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WORK WELL UNDER WAY FOR WATER

Excavations Being Made—Dam Soon to Start—Location for Standpipe Bought

The work really commenced last week on the city water works plant but the News failed to get an account of what had been done in time for publication. The first of the week we went out to see for ourselves just what is going on and to get some idea as to what the city water works is going to be.

Judging from what is already being done it looks encouraging and we have reasonable assurance that when the plant is put in Crowell will have a water system that will furnish it all the water it will need for domestic purposes and for fire.

In the first place the water seems to be there. Some have thought, and perhaps think yet, that it is just surface water that has been found, but there are several things to indicate that a subterranean stream has been struck. Although we have had several months of dry weather the stream is not only as strong as at first when the test well was put down at the close of a wet spell, but is really stronger, if there is any difference. Then, there are wells on the highest points in the country adjacent to that where the city well will be with the same character of water, which are no doubt fed by the same strata as that of the city well. Mr. Noland, the engineer, is confident that the water comes from a source that means a permanent supply. Then, we have to start with a reasonable guarantee of plenty of water from the well which is being put in. But in case this should in time weaken, preparations are being made to take care of the situation from the big dam which is going in just south of the well. This will afford a supply of 11,000,000 gallons when full.

The well going in is something new to us, in that it will be really a horizontal well. The water strata will be turned into an underground trench for 80 feet with a concrete wall on the north to cut off the continued flow of the water in that direction. This will feed into a 50,000 gallon concrete reservoir from which the water will be pumped into the standpipe in town. So in reality, as we understand it, the well, so far as its supply is concerned, will amount to one with the dimensions that of the length of the underground trench cut to the water strata, although it will have comparatively no storage capacity. The big concrete pumping pool will furnish the storage.

It will be worth the time of any one to go over to the site and see what is being done and get the idea in mind, if they have not already done so.

A lot has been bought by the city from Mrs. Purcell in the half block in which her home is situated for the standpipe.

No Paper Next Week

The News will not issue next week. It has been its custom for several years to take one week during the holidays for vacation and we do not want to break this record just yet. It is the only week in the year we get and from a business standpoint it is the most favorable time of the year. The business men are all taking stock and are not ready to do any advertising and usually job work is low during the holidays, so there is not much to work for until everybody gets by this period. So far as we know our folks have always been glad to allow us this week.

In this connection we might say that we appreciate every dollar you have turned to this business and for all the encouragement you have given in any way whatever and for words of commendation. We ask the privilege of remaining your servants throughout the new year.

The News wishes everyone in Foard County a very pleasant season during the holidays and a great New Year all the way through.

J. S. Ray returned last Sunday from Milford accompanied by his daughters, Misses Jennie Belle and Martha Louise, of the Milford College, who will spend the holidays here.

Misses Jode, Gladys and Glynn Brian are expected home today from the State University at Austin. They will be accompanied by Markham Spencer.

NATIONAL GUARD CO. WATCHES FIRE ALL NIGHT

Their Services Save Further Damages After All Others Had Gone Away

Wednesday morning the News learned of the very valuable services the National Guard rendered Tuesday night by keeping watch over the smoldering embers of the destroyed buildings. Fire broke out at 2 o'clock Wednesday morning in the roof of the bank building and also in the Elliott store building, which but for the watchful attention of the guard, might have caused even greater damages than had already been experienced. The Guard was on the job and handled the situation thoroughly. For this they deserve the hearty thanks of every man of the town, and cannot be commended too highly for it.

Schools Get State Aid

The amount of state aid which has been allowed public schools in Foard County is \$3,880. This is extended to ten of the eleven schools which applied, Black being the only one which did not get aid. No explanation is given why this place did not get aid, but it is thought that the attendance record of the Black school last year did not indicate sufficient interest in education to warrant the extension of aid. Several conditions might cause a thing like that, which might be misleading. Crop conditions could interfere. Health conditions might cause poor attendance for a period of time that would bring the average down and therefore influence the withholding of aid.

The following are the schools with the various amounts received:

Margaret	\$500
Jamison	\$395
Ayersville	\$400
Rayland	\$600
Foard City	\$330
Clayton	\$500
Beaver	\$275
Good Creek	\$200
Crowell Independent	\$500
Gambleville	\$180

DEATH OF FORMER CROWELL CITIZEN

The death of D. L. Lester occurred at his home at Hamlin Wednesday morning of last week. According to the Hamlin Herald Mr. Lester had been a victim of arterial trouble for two years and had suffered intensely much of the time from the disease.

Mr. Lester was 48 years of age at the time of his death and leaves a wife and three children, two twin girls, age 11, and one son, age 10 years.

The death of Mr. Lester is sad news to the people of Crowell, many of whom were well acquainted with him. He and the family made their home at Crowell for several years, they having located here shortly after the marriage of him and his wife, who was Mrs. Churchill, in 1908. Mr. Lester was one of Crowell's respected citizens.

Crowell Woman Honored

Mrs. Josephs, president of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, has honored a Crowell woman, Mrs. Mark Henry, by making her chairman of the Thrift Committee, one of the most important state committees. By virtue of this chairmanship, Mrs. Henry becomes a member of the Executive Board of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, next to the State presidency, the highest honor within the gift of the federation.

This appointment is but a fitting recognition of Mrs. Henry's untiring effort and devotion to duty while president of the First District.

These committees are appointed on merit alone and the fact that Mrs. Josephs had all of Texas to choose from only makes the honor more signal. That Mrs. Henry will fill this important position with dignity, grace and efficiency none who know her can possibly doubt.

Not only Crowell and Foard County, but all West Texas is honored through her.

Gordon Gribble came in Tuesday from Dallas to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gribble. Gordon has a position in the American Exchange Bank of Dallas.

Mrs. P. E. Moorhouse is here from Duffey, Colo., visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. F. Kirkpatrick. Mrs. Moorhouse formerly lived here, but is well pleased with Colorado.

CROWELL SUSTAINS FIRE LOSS OF ABOUT \$19,000

TWO BRICKS WITH BUSINESSES ON NORTH SIDE WIPED OUT—ENTIRE BLOCK THREATENED, BUT SAVED BY HARD WORK

Crowell has had another miraculous escape from a complete wipe out by fire.

About 8 o'clock Tuesday night the fire alarm was given and it was learned that the Sanitary Cafe and Carter's Variety Store were on fire. There seems to be some doubt in the minds of some as to which building the fire originated in. It was only a short while after it was known that they were both filled with smoke so that very little could be done to save the contents of either. Then, too, the limited supply of water which had to be carried from tanks near by rendered fire fighting extremely difficult. So there was not much to do only to get what stuff could be easily moved out of the burning buildings, as well as from those adjoining.

The State Bank building joined the Allison building in which the variety store was operated and it looked as if there was no possible chance for it to escape complete destruction, and its contents were hurried to safety. But this building escaped with some damage to the east wall and the roof. Due to the fact that this building was protected by a high fire wall, and to the fact that the roof was kept wet, it did not burn, as every one thought it would. It appeared all the more uncertain for the bank building because the wind kept the flames lapping in its direction, sometimes making a broad sweep over the roof that looked like certain destruction for it. But some of the boys dared to stay with the fire with what water they could get until their faces were almost blistered from the heat.

The next building east from the Sanitary Cafe is G. F. Elliott's grocery store. It appeared when the fire was at its greatest that this must go,

but this one also had a good fire wall, and men were on this with all the water that could be brought by buckets. The breeze favored this building, also. So the fire was confined to the Allison and the Thacker buildings.

W. R. Womack occupies the next building to Elliott's with a large stock of furniture, but in order to play safe he removed everything from the store into the street.

There was some anxiety as to the west side of the square and every building down as far as the postoffice was manned and kept wet with blankets to prevent the falling firebrands from setting other buildings and causing a complete sweep of the business section.

The entire loss is about \$19,000, and is as follows:

The two destroyed buildings	\$8,000
Carter's Stock	\$3,000
Sanitary Cafe	\$4,000
Damage to adjoining buildings	\$3,000
Damage to Womack's stock	\$500
Damage to Telephone Co.	\$500

Total.....\$19,000

The insurance carried was as follows:

Thacker building	\$3,000
Allison building	\$2,000
Carter's stock	\$1,750
Sanitary Cafe	\$3,000
Losses by damage fully covered	\$4,000

Total.....\$13,750

As stated above, this is another narrow escape for Crowell, and is the strongest argument for waterworks. This we hope to have, of course, in the near future, as everything is being rushed as rapidly as possible looking to the completion of the system which our little city has planned and for which it has provided finances.

All Over Texas News

The records of Harris County show that only about 50 per cent of the marriages of that county are successful.

Four business buildings were destroyed by fire at Canyon, Texas, Friday morning, the total loss being more than \$22,000.

