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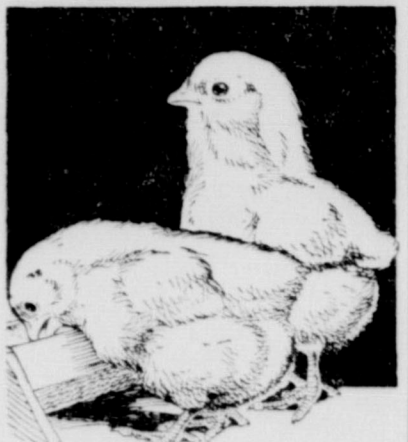
FOARD CITY (Mrs. Luther Marlow)

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ready, Mr. and Mrs. Sigurd Stein and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wilkins and son, Mike, of Long Beach, Calif., spent Sunday afternoon in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Autry and family.

Mrs. E. V. Halbert spent last week with her mother, who is ill at Wichita Falls.

Uncle Ned Stone is very ill in the hospital at Crowell.

Mrs. Pauline Davis and daughter, Mrs. Joseph Bajesse, and Percy and George Stone of Dallas



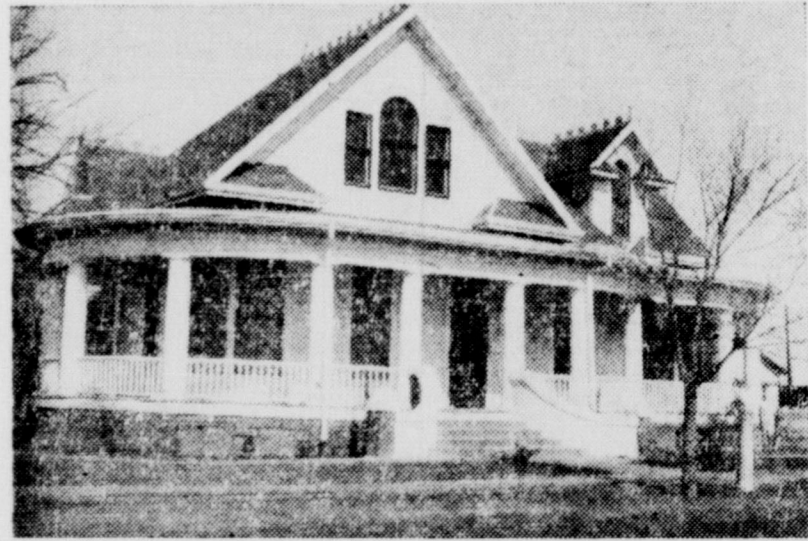
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Crowell, Texas

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- 1. What kind of a tree suggests the seashore? 2. What kind of a tree suggests the pelt of an animal? 3. What kind of a tree suggests a confection made of chicle? 4. What kind of a tree suggests a kind of sugar? 5. What kind of an apple tree suggests a shell fish? 6. What kind of an apple tree suggests a Bible character? 7. What kind of an apple tree suggests a bashful girl? 8. What kind of a tree suggests a girl or boy's name? 9. What kind of a fish suggests a part of a shoe? 10. What kind of a fish suggests a household pet? (Answers on page 3.)

returned home Wednesday. He left Monday for a visit in Lubbock.

Mary Evelyn Adkins, a student in Baylor University, arrived home this week to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cap Adkins.

Mrs. E. A. Speer of Archer City and son, Wells, who is stationed at San Diego, Calif., with the Navy, spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. Cap Adkins and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ward and sons of Santa Rosa, Calif., are here visiting his parents and other relatives.

Mrs. Otis Tole and son of Iowa City, Iowa, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Sam Tole.

Mr. and Mrs. Hibit Grisham of Byers announce the birth of a son, John Rodney, on Dec. 11. Mrs. Grisham is the former Miss Bess Tole.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hopkins and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Packer of Odell.

THALIA (By Minnie Wood)

Charlie Hathaway visited his brother, Jess Hathaway, and family in Amarillo last weekend.

Miss Mary Jo Hogan and a friend of Vernon visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hogan, here a few days last week.

Fred Gray, who has been stationed in Florida in the Naval Air Corps, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Gray, here.

Reid Pyle, who has returned from overseas and received his discharge from the service, is at home here.

Miss Frankie Mason went to California where she was united in marriage Dec. 10 to Bud Cottrell, who has just received his discharge from the service.

Harold Banister, who has recently returned from overseas and received his discharge from the service, is at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Banister, here.

Mrs. Mattie Waggoner of Carrollton visited her sister, Mrs. M. C. Adkins, and husband here Sunday.

Mrs. Leland Flesher and sister of Hereford visited E. S. Flesher and family here last weekend.

Frank Wood and family of Vernon and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Dozier of Gruver visited Minnie Wood here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Fox of Vernon visited Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wheeler Monday.

Dalton Railsback of Kansas is visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rector of Colorado visited Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wheeler here last week.

J. D. Sandefur of Olney visited his sister, Mrs. Robert Wisdom, and family here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Oneal Johnson and son, Billy, visited relatives in Fort Worth last week-end.

A Christmas Pageant will be presented at the Methodist Church Sunday night, beginning at 7 o'clock. Everyone is invited to attend.

VIVIAN (By Mildred Fish)

Mrs. Clifford Killingsworth and son, Amos Ed, Mrs. Elizabeth Dickens and Set, Charles R. Bolt of Paducah visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Evans Sunday afternoon.

Fay Denton of Crowell spent Saturday night and Sunday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Fish.

Miss Geneva Marr of Floydada spent from Friday until Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Marr.

Harold Fish of the Merchant Marines, who is spending a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Fish, of Paducah, spent Sunday night with his brother, Bery Fish, and family.

Nolan Martin of Fort Worth spent several days last week with his sister, Mrs. Henry Fish, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Denton of

New Year's Mummers Parade Big Event

The Mummers' Parade on New Year's Eve is to Philadelphia what the Tournament of Roses is to Pasadena—only the Mummers have a priority on tradition.

The earliest settlers in the vicinity of present-day Philadelphia were English and Swedes. The English cherished the traditional Mummer play "St. George and the Dragon," while the Swedes were fond of masquerading informally on New Year's Eve. The two customs had merged long before the Revolution and it was customary—even among the Quakers—to extend hospitality to the masqueraders or give them a dole for refreshments.

