



**Items from Vivian**  
(By Special Correspondent)

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. P. Walling and children are visiting relatives in Gainesville this week.  
Egbert Fish and family spent from Saturday until Monday with Mrs. Fish's sisters, Mrs. A. W. Keller and

Mrs. Johnnie Davis, of Burkburnett. Tom Burnett of Iowa Park was here from Saturday until Monday looking after his ranch.  
Mr. and Mrs. Allen Fish and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Klepper of Crowell.  
Clyde Walling of Gainesville spent from Sunday until Sunday with his

parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. P. Walling. He was accompanied home by his brother.

Miss Jessie Torres gave a party Saturday night for the young folks.  
S. J. Lewis and daughters, Irene and Doris, and sons were visiting in Crowell Saturday.

G. J. Benham and sons were visiting in Crowell Saturday.

L. F. Weber and nephew, Ed Weber, are visiting on the Plains this week.

Mrs. J. B. Rasberry and children were shopping in Crowell Saturday.

L. E. Winsted is spending a few days with homefolks in Jack County.

**Ayersville News**  
(By Special Correspondent)

Mr. and Mrs. Burrow attended the program given at Thalia Friday night of last week.

C. E. Stewart went to Merkel on business Saturday, returning Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruth Ely and children are visiting the latter's sister, Mrs. C. E. Stewart, and family this week. They intend to live in this community the coming year.

Will Gamble and family moved to their farm south of Crowell Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Shultz spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Johnson of Talmage. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson accompanied them home and spent Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Pyle spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Pyle of Thalia.

Will Truesdell of Calexico, Calif., spent Friday night with his mother, Mrs. J. B. R. Fox.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Tarver of Thalia and Mrs. Tom Fox of Davidson, Okla., spent Friday night with Mrs. J. B. R. Fox.

Those in Crowell Saturday afternoon were, Mr. and Mrs. Sim Gamble and little son, Sim V., Mr. and Mrs. Dave Shultz, J. E. R. Fox and Will Truesdell.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Johnson and baby of Talmage, Mrs. Essie Haney of Talmage, Mary Grace Shultz of Thalia, and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Shultz spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Shultz.

Mrs. D. M. Shultz has been on the sick list the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Cato and sons, Willie and Arlie, and Mrs. Dave Shultz spent awhile Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. R. Fox.

**Rayland News**  
(By Special Correspondent)

Mrs. J. Q. Simmons' brother from Floydada has returned after visiting several weeks with her.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Coffman have as their Christmas visitors their daughter, Miss Dott, who is a student at Canyon, and also their daughter, Miss Addie, who is teaching in Wyoming.

Lee Jordan and family and Jim Jordan and family left Wednesday for the Rio Grande Valley where they will make their home.

The Antelope school will close Tuesday for the Christmas holidays.

The Antelope and Lockett schools played their second game of basketball Thursday, Antelope being victorious again, both boys and girls, scores 11 and 2 for the boys, and 6 and 4 for the girls.

Our community was greatly surprised when the following couples were united in marriage: Mr. Maurice Fite of Fargo and Miss Effie Martin of this place were united in marriage at Vernon Sunday night. Mrs. Fite has made this her home all her life and has many friends who wish her much happiness.

Mr. Fite has been here the past two years as a teacher in the Talmage school and has also made a number of friends who extend best wishes. Mr. and Mrs. Fite will make this their home until the school term is ended.

Mr. Bill Jordan and Miss Jessie Webb were united in marriage at the Methodist church at Vernon Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. Jordan have lived here all their lives and have a large number of friends. Mrs. Jordan is the daughter of Will Webb and Mr. Jordan is the oldest son of Jim Jordan. They will make their home in the Rio Grande Valley.

Miss Guss Russell left Friday night for East Texas where she will visit homefolks.

A large crowd attended the fruit supper at Mr. and Mrs. Tonnie Allen's Saturday night. The party was given for Willie Mae Jordan as a farewell party, and all her friends were present and enjoyed the affair. She left this week for the Rio Grande Valley, her new home, and the best wishes of her many friends here go with her.

David Blankenship who is attending college at Canyon is spending the Christmas vacation with his aunt, Mrs. H. D. Lawson.

C. A. Davis who is attending school at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, Wis., is here visiting homefolks, J. C. Davis and family.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Lawson are spending Christmas week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Lawson.

Mrs. D. P. Bodiford and children,

Joe and Mildred, Mrs. Howell and grandson, Lovell, of Vernon visited Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Howell Sunday.

Jack Lawson who is attending school at Crowell will spend Christmas week with homefolks.

Miss Clara Skipworth is visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Rochester.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Davis and daughters, Josie and Annice, were Vernon visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Covey and Miss Florence Black were Vernon visitors Saturday.

Miss Florence Black will spend Christmas holidays with homefolks at Crowell.

J. R. Coffman returned Friday night from Dallas where he had been on business.

**Foard City Items**  
(By Special Correspondent)

G. M. Canup is spending the holidays with his father and other relatives in Rockwall.

J. Y. Harrington and wife are visiting relatives and friends at Chillicothe.

Miss Lois Fox has been quite sick but is reported improving.

W. C. Lemmons, who has lived on one of Minnick's farms, is moving to Archer County to make his home.

Miss Alice McDaniel has gone to Truscott where she has accepted a position with a dry goods firm.

School dismissed Wednesday afternoon till the first Monday in January for the holidays.

Elmer and Willie Owens are spending the holidays in their old home in Kentucky.

