Haskell P. T. A. broadcasts over KGKO.

Farm Census shows increase in Haskell County.

George B. Roberts, manager of Tonkawa Hotel since its erection in 1925 moves to San Saba.

Lone Hackberry on Wild Horse prairie replanted by Rule club-women.

District Attorney Grindstaff and Sam Steel open law office in Rule, in the Kittler building.

March 14 Issue
Baptists of District 17, comprising 12 counties convene in Haskell for two days.

P. T. A. plans progress for district convention here.

Signing up of 1935 cotton contracts started by County Agent Maxwell.

Over 600 attend Haskell invitation track and field meet.

Field meet is won by Haskell.

Haskell declaimers in Interscholastic league competition are adjudged winners.

March 21 Issue
Wichita Valley Baseball league is reorganized with six towns having teams.

Mary Willis, former Haskellite is adjudged Beauty queen at Denton (NTSTC).

Little interest is shown in forthcoming City election. Only three names filed for alderman.

Carney Doss is charged with fund shortage in Rochester bank.

Carl McGregor is appointed new Deputy Sheriff.

Farmers meet here to discuss 1935 cotton program.

Elimination contests for Interscholastic League Tennis were held

in Haskell and Rule.

Boy Scout Troop 35 is reorganized.

March 28 Issue
25 boys report for spring football practice.

Relief office to furnish labor for work on Highway 120.

County schools participate in literary and track event held in Haskell.

Boy Scouts of Haskell attend Court of Honor meet in Abilene.

April 4 Issue
School census shows decrease of 80 pupils in County School enrollment.

Car registrations in Haskell County behind 1934 total.

Three Haskell County people hurt in auto crashes on Rochester-Knox City highway.

R. V. Robertson opens new grocery store.

F. M. Robertson and Matt Graham named on Chisholm Trail Council of Boy Scouts as staff members.

Burl Robertson, Arkansas City, Ark., Chief of Police and former Haskell County resident is killed in that city.

Relief workers begin work on Haskell-Throckmorton Highway at East City limits.

Anton Theis, Ed Fouts and Roy Sanders elected Council members in quiet city election. Only 192 votes cast.

April 11 Issue
Only 108 votes cast in trustee election. Clay Smith and Lynn Pace, incumbent, elected as new members.

108 arrests by sheriff since inauguration into office.

Pool hall proprietor arrested.

April 18 Issue
April Term of District court convenes with light docket.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Crawford celebrate 60th wedding anniversary.

Rogers Gilstrap succeeds H. J. Hambleton as City Water Superintendent.

Commissioners appoint R. H. Davis as Justice of the Peace for Precinct one, to succeed Raymond Brooks who resigned.

Home Demonstration Clubs from Stonehall, Knox, Haskell Counties plan April encampment here.

Dr. L. F. Taylor heads Rifle and Pistol club organized by local sportsmen.

Survey for tree shelter belt is started in Haskell County.

E. E. Messmer assumes lease of Tonkawa Hotel.

Edith Thurman assumes active charge of T. & T. Bakery.

1000 people attend Dodge-Plymouth Spring Auto Show sponsored by Reeves Burton Motor Company.

April 25 Issue
Highway Department asks for paving bids on 19 mile stretch on

120 and 16 in this county.

Sally Rand will fan herself and audience in Haskell for a consideration during the Fair.

Clean-Up Week proclaimed by Mayor Thurman.

Municipal light plant survey is postponed.

Seven aliens deported from the county.

Official opening of baseball season brings Monday as first opponents for Haskell.

CCC enrolls 16 Haskell county boys.

No indictments returned by the Grand Jury during first four days deliberation.

"Cyclone" Davis visits Haskell. County School Trustees are elected.

May 2 Issue
P. B. Keller of Dallas is awarded paving contract on Highways 120 and 16.

Members of Bar Association hold banquet.

Courtney Hunt is named WTCC director for fifth year.

