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## Union Teachers' Institute Is Big Event of Week

The program as outlined for the union institute for Cottle, King, Hardeman and Foard, in progress here this week, has been carried out well. It is reported that a high degree of interest has characterized each session and it is pronounced one of the best county institutes of this kind held by the four counties.

Hardeman, Cottle and Foard, have 90 per cent representation of their teachers, while King is short some 20 per cent. The program for the institute was transferred to another institute. Hardeman has 61, Cottle 56, Foard 53, and King 8 teachers present, while there are two transfers, one from Knox and one from Garza, making a total of 180 teachers.

The district court room is being used as the place of meeting.

Following the daily sessions, there has been an evening program each day, attended by the citizens of the town, as well as by the teachers. These have all been interesting and profitable. On Monday evening interesting features of the program were a vocal solo by Mrs. G. D. Self, readings by Miss Jessalite Cates and Mrs. Baxter Johnson and a travelogue by Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Henry of their trip to Alaska last summer.

On Tuesday evening readings were given by Miss Brown of Hillsboro. An address was also delivered by Prof. Hill of Canyon Normal College. Those who heard his address say it was a very fine talk and full of information relative to matters of education. For the benefit of its readers the News hopes to find it possible to publish the high points in his address later.

On Wednesday evening Prof. Beatty of the North Texas State Normal made a talk on education full of good thoughts not only for the teachers but for the citizens. The test of education as he puts it, is not one

who has merely procured degrees in College, but one who can render real service as an educated person; one who can not only procure a job but who can hold it.

He mentioned several other tests, self mastery, open-mindedness, adaptability and the ability to do one thing well. An interesting application of these were made to the school teachers.

Since the News goes to press at 1:30 Thursday no report of the address of Mrs. Phebe K. Warner for this evening can be given until later. Everybody in this country has read Mrs. Warner's editorials and many have heard her lectures and know them to be well prepared lectures on live subjects.

These programs here mentioned are special features of the week's institute work and are of more interest to the general public than are the subjects discussed by the teachers in their daily sessions on problems of their work in the school room.

We would not fail to mention the visit of the Paducah band which opened the institute Monday morning with several of its splendid selections. An interesting feature of the band is the fact that it is made up largely of boys in their early teens. Under the direction of their instructor the boys played excellently.

It should be said to the high credit of Crowell that the matter of taking care of the visiting teachers has been a pleasure and Judge Owens, who assumed much of the responsibility of bringing the institute to Crowell is highly pleased with the hearty cooperation our people have given him.

The institute has been a good thing for our town in many ways and we shall welcome the opportunity at any time of having it here again.

## Federal Expenditures on Road Improvements

A few years ago the expenditures of the United States on roads was nothing. The Federal Budget for the fiscal year of 1923 allows 2 1/4 cents of every dollar for Federal aid roads.

This sum, of course, is not enough to build the roads the country must have, even when matched by an equal sum from the States. But all great movements have to be initiated slowly; it took many years to work up public sentiment to the point where this country was willing to build the Panama Canal. That we have gone as far as we have in the matter of road building with Government aid is a matter of congratulation, rather than regret that we have not as yet gone further.

The total 1923 budget for the Nation is 4 1/2 billions, with 91 1/2 millions allowed for the United States appropriations towards Federal aid in road building. Ten years ago such an expenditure would have been impossible. In years hence it will be looked upon as ridiculous. When, as must inevitably be the case, the United States changes its road policy from the present idea of helping the States, to the broader idea of building its own national road system, allowing the States to build the feeder and connecting roads, such an expenditure will be far from sufficient.

To those to whom the idea of greater Federal expenditure means higher taxes, it is pointed out that the good road more than pays for itself, and that the increased profits, the decreased costs of hauling, and the increased land values, which inevitably follow the establishment of a system of national highways, will not only pay the entire cost of the roads, but a handsome profit besides.

H. L. Cannon and wife have recently left for Gainesville, their old home, to visit relatives. They went from here to Ft. Worth to visit their daughter and other relatives. It is not known where they will locate, probably in Ft. Worth or Dallas.

## What Becomes of the License Fees

Forty-eight States collected \$152,367,923 in 1922 as receipts from automobile license fees. The cost of collection, the cost of the plates themselves, and other expenses was less than four million dollars, so that a total of \$148,750,000 was left as the net receipts to be spent on highways.

This sum is divided into appropriations for State highway departments, 16 millions; Federal aid funds, 34 millions; maintenance of Federal aid roads, 32 millions; construction of other than Federal aid roads, 6 1/2 millions; maintenance of other than Federal aid roads, 21 1/2 millions; and given as aid to counties, 25 1/2 millions.

New Hampshire collects the largest revenue per individual car or truck, getting an average of \$25.73 each, while Arizona is easiest upon car owners from the license standpoint obtaining but \$5.69 each.

## Crowell Boy Married at Wichita Falls Saturday

Information has reached us that Roy Cooper was married to Mrs. Essie Reinhardt of Wichita Falls last Saturday, the 15th. They will make their home in that city.

Mr. Cooper is the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Cooper of this place and is well known here, having been reared from childhood in this city.

## Will Move to Plains

E. J. McKinley, who has been farming on the Long Bros. place 2 1/2 miles east of Thalia for the last three years, was in town Monday and had some bills struck advertising his livestock and farming implements for sale. He will move to Lorenza where he will enter the garage business.

Mr. McKinley came from Cooke county here three years ago.

## Ships Cotton Seed

J. L. Ward of near Thalia was here Tuesday loading out cotton seed of the Half-and-Half variety for Estillene for planting purposes. Mr. Ward had sold 95 bushels of this variety of seed at \$2.50 per bushel.

## Death Removes Another Citizen from Our City

After an illness of several weeks following a decline of health for years, J. S. Long passed away Sunday morning about 11 o'clock at his home in Crowell.

Mr. Long was born in Jack County, Texas, February 5, 1863, and came with his father's family when he was 18 years of age to what was then Hardeman County, now Foard, remaining here the remainder of his life.

He was married in 1893 to Miss Ella Jobe of this county to which union there were born three children, one son and two daughters.

The deceased is survived by his wife and two children, John E. Long, formerly of Magdalena, N. M., and Miss Annie Lee, who remains at home with her mother, also by two brothers, J. F. Long of Crowell, and W. J. Long of Thalia, and by two sisters, Mrs. James Garrett of Thalia, Texas, and Mrs. H. P. D. Howard of Oklahoma City.

The two sisters were the only near relatives who could not attend the funeral.

Mr. Long had been a member of the Baptist church for 20 years and had been a consistent and faithful member.

He was one of the substantial citizens of this county and was a good man in every sense of the word. He lived a life eminently worthy of emulation, and we could not pay him a higher tribute than this, but he was worthy of it.

Funeral services were held at the Baptist church Monday afternoon, after which interment took place in the Crowell cemetery.

## Former Crowell Man Making Good Record with Citrus Assn.

The close of the year found the Irwindale Citrus Association in fine condition with a report of which it need not be ashamed even with a bad year due to freeze and crop shortage.

During the year closing Oct. 31, the association shipped 70,821 packed boxes of fruit, or 177 car loads of 400 boxes each. This was done on less than 50 per cent of a normal crop.

The association received six new members and had no withdrawal. There are now 124 members with 1,300 acres represented. C. E. Hutchison, secretary-manager, has made a good record.—Covina (Cal.) Citizen.

## Lowell Wells Married Durant, Okla., Girl

Cards have been received here announcing the marriage of Mr. Lowell E. Wells of Dalhart, Texas, and Miss Helen Hinkle of Durant, Okla. Mr. Wells is well known in Crowell, having practically been reared here. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Wells, early residents of this community who moved to Dalhart several months ago. Mrs. Wells is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Hinkle of Durant. The News extends to the newlyweds the heartiest congratulations and best wishes.

## Makes Fifty-Bale Crop, Worth 75 Bales Last Year

Will Parrish of Rayland made 75 bales of cotton last year which represented a neat sum of money, but his crop this year, he says, is cut to 50 bales, yet it represents a sum equal to the 75-bale crop last year.

He plans to take a trip to California this winter, instead of to Florida, as he did last, but he shall not tackle the trip in a benzine wagon.

## Fourteen Cars of Cattle Were Shipped from Crowell Monday

Fourteen cars of cattle went out from Crowell Monday, all except one car going to the Fort Worth market.

Five individuals shipped together, J. W. Bell having 3 cars; Sam Russell 2; Jim Gribble 2; Dr. J. M. Hill 3; L. K. Johnson 3, two of which went to Fort Worth for beef and one to the Plains to be grazed.

This shipment of livestock represents a money value of about \$11,000.

## SELF HARDWARE STORE TO CHANGE HANDS JANUARY 1

A contract has been drawn and forfeitures put up in a deal between J. H. Self & Sons and Frank Long and Frank Crews for the sale of the Self Hardware business to Messrs. Long and Crews. The change in the operation of the business is to take place the first of the coming year. Invoice of the stock will commence within a few days.

The deal includes the hardware stock and a 5-year lease on the building occupied by J. H. Self & Sons and also the building occupied by the Self Motor Company. There was included in the deal two quarter sections of land, one by Mr. Long and one by Mr. Crews, as payments on the business.