After the Revolution, George Washington replaced St. George as the central figure of the festivities which continued along the path of spontaneity until 1886 when the parade was sponsored by the Silver Crown New Year's association.

The Municipal administration officially recognized the parade in 1901, and representative citizenry began turning out to watch and participate in the festivities.

The number of organizations sponsoring the parade, the divisions and elaborateness thereof increased through the years. On New Year's Eve in 1830, 12,600 participated in the line of march down Lomb street and 300,000 spectators watched the parade which lasted from early evening through the wee hours of the New Year.



God Rest You—

God rest you, merry gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay, For Jesus Christ, our Savior, Was born upon this day, To save us all from Satan's power When we were gone astray, O tidings of comfort and joy, For Jesus Christ, our Savior, Was born on Christmas Day! —Old English Carol

You can't make a good hand out of a heel.

COMES OUT FIGHTING



Crowell spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Fish. Miss Jeang Breedlove of Crowell spent Sunday with Miss Geniele Nelson.

Mrs. W. O. Fish and daughter, Mildred, visited Mrs. Wallace Hazelwood of Crowell Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lee Thomas and sons, Billie Norman and Keith, of Floydada, spent last Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Evans.

Miss Bernita Fish of Five-in-One spent from Friday until Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Fish.

Mrs. Henry Fish and sons, Robert and Gordon, and daughter, Martha, returned home Wednesday after spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Martin, and family of Fort Worth.

Miss Berdell Nelson of Paducah spent from Friday until Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Nelson, and family.

Merry Christmas



EXPRESSING OUR APPRECIATION OF YOUR MANY COURTESIES OF THE PAST AND EXTENDING THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON, WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Once Again We Extend the Age-Old Greeting "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year"

with all the meaning that the wish conveys to a happy people at this happiest season of all the year. This glorious holiday season is filled with the added joy of welcoming home those of our loved ones who were so far away... those who have made it possible for us to again acclaim, "Peace on Earth and Goodwill Toward Men," which holds a newer and dearer meaning than ever before. The Ben E. Keith Company and all the Independent Retail Dealers who serve the Southwest with fresh fruits and fresh vegetables—"Fresh From Keith's"—join in the refrain...

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ANSWERS

1. Beech.
2. Fir.
3. Gum.
4. Maple.
5. Crab.
6. Jonathan.
7. Maiden Blush.
8. Linn.
9. Sole.
10. Cat or dog.

In order to keep the price of sugar down to consumers the government pays a subsidy of two cents a pound to sugar producers.

The sentence "Rats live on no evil star," by Stanley McGovern, can be read forwards or backwards.

South Dakota is nicknamed the Coyote state.

Christmas Season Celebrated Before Christ Was Born

Strange as it seems, the Christmas season was celebrated long before Christ was born. Of course, it wasn't called Christmas then, but many religious and pagan ceremonies were held during the Christmas period.

This period is celebrated by the Jews as the Festival of Lights or Dedication. According to Jewish history, a large force of Maccabees defeated an army of Syrians in 165 B. C. The victors began the work of purifying the desolate Jerusalem, completing their task on December 25. The Jews have celebrated the eight days previous to December 25 ever since that time.

The proximity of Christmas to the winter solstice caused many pagan ceremonies to be held during that period. In Scandinavian countries, great fires were kindled in the middle of December to defy the Frost King.

Centuries before this, the ancient Druids of England observed this season in their roofless temples.

Porches diazed as strange ceremonies were performed, dealing with the cutting of the mistletoe.

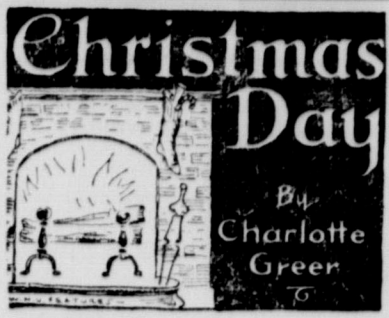
Several accepted Christmas customs of today originated with the old Roman celebration of Saturnalia. The higher class of free Romans exchanged presents with their friends. Inside houses, candles were lit and the rooms and halls adorned with laurel and green trees.

These festivals in honor of the god Saturnus were started before the earliest recorded history of that great empire. The pagans celebrated from December 17 to 24 in honor of their sun god. Among the slaves and lower classes, the celebration was transformed into unrestrained orgies.

Even the ancient Egyptians celebrated the Midwinter festival. Near the end of December they rejoiced over the birth of Horus, son of the god Isis.

The last religious celebration to be held on Christmas day appeared in the middle of the Fourth century, A. D. At this time various dates assigned to the birth of Christ were examined; and the Catholic church in Rome proclaimed December 25 to be Christmas.

People from North Carolina are called Tar Heels.



"THE trouble with having such an all-fired modern family and trying to keep up with them," Alice told herself as she looked around the hotel dining room on Christmas Day, "is that modernism and Christmas just don't go together."

Her face felt as stiff as a hardened jelly mold from holding the smile she was determined not to relax, and internally she was positively wound up from the effort to emulate the rest of the gay, noisy people who were here instead of being at home where Alice thought they should be on that day above all others that has made your own freese the place you most like to be.

While they waited for the entree she and William were alone, sitting at opposite ends of the long table watching their children dance. Each one had been permitted a guest of his own age, but Alice's eyes were focused on her tall, dark-haired Bill and his slim, golden-haired girl, Rosemary. Bill would soon be eighteen, that was why he fixed her attention.

William came over and sat beside her. "Happy, Alice?" he said, and covered her hand with his.

She returned his smile. After all, this spree was costing enough to have bought three or four turkeys for home consumption. "You were right, dear," she said. "The youngsters love it."

"Rosemary told me this is the one orchestra of all on the air that she'd choose to see," he said proudly. "It's a holy wonder her folks would let her out of the house on Christmas Day."

"The Custers are pretty old-fashioned people," said Alice, feeling that she was complimenting the girl's family.

"We're good for the Custers," said William. "They need stirring up. It's a fine thing for Rosie to get out and see a bit of the world."

"They're having their Christmas dinner tonight," said Alice. "Mrs.