The business men of Vernon have endorsed the efforts of the boll weevil committee in waging a vigorous campaign against the boll weevil pest of that county.

Prospectors for gold are digging one mile east of McLean. A shaft eighty feet in depth is said to have been sunk and a tunnel is being constructed following a vein of gold.

Hall County is getting to be some cotton country. The Government report for 1921 gives that county more than 29,000 bales. This is said to exceed local estimates by nearly 1,000 bales.

An election is said to have been called in Hansford County for the removal of the county seat from Hansford to Spearman. The coming of the railroad to Spearman has about killed Hansford.

The entire stock of goods of the E. E. Crain Dry Goods Co. and the building were destroyed by fire at Odell Friday morning about 2:30. The fire is thought to have been caused by thieves.

Statistics show that Snyder has shipped \$200,000 worth of poultry and eggs during 1921, besides, there are three other shipping points in the county, the shipment of which it is estimated will bring the total for the county to \$300,000.

From all over the country come reports of big turkey trade this season. Two produce houses in Seymour are reported to have bought more than 2,000 pounds of birds already. As high as 35 cents per pound has been paid at that place, and one turkey gobbler brought as high as \$15.05.

Foard County Teachers Attending Institute at Quanah

Following is a list of the teachers of Foard County who are attending the Teachers Institute being held in Quanah this week:

Mr. Cook, Mr. Tate, Miss Woods, Miss Sloan, Miss Black, Miss Bates, Miss Sams, Miss Moorhouse, Miss Cook, Miss Mapp, Miss Goode, Miss Rator, Crowell school; Miss Emma Maine, J. S. Owens, Miss Opal D. Cates, Miss Della Choat, Miss Knoxie Burruss, Mrs. J. S. Owens, Miss Myrtle Huntley, W. E. Nation, Mrs. W. E. Nation, Miss Winnifred Rucker, R. T. Groves, Mrs. R. T. Groves, Miss Lila Cockran, Mrs. Lora Goodman, Miss Mittie Lee Allen, Mrs. Josie Nichols, J. M. Sosbee, Miss Addie Carroll, Miss Lasea Cook, Miss Ruby White, T. L. Johnson, Miss Florence Owens, Carl Matthews, Miss Jewell Davis, C. S. Bowles, Miss Hattie Rader, Miss Mattie Lee Choat, Miss Ludie Eason, Miss Leta Burk, Miss Georgia Burk, Miss Hazel Margaret Johnson, Miss Nita Johnson, Miss Eunice Allen, Miss Ftrace Cox, Miss Lela Jordan.

S. E. Scales for County and District Clerk

After having been solicited by a large number of his friends to run for the office of county and district clerk of Foard County, S. E. Scales has finally consented to make the race, and authorizes the News to let this be known through its columns this week. Mr. Scales, of course, runs subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

He needs no introduction through the News, as everybody is acquainted with him and know that he is well qualified for the office in every way. Besides he is one of the leading citizens of the county and his willingness to act as public servant in this capacity gives the people an opportunity to put a good man and a good office together.

At the Hospital

Since Monday, Dec. 12, inclusive work has picked up at the hospital. On that day there were three operations for chronic appendicitis, namely: a Mr. Bailey from the Halsell ranch, Fred Johnson of the Gambleville community and Mrs. Luther Owens of Baker Flat. On the same day Earl Steele's little child happened to the misfortune of getting an arm broken and was brought to the hospital for surgical attention.

On Thursday, the 15th, Mrs. Bob Tinker underwent an operation for acute appendicitis. Then on Monday, the 13th, Loyd McCarron of the Halsell ranch was operated on for the same disease. On the same day the little year and a half old child of Dave Brian was bitten by a dog on one of its eye lids, which made it necessary for several stitches to be taken. The lid was badly lacerated but it is thought that the eye is uninjured.

Hines Clark Recipient Surgeon 142nd Inf., T. N. G.

The friends of Dr. Hines Clark will be glad to know that he has received the appointment as Major Medical Corps, T. N. G., and assigned to duty as Regimental Surgeon, 142nd Infantry, which was given to him in recognition of the splendid services rendered by him overseas during the war as Regimental Surgeon, 7th Division.

This gives Crowell the distinction of having two field officers and four line officers, Major Claude A. Adams, infantry, Major Hines Clark, M. C., Capt. Que R. Miller, 1st Lieut. Jess E. Davis, 1st Lieut. Grady Magee, and 2nd Lieut. Ebb Scales.

Mrs. J. A. Stovall and children and Mr. Stovall's sisters, Misses Ada Belle and Louise Stovall, went to Wichita Falls last Friday to visit Mr. Stovall's brother, O. A. The young ladies will remain there until after the holidays. Mrs. Stovall returned home Sunday.

Misses Una and Winnie Self came in Saturday night from Boulder, Colo., where they have been attending the State University of Colorado. They were met in Quanah by Jack Brian, John Rator and Miss Lottie Woods.

Miss Myrtle Mullins who has had charge of the millinery department of Self Dry Goods store for the past season, left Sunday for her home in Dallas. She was accompanied to Vernon by T. B. Klenner where she took the south bound Denver.

WOMEN REQUIRED TO PAY POLL TAX

Ad Valorem Tax Cannot Be Paid Without Both Polls Are Paid

This applies to community property, and that takes in the majority of property tax payers. It's going to be out of the question for a fellow to walk up and pay his taxes and go away with a receipt and render as an excuse for his wife's being without a poll tax receipt when voting time comes that he forgot to pay her poll. When the ad valorem tax receipt is handed out the husband's poll will have been paid and the wife's poll will have been paid.

According to advices from the Comptroller's office, the husband may pay the poll tax of his wife and receive a receipt therefor; in like manner, the wife may pay the poll tax of her husband and receive a receipt therefor. No order is required on the part of the husband or wife for the payment of the poll tax of the other, irrespective of whether or not they reside in a city of ten thousand inhabitants.

If residing in a city of ten thousand inhabitants or more, either the husband or wife must appear in person for the payment of poll taxes. If not residing in a city of ten thousand inhabitants or more, either the husband or the wife may, by written order, authorize some other person to pay one or both poll taxes, but in each instance the receipt or receipts must be sent to the husband or wife.

The laws of this state now levy a poll tax against a woman the same as against a man, and the payment of the woman's poll tax is just as obligatory as that of the man, and their community property can be held for the payment of both poll taxes. The state's lien against the community property can not be avoided by making a separate assessment of the poll taxes.

Article 7630, Revised Statutes, 1911, read as follows:

"All real and personal property held or owned by any person in this state shall be liable for all state and county taxes due by the owner thereof, including taxes on real estate, personal property and poll tax; and the collector of taxes shall levy on any personal or real property to be found in his county to satisfy all delinquent taxes, any law to the contrary notwithstanding."

The Comptroller's department says that from letters received there, it appears that many persons subject to the payment of a poll tax are under the impression that they should not be required to pay the same unless they intend to vote. It is pointed out that this is not optional but that it is a legal obligation fixed by the laws of the state. \$1.00 out of every poll goes to the public free school fund for the purpose of educating our children and every one should regard it a pleasure to thus have a part in that great work. A poll is not levied merely for the privilege of voting. It is a tax fixed by law and must be paid irrespective of whether or not the person against whom it is levied desires to vote.

Therefore, a person's intentions not to vote, or the fact that he is not a qualified voter, in no way relieves him from payment of a poll tax, and an amendment passed by the 36th Legislature makes the law applicable to men and women alike.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Baker of Vernon were here Sunday visiting Mrs. Baker's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Stephenson, who had a Christmas dinner for their children on that day. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hinds and children of Crowell were also present.

Major Claude A. Adams, who is doing active duty with the Texas National Guard, also commanding officer of the 3rd Bn., 142nd Infantry, returned home the latter part of last week to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bell left Wednesday for their home in Hammon, Okla., after a visit with Mrs. Bell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Denton. They were accompanied by Mrs. Bell's sister, Miss Beulah Denton.

Alton Bell, Valmer Bell and Charlie Campbell came in Thursday from Dallas where they are students in the Powell University Training School. They will be here until the holidays are over.

A resolution unanimously endorsing Hanford MacNider, national commander of the American Legion, has been adopted by the Des Moines, Ia., Trades and Labor Assembly. "He has always been fair to the purposes that organized labor stands for, and we convey our hearty congratulations to the Legion for securing him as commander," the resolution reads.

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THALIA NEWS
 (By Special Correspondent)

Joe French and family were shopping in Vernon Friday.

Garland Burns spent Monday in Vernon transacting business.

Miss Edna Shaw went to Vernon shopping Monday afternoon.

R. R. Birdwell returned to Crowell Tuesday to spend Christmas.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Scruggs the 14th a fine baby girl.