George Proctor is given one-year sentence on liquor charge.

May 9 Issue
City to vote on bond issue for new water system.

Haskell golfers will hold tournament.

Five Haskell county farmers to Washington for purpose of urging AAA program.

Thirty-eight members of Haskell High School class hold banquet. Frank Junell of HSU, Abilene, is principal speaker.

May 16 Issue
Forty-five Seniors graduate from Haskell High School.

Heaviest rain in years brings relief to farmers.

Hundreds attracted to annual round-up on Dud Boone ranch.

South Ward P. T. A. sponsors Father-Son banquet which has 145 in attendance.

Eleven credits granted to the O'Brien School by Deputy State Superintendent.

Bold thief appropriates license plates from Court Reporter John Willoughby's car, parked on the square a few steps from the courthouse.

May 23 Issue
County schools are closing after successful year.

Judge Clyde Grissom is named Justice of Appeals Court by Gov. Allred.

Dennis P. Ratliff is appointed to the bench of the 39th District Court by Gov. Allred, filling the place vacated by Grissom.

C. P. Comegys is displaying a four-legged chicken in Haskell.

Justice of the Peace R. H. Davis has not performed a marriage ceremony since taking office over a month ago.

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CHRISTMAS

The Pause Signal for the Whole Wide World

How joyfully we obey the impulse of the Christmas signs all about us... pause for a moment to consider the bright side of life. It is a beautiful custom to submit to it willingly, wholeheartedly and surrender our thoughts to our wishes and our desires about our friends.

Of you, whose friendships we have long cherished, we are thinking... of what you have meant to us and how strongly indebted we are to you. And while we realize that we cannot discharge the debt of gratitude we owe our patrons with good wishes. Yet we would have you know that no Christmas Card, or cheery word, nor smile or warm hand clasp could possibly be more sincere than this message we send to you.

After all, the greatest reward in business is the friends we are enabled to make. So it is in the spirit of friendship and goodwill that we greet you and thank you cordially for your favors of the past.

MAY ABUNDANT CHRISTMAS JOYS BE YOURS AND THE NEW YEAR BRING FULFILMENT OF EVERY BRIGHT PROMISE FOR YOUR HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY.

We're With You

At Christmas time as at every other time of the year we are here to add what we can to the welfare and happiness of the community and to assure our many friends that their patronage of us is fully appreciated. You can always count on us to do our part and to be sincere in wishing you the gladdest Christmas of your lifetime.

As A Patron of Ours

Because you have been a valued patron of our business we feel a special interest in your welfare and happiness at all times. It is but natural that we should. Our prosperity to some extent at least is linked with yours. So we lack nothing of sincerity when we trust that these days of Christmas festivity will bring you much that you desire of the good things of life, and that New Year will send many an hour of Good Fortune.

Brazelton Lumber Co.
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30th XMAS IN HASKELL COUNTY

PERKINS-TIMBERLAKE COMPANY
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CHAPTER I

Attend a Funeral. Cousin, Geoffrey Bohun, had to work for his living. He was a painter of portraits, and he cared nothing at all for riches or fame, he painted old buildings and landscapes and lacy streamers, and though I think that he painted these very well, but clamored for portraits instead.

Whether Geoffrey was right or wrong, I cannot pretend to say, but I must confess that I was glad of his work, for since my parents had lived with him, and the he preferred made us free of country. Indeed, of the four preceding the matters which I tell we had not spent six months at his London house, but we had winter and summer, and abroad. We visited and saw all manner of things that few men see.

As for my education, after I had finished school, and though I might have better to go to Oxford, I learned to speak German and French with a pretty good grace and to share with the peasants of Europe their several hopes and fears.