Mr. Self will go out of the hardware business but will not retire from active business life. He and his two sons, J. C. and G. D., will erect a new and modern garage building on the site now occupied by the old tin warehouse on Main Street, and will handle Ford cars and operate a general garage as the Self Motor Company has been doing. The present Self garage building will be used by the new firm as a place for the display of implements, also for the main office for the business.

Mr. Self has been in business here for 23 years. The first eight years his stock consisted of hardware and groceries but for the last 15 years he has handled hardware and implements exclusively.

He says he can not be contented to retire from active business all together and will have an active part in the new garage business when this is opened up.

Work on the new modern garage building, Mr. Self says, will start as soon as possible after the first of the year. The Self Motor Co. will remain at the present location until the new building is completed.

The men who are to take over the hardware and implement business are well known citizens of this county and substantial men who are just the kind to make a business of this kind continue to go, as it has been going under the management of J. H. Self & Sons.

## A Farmer's Profit on Road Building

A land owner in a Southern State had a large property of many acres, a beautiful house, and a big peach orchard in bearing. Family circumstances made it necessary for him to sell his property, which was valued about a hundred thousand dollars. Putting it in the hands of some able real estate men, the property owner received several calls from prospective purchasers. He met these purchasers at the railroad station, motored them six miles over a good State road, and half a mile over a very rough and bumpy dirt road to his house.

None of them purchased. Acting on the advice of one of the real estate men, the owner spent five thousand dollars and made that last half mile as good as the State road. The property was sold at a price which included the cost of the road, plus a profit on the road, within one month of its completion!

What happens in one case will happen in another. A good road greatly increases the value of all adjacent realty, especially farms.

## Vivian Couple Wed at Kirkland Sunday

Mr. I. D. Gilbert and Miss Ivey Mae Fish were married in Kirkland Sunday afternoon, Rev. Margin of Memphis officiating. They were accompanied by Misses Jewel, Dollie and Myrtle Fish and Messrs. J. M. Sosebee, R. N. Beatty Jr. and Roy Young.

Mr. Gilbert has made his home in our community for the last three years, his former home being Trenton, Fannin County, Texas.

The bride is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Fish. She was reared in this community and was loved by all who knew her.

They will make their future home in Trenton. Their many friends wish for them a long, happy life.—Contributed.

## Railroad Promoters Enthusiastic Over Hearing at Austin

An enthusiastic bunch was that which arrived in Thalia from the railroad hearing in Austin. The party consisted of Col. C. H. Powell, promoter of the T. P. & G. railroad, E. J. Noonan who made the survey, C. R. Young of Chicago, attorney for the road, Mr. and Mrs. John Sharp of Turkey, Foster Klous of Thalia, and Byron C. Utecht, special correspondent for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

The party arrived here at about 8:00 p. m. Sunday, just ahead of the big blizzard, and departed on Monday morning.

A number of the railroad boosters met with Col. Powell and his party at Hotel Thalia Monday morning. Despite the driving blizzard and the snow storm the entire assembly was full of vim and optimism over the prospect of getting the permit to build the proposed line from the Interstate Commerce Commission. Col. Powell and the entire assembly of those gathered at the Hotel Thalia lined up on the street in front of the hotel and Mr. Utecht made a snap shot picture.

Col. Powell as well as the others in the party and those most enthusiastic about the road in Thalia are very much pleased over the hearing at Austin and it is believed that the "proof of the pudding" to be submitted to the interstate commerce commission, will readily gain their approval and that it is only a matter of time until the certificate of necessity will be forthcoming.—Thalia Herald.

## Christmas Day to Be a Legal Holiday for Rural Carriers

Postmaster Leo Spencer has received information from the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General to the effect that rural carriers will be granted Christmas day as a legal holiday. This comes as an amendment to the Postal Laws and Regulations which has been approved by this official and which makes it effective.

In accord with this ruling carriers are urged by the department to be sure of making all deliveries of Christmas packages before Christmas day and of advising rural residents of the fact so that they may arrange for as early mailing of packages as possible.

## Capital Stock of Lone Star Investment Co. Increased to \$100,000

The capital stock of the Lone Star Investment Company of Fort Worth, of which C. P. Sandifer of this city is president, has been increased from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

Mr. Sandifer reports the business as being in a thorough going way and that he is highly pleased with it. He has associated with him men of reliability and men who have proven themselves competent to handle a business of that kind. So that its success is assured from the start.

## MARGARET NEWS (By Special Correspondent)

Ed Dunn has returned from a long stay in Kansas.

Bro. Johnston made a business trip to Quanah Wednesday.

Homer Frye has returned from a visit with relatives in Sweetwater.

Brown Franklin of Thalia is here to spend the holidays with his mother.

D. M. Ferebee and son, Junior, were visiting relatives here Wednesday.

Our public school faculty is in Crowell this week attending the institute.

Mrs. Cherry left Saturday for a visit with her children in Sweetwater and Hamlin.

Bro. Johnston and wife went to Vernon to attend the centenary meeting last week.

Bud Dunn and Uncle Jake Middlebrook went to Altus Friday after Uncle Jake's truck.

Mrs. Harding Russell went to Crowell Sunday to attend the institute there this week.

## CHRIST—HIS DAY

Christmas, 1923.  
What does it signify?  
A day of feasting, rest and pleasure to some.  
A time of idleness and jollification to others.  
But to those who think it signifies the flight of time—ninetee hundred and twenty-three years since the birth of the Perfect Man.

—o—  
What will we do on Christmas day?

Some will find their favorite newspaper and an easy chair too enticing to leave.

Others will glide swiftly over smooth country roads in one of their accustomed joy rides, weather permitting.

Numerous forms of diversion will be resorted to in order to pass away the time.

There will be family reunions, and feasting, and renewing of acquaintances, and discussions on the topics of the day.

And some—we hope many—will wend their way to their respective places of worship and reverently listen to the minister tell the story of the Perfect Man, the Man of Men.

—o—  
The world has produced many men of greatness who enjoy enviable space in history.

It has produced but one man whose personality and whose deeds elevate him above all men of all ages, of all races and of all time, whose praises have been sung since the Star of Bethlehem beckoned the wise men of the east.

That man was Christ, and Christmas is HIS day.

Don't make it yours.

Miss Ibbie Middlebrook entertained the young people with a forty-two party Saturday night.

Mrs. M. O'Connell visited her sister, Mrs. Jim Malone, Sunday, returning home with a fine turkey from their place.

Mack Bradford and wife of Medicine Mound have moved back to Margaret. We are glad to have them back.

Temp Fletcher spent a few days this week with homefolks. He returned to his work in the oil fields Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wesley leave this week for El Reno, Okla. They will visit with their children of that city during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Goodman announced the marriage of their daughter, Emma, to Mr. Bill Crisp of Rayland. The young people went to their beautiful new home in that place Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Ross celebrated their eleventh wedding anniversary Sunday with a big turkey dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ross, Mrs. Malone and daughter, Ruth, and Raymond Ross were guests.

## REVENUE FROM TEXAS CARS TO AVERAGE \$14.70

Austin, Dec. 19.—Under the new motor tax law which becomes effective Jan. 1, the average cost of registration for each motor vehicle will be approximately \$14.70, according to a computation made Wednesday afternoon by the State Highway Commission in monthly session here. Various makes of cars and models were taken into consideration in reaching this figure.

The commission used Dallas County as an example and it was estimated that the tax collected by that county will reach about \$880,000, of which the county will retain \$250,000 and the balance goes to the State Highway fund.

The commission spent the day conferring with county judges and engineers on road maintenance which will obviate any serious difficulty when the State takes over the maintenance of designated highways on Jan. 1.

The commission made a number of minor adjustments of highways, but no new allotments were made for lack of funds.

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Be sure pure water goes into your battery. We have it.—Swain's Garage.

Never judge others by what you are yourself. It might be unfair to them.

When you think you are wise be careful or you will act foolish.

Some people's consciences never bother them until after they get caught.

### AYERSVILLE NEWS (By Special Correspondent)

Mr. and Mrs. Oldham are the proud parents of a ten-pound boy which arrived Wednesday, the 12th.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Durham of Jameson came over Sunday in their new Ford touring car to visit relatives a few days.

Charlie Blevins and family left Tuesday for Wichita Falls and Fort Worth to visit relatives until after Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Gunn and daughter of Rayland spent Sunday with Will Gamble and family.

There will be a Christmas tree at the Gambleville school house Monday night. A good program will be rendered. Everybody invited.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. R. Fox were Crowell visitors Saturday.

Mrs. J. A. Smith visited her daughter in Chillicothe from Saturday until Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Gamble and daughter, Mrs. Zola Greening, visited Mrs. Inez Gamble in Vernon Saturday.

J. W. Davis and family and Mr. and Mrs. John Bradford attended the singing at West Rayland Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Luke Johnson of Thalia and Greek Davis and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pencock.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Marlow spent Sunday with George Pierce and family near Margaret.

D. M. Shultz has installed an oil burner in his heating stove.

Ray Pyle is doing some carpenter work for Tom King near Crowell this week.