"Happy, Alice?" he asked.

Custer has invited Bill before the young people go to the dance."

"Come on, Alice, let's show these kids what for." In spite of the crowd, William covered the ground as he had in college when she fell in love with him. She was glad that she had managed to have her hair done Saturday. The gardenias the children had given her to wear to church yesterday were still fresh. She'd let Sister wear them tonight if her date didn't crash through. Bill had bet Sis fifty cents he wouldn't.

The orchestra melted into "White Christmas," and young Bill tapped his father on the shoulder. "Mom's favorite, Dad. Let's change."

Alice said, "You dance almost as well as your Dad."

"Look at him, will you?" said Bill. "Quite the old boy."

Before long everyone was helping Bill and Sister dress for the dance. Bill lost his wager, and whistled over the red roses that were just right on the turquoise blue of Sister's frock.

She said Bill looked simply gorgeous in his tuxedo and when his father saw him he said, "Too bad they don't wear 'em in the army, son."

They heard Bill call Rosemary's number on the phone downstairs and then he closed the door for privacy. "Wouldn't you think," said Sister, "he'd give the poor girl a chance to take a bath? I bet she gets good and sick of him."

Suddenly Alice remembered a call she had forgotten to make about the baskets the church distributed yesterday. She flew to the upstairs extension, and when she heard Bill still talking in leisurely fashion, she opened her mouth to say, as she often did when necessary, "Hang up, you two, I need the phone."

But she didn't say those words or any others. She listened a few moments and her eyes filled with tears. The disappointment and hurt at the way her family had preferred to spend their Christmas vanished as her very best Christmas present of 1945 was received on the wire.

"Heck no," Bill was saying. "I can hardly wait for an old-fashioned Christmas dinner. That hotel business was all Dad's idea so Mom wouldn't have to cook and wash dishes all day. None of us liked it at all. Mom had a good time, though."

SEASON'S BEST WISHES

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FLOUR LIGHT CRUST 50 Lb. Sack \$2.29	PEAS Mission No. 2 Can 15c
POP CORN 10 oz. JAR 2 25c	SPINACH C. H. B. No. 2 Can 15c
CORN WHOLE KERNEL No. 2 Can 15c	CORN Cream Style No. 2 2 Cans 25c
Green BEANS No. 2 2 Cans 25c	Pork and Beans Phillips 2 Cans 25c
Baby Foods All Kinds 2 Cans 15c	TOILET TISSUE 4 Rolls 25c
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Greetings

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RICHARD FERGESON

ONCE AGAIN

IT'S CHRISTMAS

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Foard County Implement Company
L. V. ANDERSON | ERNEST JOHNSON

The news dispatches last week contained the story of a walnut tree. The farmer sold the tree to a log buyer for \$50. The buyer cut the tree at a cost of \$15 and sold the logs without moving them for \$138. Before the logs could be moved another buyer came along and bought them for \$164.

Thirty states levy an income tax against the income of their residents.

Foard County News

T. B. KLEPPER, Owner-Editor

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SUBSCRIPTION RATES

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One Year	\$2.00
Six Months	\$1.25
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One Year	\$2.50

Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan; for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.—Matthew 4:10.

Labor plans to call a strike in one plant at a time rather than call a strike in all plants at the same time. The purpose of this is to force industry through fear of competition to yield to its demands. For example, if a strike is called in General Motors plants it will not be called in the Ford plant until General Motors is whipped. This accomplished, Ford would be the next victim.

**IN THE NEWS
30 YEARS AGO**

Items below were taken in whole or in part from the issue of The News of Dec. 24, 1915, Martin & Kimsey, publishers:

Mrs. Claude McLaughlin of Edmond, Okla., is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Self, and other relatives and friends.

U. C. Rader and wife and two children are spending the holidays at Georgetown and other places in Williamson County.

Herbert Edwards, student of Baylor University, is home for the holidays.

John, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wishon, happened to a very painful and serious accident last Saturday when a horse threw him and the gun which he was carrying discharged and struck him in the right hand.

B. R. Arthur and family left last Friday for Southland where Mr. Arthur has purchased land. A number of Foard County folks have recently located in Garza County.

C. M. Church and family left this week for Sunset where Mr. Church is engaged in business and where they will reside permanently. Mr. Church, formerly with The News, is a fine printer and is proving himself a good editor. He is making an excellent paper out of the Signal.

Owing to the fact that Christmas is so near at hand The Foard County News is issued a day earlier than usual this week.

The Teachers' Institute, now in session at the school building in this city, is well attended and is said to be the best and most interesting ever held here.

What We Think
(By Frank Dixon)

At no time in the past that we can recall has there been so many vexing problems demanding decision as there is today. The problem of the unification of control of the Army and the Navy. The problem of strikes, employment and housing, the problem in Germany and Japan, and the problem of universal military training. All are big problems. All seem to be demanding immediate solution. All have such an important bearing upon the future welfare of this country and of the world that it is difficult to decide which is the most important and which should be settled first.

When we were at war and the liberty of the world was threatened, everyone joined together in a concert of united effort to defeat the enemy. Personal wishes and desires and ambitions were laid aside and all minds were centered on a single goal—that of defeating the enemy. The successful outcome of the war. The magnificent job of turning from peace time pursuits almost overnight and of arming, with the latest weapons of offensive and defensive, an almost wholly unarmed nation, as well as equipping the arsenals of our equally unarmed and unprepared allies, stands without a parallel in history. It could have been accomplished only in the manner in which it was accomplished by the united efforts of everyone, by the subordination of personal desires and ambitions to the task at hand.

The other thing contributed to the success of the Herculean task of cleaning out the Augean stables of the power mad aggressors was the matter of doing first things first and not allowing a lot of subordinate matters to cloud the issue and divide and divert attention and effort. One matter at a time was taken up and pursued to its successful conclusion. Herein, I think, lies the secret of handling our problems today. It seems to me as I read the papers that we are trying to do too many things at one time. Our attention and our efforts are too much scattered. There is not sufficient concentration on one problem long enough to reach a satisfactory solution.


To begin with I would definitely lay on the shelf for later consideration the matter of the atomic bomb, the unification of control of Army and Navy and the question of who did what at Pearl Harbor. All are important but all can wait. All will keep until we can get some other matters settled.