Ed Adams was here from Crowell Saturday looking after the piano business.

Huston Barrett is here from Paducah visiting his sister, Mrs. Gordon Davis.

Dee Roberts and wife of Crowell visited relatives in this community Saturday.

Quite a few from here were doing business in Crowell Monday and Tuesday.

Miss May Warren of Margaret was the guest of Mrs. Eric Wheeler the past week.

Mrs. N. A. Crowell and son, Fite, of Crowell visited Mrs. Garland Burns here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Spears of Crowell attended church at the Church of Christ here Sunday.

There will be a community Christmas tree at the Baptist church Saturday night.

Otis Ferguson and Miss Maggie Durham were happily married here Sunday, Dec. 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Capps of Crowell attended church here Sunday and visited their parents.

Charlie Hathaway of Vernon has been attending the bedside of his father here who is sick.

Jim Banister moved his family Tuesday to the farm he rented near the Kinchloe school house.

Bro. McNair filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday morning and Sunday night.

Most all of the teachers of this community left Sunday afternoon for Quanah to attend the Teachers' Institute.

Misses Josie Langley and Jewell Cate came in Tuesday from the Denton school to spend the holidays with their parents.

Mrs. J. A. Abston and son, Bob, went to Rayland Friday to see her little grandson who was hurt by a car running into him.

East Vernon basket ball team and the Thalia town boys played on Thalia ground. The score was 24 to 44 in favor of Thalia town boys.

The Thalia school basket ball teams played Margaret Thursday. The scores were 6 to 18 in favor of the Margaret girls and 8 to 4 in favor of the Thalia boys.

Foy E. Wallis Jr., Christian preacher of Vernon, delivered two excellent sermons here Sunday. He was accompanied by his little son and his father-in-law, Mr. Satterwhite.

J. G. Thompson and wife returned Monday from Altus and Blair, Okla., where they visited relatives and old friends. They were met at Margaret by J. G. Jr., and John Hugh Thompson.

Albert Jones and Buel Bradford were at Margaret Monday loading out Mr. Jones' household goods to Abilene where he is moving. Mr. Bradford and Mr. Jones will enter the Simmons College.

The school closed here Friday so the teachers could attend the Teachers' Institute at Quanah. Most all of the teachers treated their pupils which was appreciated by them. School will open again Dec. 27th.

AYERSVILLE NEWS
 (By Special Correspondent)

Marvin Phillips and wife made a trip to Vernon Saturday.

Everybody is invited to come to Gambleville Friday night and the debate.

Mack Gamble, wife and baby spent Sunday with Yancy Lindsey and wife at Thalia.

Ulyses Brown and family spent last Friday night with their niece near Rayland.

Will Gamble, wife and son, Perry, spent Saturday night with J. R. Gamble and wife in Crowell.

Henry Johnson of near Talmage spent Saturday night with his friends, Wesley and Leslie Davis.

Mrs. Childs and children left Sunday for Dallas to join her husband at which place they will spend Christmas.

B. E. Northam and family who live near Chillicothe spent Saturday night

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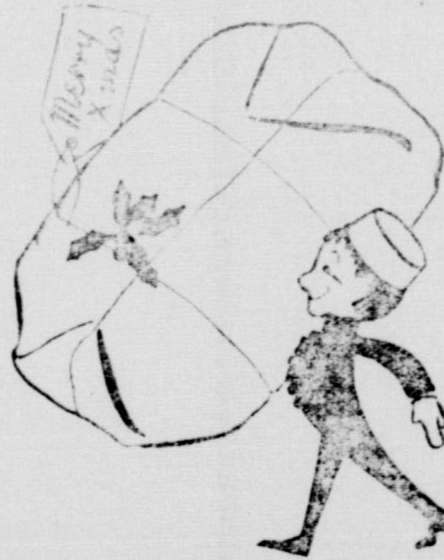
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THE MAGEE TOGGERY

with his sister, Mrs. J. L. Short, and family.

W. T. Willis, wife and son and two daughters of Wichita Falls spent Saturday night and Sunday with his sister, Mrs. D. M. Shultz.

A telephone message from Vernon Pyle at Chillicothe to E. W. Burrow Sunday night stated that he and his family had located at that place.

Charlie and Sam Smith, E. W. Burrow and family, Bert Bell and H. M. Ferrin and wife from here attended the literary at Thalia Friday night.

George Fox, wife and son, Milburn, and Jess Fox and family sold out their household goods and left Monday for Dallas to spend the winter.

Mr Parkhill and family who lived on Eric Wheeler's farm near Thalia this year will live on Mr. Jones' farm near Ayersville school house next year.

Eric Wheeler and wife of Thalia spent Thursday with J. B. R. Fox and wife. Miss May Warren accompanied them home and visited friends at Thalia until Sunday.

Edgar Johnson, who lives on Mack Gamble's place, was taken to Crowell last week where he underwent an operation for appendicitis. He was reported as doing fine Monday.

T. B. McCallister of Arlington and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Martin of Burkburnett visited from Wednesday until Friday with their step-daughter and sister, Mrs. D. M. Shultz.

Otis Ferguson, son of Mrs. E. E. Broadus, and Miss Maggie Durham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Durham drove over to Thalia Sunday and were pronounced man and wife by Rev. Elmer Roberts. Mrs. Tom Wayland served supper to the newly weds and friends. We wish for them much happiness.

Miss Fannie Shultz entertained a number of her Thalia friends last Thursday night at home in honor of her grandfather, uncle and aunt. Some fine music and singing was rendered by Misses Edna Shaw and Myrtle Johnson and Messrs. Leon Solomon, Gus Neill and Fred Brown. Good readings were given by Mrs. C. D. Haney and H. M. Ferrin.

A hero yesterday—broke and jobless today, Sgt. Carl Naef, who made a sensational but unsuccessful attempt to capture Grover Bergdoll, draft evader, in Germany, has been taken in charge by the American Legion of New York. His only assets upon returning from Germany consisted of a police dog.

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MARGARET NEWS

(By Special Correspondent)

Grandma Ayers came in from Chillicothe to visit with her son, J. H. Ayers.

Wes Hembree came in Thursday from an extended visit to the Plains country.

J. B. Withers left Thursday for Electra where he is to engage in the carpenter's trade.

Mrs. Childs left Sunday for Dallas where she will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Burress of Thalia were visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Burress Saturday.

Miss Linnie Johnson, who has been in attendance at Simmons College at Abilene, came in for the holidays last Saturday.

Joe McPherson, who lived here several years ago, came in from Kansas a few days ago to visit friends of Margaret.

W. T. Dann moved his family to Margaret last Thursday. John Brown moved into the house vacated by him on the farm.

Matthew Bledsoe and D. G. Russell of Vaughn, N. M., came in Monday to spend the holidays with relatives of Margaret.

Dr. Wrenn of Zephyr came in Friday. He has bought the drug store and stock from C. B. Graham and will operate it in the future.

The quarterly conference of the Methodist church convened Saturday with a good attendance. A number of visitors from Thalia, Rayland and Wesley Chapel were present.

Ray Thomas who was section foreman here for several months was back in town Friday for a visit with friends. His wife passed through on her way to visit with her parents.

VIVIAN ITEMS

(By Special Correspondent)

Mrs. J. W. Tucker was shopping in Crowell Saturday.

M. H. Bishop and son, Eldridge, went to Crowell Saturday.

Egbert Fish and family were shopping in Crowell Saturday.

Miss Ivey Mae Fish made a business trip to Crowell Saturday.

Bro. Smith of Crowell preached an interesting sermon here Sunday.

Egbert Fish and J. E. Whately were business visitors in Crowell Monday.

The members of the Farm Bureau meet Monday night to appoint delegates.

Miss Rosalee Fish is the guest of Miss Bernice Walling of Crowell this week.

J. E. Fish and sons, W. O. and Allen, were transacting business in Crowell Saturday.

T. B. Klepper of Crowell spent Saturday night with his sister, Mrs. Allen Fish, and family.

Misses Bessie, Myrtle and Dollie Fish came home from Crowell Saturday to spend the holidays.

Miss Bernice Walling of Crowell spent Saturday and Sunday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Fish.

A. L. Walling, wife and son, Arthur, of Crowell were the guests of Mrs. Walling's brother, Allen Fish, and family, Sunday.

BEAVER NEWS

(By Special Correspondent)

Mrs. Lenard Johnson was shopping in Crowell Saturday.

Mrs. Laura Johnson and children attended church at Foard City Sunday.

Otto Ely is visiting Walter Johnson of the Black community this week.

Howard and Thomas Bursey attended Sunday School at Crowell Sunday.

Miss Alta and Audrey Johnson are visiting relatives in Quanah this week.

Buford Randolph of Jamison spent Sunday with Mr. McGregor and family.