Mr. and Mrs. V. A. McGinnis have made several trips to Vernon the last week visiting their grandson which arrived last week to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Phillips.

Ed Cates and children and Mrs. Webb of Dixie spent Sunday with Walter Shultz and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Weathers of Dixie spent Saturday night and Sunday with the latter's brother, Bill Marlow, and family.

E. W. Burrow and family and Vernon Pyle and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Pyle in Crowell.

A meeting was held at the Gamble school house Thursday night and the literary was re-organized. The first program will be rendered the first Friday night in January.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. R. Fox, Mr. Ruckman and family and Dave Shultz Jr. from here were among those attending the wedding of Mr. Fox's granddaughter, Miss Sylvia Fox to Mr. Duffey which occurred at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Columbus Fox, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bradford have changed their plans of farming on the Plains and will live on his father's farm near Margaret the coming year.

### THALIA ITEMS (By Special Correspondent)

Quite a few from here attended the funeral of Jas. Long at Crowell Monday.

Claude, Leotus and Charley Roberts of Vernon are working in this community.

Several persons enjoyed the musical at Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hopkins Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Neill and mother, Mrs. T. A. Johnson, went to Vernon Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Harbin and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Phillips were shopping in Crowell Monday.

Mrs. Harbin and little son of Arlington are visiting her son, Alton Harbin, and wife here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Raser and Mr. and Mrs. Sylvan Haney of Crowell and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Haney and little son of Talmage visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Haney, here Sunday.

School was suspended here last Friday until after the Christmas holidays. The teachers are attending the institute at Crowell this week.

Preaching was well attended at the Baptist church at both the morning and evening services last Sunday.

Monta Wisdom is doing some inside painting for Walter Banister this week.

Several men from here went to the Wichita river hunting Monday afternoon and spent the night.

Mrs. Frank Pittillo visited her sister, Mrs. W. F. Reed, near Crowell Saturday night and Sunday. Mrs. Reed has been sick for the past ten days.

Will Johnson of this place and B. W. Johnson of Altus, Okla., were in Crowell Saturday. They visited Jas. Long while there.

J. R. Rabb of Weatherford is here again this week looking after his farming interests.

B. W. Johnson of Altus, Okla., visited relatives in this community

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from Thursday till Sunday.

The Boy Scouts will go on a hike to the Wichita breaks the last of the week. They will bring back the cedar tree to be used for the union Christmas tree at the Baptist church Monday night.

The families of A. C. Phillips and Henry Randolph spent Sunday in the Hugh Thompson home north of Vernon.

Mrs. Zeriel Meason, a recent bride, was the honoree at a shower given by

her numerous friends at the home of Thursday afternoon. Cake and fruit Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Thompson last salad were served.

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# REDUCING Grocery Stock

In order to reduce our stock of groceries we are going to sell at cost until the first of January, 1924. This sale starts Wednesday, December 12. Now is the time to get your groceries at big money saving prices.

Note the following prices:

Marechal Neil and Oriole flour, per sack	\$1.75
Colorado re-cleaned Pinto beans, per 100	\$7.95
Colorado re-cleaned Pinto beans, 50 pounds	\$4.00
Colorado re-cleaned Pinto beans, 25 pounds	\$2.10
70-pound sack of Michigan meat salt	\$1.35
3-pound bucket White Swan coffee	\$1.40
3-pound bucket First Pick coffee	\$1.15
3-pound bucket Maxwell House coffee	\$1.15
2 1/2-pound bucket Folgers coffee	\$1.15
4 pounds fancy Santos Peaberry coffee	\$1.00
25 pound box raisins, apricots, peaches, prunes, each per box	\$2.85
10-pound box of same, each	\$1.40
No. 2 hand packed tomatoes, new stock, per case	\$2.45
Fancy corn corn, White Swan, A1 and First Pick, per case	\$3.45
No. 2 Kuners Cut Green beans, per case	\$3.25
No. 2 Kuners Sauer Kraut, per case	\$2.45
All cane syrup, any brand, per gallon	.90c
No. 2 Campbell's Pork and Beans, per can	10c
Post Toasties, per box	12 1/2c
Regular 35c box Hershey's Cocoa, sale price	20c
Gallon can peaches, apricots, apples, sale price per gal.	50c
21 bars P. & G. Soap	\$1.00
One-pound carton Wilson's sliced bacon	40c

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### WEST RAYLAND NEWS (By Special Correspondent)

Something like one hundred and four dollars was the sum that was realized from the box supper last Friday night.

Mrs. Elvy Parkhill who has been very ill is slowly improving.

J. R. Coffman purchased the Will Morris place last week. Mr. Morris will move to near Lamesa, Texas, where he has purchased land. Mr. Coffman will move to the Morris place.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Jobe were called to Crowell to attend the bedside of their son-in-law, Jim Long, who died Monday morning.

Dick Luster and wife left Saturday for their home in Cooke County.

Herman Funk and family of Thalia and Herbert McKinley and family spent Sunday in the C. B. Davidson home.

Frank Ward and family were shopping in Vernon Monday.

Mrs. Wheeler and son of Vernon spent Sunday in the C. J. Fox home.

Mrs. Eric Wheeler was on the sick list Sunday and Monday.

A sister of Mrs. Clarence Culver from Headley, Okla., is here visiting her.

Sunday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Fox, Mr. Andrew Duffy of Rayland, and Miss Sylvia Fox, were united in marriage. These young people are well known in this community, the bride having been reared in this county. We wish them much happiness.

It was with sorrow that we learned of the death of Mr. Jim Long at Crowell. The writer has known the family most all of her lifetime, and to them we extend our sympathy.

**Thalia Methodist Church**  
Sunday will be our regular day at Thalia. Sunday School at 10:00 a. m., preaching at 11:00, and at 7:00 p. m. Let us again begin the celebration of our Lord's birthday Sunday by coming to church.  
**T. M. JOHNSTON, Pastor.**

**Margaret Methodist Church**  
We will have a community Christmas tree at the Methodist church at Margaret Monday night, the 24th. Everyone is invited to come and share with us our Christmas joys.  
**T. M. JOHNSTON, Pastor.**

Some people can never be truthfully accused of being dead from the get up. They have no feet.

There are lots of honest men in this world, but at that they must feel mighty lonesome.

When a fellow makes a fool of himself he emphasizes his predicament by trying to get from under.

Men who neglect to shave should look in the glass. Then they would know how others view them.

None of us are ever too old to learn, but not all of us have sense enough to realize it.

Never try to impart knowledge to the fellow who knows it all. He hasn't the capacity to absorb it.

The boys all say the Daisy air rifle is the best.—M. S. Henry & Co.

Have that old broken piece welded like new.—Swaim's Garage.

# For a Joyful CHRISTMAS

Here's hoping that Christmas will find you and yours radiantly happy and enjoying the bounties that years of love and friendship have brought you.

Also may the New Year be one of the most prosperous in your history.

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"The Crowns of Glory" now ready. Over one hundred new songs that you will like. Will accept orders for this new 1924 Gospel song book which sells for 35c per copy or \$3.60 per dozen at 25c per copy or \$2.40 per dozen post paid if orders reach me before Jan. 1, 1924. If its pep you want, these songs have it. Some of the best quartettes of the season in this book. It will suit you. Order now.—W. H. Dunagan, Sherman, Tex., Box 654. 27

For Sale—Real bargains in Foard county and Plains lands, farms and ranches. An agent for the Yellow House Canyon lands in Hockley and Lamb counties—\$25 per acre, small payments, 15 years time at 6 per cent.—J. W. McCaskill. 27

See our beautiful line of Christmas cards, with or without sentiments. Use any sentiment you like and we will print it on them together with your name.

#### Notice

No trespassing or hunting permitted in my pasture.—Furd Halsell. 27

#### BILL SAM'S DICTIONARY



By J. L. MARTIN  
Grandpa Wiggins says that if he continues to gain strength, he will be able in another week to take a treatment from the chiropractor who has opened an office in Taterhill.  
**CHIROPRACTOR:** One who treats diseases by readjusting the bones of the back, which is usually done. It is said, by first breaking your neck. Bill Sam's Dictionary, page 236.

The world becomes savage, starts wars and makes orphans, and then becomes humane and supports them.

Married life is a great inspiration to thrift and energy. A fellow works like the devil to annex a wife and then has to work like h-l to support her.

#### At the Christian Science Chapel

Services are held at the Christian Science chapel every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Subject for cluding Man Evolved by Atomic Force." Testimonial services Wednesday at 7:15 p. m. The public is cordially invited.

**DR. H. SCHINDLER**  
Dentist  
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Get a sack of Marechal Neil Flour at Fox & Sons. Every sack guaranteed. It's good stuff.

# Season's Greetings

MAY THE GLORIOUS HOLIDAY BRING YOU NO END OF JOY, PEACE AND CONTENTMENT. SUCH IS OUR SINCEREST WISH.

## Matthews-Crawford Grocery Co.

**THE FOARD COUNTY NEWS**

KIMSEY & KLEPPER, Owners and Publishers

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

Crowell, Texas, December 21, 1923

**THE PRICE OF CHICKEN POWDER AND LINIMENT**

Five packages of chicken powders of some kind and six bottles of liniment of some kind cost \$3.62. At least that is what one of our farmer friends paid for these necessities a short time ago when he purchased them from a traveling groceryman "taking orders."