I was in as fine a condition as a man of two-and-twenty may be, and only care was the knowledge very soon now the agreeable I was leading must come to an end. This by my cousin's decree, for Geoffrey was trustee of my fortune, though he was only some years older than I, I had a great extent to do as he said. "I am twenty-three, he declared, I will take to work: "and from now on, said he, "I'll give you allowance will be exactly as much as you earn. Earn five pounds a week, and I'll give you another five. You've got to make good."

of October, and June was very near out—when I heard the sound of voices a little way off.

This was unusual enough, for, save for the birds and beasts, an Austrian forest at dawn is a lonely place; but what was stranger still was that the voices were English, and coarse at that.

Geoffrey was painting a vista two furlongs away, and Barley, his man, was half a mile off with the Rolls. I made my way quietly forward to see and hear what I could.

Then a spout of oaths startled the silence, and two men were cursing each other.

A third man spoke. "Suppose you go on now."

"But he'll do me in a minute, layin' about with that pick."

"The world will be the cleaner," said the other, and stifled a yawn. "Till then, get on with your work, I say, get on."

His voice was deadly.

More curious than ever, I lay down on the ground and, wriggling cautiously forward into the bushes which screened the men from my view.

I shall never forget the scene. Directly below me, in the midst of a sparkling dell, were five grown men. Two, with pickaxe and shovel, were digging a hasty grave; the sods had been piled to one side, but a third man was taking the earth and casting it into a brook. A fourth man was leaning against the trunk of a tree, smoking a cigarette. And the fifth lay dead beside him.

This spectacle shocked me so much that a moment or two went before I had collected my wits; then I knew that the man had been murdered, for his gay, green, bearded smock was heavily stained with blood.

As the porter came back from the brook—

"That's enough earth away, Dewdrop," said the man who had spoken last. "Take another stroll in the country and see there's nobody up."

The man who was shoveling

stopped and straightened his back. "Lemme do that, Pharaoh, I'm sick of this—spade." The man addressed as Pharaoh wrinkled his brow. "I've never liked you," he said. "And when you question my orders, I like you less. There's food for thought there, Rush. . . ."

An instant later Dewdrop was out of sight. That I was in some danger was perfectly clear. I was, however, determined not to withdraw, for the corpse cried out for vengeance. I decided to try and "pick up" Dewdrop without delay.

Without more ado I therefore abandoned my covert and almost at once I heard the fellow stumble over the root of some tree and two minutes later I was afoot behind him.

I had hoped that after a casual survey the man would return to the dell, for then I could reach my cousin and tell him my news. While he was fetching Barley, I could then go back to my covert to keep an eye on the rogues. But Dewdrop stayed on.

He was passing the covert in which I had lain, when he stopped and peered at the bushes and then glanced round.

Satisfied that no one was looking, he went on his hands and knees, to pluck from the heart of the bushes a paper some four inches long.

I shall never forget that moment—I think that my heart stood still; for, as my hand flew to my pocket, I knew that paper was . . . a shoemaker's bill, which had followed me out from London . . . complete with its envelope bearing my name and address—the address of the inn at which Geoffrey and I were lodging some five miles off.

I saw Dewdrop finger the letter and find it dry. Then he looked from his find to the spot at which it had lain. Then he lay down and drew himself forward, parting the bushes before him exactly as I had done. Plainly, the man was no fool. He wished to be sure how much John Spencer had seen—John Spencer, of The Three Kings, Lass.

The next moment he was up and was whipping back to the dell. The murder was out.

As we hurried back to the Rolls, I told my cousin my tale, and though he made no comment, I saw that he was perturbed.

Arrived at the car, I saw him take out a pistol and slip it into his coat.

Ten minutes later we slid into the yard of the inn at Lass.

As we stopped out, my cousin turned to his man.

"Well, Barley," he said. "Then take the other pistol and come to our rooms."

As we entered the inn, I heard him order our breakfast to be served in a quarter of an hour.

My cousin strolled to the bay and stood looking out.

"When Barley comes up," he said, "I want you to tell your story over again."