The Sunday School is giving a Christmas tree for the kiddies.

**Card of Thanks**

We desire to thank the members of the Methodist church for the use of their auditorium for our program on last Sunday evening; to Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Underwood who typed programs for the members; to the Rebekahs for the use of their robes which were used as vestments; also, the audience who gave such a splendid hearing to our first program.

**THE WOMEN'S CHORUS.**

What will you give father? Make it dark glasses to be worn when he opens the Christmas bills.

In marking up a price tag, always be sure the person who receives the gift will not exchange it.

Drink wood alcohol this Christmas if you don't enjoy Christmas and never want to see another one.

Christmas is not over until friends quit being polite to you.

# Christmas Greetings

**A Merry Christmas and  
A Happy New Year  
to Everyone**

We take this means and use the occasion to express our deep appreciation to you for anything you have done, by a good and friendly deed, or word in our behalf—year 1925.

We appreciate your trade, but above everything else—your GOOD WILL, for if you like us you will trade with us year 1926.

Our 18 years of steady endeavor to merit your good will and trade, will be earnestly continued.

Again we thank you.

# Womack Bros.



Wishing You

The Season's Greetings

and assuring you of our keen appreciation of your good will and patronage.

## Magee Toggery

CLEANING

PRESSING

## To Our Friends and Patrons

Now that the year 1925 is drawing to a close we take this opportunity to thank our many Friends and Patrons for the Success we have enjoyed during the past year and we hope the New Year just beginning will be filled with Success and Happiness for you.

### MACK'S FILLING STATION

G. W. JONES

PAUL ELY

## TEXACO PRODUCTS

I will still maintain my office at the Fox-Harrell Filling Station, formerly the Kenner-Davis Station, and orders for Texaco products will be taken there and will receive prompt attention. Your orders for these well known products will be appreciated.

Yours for service,

### PERCY FERGESON

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CREAM OF WHEAT Flour a Home Product made from the very best wheat to be had.

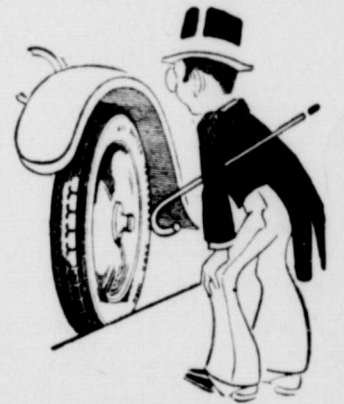
You are to be the judge when you have tried it. Every sack guaranteed to give satisfaction.

### Bell Grain Co.



## Dayton Thorobred Cord

There is only one way to measure quality in a tire. It must do more than provide comfortable riding. It must deliver more than trouble-free service. It must give more than mileage alone. IT MUST COMBINE ALL OF THESE ADVANTAGES. And that is exactly what is done by the Dayton Thorobred Extra-Ply Cord.



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Stop and think! Your dandruff can be cured. We guarantee our treatments. We are prepared to treat your scalp or face and guarantee our work. We can lie but we don't have to.

BANK BARBER SHOP

# Latest Equipment

We have the latest equipment on Battery Station. You can bring your battery in at 8 o'clock in the morning and it will be ready for you by 4 in the afternoon, full charged.

Also we are in position to rebuild dead batteries, making them absolutely as good as new. Guaranteed, and that's as good as one could ask.

We only ask the opportunity to prove to you what we are here saying.

## Zeibig Chevrolet Co.



REAL GOOD CHRISTMAS CHEER EXTENDS FROM TO YEAR AND THAT'S THE KIND WE EXTEND TO YOU—OUR CUSTOMERS

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At Elliott Stand, North Side

**FEED, SEED and COAL**

We want a part of your business in our line. We will handle a full line of feed, seed and coal and will sell you at right prices at all times. Give us your order.

**JONAS & OLDS Phone 152**

**BLUE BUGS?**

Feed MARTIN'S POULTRY TONE to your chickens and paint your hen house with MARTIN'S ROOST PAINT to kill and keep away insects. Money back. Guaranteed by: Fergeson Brothers. 19

**INSURANCE**

For all kinds of insurance —See—  
**EMILY T. PURCELL**  
Office over Reeder Drug Company



With sincere Christmas Greetings accept also our cordial wish for abundant prosperity and contentment as your lot throughout the coming New Year.

**Crews-Long Hardware Co.**  
"The Store With a Fraternal Spirit"

**Thalia News Items**  
(By Special Correspondent)

The ladies of the Baptist missionary society entertained the Methodist ladies with a social at the home of Mrs. T. M. Haney Monday afternoon. A large crowd was present and each report a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Matthews, Misses Anna Maye Neill and Ruth Grimm and Cecil Matthews came in Saturday from Denton to spend the holidays with homefolks here.

E. G. Grimsley and family and Arthur Stallcup and family left Tuesday for Cooke County to visit relatives for a few days.

Sim White of Vernon was a business visitor here Sunday.

Ben Hogan and wife left Tuesday for Denton to visit relatives during the Christmas holidays.

Several from here attended the sale at Rayland Monday.

Jewel Brown of Crowell visited in the Thorne Cates home here last week-end.

The Thalia Gin was destroyed by fire Friday night. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ross of Parsley Hill were business visitors here Saturday.

J. K. French's barn was destroyed by fire Tuesday morning.

Coyt Thomas who has been here for quite a while returned to his home in Duncan, Okla., Monday.