There is no mistake about this. The invoice of the goods was placed in the hands of a local groceryman with a check in the amount of \$26.67 to be turned over to the salesman, or collector, whichever it may have been, and the local groceryman sat down and figured what the bill would have amounted to if it had been bought at regular prices in his store. He could have furnished all the items in staple and standard goods, except five packages of chicken powders and six bottles of liniment, it does not say what kind of either. There were nine items in all and the groceryman could have sold seven of them for \$23.05. The chicken powders and the liniment, therefore cost the man \$3.62.

Those who have bought liniment and chicken powders know that a small wagon load of them can be purchased at the local drug stores for a dollar, and unless our farmer friend has procured enough in the above mentioned deal to last a lifetime, he has evidently got the worst of the deal.

But let that be as it may, the farmer's money was sent out of the county and went towards the enrichment of somebody who does not give a continental whether Foard County ever develops and becomes a great country. He does not give the snap of his finger for our schools and churches. He is not interested in the building of highways over the county. We are talking about the foreign groceryman. The home man is interested in these things and he pays taxes and sweats blood many times to get our people to take some progressive step for the betterment of the town and country, but he is denied the profits of a legitimate business just because some slick-tongued guy pulls the wool over the buyers eyes and makes a sucker out of him.

Most of us fellows who are always charging that the Texas Legislature is made up of small-caliber men would, of course, make excellent members of that body ourselves, but we think instead of going before the people and asking for the job, we think they ought to come and get us and place us in the office. We would reluctantly serve but the best interests of our country would be an impelling force.

Those fellows who are hunting around in Ex-King Tut's tomb for gold are doing the wrong thing. One can say that only when he puts himself in Mr. Tut's place. We don't want folk coming around our tomb three thousand years after we are laid away trying to find gold and other valuables.

According to the Government's crop report for the year, we have produced one of more than eight billions dollars value. That means about \$80 per capita, but what worries us is how we are to get ours!

An Ohio judge has advised a citizen of that state, who was the proud possessor of 7 cats, 25 dogs and 11 children, that that is too much for one family. It's a positive and distinct contradiction to the claim of some that people should have large families.

Now they are fixing to build an airplane in France that can travel 375 miles an hour. At such speed as that it would require a whole day to cross the ocean, and who wants to be "poking" along like that?

Hazing has been practiced in the Texas A. & M. recently and some of the victims have left the institution and returned to their homes. The A. & M. is a great institution in spite of the fact that it still has some pupils whose stay in school for many years will be necessary before they advance to a stage of uncivilization.

**"What's in a Name?"**  
By MILDRED MARSHALL

Facts about your name; its history; meaning; whence it was derived; significance; your lucky day and lucky jewel

**BERTHA**

BERTHA, signifying bright, has an extraordinary ecclesiastical flavor. In old German chronicles the feast of Theophania is translated by a word meaning brightened night, and the root of that word is "perahta." How perahta, or berahta, became an individual character is too involved for space here, but it is sufficient to say that Perahta, or Bertha, was a sacred being, called, in an old Alsatian poem, the mild Berchte, in whose honor all young farmers dance, ring cattle bells and blow whistles throughout the night of the feast.

She is pictured as an old, white-haired woman, with a long nose, who creeps into nurseries and comforts little children neglected by their nurses. In other stories, she is used as a figure of terror to frighten children and is the avenger of idle spinners. Frau Bertha is undoubtedly the impersonation of the Epiphany, though there is an effort to connect her with the old mythical Huldr, and other etymologists believe her to be another name for the Goddess Freya, wife of Odin.

One of the most famous Berthas was the wife of Pepin and mother of Charlemagne, known as "Bertha aux grands pieds." Another Bertha of historical fame was her daughter, sister of Charlemagne and wife of Orlando, who, being in great wait, supported herself spinning until her son won recognition from his powerful uncle.

Because of Queen Bertha of Switzerland, the name has always been very popular there. It has also had great vogue in England since the Norman conquest, and even before that time it was in use, having named the daughter of Chilperic, king of Paris, and wife of Ethelbert of Kent, who smoothed the way for St. Augustine's mission. It is used quite commonly in France and Germany, and in Dante's time was so frequent in Italy that he places Monna Berta with Ser Martino as the chief of the gossips. Southey gave it additional vogue in England by so-called one of his heroines, and it even penetrated Greece by the marriage of a German princess of that name to a Greek emperor.

Bertha's talismanic stone is the beryl, which is said to keep its wearer amiable and with inconquerable charm. Wearing a beryl will reawaken love in married people. Sunday is her lucky day and 2 her lucky number.

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**His Opinion.**

Smithers—I see by the paper that they caught a girl on a freight train dressed in masculine attire.

Ben-Peck—That's what I call a wab in sheep's clothing.

**Archaeology on the March.**

In their progress through Asia Minor, Greek troops discovered in an old cemetery near Kutalia columns of blue marble formerly part of a great building of the Roman period. Many inscribed tablets were also picked up on the march.—Scientific American.

**Pyrex Week**

Dec. 15 to 22, Is Pyrex Week at Our Store

**Pyrex** Glass oven ware is a beautiful gift and is useful 365 days in the year.

**Free** A beautiful Pyrex Tea Pot and Tile given to the customer who buys the most Pyrex on these dates

Dec. 15 to 22

We will wrap your Xmas package

MAKE THIS A HARDWARE CHRISTMAS

**M. S. Henry & Co.**

HARDWARE FOR HARD WEAR

**Card of Thanks**

We take this opportunity of expressing our thanks and appreciation to our friends and neighbors for their kindness and help through the illness and death of our husband, father and brother.

MRS. J. S. LONG,  
JOHN LONG,  
ANNIE LEE LONG,  
FRANK LONG,  
WALTER LONG.

**SHEEP IN CATTLE COUNTRY**

Exception to Their Presence Under the Circumstances Was Natural to the Beef Producers.

Then out of a clear sky came the smell of sheep; all was o. k. at first, 'cause the cowmen figured there was plenty of range for everybody, even sheep. But soon enough the sheep kept getting thicker and their range poorer, which started the crowding on the cowman's best bits of country. Will James writes in Scribner's. There were a few parleys without the voice of the "smoke wagon" being heard—but sheep and sheep herders don't have much respect for words or rules or country; so they went at it to start spoiling it all; and the cowmen went on to finishing what the sheepmen had started, with the result that mostly sheepmen and sheep were missing. The government couldn't do much; they'd had to pinch about four states. The cattlemen won for a spell and all was hunky-dory again, outside of the damage sheep had done to the range. The dust beds they'd made out of the good grassy "benches" were beginning to show signs of life, the air was pure as ever and cattle were getting fat. The cattlemen were all good folks once more and tending to their business in land that was theirs. They were the first to blaze the trail to it; they made that land a big beef-producing country, it was their home, and naturally they wouldn't allow sheep coming along and leaving nothing of it but the bad odor.

Custom Many Centuries Old. The ancient ceremony of collecting wroth silver at daybreak on Martinmas eve due to the duke of Buccleuch as Lord of the Hundred was observed at Knightlow Hill, near Coventry, England. The custom has endured for more than 1,000 years, and 24 parishes pay the nominal tax which originated in certain privileges granted to the ancient residents. Before sunrise people went to the spot to pay their toll, and afterward they were entertained at breakfast.

**Don't overlook our Bargain Day**

All kinds of chicken feed, cow feed, horse feed, and hog feed, and the very best Colorado labeled coal

at

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**COAL**

I have pure Colorado Negrohead coal for sale at a big saving to you. You will find this as good coal as you can find and I am making a special price on it. It means a big saving to you if you need coal and want good quality with it. I am selling this at

**\$12.00 per ton While it Lasts**

I also have some Negrohead and other lump coal cheap.

Better not let this opportunity pass to get your winter's supply at a saving never before given.

**J. M. JONAS**

Phone 207

**JEWELRY BARGAINS**

Owing to the probability of my having to move from my present location and in order to meet the situation, I am going to reduce my stock of Jewelry and will have some mighty good bargains to offer.


Now is the time to buy good jewelry at low prices. My stock is good you will seldom find in this line such bargains as I will offer.

**A. C. GAINES**

# The Christmas Bells

WILL SOON BE PEALING. MAY THEIR RING BE JOY TO YOUR EARS AND FIND YOU HAPPIER THAN EVER.

THE BANK THAT BACKS THE FARMER



**THE BANK OF CROWELL**  
(UNINCORPORATED)

CAPITAL 100000.00 CROWELL, TEXAS

J.W. BELL, PRESIDENT  
T.M. BELL, ACTIVE V. PRES.  
S. S. BELL, CASHIER

## Local and Personal

Genuine coonskin caps.—Self's.

One lot dresses up to \$19.50, choice \$5.00.—Self's.

Phone any news items you may know to News—43.

Mrs. C. E. Thacker came in Monday from Fort Worth.

E. J. Smith preached at Vivian Sunday morning and afternoon.

The \$25.00 blue serge suit for men cannot be beat for the money at Self's.