I was glad of his words, for Barley was a very good man and true as steel.

The door was opened and Barley came into the room.

My cousin spoke over his shoulder.

"Mr. Spencer has had an adventure. I want you to hear it, Barley, so he's going to tell it again." When I had done— "Well, Barley," said my cousin, "what do you think?" "It's a pity about that letter, sir, bearing the name and address."

"A very great pity," said Geoffrey. "Anything else?" "If Mr. Spencer, sir, could describe the men . . . I'd like to hear what they look like, 'Dewdrop' is a nickname, for sure. I take it he's got a drop on the end of his nose."

"That's right," said I. "I marked it. He's a little dark man, very wiry. I think he's a Jew. Pharaoh is tall and slight—much better class than the others and well turned out. His hair is fair, and he has rather protruding eyes. Rush looks an awful blackguard. A very low forehead, and his ears stick out from his head. Very dark he is, and a scar runs down from the edge of his mouth to his chin. The fourth man looked the best of the lot. He was very broad and had rather an open face; rough, you know, but cheerful. Not very tall, but I'd say he was very strong."

"Good," said Geoffrey. He turned to Barley. "And now come and take my place. I mean, if they should mean business. . . ."

As Barley stepped to the window, he flung himself into a chair and lighted a cigarette.

"These things happen," he said. "It wasn't your fault, my dear John, but if we don't look out, it may be your great misfortune. In plain words, as you probably know, you stand in danger of death. You viewed at your leisure certain terrible rites which no one was meant to see."

"I can't help that," said I. "I'm sorry about that letter, but I'm not going to hold my tongue. They'd murdered that poor devil and they'd damned well ought to be hung."

"I quite agree," said Geoffrey. "They must be brought to justice—I'm inclined to think Fate sent you with that intent. But Fate works in a curious way, and at the present moment I'm thinking much less of your lives than I'm thinking of yours."

"Yes, I see that," said I. "If we were at home," said Geoffrey, "we should go straight to Scotland Yard. They'd give you armed protection and turn out the Flying Squad. But give those four reason to think that you've been to the police, and they'll strike out of hand."

"But how can we bring them to justice unless we go to the police?"

"I've no idea," said my cousin. "But we've got to sit tight for the moment—extremely tight."

"Meanwhile they'll clear out of the country."

"No, they won't," said Geoffrey. "I'll tell you why. Those four didn't come out here to do in somebody's servant—for that's who their victim was. What he had was a tunic, and some of the old houses here still dress their people like that."

"He was wearing livery. Very well. Those four are here on some job, and the murdered man got in their way. He may have surprised them—as you did; and so they just bumped him off. But, unless I'm mistaken, the job remains to be done. Otherwise, they wouldn't have

buried him. "And now," said Geoffrey, rising. "I'll lay before you the card that I've up my sleeve."

"I was staying with the Lyvedens in Hampshire a few years back. It was a Goodwood party, and the jewels in the house were worth a lot. Well, they were stolen all right. Barley wasn't with me, but he'll remember the case."

"The Bell Hammer murders, sir?" "Exactly. Three servants and a policeman were murdered by the fellows who took those jewels. They could have laid them out and tied them up; but they preferred to kill them, because then they knew where they were."

"They never got the thieves, but Anthony Lyveden told me as much as he knew; and amongst other things he told me that the moment they heard of the matter the police knew who'd done the job. Only one man, they said, was ruthless and daring enough to go such lengths. And the man was known as 'Pharaoh.'"

"Now, that's all I know. This may or may not be the man. But if it is—well, from what I've just told you, you'll gather that he doesn't like witnesses."

To my great dismay my cousin then announced that we must be gone from the inn as soon as we could.

"We're out to fight these men. Well, the first thing to do is to



"We're Out to Fight These Men."

vanish, for until we are out of their ken, we cannot attack, but must waste our time taking precautions against an attempt on your life.