Misses Emma Maine and Lela Webb came in Monday from Denton to visit relatives here for a few days.

**SAVING THE WORLD**

It has been said that the liberal man is the man who is going to save the world—not the so-called optimist or the pessimist.

The liberal is defined as a citizen who has an open mind on every subject until he reaches a conclusion after study of the facts. In other words, he's not the type that "jumps at conclusions."

Optimism has its values, but pessimism has none, which eliminates the pessimist entirely from consideration.

The liberal citizen may be optimistic, but the minute he carries that to the extreme he loses cast as a dependable member of the community who may be expected to provide sane and wise advice on public questions.

Optimism has its limitations. No amount of this intangible something would save a man who jumped into a cage of wild beasts or drove his automobile directly in the path of a speeding train. Such senseless optimism was likely in the mind of him who wrote, "Fools rush in where angels fear to tread."

Admittedly there are occasions when there seems to be no logical reason for optimism, as in times of great danger. But even then there is basis for optimism when persons

similarly situated have escaped by hoping against hope.

A rational optimism is the thing the world needs most—an optimism that takes into account uncontroverted facts. It is not the kind of optimism that would counsel jumping into the cage of wild beasts with the hope that everything would come out all right. It is the kind of optimism that would counsel action only on the basis of sound reasoning.

Too many people obsessed with a blind optimism, are in the middle of the track when the train reaches the crossing, instead of on the other side as they expected.

A spool of silk thread to match your silk hose would make a good Christmas present for your wife.

This is the time of year when the young man wishes he hadn't called often enough to be regarded as a "steady."

A manicuring set is a good gift even if you don't know what all the queer looking things are for.

Some are still quarreling over bobbed hair. The war's over and the bobs have it.

A good reputation is much to be desired but living up to it is another matter.

The expense of free advice is usually greater than its value.

The man who can forget a wrong is bigger than the man who can't.

Not all men who brag on the work they did last year are has-beens.

The follies of 1925 ought to promote the wisdom of 1926.

The only man down and out is the man who thinks he is.

The reason grouches are not popular is the supply exceeds the demand.

**TO OUR FRIENDS**

That the spirit of Christmas may glow warm in your hearts, that your gifts, proffered and received, may be touched with the glamor of true affection; that you may find in all the days of 1926 the achievements that make life worth while, and the friendships and loyalties that make it precious; and that you may all have a Merry Christmas and a New Year of Prosperity and happiness—such is the wish of

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May the Joy of CHRISTMAS Abide

With You Each and Every Day of the Year!

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Such is our wish for all OUR PATRONS Who have been so Kind to Us



Crowell Dry Goods Co.

**Fox & Thompson Grocery**

# THE FOARD COUNTY NEWS

KIMSEY & KLEPPER, Owners and Publishers

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

Crowell, Texas, December 25, 1925

Times have changed wonderfully within the last couple of decades. The Christmas holidays are coming to be looked upon as a season when giving gifts are more generally practiced than formerly. This is as it should be. It is in keeping with the meaning of the great event celebrated, the coming of Christ to the world, the greatest and most priceless gift to mankind. But yet some of us fail to observe the full significance of Christmas and celebrate the day in a manner not becoming to us as a Christian people. It should be accepted as a day of joy and gladness, but it is a mistake to look for the greatest joy in revelry. Sane and sober thinking, with the highest reverence for Him whose birth we commemorate, should guide one's conduct.

The News wishes all its readers a Happy Christmas and a new year of the hardest kind of work. Of course, we want them to be paid for their work, but if they are not at work during the year they may talk about somebody. Not only is work good for one in that it keeps him out of mischief, but it helps him to pay his subscription to the paper. So we wish that everybody might have plenty to do through the year. That will be mighty fine to help make for the general peace and happiness of our people.

Some folks are always worrying. They worry when times are bad because they are afraid they'll never be better, and they worry when times are good because they are afraid they'll get bad. Consequently the whole of life is one endless worry. Yet, nearly everybody who makes an honest effort to achieve success of any nature finds his efforts rewarded with a measure of success, even though it often comes as a surprise Mr. Gloom.

It seems to be very dangerous for one to love his wife too much. It is not infrequent that we read where a husband kills his wife "because of his great love for her." That's the limit. When a fellow gets to loving his wife to the extent that he is liable to take her life he ought to be nearly killed.

At last Mr. Satterwhite states that he will not attempt to get the boys together from up the creek, since he does not know just exactly how far his legal authority extends in that direction. For the present and for the immediate future he says he will not call the session of the house.

## Our Accomplishments— What Have They Been?

I HAVE always found, even in youth, quite as much interest in looking back as in looking forward. It is good to plan for the future, but there is quite as much to be gained from reviewing the past and in seeing how far we have come, how much we have accomplished, in what ways we have developed.

I was talking to Foreman about the year that is so nearly at an end. He was dissatisfied with his progress and uncertain as to whether or not the time and money he had expended had been worth while. He had learned little, it seemed; for all he could see, he wasn't different than when he had left the little country town nine months ago. But I could see that he was a little more self-possessed, a little surer of himself, a little less crude in his manners. He was learning to think, learning to meet people, and developing a little wider range of interest than when he left home.

As you come to the end of the year and look back, how far have you come? It is an easy question to ask, but possibly not so easy to answer.