My next thought would be that other matters be taken up in the order of their importance.

The reconversion problem at home is dragging. The situation in Germany is not at all satisfactory. Not because of any one's failure but because of the nature of the problems. It is not one of military logistics. It will require the best wisdom and the most concentrated effort that can be commanded. The matter of our future military set up and strength is of sufficient importance that it is going to require all the wisdom of which we are capable to plan and organize it. We should not attempt to solve it with a diverted attention.

This, then, would seem to be the formula: First things first and one thing at a time.

At the Senate hearing recently scientists revealed some startling facts about the atomic bomb. Following are a few: There is no known defense against it, thirty thousand atomic bombs could de-




A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

For you and all those dear to you, may this Holiday Time be one of great joy and happiness.

And for next year, we say,
"Best of luck to all!"


BEST WISHES

Hughston Insurance Agency



WE'RE GLAD IT'S CHRISTMAS

We're glad because it is the one day of the year when it is possible to cast aside the artificial dignities of every day living—the one day of the year when people can be themselves and express sentiments that are too often suppressed. May we resolve to strive for a continuation of this wholesome attitude throughout the coming year, with more tolerance toward all, with a genuine spirit of brotherhood prevailing in our every transaction. With this as the background of our activities, we feel sure that the people of this community will enjoy the most prosperous year of them all. It will lead toward the further advancement of every worthy enterprise. It will mean a year of happiness, contentment and prosperity for all!



CROWELL CASH GROCERY

THE HOLIDAY SEASON

We wish you again, as we have wished for you many times before, a joyous Christmas, and a successful New Year.

We trust we have met with your hearty approval in the past and that our efforts to serve you have not been in vain. May we continue to serve you in the future.



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In the true spirit of the occasion we extend Season's Greetings to our friends and neighbors.

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We are in the market for your poultry, eggs, hides, cream and turkeys. We will be in better shape to handle baby chicks and chicken feeds this season. We have put in a full line of Bewley's Best feeds.

W. C. Johnson is now connected with the business and we hope to give better service to our customers.

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A Merry Christmas

AS WE ENTER INTO another Holiday Season we wish to extend our profound thanks for the gracious friendships we have enjoyed.

May you enjoy the best of everything, not only this year and next, but during those to follow. May your hopes and dreams be fulfilled and may you enjoy Health, Happiness and Genuine Contentment.

A Merry Christmas

RIALTO THEATRE



Wishing All Our Friends
A Merry Christmas
And A Prosperous
New Year

TEXAS

IMPERIAL SUGAR
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LOCALS

For Sale—Baby calf.—Joe Drabek. 24-1tp

Our cafe will be closed on Christmas Day, but we will serve turkey dinner next Sunday, Dec. 23.—McKinley's Cafe, Thalia.

L. Kamstra returned home Wednesday of last week from Texas City where he visited his son, Martin Kamstra, and family.

Sgt. Albert Schooley, who was a prisoner of the Japanese for three years, visited in Crowell with friends, for a short time last week. He was visiting in the home of his sister in Vernon. Sgt. Schooley resided in Crowell with his parents, several years ago. His parents now reside in Houston.

Betty Jo Zeibig, Rita Faye and Helen Jo Callaway, Bessie Gamble and Billy Taylor, student in Howard-Payne College in Brownwood, are at home to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudell Russell announce the birth of a baby son, born on Saturday, Dec. 15. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Gribble and Mrs. Pete Holcombe visited them Sunday. Mrs. Holcombe is an aunt of Mrs. Russell.

Mr. and Mrs. Murph Ferrill of Memphis were in Crowell last Thursday. Mrs. Charley Loyd, who had been visiting in Mansfield on account of the illness of her sister, Miss Ida Bell Ferrill, returned with them.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Callaway left Tuesday morning for Denver, Colo., where they will spend two weeks visiting Mrs. Callaway's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Berggraff. They were taken to Vernon by Mr. Callaway's father, Tom Callaway.

Mrs. E. W. Adams and two children, Juanita and Sherrie Lynn, moved from Wichita Falls to Crowell last week to join their husband and father, who is proprietor of the Ben Franklin Store here. Mr. and Mrs. Adams and family are residing in an apartment in the Lanier building.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Rennels left Sunday for Centerville, Texas, to make their home. Mr. Rennels is employed by State Department of Public Welfare and will be stationed at Centerville. Mr. Rennels' mother, Mrs. J. L. Rennels, left at the same time for Eastland to make her home for the present with her son, Emmett Powell, and family. The farm of the J. L. Rennels Estate in the Riverside community has been sold recently to M. L. Cribbs.

There will be a free show at the Rialto Theatre on Monday morning, Dec. 24, at 10:30. All the children in the community are invited to attend. The program will be cartoons and comedies.

Miss Nancy Anderson is spending the Christmas holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Beverly. She is a student at Texas Tech at Lubbock.

Bobby Cooper is at home from Texas Technological College at Lubbock to spend the holidays in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Cooper.

Miss Margaret Claire Shirley is here from Austin where she attends the University of Texas, to spend the holidays in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shirley.

Francie Ann Womack, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Recie Womack, is in the Wichita Clinic at Wichita Falls for treatment. She has been ill for two weeks. Her mother is with her.

Only a Few Days Left—

If you have waited until the last minute to select Christmas Gifts, let us help you.

Toiletries make wonderful gifts; perfume will thrill her; manicure sets are always "right." Heat Pads, Fountain Pens, Stationery, Diaries, and so many other lovely things you will find at our store.

Reeder's Drug Store

Holiday Greetings

As we come to the close of another year, it is our sincere hope that the friendliness that has marked our associations in the past will continue and grow stronger as the years go by.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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W. C. JOHNSON



CHRISTMAS AND FRIENDS GO HAND IN HAND..

All too often we take our friends for granted. We are aware of the fact that every day sees some evidence of the friendships of the people whom we strive to serve and too frequently we neglect acknowledging these kindnesses.

But at Christmas, when we pause in the busy whirl of everyday routine things, we become conscious of our shortcomings, and wish to convey in this message our heartfelt thanks for the good things that have come our way.