W. B. Jones and family visited H. E. Davis and family of Good Creek Sunday.

School was turned out last Friday for two weeks for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Johnson of Tell, Texas, visited Mrs. Maggie Johnson Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Howard of Crowell spent Sunday with J. W.

Practical Gifts

STATIONERY

A large assortment of gift stationery, excellent quality paper in white and tints, 25c to \$3.00 a box.

FRENCH IVORY

Puff Boxes, Trays, Hair Receivers, Mirrors, Brushes, Combs, Picture Frames, Perfume Bottles, Manicuring Pieces, Jewel Boxes.
Prices Very Low

JEWELRY

Watches, Pins, Cuff Links, Diamond Bar Pins, Neck Chains, and many other items all at prices to suit the times.

DOLLS

Bring the children to our store for Dolls—some real vaules.

Cut Glass and Sterling Silver at prices we know will please.

Fergeson Bros.

The Retail Store

GIFTS

That Make Merry Xmas
Last the Whole Year Thru

Electric Irons
Percolators
Nut Sets
Silverware
Pyrex
Chinaware
Cut Glass
Aluminum
Range Cook Stove
Sewing Machine

Shot Guns
Pocket Knives in
Xmas Boxes
Leather Belts
Rasors
Rifles
Auto Robes

And many things for the boys and girls.
Suit your gifts to the need—and the need is always for practical gifts.

HARDWARE THAT WEARS

J. H. Self & Sons

CALOMEL SALIVATES EVEN WHEN CAREFUL

Treachorous Drug Can Not Be Trusted and Next Dose May Start Trouble

Calomel is dangerous. It may sllivate you and make you suffer fearfully from soreness of gums, tenderness of jaws and teeth, swollen tongue, and excessive saliva dribbling from the mouth. Don't trust calomel. It is mercury; quicksilver.

If you feel bilious, headachy, constipated and all knocked out, just go to the druggist and get a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone for a few cents which is a harmless vegetable substitute for dangerous calomel. Take a spoonful and if it doesn't start your liver and straighten you up better and quicker than nasty calomel and without making you sick, you just go back and get your money.

If you take calomel today you'll be sick and nauseated tomorrow; besides, it may sllivate you, while if you take Dodson's Liver Tone you will wake up feeling great. No salts necessary. Give it to the children because it is perfectly harmless and can not sllivate.

We have wedding invitations and announcements in stock and can fill your order on short notice. Also small panel cards with one envelope.—News Office.

NOTICE

Let everyone who has a rural phone in Foard County be in Crowell on First Monday in January.—G. J. Benham.

For Sale—One 3-room residence, house on two business lots just across the street east from Herring Lumber yard. Other property for sale. Apply to owner at Collins Wagon Yard.

One registered highbred Jersey bull. \$5.00 cash at time of service.—Collins Wagon Yard.

There is not one jobless ex-service man in Louisiana, the American Legion Employment Bureau of that state having found work for every veteran seeking employment.

Goodrich--Firestone--Gates

Tire Prices Off

Tire prices are lower now than ever in the history of tires, yet the quality is higher than ever.

These tires are guaranteed on a basis of 6,000 to 8,000 miles and must deliver it or adjustments will be made on this basis.

We are thoroughly prepared to do vulcanizing that will stand up. We guarantee our work.

See us before buying your next tires.

L. A. BEVERLY & COMPANY

THE FOARD COUNTY NEWS

KIMSEY & KLEPPER, Owners and Publishers

Entered at the Post Office at Crowell, Texas, as second class matter.

Crowell, Texas, December 23, 1921

Things are beginning to look rather ugly for the dear Klan at Ardmore and Austin, the scenes of two recent tragedies. Suspicion throws a shadow in the direction of the Klan, to say the least of it. Unless it can be shown that this suspicion is without foundation, the Klan may find itself in need of the influence of more preachers and ex-lieutenant governors than it has at present, and we are not reflecting on either, but it is a pity that a few have been found to espouse the cause of the Klan. Happily, however, the vast majority of the preachers of the country who have expressed themselves on the subject have disapproved the activities of the Klan.

The destruction of the two business buildings here Tuesday night is another argument for waterworks, but we think Crowell is awake to this need now. Our only regrets are that we did not foresee the probability of the experience we have had in time to fortify ourselves against the loss sustained. One of these days, if nothing comes to hinder the work, we hope to have a water supply that will be ample for our fire fighting needs.

You do not expect to find a real man behind a mask. You are not looking for him there. It need not be said that the man who goes under disguise is afraid to reveal his identity, and is therefore a coward. Truth and righteousness have never found it necessary to operate behind a cloak. Their work is done in the sunlight of the day with uncovered face.

The Ku Klux have been called on to show their support of the laws of the land by helping to bring to justice those responsible for the death of Peeler Clayton at Austin recently. The Klan has an opportunity. How will it use it?

Mexico fooled away her time too long "revoluting." She would like to establish trade with other countries but has no credit. Fully usually costs just like everything else—so much per—and Mexico is now paying for hers.

We are told that an auto, even a Ford, is worth nothing to its owner who does not possess a small piece of tin with the figures "1922" tied to the thing somewhere. This is no less essential to its going than gasoline.

Bank Expresses Thanks

All those who are interested in the management of the First State Bank wish to express their very great appreciation for the services of all who helped in any way to save the bank building Tuesday night from destruction by fire. It was extreme effort that saved it.

Yours truly,
The First State Bank of Crowell.

Following the recent demonstration in Amarillo by the Ku Klux Klan, the pastors of both the Methodist and Presbyterian churches expressed before their respective audiences their disapproval of the organization, insisting that the laws of the land, if properly enforced, are sufficient for the protection of the people.

There is one school in Hemphill County, Texas, in which there are but two pupils. The teacher draws \$100 per month as her salary for instructing those two pupils. This is in all probability the greatest amount of money spent per capita for education in any public school in the United States.

Letter to Santa Claus

Crowell, Texas, Dec. 12, 1921.

Dear Old Santa Claus:
Do you remember us? We are two little sisters, four and six years old. We were living in town last Christmas and you brought us a set of aluminum dishes and a doll apiece. We still have our dishes but our dolls are broken. We would be pleased with a nice little book and a doll apiece, or most anything you can spare. We hope you will make every little boy and girl happy this Xmas. Will close with love and best wishes.
Pauline and Darline Henson.

For Sale Cheap—House and lot in east part of Crowell. Write E. L. Hardy, 203 Ash Street, Sweetwater, Texas. 28p

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For District Judge:
M. M. HANKINS.
For County and District Clerk:
S. E. SCALES

Christmas

When Christmas dawned three years ago it carried a brighter promise to mankind than any other Christmas in nineteen centuries. The most terrible of all wars had come to an end; the spirit of freedom had triumphed over the spirit of despotism after the most devastating struggle in history; and peace and righteousness seemed at last united to rule the world.

Yet two succeeding Christmases passed, leaving men in doubt and dismay. Although peace had followed war, almost nowhere did the spirit of good will prevail. Nations that had stood together in arms became distrustful of one another. Bolshevism held in its cruel chains a great people that had failed to profit by the fight for freedom. Burdens of taxation, of unemployment, of debt weighed heavily in every land. Christmas, 1919, and Christmas, 1920, were days when the fair promise of Christmas, 1918, lingered in the hearts of many men and women as a mockery.

And now Christmas, 1921, dawns upon the world with a light that shines clearer, steadier, brighter even than that which shone three years ago. The triumph of idealism cannot be doubted or delayed. Universal and lasting peace, the greatest hope of mankind, the thing for which generations of men have longed and prayed, is nearer consummation than it has ever been before; it may never be guaranteed, but there can be no question that some of the fundamental causes of war will be removed and that the settlement of such questions as may from time to time arise out of such as remain is more likely to be accomplished by the methods of peace than of war. Surely we may be proud that America has taken the lead in bringing about the disarmament of the nations, and surely Christmas, 1921, will be the most radiant, the most Christian Christmas that the world has ever known.—Youth's Companion.

Methodist Church Notice

Saturday night we have a Christmas tree with a program to which you are cordially invited.

Sunday School at 10 o'clock. At this time we trust every member of the school will be present. Let's make the last Sunday in the year the very best possible. Show your appreciation of God's blessings through the year by being present at all the services in His house on the last Sunday in the year.

At the morning hour we will have the regular Christmas message, "The story of the Christ child." Let the parents see to it that all the children stay for church next Sunday. It might be worth more to them in the years to come than that big Christmas dinner that you are so much interested in for them.

At the evening hour Bro. Montgomery with his congregation has kindly consented to come and worship with us, and Bro. Montgomery will bring the message.

We trust that this Christmas Day may bring happiness to every home in our little city, that we may be able to sing out of the fullness of our hearts, glory to God in the highest on earth peace and good will to men.
W. M. MURRELL, Pastor.