When we were little children at home, mother used to teach us after we had said our prayers at night to go over in our minds for a minute or two the events of the day and try to determine whether it had been a good day for us or a bad one. Often we dropped off to sleep before we had gone far, but it was a good experience, this looking our accomplishments in the face and trying honestly to estimate them. It is something like this that I should like to put before you as this year is closing. What has the year meant to you? New friends? New powers? New ideals? Have you done something worth while? Are you better, stronger, more able to fight the battles of the world than you were a year ago? Are you wiser with a wisdom that is clean, healthy and uplifting? If so, the year is ending happily for you.—Thomas A. Clark, Dean of Men, University of Illinois.

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## Light in the Steeple on Christmas Morning

FAK above the sleeping city, like a low and leading star, like a watchful and kindly eye, like a beacon of assuring hope, a promise of Christmas morning, beamed the light in the old church steeple.

It shone down through one of the church windows and smiled upon the pictured shepherds who found a morning at midnight; and upon the stately wise men who knew the joy of making gladness out of gifts. Its rays lighted up a garret, where two very hopeful youngsters were sleeping upon a very small bed, after making sure that the light was there. In the street below a passer looked up, saw it and smiled; another paused under the glow and spell of it and dropped a coin into the poor box at the church door. The Salvation Army lass came out from the church porch and thumped her tambourine merrily because some genial influence had filled her basket so full, almost dancing down the street as the bells saw by the gleaming light that it was time to ring.

And so with cheering glory and with chime  
Came in another happy Christmas time.  
While the old steeple, still pointing upward, remained as a witness to things high and splendid.—Christopher G. Hazard.

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Christian Science Services  
Sunday 11 a. m. Subject for Sunday, Dec. 27, "Christian Science."  
Sunday School 9:45. Sunday evening services 7:15. Wednesday evening services 7:15.

Reading room open each Tuesday and Friday from 2 to 5 p. m., where the Bible and all authorized Christian Science literature may be read, purchased or borrowed.

The public is cordially invited.

## Baby Chicks

English White Leghorns...\$15.00  
Anconas ..... \$15.00  
Barred Rocks .....\$17.50  
Rhode Island Reds.....\$17.50  
Correspondence solicited.

## Vernon Hatchery and Poultry Farm

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# GREETINGS of the Season

Your kind co-operation has contributed  
materially to our success and we  
we appreciate it most  
heartily.

Accept our best wishes for a Happy Christmas  
and a most prosperous  
New Year throughout 1926.

## M. S. Henry & Co.

The House Where Service Counts

If there's someone in the neighborhood you don't like, give their boy a drum.

Never allude to a new wrinkle in the presence of a woman. How they dislike that word!

A Chicago philanthropist, 80, will wed his nurse. The nurse, 33, is also a philanthropist.

Furniture for every nook in the room.—M. S. Henry & Co.

Mr. and T. L. Hughston left Wednesday for Plano to spend Christmas.

## J. R. Beverly

Conveyancing, Abstracts  
and 6 Per Ct. Land Loans  
Crowell, Texas

## CONTRACT WORK

See me individually for your contract work. I shall be glad to make estimates on any kind of carpenter work you want done.

H. D. POLAND

## 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



Bess Anne Hats  
Crowell Dry Goods Co.

# Greetings!

The Spirit of Christmas brings to us  
a deeper appreciation of our old associates  
and the value of New Friends.  
May the New Year bring  
you happiness and  
Prosperity!

## McKibbin's Booterie

Vernon, Texas



"In Quality  
Above All"

Not because it is an honored custom, but because of the sincerity of our appreciation, we take this opportunity to thank you for the part you have played in our business prosperity the past twelve months, and we wish you a good old

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
and a  
HAPPY NEW YEAR

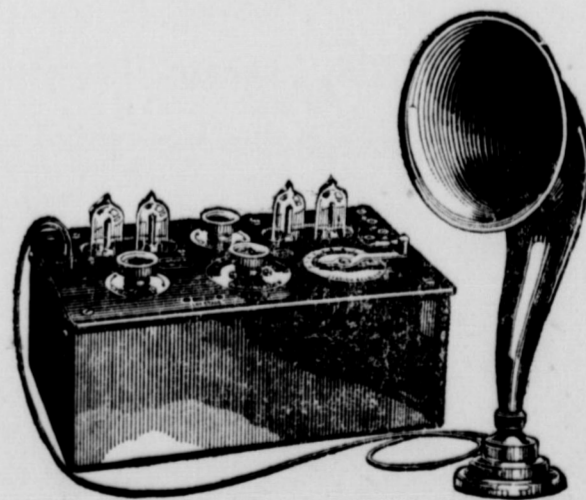
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T. N. BELL, ACTIVE PRES.  
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CROWELL, TEXAS

**Local and Personal**

Edison lite bulbs.—M. S. Henry & Co.

For sale a few good fresh milch cows.—C. E. Gafford. 27p

Good alfalfa hay for sale at my farm on Pease River.—J. S. Ray.

For Sale—Several thousand bundles of cane cut before the frost. See Leo Spencer.

Mrs. C. M. McKown and children of Vernon are here to spend Christmas with relatives.

Good second hand oil stoves at bargains. All prices and kinds.—West Texas Utilities Co.

Mrs. O. O. Hollingsworth and two sons, Clyde and Woodrow, left Wednesday morning for Chickasha and Oklahoma City to spend the Christmas holidays.

When you think of Radio, think of Beverly Service Station.

Furniture for every nook in the room.—M. S. Henry & Co.

We have that good Colorado niggerhead lump coal.—Bell Grain Co.