At the moment one of those wallahs knows you by sight, and that's a card which must not be thrown away. And now you go out and lose yourself in the town. Barley and I will pack, and I'll pick you up at nine in front of St. Jacques'. I shall give out we're going to Salzburg, and Barley can go to the station and point the lie."

"To Annabel," said my cousin. "I liked the look of the village and I'm sure they'll do us proud at The Reaping Hook. And now you pop off, my son. Every minute is precious, as you must see."

I made my way out of the inn, and when some servant or other ran after me, letter in hand, I took the missive from him as a man in a dream. I did not open the letter—I had no need: for one thing, it was already open, and for another, I knew what the envelope held. And that was a shoemaker's bill.

That I now felt far from easy, I frankly confess. I could not get away from the fact that the enemies that I had made were no ordinary men.

First, they had frustrated the watch we had kept; then, they had gained their end, which was, of course, to get to know me by sight—for someone, no doubt, was in waiting, to see me come out of the inn and, lastly, they had informed me in unmistakable terms that they were fully aware that I had seen them at work. All this, I may say, in a little more than an hour.

It suddenly came to my mind that as like as not I now was being followed by whoever it was that had watched me come out of the inn. At once I determined to see if this was the case and if it was, to endeavor to turn the tables on the man who was so engaged.

I made my way out of the market and into an alley too narrow for carts to use.

For more than an hour I wandered the curious streets, creeping and stopping and idling and turning back, but I never set eyes upon anyone of the four or on anyone else that I could fairly suspect; and at last I decided to rest and drink before making my way to St. Jacques'.

I was sitting in a cafe, drinking my liquor when I saw a car going by on the opposite side of the square.

For a moment I sat spell-bound. Then I was up and was running as hard as I could.

The car was a cabriolet, very long and handsome and painted green. Its hood was raised, so that whoever was in it was not to be seen but in front were sitting two chauffeurs—in civilian livery. In a word, they were wearing green tunics, exactly like that of the man whom I had seen lying that morning, awaiting his grave.

The car was gathering speed when I saw myself on the step.

As someone within exclaimed, I thrust my head over the door. "Forgive me," I said, using German, "but I have most urgent news. Of the very gravest import. I don't know who you are, but you're deeply concerned."

A girl was regarding me as though I were less than the dust. "How can your news concern me, if you don't know who I am?"

The words were spoken in English, and the tone was less cold than imperious.

"I recognized your livery," I said. "Hasn't one of your men disappeared?"

The girl never moved, but her eyes looked straight into mine. "What do you know?" she added, "of one of my men?"

"I know that he's dead," said I. "I saw her start at the word, and a hand went up to her mouth."

"And I know who killed him," I said, "and I'll help you to rope them in. They didn't kill him for nothing. I mean, I rather think there's a good deal behind the crime."

The girl looked at me curiously. Then she sat back on the cushions and glanced at her watch.

"I expect the police," she said coldly, "will be glad to hear any facts. The station is in the next street."

My speech was impetuous, I know, and never would have been spoken if I had but a moment to choose my words.

"On the other hand," I said thickly, "the police may agree with you."

"Agree with me—what do you mean?"

"That it's none of my business," said I.

With that, I made her a bow and sauntered back to my cafe.

As I gained the pavement, I heard a step at my side.

Then a chauffeur was speaking, hat in hand.

"Her ladyship, sir, would be glad of your name and address."

"Tell her ladyship this: My name does not matter, and my address is this cafe—until I have finished my beer."

The man withdrew, and, more enraged than ever I sat myself down at my table and mopped my face.

I had been used with contumely, as though I had been some peasant, the worse for drink. This by a girl whom I was seeking to serve. At last I looked up, there was the car before me with my lady's face framed in its window and the chauffeur standing beside the door.

"If you will forgive me, perhaps I can give you a lift."

This unadorned apology acted on me as a charm. All my resentment vanished.