Good piano and phonograph for sale or trade cheap.—M. S. Henry & Co.

For Sale—Young mule, 3 years old, unbroke.—D. M. Wisdom, one mile south of Thalia. 29p

Mr. and Mrs. Murry Martin and son, H. M., visited relatives in Cottle County last Sunday.

Free! A beautiful Pyrex tea pot and tile to the one who buys the most Pyrex.—M. S. Henry & Co.

Mr. Marvin Moore and Miss Altus Gregg were married in Crowell Tuesday afternoon by E. J. Smith.

Paul Bishop orders the address of his paper changed from Alvin to Odem, Texas, to which place he is moving.

New spring dresses at Self's.

Silk hose, all colors, all kinds.—Self's.

December 15 to 22 is Pyrex week.—M. S. Henry & Co.

Half and Half and pure Mebane and Kash seed at Crowell Gin. 27p

Charley Campbell is at home from Dallas to spend the holidays.

Good piano and phonograph for sale or trade cheap.—M. S. Henry & Co.

Q. R. Miller and wife and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gorrell made a trip to Spur Sunday.

A beautiful tea pot and tile free to the one buying the most Pyrex.—M. S. Henry & Co.

Mrs. S. E. Tate, Ed and Earl Ma-nard and A. L. Walling made a trip to Vernon last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Allee and children and Mrs. J. M. Allee made a trip to Vernon Tuesday.

Cliff Henry was here Monday morning from Quanah attending to business for Carroll Hardware Co.

The Haskell Telephone Co.'s construction crew is here this week doing some repair work on the lines.

A miscellaneous bazar will be given by the T. E. L. Class at the White Front Confectionery Saturday, December 22nd. 26p

New spring millinery at Self's.

If it's in the toy line the Owl has it.

Xmas gifts of service.—M. S. Henry & Co.

Kirschbaum overcoats for Christmas.—Self's.

Give her Pyrex, the most useful gift.—M. S. Henry & Co.

John Wishon has returned home to spend the Christmas holidays.

Make the Owl Drug Store your headquarters for Holiday purchases.

See my special sale on jewelry elsewhere in this issue.—A. C. Gaines.

Meet me at M. S. Henry & Co. They will wrap my Xmas packages for me.

The Owl has a fine assortment of Holiday goods. See them before you buy.

For Sale—Fat hogs, 225 lbs., 7c per pound.—J. S. Ray at farm 7 miles east of Margaret. 26p

Listen! For a few days only I will make some special prices and terms on pianos.—W. C. McKown.

The White Front Confectionery is selling Christmas toys at rare bargains. Rear of Bank of Crowell building. 26p

Lost—One pasteboard box containing 3 window shades wrapped, between Foard City and Crowell. Please return to W. R. Womack.

Marvin Howard and wife left last week for Lame, where they will make their home. The News will go to them each week at their new location.

Mrs. E. T. Kirkman has returned from an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Banister, at Cleburne and is now at the home of her son, Frank, near Margaret.

For Sale—I have 40 choice Barred Rock cockerels priced for quick sale at \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00. Six pullets and cockerel \$10.00.—Claude Callaway, Foard City, Texas. 28p

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Long and small daughter came in last Friday from Ft. Davis where they had visited with Mrs. Long's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Bomar, for two months.

Bryan O'Connell of Pittsburg and Elizabeth O'Connell of Wichita Falls are at home to spend the holidays. Mrs. O'Connell went to Wichita Falls in a car Monday and they accompanied her home.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Hughston returned home the latter part of last week from Clarendon where they had been living for two months. Mr. Hughston returned to Clarendon Wednesday to attend to business.

Halsell farms for sale in Lamb county, \$25.00 an acre, \$5.00 down, 15 years on balance, 6 per cent interest. This is the garden spot of the Plains, water 60 to 90 feet, black chocolate cat claw sand, soil 3 to 4 feet with red clay sub soil. This is known as the best drouth resisting land and not blowing sand, on good railroad and state highway. Will carry you to see this land free if you are interested. See Zeke Bell, exclusive agent, Crowell, Texas.

Service

Value

Quality

# THE Christmas Store

Never in the history of our store have we had so many things in the way of presents that are really useful.

We are very anxious that you visit our store Saturday and Monday for your Christmas shopping.

We have many special bargains and invite comparison.

## Self Dry Goods Co. One Price Cash Only

All coats greatly reduced at Self's.

Holiday goods of all kinds at the Owl Drug Store.

Men's new nobby velour hats for Christmas.—Self's.

The boys select Daisy air rifles every time.—M. S. Henry & Co.

A well assorted stock of Christmas toys at Ringgold's variety store. 27

Give Pyrex glass ovenware, useful 365 days in the year.—M. S. Henry & Co.

Buy your jewelry while you can get it at greatly reduced prices.—A. C. Gaines.

Make our store your headquarters. We will wrap your Xmas packages.—M. S. Henry & Co.

The White Front Confectionery is closing out Christmas toys at cost in the rear of the Bank of Crowell. 26p

Salesman wanted to sell sewing machines in West Texas territory. Expenses paid, car furnished.—W. C. McKown. 26

Mrs. L. A. Beverly, Mrs. Bert Bain and Mrs. Dow Miller returned home from Wichita Falls the latter part of last week.

Miss Mary Sam Crews came in this week from Columbia, Mo., where she is a student in the Christian College, and will spend the holidays with homefolks.

L. G. Gafford and family passed through Wednesday on their way from near Quanah to Lohn, McCulloch County, where they will make their home. They once resided near Foard City but for the last few years have been living in Hardeman County. Mrs. Gafford stopped at the News office and had her Foard County News renewed for a year.

One lot \$39.50 suits, choice \$19.85.—Self's.

A miscellaneous bazar will be given by the T. E. L. Class at the White Front Confectionery Saturday, December 22nd.

Mrs. Walford Thompson and small daughter returned Monday from a 5 weeks visit with her father, T. C. Hampton, near Barkdale, Texas.

One lot \$25.00 dresses, choice \$18.85.—Self's.

Christmas greeting cards 5c and 10c at News office. Christmas greetings are always appreciated by your friends.

When in Crowell visit Ringgold's variety store for Christmas presents, as we have a large stock to select from this season.

## Our Christmas Wish

To you, is "short but sweet." It is: "May this Christmas Day be the merriest you've ever had."

# Greetings

A few days remain for Holiday buying and we still have lots of things for the kiddies, and for grown-ups, too, as for that matter. If you have not completed your holiday shopping come in today or tomorrow and make your selections.

Let us express our wishes for a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

ACCURACY SERVICE COURTESY

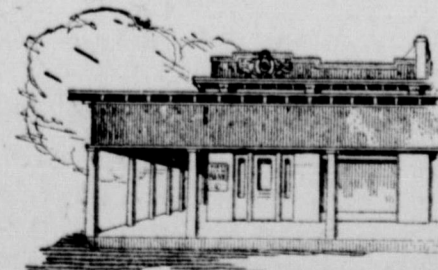


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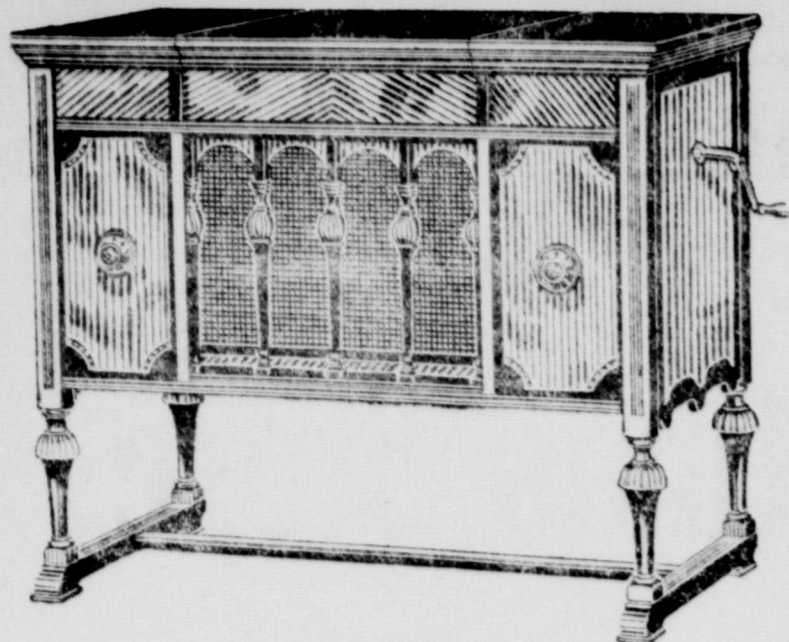
Subscription Campaign a Success

The subscription campaign which has been carried on by the News management this month has been a great success. We have received many new subscriptions together with a large number of renewals. We appreciate very much our old subscribers renewing and we are glad to get new readers. There will be no paper next week as has been our custom for many years. We wish you a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.



M. L. HUGHSTON, ACTIVE VICE-PRES.  
SAM CREWS, CASHIER  
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**THE FIRST STATE BANK**  
CROWELL, TEXAS



BRUNSWICK  
A Big Stock of New Records just received.  
GIVE A PHONOGRAPH  
We sell the Edison.  
We sell the Brunswick.