A. E. Brewer of Nolan County is here visiting his brother, W. A. Brewer.

A 13½ lb. baby boy arrived in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Swim December 21st.

For six per cent farm loans see N. J. Roberts—33 years time and payable on the amortization plan. tf

W. R. Parrish orders his paper sent to Mission, Texas, where he and his family are spending the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shirley and small daughter, Margaret Claire, left Wednesday for Hico to spend Christmas with Mr. Shirley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Shirley.

Try Fergeson's Pills for liver ills.

For Sale—160 acres of land. Inquire at Bank Barber Shop.

Joe Thompson renders satisfactory garage service at Ivie's Station.

For Sale—4-year-old bay mare mule, broke to work.—G. L. Cole. 26p

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Miss Bernice Brookerson of Abilene is here to spend the holidays with the Reeder family.

Visit our rug department. You will like the variety of patterns.—M. S. Henry & Co.

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Prepare your car for cold weather by letting us fill the radiator with alcohol and glycerine.—Zeibig Chevrolet Co.

Henley Goode is here from Clayton, N. M., visiting his sister, Mrs. S. P. Fergeson, having arrived Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stone and children of Cooke County are here visiting Mr. Stone's sister, Mrs. S. A. Swim, and family.

Master Kieth Swim, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Swim, who had been visiting relatives in Childress for several days has returned home.

Furs! Furs! At Johnson's Feed Store. I will pay the highest prices for coon, opossum and skunk next Saturday since war times.—J. K. McBeth.

Let us make your farm loans at 6 per cent through Joint Stock Land Banks. You don't have to buy stock or guarantee the other fellow's loan.—N. J. Roberts. tf

Mr. C. T. Riley of Artesia, N. M., and Miss Ruby Johnston of Brownfield, were married December 20th. Miss Johnston formerly lived in this county and has many friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cook are here from Pilot Point to spend the Holidays with relatives. For many years they were residents of Foard County and we are always glad to have them come to see us.

Bailey Rennels is at home from Decatur for the Holidays. Bailey is getting along well at Decatur, likes the school and thinks the Junior college best for students in their first years of college work.

Miss Litha Crews who is teaching at West Columbia, Texas, and Miss Mary Sam Crews who is attending the State University, are at home to spend the Holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Crews.

Mrs. A. H. Clark and small daughter, Elizabeth, of Oklahoma City, and Mrs. Alex Krause of West Point, Nebraska, will arrive Sunday night to spend the Holidays with their mother, Mrs. Fannie Thacker, and other relatives.

Mrs. J. S. Long and daughter, Miss Anna Lee, and Miss Bevie Jewell Ringgold are at home from Abilene to spend the holidays. The young ladies are attending school in that city. Mrs. Long says she likes Abilene but is glad to be at home.

Arthur Davis, who is taking his M. A. Degree in the University of Wisconsin, is at home visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Davis, of Rayland. He was in town Wednesday and was a pleasant visitor at the News office. He made the trip of 1200 miles in a car.

Misses Lozelle Kincaid and Juanita Campbell of C. I. A., Denton, arrived the latter part of last week to spend the Holidays with homefolks. Miss Kincaid is a student of journalism and has been the Denton correspondent for the News the past several months, and does her work well.

A letter from G. C. Morgan from far away California, accompanied by a check for another year's subscription and good wishes for a Merry Christmas, was received Saturday morning. For this Mr. Morgan has our thanks and hearty wishes for a most enjoyable Christmas in the land of oranges.

Miss Addie Coffman is here from Shoshoni, Wyoming, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Coffman, and other relatives. She is principal of the public schools at Shoshoni and is very much pleased with her field of work. She likes the country and the people, as well as the splendid support given teachers in that country. Miss Dott Coffman, her sister, is also at home from Canyon where she has been attending the Northwest Texas State Teachers' College. Both the young ladies will return after the Holidays.

Service

Value

Quality

# Good Will

The Good Will of our customers is our most valued asset. The spirit of the season prompts us again to express new appreciation of the old associates and desire to win new friends through a high type of service.

May your stocking be overflowing and your tree of life laden with many good things.

## Self Dry Goods Co.

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Furniture for every nook in the room.—M. S. Henry & Co.

Why not have the best. Get a Radiola at Beverly Service Station.

A big assortment of linoleum and congoeum rugs.—M. S. Henry & Co.

Fred Kimsey is here from Clarendon College to enjoy the Christmas Holidays.

A complete line of New Perfection stoves and accessories.—Crews-Long Hdw. Co.

Lost—A good pair of spurs. Will pay \$1.00 for return to me at the News office.—Henry Greening. 26p

Purebred White Cornish game roosters for sale at \$1.50 each.—Neff Middlebrook, Margaret, Texas. 26p

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Prepare your car for cold weather by letting us fill the radiator with alcohol and glycerine.—Zeibig Chevrolet Co.

Misses Emma Belle Hunter and Georgia Ribble returned home from Clarendon College Tuesday night to spend the Christmas Holidays.

Mrs. M. A. Reeder and daughter, Miss Mary, of Knox City spent Tuesday night with their son and brother, T. P. Reeder and family. They left Wednesday for Estillene.

Mrs. John S. Ray returned Wednesday of last week from a visit with relatives in Missouri. Mr. Ray met her in Sand Springs, Okla., where they visited Mr. Ray's daughter, Mrs. M. M. Davidson, for a short time. Mr. Ray also reports having a very pleasant visit with Barney Campbell, a former Crowell resident who now lives in Tulsa, Okla., while there.