I got to my feet, laid a coin on the table and picked up my hat. . . .

As I took my seat beside her—"I'm to blame," I said, "and I've nothing at all to forgive. I'm afraid I shook you up. But I—I hadn't rehearsed this meeting and I guess I

went off half-cocked. I'd better just tell you my tale." "One moment—where shall I take you?"

"If you please, to the church of St. Jacques."

As the car moved off—"I'm Helena Yorick," said the girl, "and Yorick is the name of my home, some seven miles off."

I gave her my name at once and then, without waiting longer, plunged into my tale.

When I had done—"Are you sure you weren't followed?" she said.

"I'm sure I wasn't," said I.

With my words the car stopped at the church.

"Well, you can't get out here," said the girl. "We must find a much quieter place. Besides, you must hear my story."

She gave some direction to the chauffeur and then sat back in her seat.

"My father died last November, leaving my brother and me. We're Austrians, you know; but my mother taught me English—she was American. My brother is younger than I am, and he's away just now; so I run the castle, although, of course, he's the Count. This duty takes me to Salzburg once a month. I made the journey by car four days ago. On the way an attempt was made to waylay me, and when I got through—I was driving—I had a man with me called Florin. Three generations of Florins have served our house. His father's my warden—has charge of all the keys. Well, six men act as night watchmen, taking the duty by turns. Old Florin chooses the men, and his son was one of the six. He was on duty last night, and this morning

he couldn't be found." Her voice began to quaver, and I heard her another sob.

"I'm most dreadfully sorry," I said. "And if you'll let me help you, we'll bring the blackguards to book. But you see my cousin was right. Florin was nothing to them, but he got in their way."

"Yes," said the girl, "that's clear. The night watchman got in their way." With a sudden movement she turned. "But you must keep out of this. Can't you go home?"

"I'm not going home," said I, "till I've seen this through."

"Don't be foolish," she said. "This quarrel is mine—not yours. Young Florin was not your man."

"The point is this," said I. "That you don't want to fight them with me is natural enough. I've given you information which it was right you should have, and that, I frankly admit, is the end of my duty to you; but I owe that dead man a duty, and I'm going to do it."

I broke off to mop my face. "My cousin's with me," I added, "and so is his man."

"I wish," said the girl, "I could have a word with your cousin. Do you think he could meet me this evening at—at a farm the 'know'?"

"I'll bring him with me," said I, "wherever you please."

Lady Helena looked away. "You can come if you like," she said. "But I want to see him."

Then she took up a large-scale map and showed me the farm. This went by the name of Plumage, and lay some four miles from Annabel, quite by itself.

"At five o'clock, then?" says she. "I nodded."

"We shall be there."

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OUR CHRISTMAS WISH FOR YOU—

We sincerely trust that you may have occasion to call for our services in your home or coming year.

But should circumstances prevail you are assured prompt, courteous attention at our modernly-equipped funeral home, with attendants in charge.

AMBULANCE SERVICE KINNEY FUNERAL DIRECTORS AND EMBALMERS Only Licensed, Lady Embalmer and In This Territory

We Are Thankful For the liberal patronage our friends have given us the past 12 months, we take a pleasure in meriting and receiving the confidence and business of our neighbors and fellow citizens. But the Holiday season makes us more thankful; it makes us want to wish for all our friends and the of our town and environs the child, the blessings that you desire for your solves this Merry Christmas Time. Hassen Bros. Co. Next Door to Postoffice.

WISH YOU A REAL OLD FASHIONED Merry Christmas AND A HAPPY PROSPEROUS New Year every language . . . in every our wish is the same for all trons at this joyous Yuletide . . . just a Real, Old Fashioned Christmas and a Happy New W. GHOLSON

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Ava Grindstaff is honor student at head of 45 in graduating class.
Beautification of Courthouse lawn is started.