**W. R. Womack**

## Sink Studio

Crowell, Texas

Well, you are too late for Christmas pictures, but remember the new year. All that are made this week will be promised for New Year's.

L. V. ROBERTSON, Photographer

If you have no faith in yourself at least make a bluff. You may blunder through.

Mr. Coolidge's opposition to the bonus leads one to wonder how much it would cost him.

**Better Than Pills for Liver Ills.**  
You can't feel so good but what **NR** will make you feel better.  
Get a 25c. Box.  
**Nature's Remedy**  
Your Druggist  
FERGUSON BROS.

## Weak Back

Mrs. Mildred Pipkin, of R. F. D. 8, Columbia, Tenn., says: "My experience with Cardui has covered a number of years. Nineteen years ago... I got down with weak back. I was run-down and so weak and nervous I had to stay in bed. I read of

**CARDUI**

The Woman's Tonic

and sent for it. I took only one bottle at that time, and it helped me; seemed to strengthen and build me right up. So that is how I first knew of Cardui. After that... when I began to get weak and 'no account', I sent right for Cardui, and it never failed to help me."  
If you are weak and suffering from womanly ailments, Cardui may be just what you need. Take Cardui. It has helped thousands, and ought to help you.  
At all druggists' and dealers'.

## Quannah Sanitarium Damaged by Fire

A blaze seen coming out of the basement of the Quannah sanitarium Sunday morning at 10:45 caused the fire alarm to be sounded, and it was supposed that the first started from the furnace and was rapidly spreading over the west wall of the building.

Holes were cut in the wall and floods of water poured down which restricted the fire. The water damage was great, however, and a rough estimate is that it will be in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

There being two stairways in the building, the patients fortunately at no time were in danger, and were removed from the building without injury.

Dr. J. J. Hanna was seen this morning, and he stated that the fire originated in the basement, probably from a pile of kindling used by the three negroes living in the basement. The janitor, however, thinks that electric wiring might have started the fire. Dr. Hanna said:

"I was upstairs when I first noticed a whiff of smoke coming up, and the volume increased so rapidly that I turned in the alarm. There was ample time to get the patients out, there being only six on that floor, and while Dr. Conley carried out my daughter, Edith, I turned my attention to B. F. Clayborne, who had been operated on for gall stones five days before, and was besides in a run down condition. It would not do to expose him to the smoke coming up the stairways, hence we lowered him from the gallery to the ground with ropes.

"We were carrying insurance to the amount of \$30,000, though the building and contents have cost us over \$45,000. We hope to make a quick settlement with the insurance people, and expect to have the sanitarium in running order again after twenty days."—Quannah Tribune-Chief.

The wise man knows when to let the other fellow do the talking.

Many a dull mind is bright enough to keep a still tongue.

A lazy man is never too tired to frame an alibi.

Free advice is worth all that it costs.

## Miracles and the Christ Child

By Katherine Edelman

Indian Brave, Guided by Great Spirit, Reveals Story of Christmas

IN THE far-dung land of the west the early winter had been unusually mild and although it was nearing Christmas, now the weather was bright and clear, almost spring-like in its mildness.

Everywhere that the message of the Christ Child had reached, men and women were busy and happy preparing for the great day, a new and added joy of life surging within their hearts. Into each home there had come a strengthening and rekindling of family ties and a new birth of love and service that reached out even beyond the home.

Out on the reservation, however, the Indians went about their tasks as usual, for no hint of the wonder and the glory of the Christmas time had yet come to them. And if they felt a mysterious something in the air at this time, they understood it not at all, for the brightness from the Star of Bethlehem had not yet burst upon them.

Moonlight Brook was very lonely—she had only little Silver Star, her daughter, with her now—the big chief had sent Strong Oak, her husband, with other braves, on a mission to a distant village. And Moonlight Brook had missed him every hour, for their love was still burning as bright as the big camp fire that blazed near the topees at dusk.

Her love of the great open spaces helped to cheer her during the long hours of his absence. Every day with little Silver Star she wandered afar. In these lonely places that she went there always came to her the sense of some unknown presence—the hand of some great power.

Early one morning Moonlight Brook called little Silver Star to her and told her that they would go for a long walk, away up to Roaring Creek. Moonlight Brook was lost in wonder at the beauty of the scene, but a great and sudden change had come over the day. Now, looking at the lowering, threatening sky, she decided that she must make all possible haste back to the village. For with the darkness and the gloom that had come over all there had come, too, from across the prairie a low menacing wind that carried with it at times small, dry snowflakes.

With Silver Star in her arms Moonlight Brook started in the direction of the village, walking with the swift, strong stride of the woman who lives much in the open. The snow now was coming down in large flakes and the wind had grown blizzard-like in its velocity. Hope was fast dying within her, for she was trembling from exhaustion. Then overwrought nature did the thing which she had tried hard to keep from happening—she sank upon the snow—her last thought as she felt consciousness leaving her, to wrap the blanket closer about little Silver Star and to wait a prayer to the Great Spirit to take care of Strong Oak when she was gone.

But the prairie has many stories to tell of strange things that have happened there, and on this day there was added to the list another of those coincidences which happen oftener in real life than some would have us believe. For Strong Oak and his party came by the very spot where Moonlight Brook and Silver Star lay a short time after they had sunk exhausted. Some of the men had tried to take the other trail, but something within him, that strange, unknown force which comes to all at times, made him choose the Roaring Creek trail instead and he found his loved ones and with the help of the guides they reached the village in safety.

A few hours later, Moonlight Brook and Strong Oak sat hand in hand, the ecstatic happiness of being reunited surging within them. Moonlight Brook whispered over and over that it was a miracle that the Great Spirit had wrought that Strong Oak should have found her. And Strong Oak told her that while he had been gone he had heard the story of the Christ Child who had come upon earth on this day, which ever since has been called Christmas. As Moonlight Brook listened to the beautiful story that has been told so much, but which keeps its thrill through the ages, she felt that this day was indeed a day of miracles, for, like her bronzed brave, the story brought her a wonderful peace and stilled the restless longings which had come to her so often in the past.

—Western Newspaper Union

# A MERRY CHRISTMAS

To our friends and patrons alike. And when we say "Merry" we mean that real contented Happiness for which we all hope on this festive occasion.

## Russell Grocery Co.

Stock tubs, barrels, cisterns, flues and all kinds of tin and pipe work.— T. L. Hayes. tf

I have 110 acres land 4 miles southwest of town will sell. Take some stock.—W. J. Carter. tf

Cream, chickens and eggs wanted will pay the highest market price.— Matthews-Crawford Gro. Co. tf

More women are disappointed in marriage than in love. But not you, sister, not you.

The man with a big mouth has plenty of noise to spare.

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF ELECTION  
THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
County of Foard.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the 22nd day of December, A. D. 1923, at Thalia school house in Thalia Consolidated School District No. 3 in Foard county, Texas, as established by a declaration of the commissioners court of Foard county, Texas, in accordance with Article No. 2817 1-4, Revised Statutes of Texas 1923, which is recorded in Book 4, pages 367 and 368, of date of the 8th day of October, A. D. 1923, of the minutes of said court, in the county clerk's office of this county and by an order of the county trustees of Foard county, Texas, which is recorded in Book 1 (one), pages 252, 253 and 255, of date the 16th day of October, A. D. 1923, School Record Foard County, of the minutes of said trustees, in the county judge's office of this county, to determine whether a majority of the legally qualified property tax-paying voters of said district desire the issuance of bonds, numbered consecutively from 1 (one), to 40 (forty), both inclusive, of the denomination of \$1,000.00 each, aggregating \$40,000.00, to bear interest at the rate of six (6) per cent per annum, payable semi-annually April the 10th and October the 10th of each year, said bonds to be payable forty (40) years from date, maturing serially on the faith and credit of said Thalia Consolidated Common School District No. 3, in Foard county, Texas, to provide funds to be expended in payment of accounts legally contracted in building and equipping a brick school house at Thalia in said district and to determine whether the commissioners court of Foard county shall be authorized to levy, assess and collect annually while said bonds or any of them, are outstanding, a tax upon all taxable property within said district sufficient to pay the current interest on said bonds and provide a sinking fund

sufficient to pay the principal at maturity.

All persons who are legally qualified voters of this State and county and who are resident property taxpayers in said district shall be entitled to vote at said election.

Said election was ordered by the

county judge of this county by order made on the 28th day of November, A. D. 1923, and this notice is given in pursuance of said order.

Dated the 30th day of November, A. D. 1923.

L. D. CAMPBELL,  
Sheriff, Foard County, Texas.

## Attention Owners of Automobiles Trucks and Tractors

As you know, the expense of Motor Oil is the least expense connected with the operation of an Automobile, Truck or Tractor. You cannot afford to use Motor Oil that is other than the best.

## 100 Per Cent Pennsylvania Amalie Motor Oil

—Medium, Extra Medium, Heavy, Extra Heavy—

Are made from 100 per cent Pure Pennsylvania Crude Oil and each package is so stenciled. It is generally acknowledged that motor oils made from Pennsylvania Crude stand more heat and form less carbon than oils made from any other crude.