The things we appreciate the most are the ones we had and lost.

Civilization seems to lead from the jungle life to the jingle life.

Umbrellas make good gifts because you can borrow them back.

Superfluity of self satisfaction usually means a shortage of ambition.

Thinking more of work than worry is a fine way to be rid of worry.

Job was a patient man, but he never cranked a Ford on a cold morning.

Try Fergeson's Pills for liver ills. All sizes Radio batteries at Beverly Service Station.

Mrs. J. W. Wishon is reported to be critically ill with pneumonia.

Give us your blow-out troubles. We fix them.—Ivie's Station.

Jack Roberts Jr. is at home from Dallas to spend the Christmas Holidays.

Merle Kincaid arrived home Tuesday night from the State University to spend the Holidays.

Let us make your farm loans at 6 per cent through Joint Stock Land Banks. You don't have to buy stock or guarantee the other fellow's loan.—N. J. Roberts. tf

Tomorrow, 'tis said, never comes, but its bills do.

If a woman's place is in the home, where is man's?

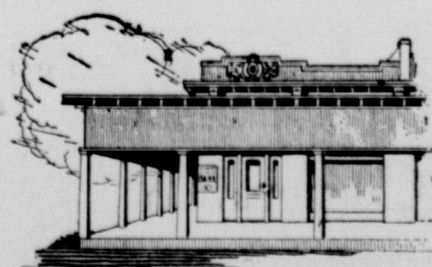
The man who cries loudest for justice yelps when he gets it.

### INSURANCE

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



May the Joy of  
CHRISTMAS  
Abide with You  
Each and Every Day,  
and May the  
NEW YEAR  
Be Your Greatest



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MAY YOUR CHRISTMAS BE  
A JOYOUS OCCASION  
and  
MAY THE NEW YEAR BRING TO  
YOU ITS FULLEST MEASURE  
OF PROSPERITY!

**Reeder Drug Company**  
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Money is a bad substitute for digestion.

A storehouse full of small regrets is of no profit.

Flattery cheats all who are willing to be deceived.

### For All The Family

"We use Black-Draught in our family of six children and find it a good liver and bowel regulator," says Mrs. C. E. Nutt, of Mineral Springs, Ark. "I have taken it myself in the last two or three years for indigestion. I would feel dizzy, have gas and sour stomach, also feel a tightness in my chest. I'd take a good dose of

### BLACK-DRAUGHT

#### Liver Medicine

when I felt that way, and it would relieve me, and I would feel better for days. "My husband takes it for biliousness. He says he has never found its equal. When he has the tired, heavy feeling, he takes Black-Draught night and morning for a few days and he doesn't complain any more. "I sure do recommend Thedford's Black-Draught." Your liver is the largest organ in your body. When out of order, it causes many complaints. Put your liver in shape by taking Black-Draught. Purely vegetable. Sold Everywhere

#### Card of Thanks

We wish to extend our thanks, through the News, to those who were so kind and good to us during the sickness and death of our dearly beloved husband, father and grandfather.

Mrs. W. B. Campbell,  
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fowler  
and Children.

Dear Santa: "Please bring us another month in which to do our shopping." Everybody.

All boys like hobby horses for Christmas. And when they grow up, hobbies are enough.

Christmas bedtime story: "Mama, I wish I had a doll that closed its eyes and cried." Any Girl.

The water wagons have all gone out of business, but there should be some way a fellow can swear off.

A Los Angeles woman willed \$1,000 to a canary, at death. Doubtless the estate goes to its progeny.

5 1/2 Per Cent

#### FARM & RANCH LOANS

by the Federal Land Bank of Houston. Easy terms—5 to 35 years. Dependable service. This bank has loaned \$120,000,000 to forty thousand Texas farmers in 8 years.

Let me tell you about it.  
J. C. THOMPSON, Crowell  
Foard, Knox, Wilbarger  
and King Counties.  
Crowell National Loan  
Association, Inc.

# A Tremendous Price Reduction

On January seventh, nineteen twenty-six, Dodge Brothers, Incorporated, will announce a tremendous reduction in the prices of their complete line of motor cars.

These reductions will apply on all cars bought after midnight December fifteenth, nineteen twenty-five.

When the new prices are made known on January seventh the full amount of the reduction will be immediately refunded to all purchasers since December fifteenth.

These revolutionary reductions are made possible by a recently completed ten million dollar expansion program --new buildings and equipment that will nearly double the capacity of Dodge Brothers factories in nineteen twenty-six.

There is no change in the policy upon which Dodge Brothers established their leadership eleven years ago--the policy of constant improvement without yearly models.

### Crawford's Business College

Abilene & Wichita Falls, Texas

**A Good Position**—a big salary is what counts on the road to loan in a bank, wholesale house, mercantile establishment, and the like, and secure position for you. Coupon will bring SPECIAL information. Mail it today.

Name ..... Address .....

### Christmas Is Drawing Near

Christmas drawing near.

A bright and happy New Year.

What would be more pleasing to each member of the family than a real nice photograph of the family group at home?

Set the time and notify me when and where.

**QUALITY and SERVICE STUDIO**  
CROWELL, TEXAS

### PLAY SAFE--GET THE BEST

Buy Magnolia Gas and Kerosene, Magnolene Lube Oils. We appreciate your business.

Phone or leave your order at Magnolia Station. We will be right out.

### DOW MILLER

Agent

### Shoe and Leather Work

I am prepared to handle all your shoe and leather work in a manner entirely satisfactory to you.