Free Rent

Offer free rent for two years, 50 to 250 acres fine farming land, if renters will clear land. It has scattering mesquite, easily cleared. Would expect roots removed sufficient to prevent striking plow. Located nine miles west of Crowell on Good Creek and Crowell auto road. Eldredge farm on east, Pete McLain land south, Darby & Henry land west, Walter Ely renter, John Worsham land north. All dark chocolate land. Would furnish lumber for two room house if renters would build house without charge. Also have 150 acre farm and two room house adjoining said land for rent, everlasting water. Write owner, J. R. Irion, Dallas, Texas. 29

Notice

Parties desiring to register automobiles for 1922 are requested to bring their 1921 registration receipt with them to tax collector's office. The law requires autos to be registered on or before Jan. 1, 1922.

L. D. CAMPBELL, Tax Col.

Notice

I will buy your seed cotton. If you have some to sell, any amount, phone me, No. 115. Can take care of it at Blue Gin.—J. W. McCaskill. 28p

GREETINGS

The spirit of the season prompts us to express to you appreciation of our pleasant business relations during the past year and to most heartily wish you health and prosperity for the coming year.

M. S. Henry & Co.

THE HOUSE OF SERVICE

CHRISTMAS MOVING AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible School 10 a. m., A. T. School, Supt.

Communion and sermon, 11 a. m. Sermon subject, "Origin and meaning of Christmas."

By invitation we unite with the Methodist church at the evening hour, the writer of this notice preaching the sermon at the request of the Methodist pastor.

J. FRANK MONTGOMERY, Minister.

THANKS

As mayor of the City of Crowell, I want to thank the officers and men of the local National Guard organization for answering the call of the mayor and rendering efficient service as guards during and after the fire Tuesday night. These officers and men handled the situation in such a manner that not one thing occurred that could in any way injure the feelings of any citizen, showing that our local organizations are composed of our best citizenship; men that I, as mayor, am proud to number as my personal friends and neighbors. Again, in behalf of the entire citizenship, who, (with one exception) appreciate your efforts to hold the fire in such close limits as you did, I thank you.

C. T. SCHLAGAL, Mayor, City of Crowell.

Announcement

We wish to thank each and every person who aided in anyway at all to save our furniture stock from the fire Tuesday night. Especially do we thank those who remained and helped us carry the immense stock of furniture back into the store after danger from fire was past.

Respectfully,
W. R. WOMACK.

Miss Hattie Eldridge is expected to arrive home today from the C. I. A. at Denton to spend the Holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Eldridge.

TRESPASS NOTICE

No bird hunting, wood hauling, or trespassing allowed through any of the Worsham & Johnson pastures.—W. B. Johnson. 33p

Notice

No trespassing or hunting permitted in my pasture.—Furd Halsell. 1f

Edison Amberola phonographs \$41.50 and \$68.50, cabinets \$167.50 and \$200.00. Leeds phonographs \$150.00. What can you give that every member of the home can enjoy more?—W. R. WOMACK.

W. D. Wofford of Chillicothe was here this week visiting the W. W. Griffith family. He returned home yesterday accompanied by his little cousin, Florence Griffith.

Some one has a flash light that was passed up to one of the burning buildings Tuesday night. The light belongs at the Clifton Studio. Please return it to me.—R. B. Clifton.

KODAK OWNERS—NOTICE

After February 1st, all kodak finishing will be cash in advance.—Clifton Studio. 32

TRESPASS NOTICE

This is to give notice that all trespassing on my place is forbidden.—Mrs. W. S. Bell. 1f

Cleaning and pressing done with the thought of pleasing our customers. Bring your work to us.—Wright's Tailor Shop.

Mayors, bankers, lawyers, prominent government, state and county officials, prominent business and professional men and ministers of the Gospel have endorsed Tanlac. Sold at the Owl Drug Store.

Come to the apple house to get your syrup. I have the pure East Texas ribbon cane syrup at a price in keeping with the condition of the times. I will appreciate your trade.—E. J. Smith.

For Sale—9 shoats, weight 65 lbs. to 125 lbs. Will take \$45.00 for bunch.—J. W. Manning, Thalia, Texas. 28p

Beverly & Beverly

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Crowell, Texas

FEED AND COAL

We are in the Feed and Coal business and solicit your trade in Field Seeds, Feed and the best Colorado coal. THE CASH STORE.

J. H. OLDS

Phone 152

Hot and Cold Baths First Class Shines

The City Shaving Parlor

An Up-to-Date Shop In Every Particular

C. T. SCHLAGAL, Proprietor

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AND

Better Prices

We believe we can serve the people in a better and more efficient way on a strictly cash basis than the old credit way.

We believe we can show you where it is better for you and better for us on a cash basis.

We will have from time to time ads telling you just why it is better for all of us.

A cash basis with us means that we will not make any charge tickets to any one. We will not have any books whatsoever, and we believe when you read our series of ads that you will find out and believe that it is just as much to your advantage as it is ours for you to trade with a store that is on a cash basis.

Self Dry Goods Co.



May Xmas Joy AND Peace Be Yours

This is an unusually Merry Xmas tide because it marks the termination of an unusually Happy and Prosperous year.

We are grateful to you who have been instrumental in adding to our prosperity.

We are grateful for each opportunity we have had and may have to help add to yours.



THE BANK THAT BACKS THE FARMER THE BANK OF CROWELL (UNINCORPORATED)

CAPITAL 100000.00 CROWELL, TEXAS

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

1922 model Buicks.—S. S. Bell. All kinds of insurance.—T. N. Bell. Get the boy a Daisy air gun.—J. H. Self & Sons. Let us give your battery a drink.—Swain's Garage. Everett Ford returned this week from Wichita Falls. Insist on genuine Ford parts in your car.—Self Motor Co. Boys' tool chest—something that is useful.—J. H. Self & Sons. E. L. Redman of Post City was here from Wednesday until today visiting old friends. For all storage battery troubles consult the "Battery Doctors."—Swain's Garage. The only explanation of Tanlac's great success is Tanlac's true worth. Sold at Owl Drug Store. Mr. and Mrs. John Brown and children of Truscott were visitors in Crowell Sunday, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shirley.

Cotton insurance.—T. N. Bell. Xmas gifts that please at Self hardware store. Pocket knives in Christmas boxes at J. H. Self & Sons. W. H. Dougherty of Gainesville was here the first of the week. The gift he wants is the gift you will find here.—Owl Drug Store. Come to us and you will see your battery fixed mechanically.—Swain's Garage. For sale my player piano at a bargain, with 70 rolls of music.—Mrs. W. F. Carter. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fields leave today for Rochester to spend a few days with relatives. Miss Litha Crews came in Wednesday from the State University at Austin to spend the Holidays at home. J. H. Minnick has ordered his paper changed to Route 2, Oklahoma City, where his family is now residing. He will leave in a few days to join his family for the Christmas holidays.

Automobile insurance.—T. N. Bell. Furs bought at Ringgold's variety store. 29p. Daisy air guns for the boys.—J. H. Self & Sons. Registered bull yearlings and calves for sale.—J. E. Bell. 4f. Second hand car in good condition for sale.—B. W. Self. 4f. We have Xmas gifts for the entire family.—M. S. Henry & Co. For Sale—White ivory wicker baby carriage, practically new. Phone 127.44. If you are worried about Xmas gifts come to our store.—M. S. Henry & Co. A reduction on all tires. Come in and let us fix you up.—Self Motor Co. A kitchen cabinet is always appreciated, \$27.50 to \$62.50.—W. R. Womack. Vernon Pyle says change his paper to Chillicothe where he and his family are permanently located. You will want a bottle of the wonderful Tanlac remedy. You can get it from the Owl Drug Store. Miss Ruth Beauchamp, piano teacher, left Sunday for Rotan to spend the holidays with homefolks. Rev. W. T. Gray, Methodist circuit preacher, left Monday for Dallas to spend the holidays with his family. Full blood Rhode Island Red pullets for sale, \$1.00 each. Phone or write Mrs. O. M. Grimm, Thalia, Texas. 34. Mrs. J. M. Ruthford and daughter, Ruth, were here from Chillicothe the first of the week visiting Mrs. Thacker. Mrs. H. K. Edwards and small son, H. K. Jr., returned last Friday from a visit with Mrs. Edwards' parents in Clarendon. When in need of oil of any kind see me or phone 326.—Texhoma Oil & Refining Co., W. B. Wheeler, agent at postoffice. 4f. The Blue Gin will run on Friday and Saturday, December 30th and 31st.—Vaughn Gin Co., E. W. Hackleman, manager. 28p. Crowell Athletic Club will meet Tuesday and Friday nights of each week. All members are urged to come.—J. W. Robinson. 34p. When you think of cleaning and pressing think of Wright's Tailor Shop. These associated together means satisfactory results. Miss Winnie Jewel Norwood, who has been teaching piano here, has gone to Vernon to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents. S. W. Burks was in this office Tuesday and ordered his paper changed to Foard City. He will live on the B. J. Smith ranch next year. Gordon Bell came in the latter part of last week from Waco to spend the holidays with friends and homefolks. He is attending the Baylor University.