To you, our friends, we wish you a Happy Christmas and a New Year of Health and Prosperity.



Beverly Hardware and Furniture Company

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Jefferson and son, Frank, and Leo Cates spent the week-end visiting relatives and friends in Dallas, Fort Worth and Cleburne.

We will have our Christmas turkey dinner next Sunday, Dec. 23, and will be closed on Christmas Day only. Dinner 75c.—McKinley's Cafe, Thalia.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Scott of Port Neches were here last week visiting his mother, Mrs. G. L. Scott. Mr. Scott is employed with the T. C. C. Unit of the Pure Oil Co.

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HEY, KIDS!

There will be a free show at the Rialto Theatre on Monday morning, Dec. 24, at 10:30. All the children in the community are invited to attend. The program will be cartoons and comedies.

Miss Nancy Anderson is spending the Christmas holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Beverly. She is a student at Texas Tech at Lubbock.

Bobby Cooper is at home from Texas Technological College at Lubbock to spend the holidays in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Cooper.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Johnson of Wichita Falls are here visiting in the home of Mr. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Johnson. He has recently returned from the South Pacific and been discharged from the Navy.

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Miss Margaret Claire Shirley is here from Austin where she attends the University of Texas, to spend the holidays in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shirley.

Francie Ann Womack, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Recie Womack, is in the Wichita Clinic at Wichita Falls for treatment. She has been ill for two weeks. Her mother is with her.

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GREETINGS AND SINCERE GOOD WISHES

FOR YOUR HEALTH AND HAPPINESS AT CHRISTMASTIME AND THE NEW YEAR.

We are looking forward to serving you during the next twelve months as enthusiastically as we did last year. In appreciation of your past patronage we promise to make even greater efforts to serve you more efficiently in the future.

LEO SPENCER
General Insurance



GREETINGS

It is the goodwill created by this joyous Christmastime that inspires us to send you a word of Cheer. May the spirit of the Yuletide season spread throughout the coming year and make this community a better place in which to live.

The Season's Best Wishes to each of you.

CROWELL SERVICE STATION
M. F. CROWELL



A MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND THE BEST OF EVERYTHING IN THE NEW YEAR

BEN FRANKLIN STORE

Open Evenings Until Christmas

NOTICE TO THE DRIVING PUBLIC

Owing to the increase in traffic in the last few months, it has become urgently necessary for us to enforce traffic laws in the City of Crowell. Turning across the street and center parking must be stopped. Also double parking without leaving a driver in the car. Help us to make our city the safest in the state.

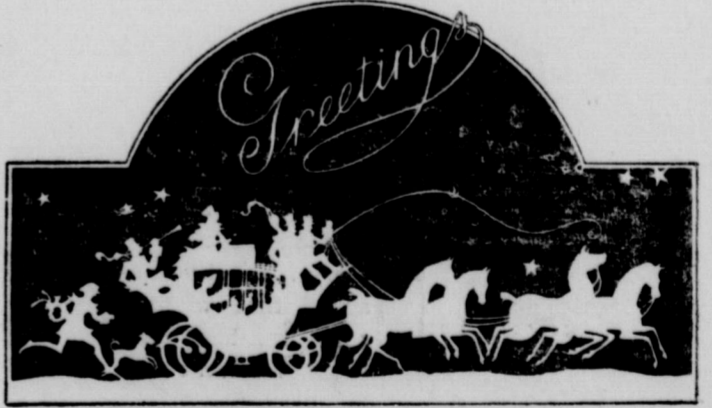
J. L. (Pete) GOBIN,
By order of the City Council.

Light after Darkness

This is our brightest Christmas in a long, dark time. Every light on every tree—every window that greets night with cheerful challenge—is a shining symbol of the passing of war's shadow. There is radiant happiness in family gatherings this year. Men are coming home from war. And those who hear their Christmas carols under strange skies are closer, nearer to home than they have been in a great while. For many, this will be a wistful Christmas—but a Christmas brave and strong in the knowledge that those who bought victory so dearly will make tomorrow's world a brighter place for us all.



West Texas Utilities
Company



FOR A CHEERFUL CHRISTMAS

We are happy to offer our best wishes to each of you for the most cheerful Christmas you have ever experienced. It is with reverent appreciation of all the blessings that have been made possible by friendships of long standing, that we extend our best wishes for your happiness on this Christmas day and every day of the coming year.

WOMACK'S
MRS. W. R. WOMACK, BERTHA and RECIE

Quick To Treat Bronchitis

Chronic bronchitis may develop if cough, chest cold, or acute bronchitis is not treated and you cannot take a chance with any medicine less potent than Creomulsion. Creomulsion goes right to the seat of the trouble to help loosen and expel germ-carrying phlegm and aid nature to heal raw, tender, inflamed mucous membranes. Creomulsion blends beechwood extract by special process with other tested medicines for coughs, colds, and sore throats. It contains no narcotics. No matter how many medicines you have tried, tell your druggist to give you a bottle of Creomulsion with understanding you must like the way it quickly allays the cough, permits rest and sleep, or you are to get your money back. (Adv.)

RADIO REPAIR

Marion Crowell

INSURANCE

FIRE, TORNADO, HAIL, Etc. Mrs. A. E. McLaughlin

BUILDING

GENERAL BUILDING CONTRACTOR Free Plans and Estimates JOHN BANNISTER Phones 123 and 107

We Solicit FARM LOANS

During my 17th year with the National Life Insurance Co. (Member of the State and National Life — Underwriters Association.) JOE COUCH

Dr. Hines Clark

PHYSICIAN and SURGEON Offices in Reeder's Drug Store Tel. 27W. Res. Tel. 62

FARM and RANCH LOANS

Crowell National Farm Loan Ass'n. Federal Land Bank Loans 14 1/2 years. Commissioner Loans from 5 to 20 years. We loan 75% of the normal agricultural value of the land with privilege to pay all or any amount of it at any time. Office North of Crowell State Bank



EVERYBODY must have VITAMINS
Of course everybody gets SOME Vitamins. Surveys show that millions of people do not get ENOUGH.
A pleasant, convenient, economical way to be sure that you and your family do not lack essential B-Complex Vitamin is to take ONE-A-DAY brand Vitamin B-Complex Tablets.
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Important — Get your money's worth — always compare prices.