I will always do you good honest service and make you prices that will suit you. Give me your work and let me show you.

### Crowell Shoe and Top Shop

F. W. MABE, First Door North City Hall

## NOTICE

We have established an office in Crowell at the Bank Barber Shop. We also pick up and deliver any place in town. Best work and satisfaction guaranteed.

Deliveries Mondays and Thursdays. Just call 328 for us to come and get your bundles.

### Empire Laundry, Vernon, Texas

Crowell Phone 238

#### CAUTION IS NEEDED

Every home brightened by a Christmas tree may be blighted by a death-dealing fire. This is something always to be kept in mind at this season of the year.

The Christmas tree is like a great torch, and Christmas and its joys should not be allowed to blind people to its dangers.

Parents who are always most solicitous for the welfare of their children, place in the center of their homes the most inflammable thing to be found—the ordinary evergreen Christmas tree.

The twigs are full of resin and the festoons and other decorations, such as paper bells, celluloid ornaments and wood toys, make it doubly hazardous.

When it dries in the warm rooms, it is festooned with tissue paper, cotton to represent snow and ornaments of tinsel, and fastened on it are lighted candles or electric light bulbs, thus setting the stage for tragedy unless the utmost precautions are taken.

When candles or electric lights are lighted, constant vigilance should be kept. The tree should never be left unguarded while lighted. A bucket of water or extinguisher always should be near at hand and children should not be permitted to light candles or move them. They are feebly fastened to the delicate branches and the slightest contact with any object on the tree is likely to start a flame.

It is unwise to let the tree stand after Christmas. The needles and

twigs become dryer as each day passes and the risk grows.

Because there has never been a catastrophe growing out of such a setting here is no assurance there never will be. The utmost precaution should be the guide of all parents.

Electric bulbs are not as dangerous as candles. Asbestos can be used in place of cotton or imitation snow. Non-combustible decorations are available. Being safe is far better than being sorry.

The law protects us in what we are entitled to, but stops short of going out and getting it for us.

Necessity is the mother of invention and it also produces a large crop of "white lies."

The bad man never forgets to be bad, but the good man sometimes forgets to be good.

A man's standard can't be judged by his stage in life but by the part that he plays on it.

It is estimated that fifty million people will stumble over toys on the floor this Christmas.

Many a man who is short on gray matter is long on covering up the fact by keeping his mouth shut.

## CUT YOUR FUEL BILLS

With

### TEXHOMA LUMP PETROLEUM COKE

No Ashes, No Clunkers, No Soot—Hotter than coal or wood. Special prices to introduce the Coke. \$1.00 per ton less off car.

See

### Jonas & Olds Feed Store

Crowell, Texas

# MERRY CHRISTMAS to You

Good nature and the Christmas spirit is that lovely quality that disposes one to enjoy and promote the happiness of others.

In wishing our friends the largest measure of happiness during this happiest of all seasons, we also desire to thank them sincerely for the kindness they have shown us by their valued patronage.

## Crowell D. G. Co.

### Columbian Club

The spirit of the approaching Holidays was very much in evidence at the home of Mrs. T. N. Bell when the Columbians met for the last study meeting for 1925. The reception suite was tastefully decorated in pot plants and Christmas emblems.

Roll call was answered with interesting current events, and Mrs. Kincaid conducted the lesson in Browning. The subject being Browning's conception of a poet. The poems, "Memorabilia," "Popularity" and "How It Strikes a Contemporary," were read and interpreted. We are enjoying very much the beautiful fancies of Browning and even his weird, obscure passages lend a beauty all his own.

Madams S. A. Taylor and T. N. Bell, accompanied by Miss Frances Clark, sang a beautiful duet, "Whispering Hope."

A delicious refreshment plate was handed, also featuring the Christmas season in the viands it bore and the dainty silver Christmas bells and miniature Santa Claus favors.

The next meeting will be the Christmas party on Dec. 30, Mrs. Kincaid, hostess.—Reporter.

### Vesper Service Enjoyed

On Sunday evening, Dec. 20, at 5:30 o'clock, the Women's Chorus gave their first program in the Methodist church, a vesper service composed entirely of Christmas songs. Owing to the inclemency of the weather, the audience was somewhat smaller than it probably would have been otherwise, but it was a most interested and appreciative one. The Women's Chorus, it is hoped, is a permanent organization for Crowell and after the holidays, it will resume its work and probably present another program in the near future. The next practice will be held with Mrs. T. E. Klepper on the evening of Jan. 8, 1926. Any woman who sings is sincerely urged to become a member and aid in this undertaking. With the backing of all the people who care for things of the kind, this organization should be able to be of great service to the entire community.

There will be fifty-three Fridays in 1926, if no law is passed against it in the meantime.

Dear Santa: "Please bring us a new automobile for Christmas, as Daddy forgot to stop at the railroad crossing." Any Boy.

### Singing Praises

Yes, you will join the Chorus with our Host of Satisfied Customers after one visit to our shop. If you have not yet made us a visit we will look for you TODAY.



Sanitary Market Q. R. Miller, Propr.

The Service You Have a Right to Expect of a Battery is Found in the

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Crowell, Texas

### Garage and Filling Station Service

Auto Accessories, Tires and Tubes  
We appreciate your patronage

IVIE'S STATION  
West Side of North Main

Ford imported a fiddler from Maine for his old-fashioned dances. He insists on controlling all his raw products.