THANKFUL

We are thankful to each and every person who has helped us to make a good business this past year.

We appreciate every courtesy shown us, every good word spoken, and every kind influence that has been shown for the betterment of business and mankind.

May we express our sincere desire that, each and every one of you have not only a Merry Christmas, but a Happy, Prosperous, Healthy New Year.

Self Dry Goods Co.

You will find many useful gifts at M. S. Henry & Co. Practical gifts for practical people at J. H. Self & Sons. Call Wright's Tailor Shop for your cleaning and pressing. Millinery less than cost.—Mrs. C. R. Roden, Margaret, Texas. 28. One-half off on dolls, doll beds and dishes.—Owl Drug Store. Community Silver guaranteed for fifty years.—M. S. Henry & Co. Pictures shown at Opera House Tuesday, Friday and Saturday nights. We have several good second hand Fords for sale cheap.—Self Motor Co. Salad bowls and cake plates make nice Xmas presents.—M. S. Henry & Co. Come to us, you will not lose when your battery gets the "blues."—Swain's Garage. Carey Alger was here from Vernon the first part of the week visiting his sister, Mrs. J. A. Stovall. Miss Frances Clark is expected home Saturday from the C. I. A. at Denton to spend the Holidays. Mahogany serving trays \$5.00 to \$7.00. Your wife or sister will appreciate one.—W. R. Womack. Mrs. J. B. Harrison is here this week from Paducah visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Andrews. Mrs. Claude Barry and small son left Sunday for Austin. They were accompanied to Vernon by Mr. Barry. Miss Mabel Pittillo is at home to spend the Christmas holidays from Ward-Belmont College at Nashville, Tenn. E. W. Hackleman left Sunday for Saddle, Okla., to spend Christmas with his family. He took the train at Vernon. Lost the night of the fire—One Tryenne and one Johns Manville fire extinguisher. Finder please return to Self Motor Co. Miss Meady Oswalt of Quamah is in Crowell visiting her sister, Mrs. W. W. Griffith of the Commercial Hotel, formerly the Razor. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Huntley and children left Sunday for Pine Bluff, Ark., to spend the holidays at Mr. Huntley's old home, which he had not seen in fourteen years. They took the train at Vernon Sunday afternoon, and will be away about two weeks.

Miss Wynne Beidleman visited the Moody family in Truscott last Wednesday. T. S. Clark is here and will spend the winter with his daughter, Mrs. W. R. Womack. J. G. Stubblefield of Wichita Falls is here visiting his brother, W. D. Stubblefield, and family. Furs Wanted—Wolf and skunk. Will buy the entire catch of Foard County. No lot too large, none too small. Bring in what you have caught and set your traps again.—L. F. Ringgold variety store. 29p.

Insurance

Fire, Tornado, Hail, Farm, Livestock, Automobile, Cotton. LEO SPENCER

Santa Claus Headquarters

A Sweeping Reduction of Prices on

All Xmas Goods

Dolls, Doll Dishes, Doll Beds, Doll Trunks, Doll Buggies, at

Half Price

33 1-3 Per Cent Discount on All French Ivory

Owl Drug Store advertisement with logo and address: PENSLAR AGENCY CROWELL, TEXAS



A New Fashioned Christmas of Old-Fashioned Joy---

A Happy Christmas, where reigns the fullness of Peace and Contentment—

A Merry, Merry Christmas, where Love and Warmth and Friendship hold court—Where the silvery laughter of Youth, the contented smiles of Age and the happy shouts of joyous little children make glad the Season.

Such a Christmas we are wishing for you and yours.

THE FIRST STATE BANK OF CROWELL M. L. HUGHSTON, Vice President SAM CREWS, Cash.

TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

In accepting our sincere good wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year, we trust you will permit a word with regard to our plans for the coming year. The past year, with its financial stress, disorganized markets, etc., has been trying to most of us. Better times are ahead.

We congratulate you and ourselves over proof of the permanence and stability of our community which is evidenced so well by the manner in which we have all come through this trying period.

We are prepared, then, for the New Year and its responsibilities, for the improved business conditions which must inevitably come. We will take care of your needs in our line to the limits of sound banking practice.

More highly than anything else, this bank values your good-will and support. In anticipating a continuance of these pleasant relations we pledge you reciprocity in every reasonable way.

May this be your Merriest Christmas, the New Year hold for you and yours Happiness, Prosperity, Good Health, to the full.

Sincerely yours,

THE BANK OF CROWELL

For Christmas

- Appollo Candies for Christmas
- High Grade Bulk Chocolates
- Christmas Boxes Cigars
- All Kinds of Fruits
- Cigarettes

G A B E ' S

The Crowell Barber Shop

COURTEOUS AND EFFICIENT WORKMEN

Represent the Waco Steam Laundry.

Basket leaves Tuesday of each week

BRUCE & WALLACE, Proprs.

Mill Products

Of all Kinds

CREAM OF WHEAT

Highest Patent Flour

First in quality—Most reasonable in price

BELL GRAIN COMPANY

Phone No. 124

Maple Leaf Post of the American Legion at Seattle, Wash., composed of "British Tommies," has officially adopted Hanford MacNider, national commander of the Legion, into the

circle of "Jolly fine chaps." Mr. MacNider recently visited the post headquarters and shook hands with 300 members.

RED CROSS WORKING FOR HEALTHIER U. S.

How the American Red Cross guides thousands of persons to health is shown in a summary of the society's activities in the health field based upon the annual report for the last fiscal year. Through its Nursing Service, its Home Hygiene and Care of the Sick courses, nutrition classes, First Aid classes, Life-Saving classes and Health Centers and in numerous other ways designed to acquaint masses of citizens with proper methods of living, the Red Cross carried its message of health into all parts of the country.

The work of the Red Cross during the war in its traditional field of nursing, furnishing the military and naval establishments of the nation with 19,877 nurses, is well known. And there are today 37,787 nurses registered with the American Red Cross and subject to call in emergency. During the fiscal year, 1,551 Red Cross nurses were accepted for assignment to Government service, 388 by the Army and Navy and 1,163 by the United States Public Health Service.

In addition to the nurses enrolled by the Red Cross for Government service, the Red Cross itself employed a total of 1,348 public health nurses in the United States and Europe. By far the greatest number was employed in the United States, 1,257, while 91 were in foreign service.

Home Hygiene and Care of the Sick classes, giving thorough instruction in the proper care of the sick in instances where the illness is not so serious as to require professional nursing care, during the fiscal year numbered 5,179. A statistical picture of the Red Cross operations in this field follows:

New classes formed during year 5,179
Classes completed during year 6,249
New students enrolled 101,068
Students completing course 73,432

What the Red Cross accomplished in giving proper instruction through its Nutrition Service is indicated by the following table:

New classes formed during year 142
Classes completed during year 186
New students enrolled 2,343
Students completing course 2,013

In addition to the above, a total of 22,000 children were given instruction in the proper selection and preparation of foods.

Through its 250 Health Centers, the Red Cross reached 90,252 persons. In these Health Centers, 4,015 health lectures were given and 750 health exhibits held.

In the United States last year, 75,422 persons were killed and 3,500,000 injured by industrial accidents. To prevent this enormous waste the Red Cross held 5,100 first aid classes with a total of 104,000 students enrolled.

The Texas Farm Bureau and Its Great Work

The Farm Bureau Cotton Association has received up to date something over 100,000 bales of cotton. The exact number changes of course from hour to hour as the mails are received, although the ginning season is practically over. The association is receiving yet about 400 bales per day. On the biggest day they received 8,000 bales of cotton. The rate of daily receipts and the number of new contracts that are coming into the office every day lead the officers of the association to believe that they will handle this season near 150,000 bales of cotton, and may exceed that number. Many members of the association held back their cotton to see if the association would really be a success. We know of several such cases of that locally and there are many more the state over.

Another source of support which is swelling the receipt is a class of non-members who are not willing to sell cotton at the present prices and really need money and are not able to get an advance from the banks. Hundreds of these men are signing the contract and drawing \$50.00 per bale on their cotton. This saves them from the loss of dumping on a low, weak market. The public will never give the association farmers the credit they deserve for holding their cotton off the market and saving it from further declines.