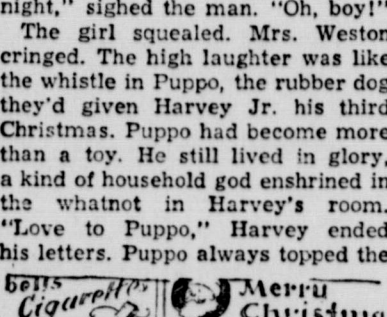
ONE A DAY
VITAMIN TABLETS



OLD SPIRIT
GERTRUDE H. WINDERS

IN THE streetcar crowded with holiday shoppers Mrs. Weston couldn't see the couple behind her but their words added to her mounting despair and fury. Overhead, tinsel-wreathed placards exhorted to buy fur coats, diamonds, perfume. She shut her eyes to them but she could not shut her ears.

"That was one swell party last night," sighed the man. "Oh, boy!" The girl squealed. Mrs. Weston cringed. The high laughter was like the whistle in Puppo, the rubber dog they'd given Harvey Jr. his third Christmas. Puppo had become more than a toy. He still lived in glory, a kind of household god enshrined in the whatnot in Harvey's room. "Love to Puppo," Harvey ended his letters. Puppo always topped the



"Lady, you have the wrong angle." Christmas tree. There'd be no tree this year. It was worse than childish of Harv to want one. She wouldn't have it. A package had been sent to Harvey Jr. overseas in October, but there'd be no Christmas at home.

Wicked, horrible, thought Mrs. Weston, that people are going through all the old motions of a Merry Christmas. No one has a right to be merry.

"You looked super last night," said the man. "You are super, honey. You're so beautiful." Mrs. Weston turned slightly and caught a glimpse of a flat pretty face surrounded by blond curls. "You rate orchids, honey," the man went on, "and you're goin' to have them. The constant ache in Mrs. Weston's heart sharpened to a stab. For such fools her Harvey was risking his life. Another block of their chatter and Mrs. Weston would say, "The money squandered on orchids, young man, would buy a good many war stamps," or, "This is no occasion for whoopee."

"Jack thinks the Army is going to get him this time." It was the girl speaking. "And is he scared!"

The woman next her got off and another squeezed in. "Certainly going to be a big Christmas," observed the newcomer cheerfully. "Were you downtown Saturday? Worst jam I ever saw."

"I was not," Mrs. Weston felt compelled to explain. "I am going to town now only to select a wreath for my mother's grave."

Behind her the young people were still shrilling about Jack and the Army. "Tell him we'll give him a farewell party. Tell him if he gets shot he'll have a pretty nurse." The man was chortling. "Let's get off next corner, beautiful. You can buy me a drink."

Liquor, thought Mrs. Weston furiously. That explained their incessant giggling over nothing. She raised her voice. "I don't see how people can think about Christmas. How they can drink and laugh and waste money on silly things. Life is so terrible—" her voice broke. Heavens, people were staring! "My son—somewhere in the Pacific," she added hurriedly in a low voice. "I—I'm thinking of him."

She felt a hand on her shoulder. "Lady you have the wrong angle." The man behind her leaned forward. Her eyes met compassionate blue ones in a face curiously pale. "It don't help your boy any for you to have no Christmas. Be as merry as you can. Like as not he'll be back, fit as a fiddle—like me." He lurched to his feet.

Something caught in Mrs. Weston's throat. He was limping to the door. The car jolted to a stop and the girl thrust a steady little hand under her arm. Drunk, thought Mrs. Weston, drunk with the joy of being alive. She sprang to her feet, without apology pushed through the crowd. "Wait!" But they were getting off.

She was halted by the crowds on the sidewalk. Standing on tiptoe she saw the couple turn in at the dairy bar. A drink. They'd laugh and make love over an ice cream soda. "Merry Christmas, soldier," she whispered. "Be as merry as you can."

Misty-eyed, she walked to the corner rimmed with Christmas trees. "A small tree," choked Mrs. Weston. She wiped her eyes and picked one up, testing its weight. "It must be strong," she told the vendor firmly. "Strong enough to hold up a good sized rubber dog, and—our spirits."

Classified Ad Section

An Ad in This Section Will Get Results—Minimum 5c

For Sale
FOR SALE, slightly used cream separator. See it at Johnson's Feed store. 23-2tp

Crowell Rebekah Lodge No. 388
Meets Second and Last Fridays at 8 p. m. at I. O. O. F. Hall.
MRS. S. E. TATE, Noble Grand. MARGARET CURTIS, Secretary.

Thalia Lodge No. 666
A. F. & A. M. STATED MEETING Saturday Night, January 12
Members urgently requested to attend. Visitors always welcome.
MORGAN PRICE, W. M. MARLIN WOODSON, Secretary.
Up Stairs in Rock Building.

FOR SALE—I will cut salt cedar staves and bring to my house 2 miles north of Lockett for 4c each. See or write Bud Minaryard, Rt. 3, Vernon, Texas. 21-4tc

FOR SALE—Perfection cook stove, practically new. Built-in oven, white enamel finish. Price \$32.50.—Mrs. G. L. Burk, phone 49-J. 24-1tc

FOR SALE—1945 Model B John Deere tractor, 2-row equipment. Also some bundle Hegira, and Shorthorn bull. See Alton Farrar, 3 miles east of Margaret. 22-3tp

FOR SALE—Gas table-top cook stove, gas heaters, breakfast room suite, electric refrigerator, 3-piece bedroom suite, mattress and springs, electric console sewing machine and other items.—F. C. Brooks. 24-1tc

FOR SALE—5-room, modern house—cistern, good cellar, every room furnished good. Also Baldwin combine tractor and one-way plow and truck. See me at home.—Mrs. E. B. Ford. 21-1tc

FOR SALE—New, large, 4-section drag harrows, New Holland full automatic self tying pickup hay balers, 6 and 8-ft. tandem disc. Used Oliver 70 tractor with 2-row equipment.—Barker Implement Co. 23-1tc