June 6 Issue
Haskell to vote regarding light plant survey.
A. C. Pierson, Hollis Atkinson, Roy Killingsworth, J. G. Vaughter, Clyde Bailey, Virgil Reynolds and F. L. Daugherty named new Lion's Club officers; directors elected were J. D. Montgomery, D. H. Parsons.
Annual Baptist encampment to be held at Lueders June 24-30.
Stamford invites Haskell Spectator for 6th Annual Cowboy Reunion, July 2, 3, and 4th.

June 13 Issue
R. H. Maxwell, county agent is transferred to Jones County.
Pioneer Mutual Life Insurance Company moves home office from Haskell to Dallas.
Move for hospital in Haskell County receives languid support financially, but strong oral support.
To vote on Beer in Precinct Two. Guy Collins succeeds George Goetze as manager of the local branch of Perkins-Timberlake Store.
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The spirit of the Yuletide calls us to a better appreciation of old associations and the value of new-made friends.

May this be your Happiest Christmas and may the New Year be the most delightful and most prosperous you have ever known.

We express the hope that it may be our pleasure and privilege to continue our business relations with you during the coming year. And assure you that we will leave nothing undone to make your business with us pleasant and profitable.



Mays Store

Greetings:

Try as we may, we cannot get away from the fact that no wish can take the place of the simple but expressive—

MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Haskell Nat'l Bank
The Old Reliable Since 1886

June 29 Issue
Several cases smallpox reported in county.
Joe Meacham is organizing a municipal band.
Rochester makes application for \$100,000 PWA grant.
Central West Texas Fair receives new charter.
The City bought a street grader.

August 8 Issue
School Board calls bond election for \$25,000 to meet PWA grant of similar amount.
Pioneers of Haskell County are registering.
New relief plans are put into action.

Aug. 15, Issue
W. R. Kimbrough of Haskell is a candidate for baccalaureate degree at Texas A. & M. College.
New boundary lines are requested for Precinct 4.
The recruiting of the Junior CCC applicants has started.
Wichita Valley League starts playoff for cellar position in the baseball windup.

August 22 Issue
First bale Haskell County cotton was ginned at Rochester. Cash premium of \$84.50 paid to the grower, Johnnie Williams.
West Texas Utilities Ice Plant, Humble Oil Company warehouse, Wichita Valley Depot, Texas Company Oil Station, and Haskell Laundry all burglarized Wednesday night, August 21. John Ed Terrett and Ollie Sammons are lodged in County Jail charged with the safe cracking.
CCC selectees number 62.
Pioneer's registrations are mounting daily, 100 having signed the roster to date.
School Board purchases bus to serve Sayles, Center Point, Plainview and McConnell.
Football practice will begin Monday.
Court sets county tax rate at 73 cents.

August 29 Issue
Haskell County is to remain dry, vote ended Saturday.
Haskell to vote on new school bond.
Birthday Box at the First Christian Church is robbed of slightly more than \$5.00.
Hog Cholera breaks out in Haskell County.

September 5 Issue
Approval of PWA grant of \$20,000 for new school is received. Vote is in favor of the School Bond sale.
Haskell schools will open for new term next Monday morning.
C. J. Crutcher accepts position as pharmacist at Reid's Drug Store.
J. E. McDonald will speak at Central West Texas Fair.
Knob Knockers took approximately \$200 from the safe of the Texas Theatre last Monday morning.
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Total rainfall for the year is 28 inches.
Football season gets under way. First conference game is with Rule. Haskell Missionary Baptist Association holds county meet September 18-19.
Over 275 pupils enrolled in Haskell High School.

September 19 Issue
Commissioners ask for PWA grants to be used in 23 road jobs over the county.
September term of District Court will open Monday with a heavy docket in prospect.
Sixteen rural schools opened.
Dove season opens Saturday. Much interest shown by local sportsmen.