If you will recall the fact that we were not ready to receive cotton until September 9th, after much of the crop had been marketed, and the further fact that there was a short crop, the receipts are very satisfactory and are also a glowing tribute to the loyalty of men who signed the contract. Upon the number of bales received depends the cost of operating the association. The more cotton received the cheaper the cost. They do not know, and will not know, what the cost of operating will be per bale until the season is closed, but they are far enough along to know that it will be less than \$2.00 per bale. Compare this with the large army of speculators that has been handling your cotton and you will readily see what the Cotton Association is going to do for Texas and the South.

A comparison of the prices received by the association with current quotations on the same days show that the average obtained for its members are from \$5.00 to \$20.00 per bale more than was being paid by street buyers. To this gain should be added the advantage of not selling at the low point at any time and the full benefit of the grade and staple of every bale, and, also the elimination of the "country damage" and "city crop."

The association has paid out to its members to date \$3,000,000 in the form of advances, some of this money was received from sales, some from Texas bankers and a large portion from the War Finance Corporation.

In regard to finances let us say that the association has discredited every croaker and knocker who said of us and the plan, "They can't finance it," "The banks won't loan them money," "Why, they haven't got any capital stock," and so on to the end of the chapter.

Well, it has been financed. The members were notified to deliver their cotton and draw on the association for the advance and every draft has been paid on presentation. The biggest banks in Texas have loaned money to the association—millions of dollars, and they stand ready to loan all we need to market our cotton in a sane and orderly way.

The names of the banks are not mentioned but if any one doubts that we have borrowed money to finance this crop, get a bank directory book and look up the largest banks in Dallas, Houston, Ft. Worth and Austin. Write and ask any of them about the credit and standing of the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association.

The association has a credit of \$15,000,000 with the War Finance Corporation and has used nearly a million dollars and is getting money from this source at 6 per cent. We ask critics to show us anybody else in Texas who is getting money to market their products.

Think for a moment what it means for a farmers' organization less than three months old having a credit of \$15,000,000 with all the money it needs to finance crops at 6 per cent. Does this look like the work of a set of dreamers or grafters? Isn't it enough to inspire us that in the course of a little time that the farmers are actually going to have a voice in the marketing of the things they produce?

An important step in the direction of direct dealing with the spinners was started when the executive committee decided to open an Eastern of-

rice in Boston, which is the center of the big New England cotton manufacturing region. This will put our representatives in direct touch with the mills. Every farmer in Foard County should have his shoulder to the wheel and help us make this succeed.

If this movement was in Foard county alone or even Texas alone, it would not amount to anything. But it is a nationwide movement. The business world in general is behind it, but the farmers are the ones who will have to make it succeed.

By the time the next cotton crop is ready to market there will be 9 cotton states ready to market cotton in the

same orderly system, and as the demand calls for it.

The second annual convention of the Texas Farm Bureau Federation will be held in Dallas 4th, 5th and 6th of January. Among some of the prominent men who will address this meeting are: Dr. W. B. Bizzell, president A. & M. College; Aaron Sapir, world's authority on co-operative marketing, and many other prominent men including Nathan Adams of Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. Every farmer that possibly can should attend this convention. We are,

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LAWYER DARES KLAN TO REVEAL MURDER FACTS IN AUSTIN TRIAL

Austin, December 19.—Following argument this morning by attorneys for both sides in the examining trials of twenty Austin citizens, charged with murder in connection with the death of Peeler Clayton last Thursday night, Justice of the Peace Mendell postponed further hearings in the trials until Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

The first official mention of the Ku Klux Klan in connection with the death of Clayton was made this morning when Warren Moore, attorney for the prosecution, "dared the Ku Klux Klan, either by individual or resolution, to come and give all information they have of Clayton's death."

Attorney for "Neutrals"

Moore said he represented the "neutral people," those neither favoring nor opposing the Ku Klux Klan. His statement was made in the opening speech of the examining trials.

Moore declared that the officers of the law had "fallen down" in their duties in attempting to find the man or men who caused Clayton's death.

"The peace officers seem disinclined to aid in evolving the truth in this case," he said. He also said that, in thirty-three years in Austin, he never had seen such conditions as now exist in Travis County. Moore referred to the situation as a "near-revolution that seems to be starting."

Justice Mendell announced that all twenty defendants would be tried together despite opposition of the defense attorneys to this plan. They wanted the trials held separately.

No Court of Inquiry

Following Justice Mendell's announcement, County Attorney John W. Hornsby stated that there would be no court of inquiry, as previously had been announced.

Following Moore, John E. Shelton, father of Earl Shelton and admitted leading figure in the investigation of the defendants, declared before the court that "the bullet that killed Peeler Clayton was intended for me." His voice failed him as he made this statement and he paused to wipe tears from his eyes.

"The burden of this case has fallen on my shoulders," he said, with tears streaming down his cheeks, "but I will not shirk the duty and have and

will continue to give all my time to the obtaining of witnesses and evidence in order to see justice done."

He declared that he wanted no innocent person to suffer, but that he would file charges against every man who was present at the alleged meeting in the Klan hall on the night Clayton was killed, adding that he had attempted to obtain names of other men. He charged that every one of the twenty defendants was present at the meeting.

Religious factions in American Legion posts have been severely condemned by Hanford MacNider, Iowa, national commander of the organization. Speaking at Portland, Ore., Mr. MacNider declared that religion "is between a man and his God," and that the person who would bring religious differences into Legion activities "is not worthy of membership." "This country was founded because of religious intolerance in others," the Legion head said. "The Protestant, Catholic or Jew who endeavors to force religious issues should be effectively squelched."

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No hunting or trespassing allowed on any land under my control.—R. W. Bell.

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American Legion News

The alleged statement of Victor J. Miller, president of the police commissioners of St. Louis, Mo., that 70 percent of the present day criminals are ex-service men, has caused the American Legion of St. Louis to request his dismissal from office.

American Education Week will be observed annually, with programs

similar to those of December 4-10, according to the Americanism commission of the American Legion. The commission, with the National Educational Association, directed the initial movement.

More than 3000 veterans of the World War now suffering from tuberculosis, are without proper care or hospitalization in the state of New York, according to William F. Deegan, commander of the New York De-

partment of the American Legion, who has just completed a survey through Legion posts of the state.

Roused over the report of relatives that a soldier's body had been so jammed into a cheap casket that it was with difficulty removed for proper burial, the American Legion of New Jersey is making a thorough investigation of such practices

The first American Legion building financed exclusively through the sale of municipal bonds is that now under construction at South Pasadena, Cal. The building, which is to be of the bungalow type, will stand in American Legion Park, a public park of South Pasadena.

Employment projects ranging from land reclamation schemes to the working of a gold mine in Missouri have been submitted to the American Legion's national unemployment council. Milton D. Campbell, Cincinnati, O., has been appointed chairman of the council which will meet early in January at the Legion's national headquarters, Indianapolis, to draft remedial measures for the winter.

U. S. Army tanks of the type that waddled over the Hindenburg line and ex-soldiers who fought on the line have combined in Duluth, Minn., to furnish Christmas trees for children of the city. The American Legion is supplying jobless ex-service men to do the cutting. Tanks and trucks haul them to a central location where the Legion is selling them, the proceeds going toward a merry Christmas for the unemployed and their dependents.

A nation wide scheme for the sale of articles made by sick and wounded soldiers through their own stores has been proposed to the American Legion Auxiliary by Mrs. Clarence R. Edwards, Boston, Mass., wife of the commander of the 26th Division, A. E. F. The plan will be discussed at a meeting of Auxiliary executives in Indianapolis January 18, 19 and 20. In the plan, the handiwork of the disabled would be sold in principal towns and cities in stores established and operated along lines of women's exchanges. Women dependent of the disabled also would there dispose of their home products. The plan would make the disabled self supporting and not patronized by charity, its backers declare.

A Merry Christmas

- Merry Christmas, gentle reader, may your cup of joy overflow.
- May the road be smooth before you, as on your way you go.
- May the troubles of the present and the hardships of the past
- No longer than a bubble in a Texas windstorm last.
- That everything you're wishing for yourself may all come true
- Is the sum of all the wishes that we're wishing now for you.
- May Santa Claus bring to you just the biggest load he can
- With the sincere Christmas greetings of the local lumberman.

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GREETINGS

As Christmas time approaches, thoughts of Old Santa; good will; and good cheer, which gladdens the lives of both young and old come thick and fast. It seems that the world is shouting "Merry Christmas," and we just want to kick Old Scrooge out at the back door and shout back good and loud to all our friends and customers:

A Merry Christmas AND A Happy New Year

We are hoping as hard as we can hope that nothing but joy and cheer, and every glad thing in the world be yours now—next year—and always. We know that you have done a lot for us; we appreciate it—we appreciate it a great deal—and so in all sincerity we say, "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

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Christmas Greetings



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JANE'S SHARK

By MARY A. MURDOCK.