For Sale
800-acre Baylor County stock farm, 250 acres in cultivation and balance in pasture. Situated on the pavement with electricity, butane gas, water piped in house, kitchen cabinet, large barns, sheds, two houses, six wire fences around 7 tracts, 6 tanks, 4 of which are new government tanks. This is one of the most desirable stock farms in the county. Price per acre \$42.50. Possession. All of the improvements are practically new and well painted.—J. E. "Gene" Culver, Real Estate Operator, Seymour, Texas. Business phone 44, home phone 156. 24-2tc

Lost
LOST—One whitefaced steer calf, branded L on left hip.—Bill Bell. 21-3tp

LOST—Two hogs, weighing 300 lbs each, one white and one spotted. Notify Henry Greening. 23-1tp

STRAYED or STOLEN—Two whitefaced steer calves, freshly dehorned and branded Z on right hip.—Zeke Bell. 18-tfc

STRAYED—Strayed from Harris farm, 2 miles northeast of Crowell, mixed yearling, dim RN brand on right hip.—R. N. Barker. 23-tfc

LOST—Red leather billfold on streets of Crowell Friday night. Contains locker key and small amount of money. Reward.—Mrs. Dale Jones. 23-1tp

Notice
I have opened the filling station at the Godwin Tourist Camp and will handle Bell Gasoline and will appreciate your patronage. Regular 17c and Ethyl 18c. Day and night service.—Clarence Hodge.

Wanted
WANTED—House to rent. Phone 34-W.—Dan Brisco, Box 302. 19-6tp

WANTED—2 or 3-room modern apartment.—Wayne Canup, Telephone 49-M. 22-1tp

Your Horoscope

December 17, 18, 19.—You have big ideas and sometimes undertake more than you can accomplish. You like a change and want to be on the go all the time. You are very gregarious to those who do not jump at your beck and call or who stand in your way. You have an imagination which leads you to sometimes overstep the truth.

December 20, 21, 22, 23.—You are very creative and even though you haven't much you can fix little things to make you more comfortable and your home more attractive. You love music, science, art, and you like to dive into the mysterious. You seldom let your work get ahead of you, but you should take more rest and recreation.

The graduating class of 1945 contributed 1,000 crab apple trees to be planted on the campus of Kansas University.



GREETINGS
A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with sincere appreciation for your continued patronage.
Crowell Radio Service
Marion Crowell

No Trespassing
TRESPASS NOTICE
Positively no fishing or hunting on any of my land on Beaver Creek.—J. M. Hill. 4-tfc

NOTICE—No hunting, fishing or trespassing of any kind allowed on my land.—Furd Halsell. 11-tfc

TRESPASS NOTICE—No hunting or fishing or trespassing of any kind allowed on any land, owned or leased by me.—W. B. Johnson. 11-tfc

NOTICE—No fishing, hunting or trespassing of any kind allowed on my place.—Leslie McAdams. 15-tfc

NO FISHING or HUNTING, or trespassing of any kind allowed on the City lake property. Please obey these regulations.—Jim Cook, Mayor. 21-tfc

ROOFING
Roofs of all kinds installed by skilled roofers. Rock Wool insulation—makes house cooler in summer. Free estimates, reasonable prices. Phone 470
PIONEER ROOFING CO.
1220 Main St., Vernon, Texas

Notice
NOTICE—We are now ready for business. Write for latest catalogue.—Maxon Nurseries, Vernon, Texas. 22-8tc

I AM STILL terracing for Government money. Will appreciate your patronage.—Howard Dunn. 4-tfc

ESTRAY NOTICE
One Hereford steer calf at Ed Rettig farm. Owner can have same by paying for this notice.—M. L. Rettig. 22-3tp

Do Your "Gums" Spoil Your Looks?
One look at some "GUMS" is enough to upset anyone.—Druggists refund money if the first bottle of "LETO'S" fails to satisfy.
2 FERGESON'S DRUG STORE

Under the new income tax law some 12,000,000 less Americans will pay income tax than did last year.
It may be laid as an universal rule that a government which attempts more than it ought will perform less.—T. B. Macaulay.

During the war there were approximately 2,000 G. I. proxy marriages.
Utah is known as the Bee Hives state.
Congressional tags on cars driven by Congressmen permit them to park in "No Parking" zones in Washington, D. C.
Wisconsin is the Badger state.

SAND AND GRAVEL, PIT RUN
DELIVERED or AT PIT
We load your truck for \$1.00 per cubic yard at pit.
Four and one-half miles northeast of Margaret on P. D. Chaney farm.
Phone your local lumber yard or 1543, Vernon, Texas
VERNON SAND & GRAVEL CO.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
With a genuine appreciation of the people whom we serve, we pause on this glorious occasion to wish each of you a Yuletide that will be the happiest you have ever spent. May the New Year hold an abundance of good things for you and those whom you hold so dear.
CATES PARTS CO.

A Sincere 'Thank You'
For your friendly patronage which has contributed so greatly to our welfare during the past year.

A Cordial Wish...
For a joyful Yuletide and a prosperous New Year, to each of those whom it has been our privilege to serve.

Bird Dry Goods Store

THE SOFT GLOW OF CHRISTMAS CANDLES
Brings to our minds the true value of friendships—and leads us to ponder over the many deeds of kindness that have been extended us in the past.
We are indebted to you for these kindnesses and the thoughtfulness back of them, and desire to extend compliments of the Season to you, one and all!

BARKER IMPLEMENT COMPANY
ROY BARKER, Owner

BUBBLES SEZ
Bubbles from heaven, yes... but bubbles take twice their weight in wash! And it's awful hard to get the soap! Where there's fat, there's soap, remember. So keep saving **USED FATS** to help make it.

--SOCIETY--

Mrs. T. B. KLEPPER, Editor
Phone 43

Son of Thalia Couple Weds in Houston November 28

Roger Carlton Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jackson of Thalia, and Miss Anna Catherine Busch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

P. O. Busch of Houston, were married in a ceremony in the chapel of the Annunciation Church in Houston on November 28. The altar of the chapel was decorated with tall white vases of white chrysanthemums. The marriage was performed by Father John Busch, cousin of the bride. The bride was attired in an

Adele Simpson suit of midnight blue with matching accessories. She wore a white orchid.