## Texhoma Oil & Refining Company

W. B. WHEELER, Agent  
Crowell, Texas

## The Economical Housewife

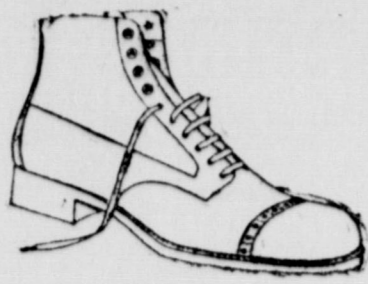


will appreciate the HIGH QUALITY OF OUR GOODS and, besides, OUR PRICES are the LOWEST POSSIBLE, consistent with QUALITY and PROMPT SERVICE.

Sanitary Market

Q. R. Miller, Propr.

# WHAT TO GET HIM FOR Christmas



SHOES

**The Famous Weyenberg Brand**  
A gift that any man will appreciate. They are guaranteed to give satisfaction. Prices range from \$3.00 to \$6.75.



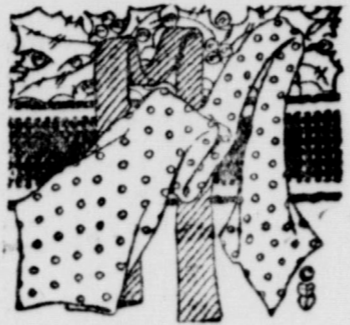
**HE'LL WANT HOSIERY**  
Why Not As a Christmas Gift?  
Give him a half dozen pair or more of silk or silk and wool hose such as we offer for \$1.00 and \$1.25.



WHITE SHIRTS

Something that he can never have enough of. See our variety in attractive materials. Splendid values and very appropriate gifts.

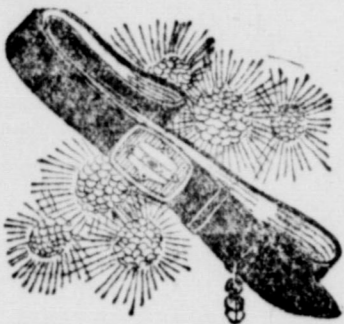
## Give Him Neckwear



Highly desirable to every man or boy are the many nifty creations we have in our Neckwear section. Both four-in-hand or bow Ties in the latest colors and materials. Put up in gift boxes.

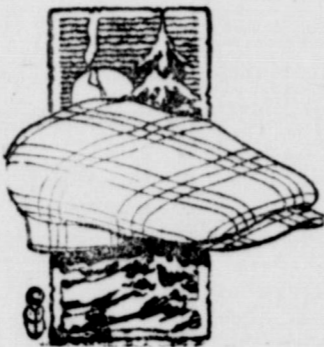


**UNDERWEAR**  
A couple of our union suits of wool, silk and wool or cotton underwear will surely please him.



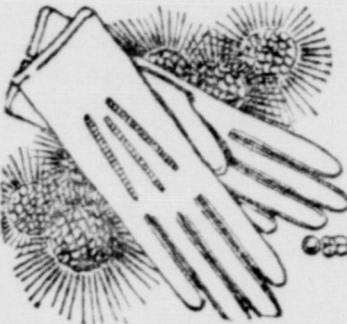
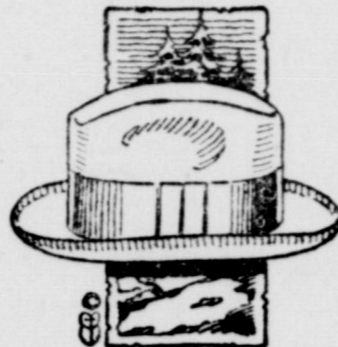
GIFT BELTS

We have a wide variety of Belts and Belt Buckles that will please him.



Men's and Boys' HATS AND CAPS

We invite you to look over the many fine Hat and Cap Gift suggestions we have ready for your selection.



GIFT GLOVES

No question but what Gloves will make as good a Xmas gift as he would want. We have them in dress kid, Mocas, and a wide variety of lined gloves, priced right.

# The Magee Toggery

**T. E. L.**

The T. E. L. Class met Dec. 13th with Mrs. McLaughlin and Mrs. Rennels in Mrs. McLaughlin's home. The devotional was led by Mrs. Self followed by prayer by Mrs. Billington, after which the president took charge. Brief reports were given by all the officers present. Some new business was discussed and it was decided to have a bazaar on Dec. 22nd.

We elected Mrs. Rennels treasurer. "Standard of Excellence" was commented on and all wanted to have our class up to this wonderful standard. Mrs. Billington read us a sweet little Christmas story and our hostesses passed a tempting plate. All left with reluctance, wishing we had more time to spend together. Hostesses for January are, Mesdames L. D. Campbell, R. E. Ellis and R. D. Oswalt.—Reporter.

**COLUMBIAN CLUB MEMBERS ENTERTAINED AT DINNER**

Members of the Columbian Club and additional guests were delightfully entertained at a dinner by five hostesses Thursday evening, Dec. 13, at the home of Mrs. C. R. Ferguson. The hostesses included Misses Litha Crews, Irene Hunter and Mesdames J. R. Beverly, Que Miller and C. R. Ferguson.

The Ferguson home was very pret-

tily decorated for the occasion, Christmas garlands and bells being freely used in carrying out the color scheme of green and red. The tables were beautifully laid with poinsetta center pieces, and tiny Christmas baskets for place favors. At the conclusion of the dinner, tables were arranged for "42" which proved a pleasing diversion for the evening and the score cards and other appointments of the game carried out the Christmas theme. High score in the games was won by Messrs. J. R. Beverly, M. L. Hughston and Miss Thorp.

Those present included members of the Columbian Club, Mesdames Harry J. Fast, Corsicana, and Robert Leonard, Memphis, Tenn. Messrs. Decker Magee, Glen Shults and Doyle Kenner.

**Senior Epworth League**

Subject—Lessons of the nativity of our Lord.

Leader—Christine Campbell.

Hymns 107 and 115 in Methodist Hymnal. Prayer.

Scripture reading—John 5:23.

Piano reading—Catherine Clark and Christine Campbell.

What the wise men found—Lozell Kincaid.

The supreme expression of love—Juanita Campbell.

The Savior of the world—Charlotte Gaines.

What this day means to us—Cornelia Beidleman.

Our Christmas gifts—Mammie Lee Collins.

**Card of Thanks**

We wish to extend our thanks and appreciation to the people of Crowell who in any way rendered assistance and sympathy in the recent death of our father, T. T. Kuykendall. May God bless you.

CHARLIE KUYKENDALL,  
WILL KUYKENDALL,  
MRS. M. STEVENSON.

**Notice to Farmers**

The undersigned gins will not gin cotton on the first three days of next week, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, but will run the gins the last three days.

FARMERS GIN,  
CROWELL GIN,  
KIMBELL GIN.

## Pebbles Picked Up in Passing

Financiers and industrial leaders are repeatedly assuring us that 1924 is to be a prosperous year.

What's the matter with 1923, that we must be bolstered up with such assuring prophecies?

True, we occasionally hear some isolated remark about hard times, but where are they? Certainly not in the United States. Wages are high, employment is good, everybody has money, and we all appear to be happy.

We have no foreign complications, everything is serene at home, and even booze is easy to obtain.

Hard times? Shucks! Talk about something that's in evidence.

It is natural for a child to be a spender. It should be taught to be a saver.

Character and inclinations are formed in youth, if not destroyed or corrected they remain into old age.

When you give your child a nickel teach it to save 3 cents and spend the other two. As soon as it is old enough to understand something of the future it will also comprehend the value of saving while young to insure comfort in old age.

If you do not mold the child's inclinations while young it will not be able to control them in maturity.

It is clearly up to you.

Three hundred millions to be lopped off of the people's taxes during the coming year.

That sounds like a very big sum of money. To people who do not think it will sound like a tremendous relief to them personally.

But let's consider the facts.

Roughly speaking, there are one hundred millions of people in the United States. At a dollar a head that would mean \$3 a year for each person. Averaging five persons to each family, it would mean a saving of \$15 to each family, if all people were on a par in the matter of wealth.

But when John Smith has \$10,000 worth of property and Sam Jones has \$1,000,000 worth, it affords a substantial relief to the man of wealth and practically nothing to the poorer man, even on the proposed sliding scale of reduction.

Then again, the Mellon scheme, which is the one advocated by big business men of swollen incomes, would wipe out about fifty per cent of the income tax. That tax is paid principally by men of large incomes, who do not need the relief that would be handed to them.

Do not let big business delude you into the belief that the Mellon scheme of tax reduction is any great relief to the man of \$10,000 or under.

Thus far Mr. Mellon has succeeded in defeating the soldier bonus against the expressed wish of a large majority of the American people.

Now he seeks to hand a melon to the rich and a green persimmon to the poor in the matter of tax reduction.

A great head, but one that has over-shot the mark.

Christmas again! The glad day never fails to arrive on time. You will go to church (?), and eat a fine dinner, and enjoy the delights of home. But don't let it stop at that. Give your horse an extra feed, and a blanket if he is cold. And don't forget your dog, your cat, and your canary. They are all placed upon this earth for a purpose, just as we are. And they are entitled to consideration, just as are. Too often they do not receive it.