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Yes, we still have some Christmas groceries. There may be those who yet want to make some preparations for the joyous Holidays and we are pleased to say that we have what you may need in the way of groceries for that occasion.

But whether or not you have an order for us, we wish to use this occasion to express our very great appreciation for the splendid business you have given us through the year, and with this expression of appreciation, we extend to you greetings of the season, wishing you a happy Christmas and a prosperous new year.

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charming figure in her mouth sea suit, eyes agleam with youth's love of life, curling tendrils of gold whipping her creamy throat. Suddenly she stiffened and a sharp cry escaped her.

Cradled between rays of the larger overlapping waves she had espied something sinister and white, a gleaming mass that moved and glowed in the long rays of the morning light. A sort of numbness seized her, as through her mind there flashed all the stories she had heard recounted of the white-bellied terror which many of the hotel habitués were reputed to have glimpsed thereabouts always from the asylum of a dock.

Jane viewed despairingly the fast-diminishing strip of sand. Ten minutes at the most, and she would have to take her chances with the thing in the water. On the verge of fainting, she yet managed to find her voice. At first thin and weak, desperation lent it strength. A favoring breeze aided her, and the cry which roused half a hundred sleepy vacationists from their beds was that of "Tom!"

Tom heard with the rest, and not one of the wondering watchers saw anything grotesque in his pajama-clad figure, as it flew to the water's edge.

"Get a boat, Tom," Jane screamed, then toppled and fell.

But Tom didn't go back. A few minutes and he had in his arms a strangely doddle Jane, who could only whisper faintly, "Tom, darling Tom," and who clung piteously to him.

As he swam back to the beach, now thronged with half-clad people, his precious burden held close, he was too deliciously happy to wonder why Jane, conceded the best swimmer in the crowd, had not dared negotiate the short distance. Time enough for explanations later—for the present life was very sweet, with that soft "Tom, darling Tom" in his ears.

Through a haze of joy, he was conscious that one of his vigorous strokes brushed away something which felt like seaweed, but which was apparently a white satin petticoat, and he wondered from whose dressline it was missing.

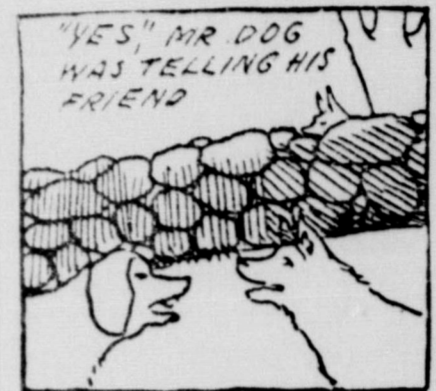


MR. DOG'S HEN HOUSES.

MR. DOG had been bothered with Mr. Fox until he was about worn out, for, no matter how well he kept watch, Mr. Fox managed to get a chicken or a hen once in a while.

Very often Mr. Dog would see Mr. Fox and scare him off, but though he had tried and tried he could not catch him.

One day when the farmer was putting some beehives in the yard back of the barn Mr. Dog thought of something which made him smile, but he was not going to laugh until he was



sure the plan would work, for he knew full well that he had a very clever and suspicious fellow to deal with.

That night when the moon was shining Mr. Dog went down the road with his friend, Mr. Hound Dog, first making Mr. Hound promise he would not chase Mr. Fox, because he would spoil everything.

It was very hard for Mr. Hound to

understand what could be more than chasing Mr. Fox, but he promised a very large bone he would do just as Mr. Dog told him.

They hid behind some bushes pretty soon along came Mr. Fox, hearing Mr. Dog and Mr. Hound, he listened, making sure he had run away if they moved.

"Yes," Mr. Dog was telling his friend, "the master had decided Mr. Fox is too smart for us, and so has bought some new hen houses and put them in the yard back of the barn."

"There are two hens in each of the little white houses on benches and guess now we have Mr. Fox fooled!"

Mr. Fox smiled as he listened to them, turning very softly, he trotted on down the road and jumped on the stone wall, taking a short cut to the farm.

Mr. Dog had been peeping through the bushes at Mr. Fox and saw just what was happening, so when Mr. Fox was out of sight he and Mr. Hound ran for home and arrived just as Mr. Fox had tumbled over one of the hives.

Out came the angry bees and Mr. Fox fled, howling as he ran, while Mr. Dog called after him: "Come back Mr. Fox, and try the other little hen houses; we had them built especially for you to play with."

Mr. Hound wanted to chase Mr. Fox but Mr. Dog told him he might get stung by the bees, and so Mr. Hound had to be contented with howling and barking.

Mr. Fox did not bother Mr. Dog again; he kept as far away from the farm as possible and never was around there afterward. (Copyright)

POSTSCRIPTS

By MARGARET A. SWEENEY.

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Cynthia Stewart, in the silken ease of her orchid dressing gown, sat scowling at a letter that lay upon the table before her.

"I'll tell him the truth," she declared as she drew a sheet of paper towards her and began to write:

"Boston, May 3, 1920.
"My Dear Crofter—I am afraid that what I am about to say may hurt you, but I think it is the wiser way to tell you the truth.

"I know that a good sport never hits a man when he is down, so you see I am a rather cheap sport. I am going to swear you—I am breaking my word—my truth to you.

"It is now six months since your doctor sent you to Pasadena, and you tell me that your specialist there says that it will require another six months in that climate before you are well, and that in order to keep well he advises you to make a permanent home in California.

"Well, Crofter, needless to say that I would not—could not leave Boston; and, besides, it may take years, judging from what I know, before you are financially able to assume the responsibility of a home—such a home as we would like.

"I am no longer so very young, Crofter, I shall be twenty-four next month; and so, in justice to myself and my family, I think it better to break our engagement.

"Today I am returning the ring and the string of pearls. Please do not judge me too harshly, and please, for old time's sake, let us still be friends.

"With all good wishes for your health and happiness, Yours sincerely,
"CYNTHIA."

"P. S.—The real truth is, Crofter, that father's new partner, Mr. Wallace, has piles and piles of money—he made it while you were overseas being gassed to death—and father and mother and Aunt Sarah all sing his praises and all think that I ought to marry him. Mr. Wallace thinks so, too, but I told him last night that I wanted a few days to think it over."

"There—Crofter ought to know that I'm not altogether to blame," she so blazoned, as she glanced over the postscript. "He knows that I—"

"A letter for you, Miss Cynthia."

The letter that the maid brought was postmarked "Pasadena," and Cynthia opened and read:

"Mountain Road, Pasadena,
"April 26, 1920.

"Dearest—Since writing to you a few days ago I have been obsessed by the thought that it is selfish and unfair for me, a partial invalid, to hold you to your promise to become my wife.

"In some way, Cynthia, I have become aware (or I think I have) that you want to be released. The tone of your letters is different. I feel a change in you.

"And, of course, I know that I am not the man, physically or financially, that I was on that day of days in June, 1917, when you made me the happiest man in all the world. I want to play fair with you, Cynthia, and so I shall not think of holding you to your promise to me.

"I wish, Cynthia, that you were here

with me this morning. If I could look into your dear eyes and tell you just what is in my heart it would make this easier.

"I am alone on the veranda, and my chair faces toward that mighty range of mountains that rises before me like a vast fortress—vague and reticent these mountains stand, and they take no part in our lot or being. Beyond them lies the great Mohave desert; beyond that lie endless mountains and plains, and away off there on the New England coast—you—

"Every day, dear heart, I sit here at the foot of the misty mountains and close my eyes for a little while so that I may see you the better, and sometimes in the evening I walk and talk with you under the orange trees—it is a way lonely folks have.

"But the chances are, little girl, that I may never see you again, for I have found that I must make my home out here, and I know how attached you are to Boston. I have bought this little four-room bungalow—it is almost completely covered by a bush of rambling roses.

"I want to thank you for the wonderful letters you have written me

Please let me keep them. Some of them gave me courage at the Marine and I have another battle still to fight.

"You shall always live in my heart, dearest, for I love you—you—only.

"Always yours,
"CROFTER HARRISON."

"P. S.—If I have made a mistake, Cynthia, about your supposed wish to be free, I beg you to let me know at once and I'll go and fetch you home. Remember that 'Home is where the heart is.' Please wire immediately."

Fifteen minutes later this rush message sped over the wires:
Boston, May 3, 1920.

"Crofter Harrison, Mountain Road, Pasadena, Cal.:
"Leaving Boston today for home. Meet train at Los Angeles—due there the 5th.
"CYNTHIA."

Not in Our Purse.
Financiers say the United States has too much gold. In this computation the financiers are not referring to us.—Louisville Courier-Journal.



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In the meantime accept our thanks for your liberal patronage since this business was established and greetings of the season, in which we express our wish that you may have a very happy Christmas and a great New Year.

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