Miss Mary Margaret Busch, sister of the bride, who served as her only attendant, wore a soft green suit with black accessories and a corsage of white carnations. Wayne Fisher of Galveston and Houston was best man. The bride is a graduate of St. Agnes of Houston and the groom attended John Tarleton at Stephenville and the University of Texas and is employed with Main & Co. Accountants of Houston.

the group singing of Christmas carols. Seventeen Oddfellows were present and the one guest. This is an annual affair with the Rebekah Lodge.

ADELPHIAN CLUB

The Adelpian Club met in regular session at the Club House on December 12, with Mesdames John Rasor and Vern Walden as co-hostesses.

Attractive decorations in keeping with the holiday season made an appropriate setting for the program rendered.

Mrs. Richard Ferguson, with Mrs. Claude Brooks at the piano, directed the group in the singing of familiar Christmas carols.

Mrs. Ferguson, in a pleasing manner, presented Bess Streeter Aldrich's "The Drum Goes Dead." Mrs. Aldrich is a native of Iowa and her name has become famous with the publication of her books, "Lantern in Her Hand," "Miss Bishop," "White Bird Flying" and "Spring Came on Forever."

It has been said by critics "The Drum Goes Dead" will become a classic, perhaps ranking with Dickens' "Christmas Carol." It was written in 1941 when the world was in turmoil and is the story of a small town banker who finally found happiness in celebrating Christmas even in the face of depression and disaster.

After the program, Mrs. Walden invited the members into the dining room for dainty refreshments.

The table was laid with a beautiful Italian cut-work cloth and held a centerpiece of red carnations and red candles in white holders. The next meeting will be on January 9th, with Mrs. W. B. Johnson as hostess.

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus: I have been a very nice little boy and I have a little sister who is nice, also. We would like for you to bring us some new toys if it isn't too much trouble. Please bring all the other little boys and girls some toys, too. Wishing you a Merry Christmas, your little friends,
Sidney and Lynda Lanier.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a doll and a table and two chairs and a set of dishes, from Margie Andrews.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a Scout phone and an optical instrument and a toy telephone and a wedding doll. Don't bring me any candy or fruit. Give them to other children. Be sure and bring my sister something and please bring Cindy a doll.

Babies and Young Children Subject to Winter Diseases

Austin. — Young children may suffer as much from winter illnesses as they do from those commonly known as "summer complaints," in the opinion of Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, and his advice to parents is to guard babies and young children against these winter health hazards.

Influenza, tonsillitis, pneumonia, bronchitis, and asthma are included among these diseases which may be dangerous winter illnesses among young children since they affect the respiratory or breathing system. Pneumonia, in particular, may develop from a neglected cold, it may follow as an aftereffect of measles or whooping cough, or it may occur suddenly and with very little warning. Diseases of the respiratory system are more prevalent in winter than in summer and are much more difficult to combat than digestive ailments such as summer complaint.

"These winter diseases are especially dangerous to babies and young children," Dr. Cox stated. "Nearly all of them are spread through the secretions from the nose and mouth. Children not in vigorous health are naturally more susceptible to these complaints and the first line of defense," Dr. Cox cautioned, "is to strengthen the powers of resistance against disease; the second is to keep them under medical supervision and the third is to make sure they avoid contact with others who have coughs, colds or fevers."

Shower for Mrs. Birdsong Given Tuesday Afternoon

Mrs. Charlie Rogers and Mrs. Jim Clowers were hostesses at the home of Mrs. Rogers Tuesday afternoon at a miscellaneous shower as a compliment to Mrs. Wanda Fay Birdsong, who married recently and has been living in Plainview.

A short program was rendered

and gifts were presented to the honoree, after which the hostesses served refreshments to the guests. Mrs. Birdsong received many useful and pretty gifts.

Government is a trust, and the officers of the government are trustees; and both the trust and the trustees are created for the benefit of the people. — Heron Clay.

AT LAST

The Cannons have ceased firing.
The Fighter Pilot has grounded his plane,
The Submarine has come to the surface,
The Battleships are mooring in port again.

Yes, We thank God the war is over
And many of our boys and girls are home.
But, to you who still have loved ones overseas
Remember—you are not alone.

Now let me join you in saying,
This is the greatest time there ever has been
To raise our voices and shout all together,
"Peace on Earth and Good Will Toward Men."

MERRY CHRISTMAS
and
HAPPY NEW YEAR

CLAUDE CALLAWAY

NEW STATION TO OPEN FRIDAY

The Magnolia Service Station west of Borchardt's Chevrolet Co. will be open for business Friday morning. The station will be known as Magnolia Station No. 2 and will be operated by Robert L. Holmes.

Your patronage will be appreciated. We will be glad to wash and grease your car and service it in every way.

ROBERT L. HOLMES

CORDIAL Greetings

We have a host of friends in this area whom we would like to see personally in order to extend a personal Christmas Greeting.

We may not get around to everybody so we ask that you consider this as being a genuine expression of good wishes to each of you and a hearty thank you for past courtesies.

CITY CLEANERS

J. M. DENTON

SEASON'S GREETINGS



Not from the standpoint of custom only do we send you this message of Christmas cheer, but with genuine appreciation of our pleasant associations in the past. We extend to you our best wishes, and may happiness and prosperity be yours through all the year.

CROWELL STATE BANK

Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

EXTRA TASTY BREAD!

GET FLEISCHMANN'S ACTIVE FRESH YEAST

BECAUSE IT'S FULL-STRENGTH—this active fresh Yeast goes right to work. No waiting—no extra steps! And Fleischmann's fresh Yeast helps make bread that tastes sweeter, is lighter, finer-textured every time.

IF YOU BAKE AT HOME—be sure to get Fleischmann's active fresh Yeast with the familiar yellow label. Dependable—America's time-tested favorite for more than 70 years.



Always fresh - at your grocer's

IDEAL CAFE WILL OPEN SATURDAY

We have bought the Liberty Cafe from Joe Eddy and it is now closed for renovation and repair and will be opened Saturday morning under a new name, the IDEAL CAFE.

After being discharged from the service we have returned to Crowell to make our home and will appreciate your patronage.

We will serve a turkey dinner on Christmas Day and invite you to eat your Christmas dinner with us.

We have employed a good cook and will serve the best of food in a clean, sanitary manner.

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