**Notice**

To the stockholders of the Crowell National Farm Loan Association:

The annual meeting of said association will be held January 8, 1924, at which time the election of five directors and the transaction of other business of the association will be attended to and the payments of the semi-annual dividends in case we have them in hand. All members are asked to be present.

J. C. THOMPSON, Sec.-Treas.

"At the age of 45 a man wishes that he knew as much as his 20 year old son," chirps a brother editor. And if he has no son he wishes he had one to tell him what he ought to know.

If we could send all of our bad men to war and get them bumped off we'd say whoop 'er up and keep 'er a-whooping.

**Hartley County Lands**

10,000 acres located near Channing cut into any sized tract at from \$12 to \$15 per acre. Terms to suit purchaser. See J. C. Thompson, Crowell, Texas.

The boaster seldom makes good on his boast. It requires nerve to do that.

Good looks are of little value unless accompanied by good manners.

Don't scoff when you catch your wife admiring herself in the glass. Perhaps you make it necessary by your silence.

People with brains do not make light of those who have none.

A loverick youth is a barrel of fun to everybody but himself.

Adding machine paper at News.

## Groceries Cheap

Our prices are right and they must continue to be right throughout the new year soon to be ushered in.

Our grocery stock is the newest in town and is first class. So we are not only offering you goods from a new stock but we are offering them at money-saving prices for cash. So we would say "Pay cash and pay less." You will find it a good policy. It will mean a protection to you bank account.

Come around. We will treat you right.

## Shelton Cash Grocery

Phone 181

We deliver any time.  
Located west of Bon Ton Cafe

## Gas, Oil and Greases

FOR TRACTORS and AUTOMOBILES  
**TEXHOMA OIL & REFINING CO.**

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Office at Quick Service Station

## INSURANCE

Fire, Tornado, Hail, Etc.  
Mrs. A. E. McLaughlin

## Knox City Sanitarium

A nice quiet homelike place, where you can have the comforts of a home with the advantages of a light, sanitary, up-to-date operating room ready for any emergency. Under the care of the best of nurses with my careful personal attention.

T. S. EDWARDS, Surgeon

# GREETINGS

The Spirit of Christmas is in the air. Festive decorations and activities everywhere, proclaim it. Happy, smiling faces that greet you wher'er you tread, convey it. 'Tis truly, the right Yuletide spirit.

So, with 'naught but happy thoughts, this store joins with others in wishing all you folks of Crowell

The Happiest of  
CHRISTMASES

And with that wish, goes forth the hope that our future commercial relations with you will be as happy in the future as they have been in the past.

1892

R. B. Edwards Co.

1923

# FREE TURKEY

Next Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock three will be a number of turkeys turned loose in Crowell from the top of the Court House. The man, woman, boy or girl who catches one of the Turkeys will be the Legal owner of it.

Everybody come and perhaps you will get the turkey.

The merchants of Crowell are going to donate these turkeys for this purpose and there will be a number of them.

If you catch a turkey and do not need it, this is a good time to do a charitable deed by giving it to some poor family that is not able to is not able to buy one.

Be sure and come.

Business Men of Crowell

**At the Methodist Church**  
The elementary department will have charge of the opening exercises of Sunday School. They will give their Christmas program. If you want to hear them you must come to Sunday School. The school meets at 9 o'clock promptly.

The sermon subject for the morning hour will be an appropriate Christmas message. The evening hour will be given to a Christmas program. The program will be spiritual and worshipful and will consist of song and scripture reading and a pageant on the annunciation. If you want to spend a really spiritual and worshipful hour in the celebration of the birth of our Lord, come and be with us. There will be a message for you at both hours and a hearty welcome.

T. C. WILLETT, Pastor.



## Your Battery

- may die of thirst
- may starve to death
- may be injured by over-heating

Drive in and let us tell you how a little attention now and then will help prevent these troubles. Our business is to make your battery last longer.

Swaim's Garage



## INSURANCE

Fire and Tornado

LEO SPENCER,

## Christmas Day in Own Home

By ETHEL COOK ELIOT

**Mother, Father and Children Have Special Guests at Family Feast**

“I'M ALMOST glad we're not going to our Grand-mother's for Christmas this year,” Mrs. Will confided to Mr. Will a week before that great day. “Do you realize we've never had a Christmas here in our own home, just ourselves and our family?”

“Yes, I've been thinking of that,” Mr. Will replied. “Let's keep it just ourselves, and give the kiddies one truly home Christmas to remember.”

As usual, Mr. and Mrs. Will were in complete agreement in their ideas and emotions. Mrs. Will sighed contentment, too; for after all, such harmony as theirs is not so common in this workaday world of wives and husbands.

But as Christmas day grew nearer and nearer Mrs. Will suddenly realized she was nursing a sick conscience. There was something she had not the heart to confide to Mr. Will. Now, Mr. Will had a sick conscience, too. There was something he had not the heart to confide to Mrs. Will.

But fortunately everything was straightened out before Christmas, that day of peace, dawned.

Billy, their oldest, didn't know what the word conscience meant. Of course he had heard mother and father whispering about how nice a strictly family Christmas would be.



He had heard them, but perhaps he hadn't understood their sentiment. Anyway, at luncheon, two days before Christmas, he suddenly blurted, “Say, Mom, I've asked Jim Larkin to our Christmas dinner and the tree. You know his folks are in Europe, and he's just staying on at the school. Thought he'd like it here better. More homelike.”

“Oh, bother, Billy,” Lucy cried—thirteen-year-old Lady Lucy. “I've asked Patty Brown. She hasn't any folks anywhere, even in Europe. Just that snobbish great-aunt who's giving a big house party, all old folks, and doesn't want Patty around. She needs a home Christmas more than your Jim!”

Father was eyeing mother anxiously. Her bright smile amazed him. “Well, I'm sure there's room for them both. I am glad you have such kind hearts, children.”

But now Mr. Will spoke timidly. “I'm sorry, mother, but I, too, have asked a guest. Couldn't help it somehow! That young Miller at the office. He's so cut up about his mother's death, and a boarding house is a dreary place to spend Christmas.” Mr. Will's voice was timorous, almost pleading.

But Mrs. Will's bright smile had now turned to a calm, relieved one. “Oh, that's splendid, dear,” she said. “For, do you know, I myself have in-



vented that pretty little Gladys Haverhill. She looked so woebegone when I met her at the grocer's Saturday and asked her whether she was going home for Christmas. She said a poor school teacher couldn't travel way across a continent even for a Christmas at home. What could I do! And do you know I've always thought Gladys and Ted Miller ought to meet. They're such nice young people—and Gladys is so pretty!”

So that's what happened to the Will's precious family Christmas. But not one of the Will's felt that he had been cheated of anything. On the contrary! And Mr. and Mrs. Will are in closer harmony than ever. You see, they are the same sort of people—not a too common thing in workaday life. And Billy and Lucy are growing up rather like them.

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## IN MERRIE ENGLAND

The English Christmas is not unlike ours, save that we do not have their pretty custom of “bringing in the holly.” In almost every family in England the boys and girls gather about the burning log on Christmas Eve to sing carols and tell Christmas legends. Often the children who live in the country assist at the dragging in of the huge log. An English child would not feel that it was Christmas if there were not a bit of mistletoe hanging in the hall, under which the unwary are kissed soundly. Little and big eat the rich and blazing plum pudding, and all join in the singing of Christmas carols and churchgoing.

## A WISH

A Merry Christmas, yes, a day of laughter. And here's wish for every day thereafter. When Christmas goes, as it of course must do, May every day that comes be merry, too.

# Merry Christmas, Folks

We sincerely trust that Santa Claus will empty his bag of Christmas joys at your door and with them, leave you Happiness and Peace.

Cicero Smith Lbr. Co.  
R. J. ROBERTS, Manager

## MILL PRODUCTS

Mill Run Bran - - - \$1.85  
Wheat Chops - - - \$2.10

BELL GRAIN COMPANY  
Phone No. 124

## Feed and Hay Phone 159

When you want Feed of any kind you will find it at my store. All kinds of Hay, Oats, Chops, and all kinds of Cow Feed.

Also will pay the highest prices for Poultry and Hides—Call 159

A. L. JOHNSON Crowell, Texas

## No Paper Next Week

People generally seem to expect the News to rest during Christmas week and many of them have already remarked to us: “Well, you will not get out a paper next week, will you?” and when we reply that there will be no paper they invariably add that we deserve a short rest.

We thank our friends for their generosity in granting the News this privilege and we think it will be profitable to us all. We will therefore take next week as a Holiday season.

## WILL BOOST SUBSCRIPTION

During the next week we will continue to boost subscriptions to the News, and we wish to say that those who have allowed their time to run out on the Star-Telegram can yet get the benefit of the clubbing rates we gave before Dec. 15, but this offer will positively not be extended beyond January 5, 1923.

We will accept subscriptions to the News at the advertised rate, \$1.50, and with the Telegram and News at \$8.00.

We wish all our friends a very merry Christmas and a most prosperous New Year.

The Foard County News