September 26 Issue
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Clarence Robertson Fred Phillips and C. W. Lee, all San Angelo youths arrested in connection with box car robberies at Rochester are given five years.
Two men passing counterfeit money during fair are arrested.
District Court Term may set new record.
Corn-Hog program of AAA will be voted on by farmers to determine if the present methods of handling will continue.
Four children taken to Free Crippled Children's clinic conducted by Masonic Lodge in Wichita Falls.
Needy Persons are offered free Diphtheria serum.

October 31 Issue
\$42,812.25 in two contracts let for improvement of City water works.
Court term of 92 cases betters record set by Judge Clyde Grissom in same term as last year.
Blids are asked for new North Ward school building.
21 Marriage licenses issued in October.
Lions to give Christmas Cheer to the unfortunate and underprivileged.

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November 7th Issue
Shortage of labor in Haskell County delays several road projects that have been approved by PWA.
Junior Chamber of Commerce will sponsor spectacular Santa Claus parade.
H. H. Hitt and H. P. Hartley are found guilty of robbing express company office and are given one year sentence.
Red Cross Roll Call to start Armistice day.
\$49,290.10 in government rental checks are being distributed to Haskell County farmers.

November 14 Issue
Over 70 people from four counties hold mass meeting at Rule for the purpose of getting work started on the Brazos River Dam near Jud.
Free City Mail Delivery is promised for Haskell if certain postal department requirements are met.
Counterfeiters arrested here during Fair are assessed a jail sentence in Federal Court at Abilene.
The Free Press goes to an eight column paper, abandoning the seven column sheet formerly published.

November 21st Issue
J. L. Hair Construction Company of Wichita Falls gets contract to build new North Ward School. School will have gymnasium and auditorium, both of which are badly needed in Haskell Schools.
R. N. Huckabee is appointed new Methodist Pastor for Haskell.
Seven aliens are caught by Border Patrolmen and deported to Mexico.
\$38,087.76 in second rental checks are being distributed.
Committee goes to Austin to appear before Board of Directors for Brazos River Project.
City is offered \$15,500 Agriculture Building. Must furnish \$2,500 of the money.

November 28 Issue
City Council will underwrite expenses of numbering streets and installing street lights for Free Mail Delivery.
Students of the first grade are moved from the old North Ward Building to the Baptist Church, Second grade to the Methodist Church and the balance to the South Ward School so that workmen can tear down the old building as site for new building must be cleared.
F. M. Robinson re-appointed Conciliation Commissioner for second term.

Dec. 5th Issue
Several WPA projects are started in Haskell County.
County Clerk issues 25 marriage licenses.
Lack of sidewalks nips all plans for Free Mail Delivery.
Eight new arrivals in Haskell.
Work is started on raising of old North Ward School Building.
Roscoe Plowboys defeat Haskell Indians for Title of District 6-B.
Beer licenses are revoked for Haskell County.
Rule officers arrest two negroes implicated in robbery of Brady County Rancher. Brady Man in hospital result of wounds received.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Norman, parents of Haskell County's largest family hold reunion Thanksgiving Day at home near Rule. Entire family of 10 boys and five girls come from all over United States to attend reunion.
Standardization of Rural Schools is started by Matt Graham.
Haskell County Committeemen are promised the second dam on the Brazos River Reclamation and Conservation project.

December 12 Issue
Construction of new North Ward School Building is scheduled to be

We're Glad to Greet You....

Just as it has been a pleasure to us to attend to your wants which came within our line during the past twelve months so it is now our satisfaction to greet you in the happy spirit of Kris Kringle's great holiday and offer you our warmest thanks for the favors of the past, wish you a Christmas season resplendent with blessings and express a hope that we may see you often during New Year.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Thanking You and Wishing You--

Your patronage through the past months has been greatly appreciated. We have done our best to give you value received. We are always looking out for new ways in which to do our friends a service. Now that Christmas is with us again we extend to you all our wishes for the choicest blessings of the season, the brightest promises for the New Year.

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