The most fascinating thing about popular songs is the haunting memory of an old one you knew when you were young.

Hot and Cold Baths

First Class Shines

### The City Shaving Parlor

An Up-to-Date Shop  
In Every Particular

C. T. SCHLAGAL, Proprietor

### Third Notice SANTA APPROVES A CHRISTMAS GIFT

Santa Claus has been down a great many chimneys since he started business, and he is intimately acquainted with a large number of people. He knows that the best kinds of gifts are those which please the whole family, and which bring the excitement and enjoyment of Christmas every week. That is why he looks so jolly when he receives hundreds of subscriptions to The Youth's Companion with which to fill his pack. And, being wise from long experience, he knows that people are likely to overdo things around Christmas, so he chuckles when he sticks a Companion into the top of a stocking. "Be as greedy as you like," he thinks, "the more, the better for you."

The 52 issues of The Youth's Companion for 1926 will be crowded with serial stories, short stories, editorials, poetry, facts and fun. Just send your order to the address below and Santa will take care of delivering the paper to your home or to the home of a friend. Subscribers will receive:

1. The Youth's Companion—52 issues in 1926, and
2. The remaining issues of 1925.

All for only \$2.  
Or include McCall's Magazine, the monthly authority on fashions. Both publications, only \$2.50.  
THE YOUTH'S COMPANION  
S. N. Dept., Boston, Mass.  
Subscriptions received at this office.

### Nerves All Unstrung?

Crowell Folks Should Find the Cause and Correct It

Are you all worn out? Feel tired, nervous, half-sick? Do you have a constant headache; sharp twinges of pain, too, with dizzy spells and annoying urinary disorders? Then there's cause for worry and more cause to give your weakened kidneys prompt help. Use Doan's Pills—a stimulant diuretic to the kidneys.

Crowell folks recommend Doan's for just such troubles.

Mrs. T. J. Cates, N. Main St., Crowell, says: "Dull pains in my back taxed my strength to the utmost and when I sat down, my back stiffened and I could barely get up. My kidneys didn't act often enough. My nervous system was in a deplorable condition. Many times my sight was blurred by specks and headaches, too, were annoying. I was run down, weak and completely worn out. Doan's Pills relieved the backache and other bad signs of kidney disorder."

60c, at all dealers. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y. 71



### End the worry of Christmas Shopping

Nothing you could discover in a month of Christmas shopping would be quite as acceptable to the whole family as a Better Buick.

If you wait until spring to buy it, you will lose the satisfaction of having it during the holidays. This is the time when it will bring the most pleasure to those you love—and to you.

Pick out their car today. Make it possible to have their Better Buick at the curb on Christmas morning, waiting to wish them a Merrier Christmas, and the happiest of New Years.

BUICK MOTOR COMPANY, FLINT, MICH.  
Division of General Motors Corporation

VERNON AUTO CO.,  
Vernon, Texas



We just want to wish you a good old Merry Christmas and to extend a hearty wish that the New Year will bring you all the prosperity and happiness that you can wish for yourself.

## West Texas Utilities Company

# GREETINGS

Extending to You  
Greetings of the Season  
and  
the Best of Good Wishes  
for Genuine Happiness, Success  
and Prosperity  
in the Coming Year.

1892

R.B. Edwards Co.

1925

Tarver's Mattress Factory  
Mattresses, comforts and pillows  
made to order; old ones made new  
We use machinery. Beautiful ticking.  
Yellow house west of cotton yard.  
Phone 281.

If your Radio set won't work, call  
us for repairs and replacements.—  
Beverly Filling Station.

Furniture for every nook in the  
room.—M. S. Henry & Co.



OUR WISH  
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CONTENTMENT  
and PROSPERITY!

**SWIM & SONS**

In Ringgold Bldg.

## Corn, Corn Chops, Oats and Other Feed

When in the market for Corn, Corn Chops, Oats, White or  
Gray Shorts, Bran or anything in the feed line, come to see  
us. We are carrying a complete line and believe we can  
save you money on any amount of feed.

We also have a few thousand pounds of screenings sacked  
in even weight bags that we are going to sell at \$1.00 per  
hundred while it lasts for chicken feed.

T. L. HUGHSTON GRAIN CO.

### REFLECTORS

IF WE could reflect the spirit  
of Christmas cheer half  
as brilliantly as a piece of  
tin will reflect the rays from a  
lamp, we should help to light  
the world to an amazing degree.

Who can hold out against a  
smiling face that radiates fun  
and kindness? Who is cold  
enough to resist the melting  
warmth of real friendliness?

Let's pretend, this Christmas,  
that we are very bright, and imi-  
tate the modest tin reflector of  
the lamp of unquenchable good-  
fellowship! — Martha Banning  
Thomas.

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### Moon and Ice Honored as Christmas Guests

THEY planned to have a moon-  
light skating party during the  
Christmas season. All of the young  
people, and a number of the hearty  
older ones, too, had been interested.  
So the party was planned.

And then everyone hoped the two  
honored guests would not fall them.

For without the two honored guests  
there could be no moonlight skating  
party.

What would a moonlight skating  
party be without a moon and with-  
out ice?

Nothing at all.  
But the moon came and the ice  
froze solid. And the crisp, clear air  
seemed to have a special Christmas  
vim about it, too. — Mary Graham  
Bonner.

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### Buddhists Have Christmas

"Hana Matsuri," or the fete of  
flowers, is the oriental and Buddhist  
holiday season that corresponds to the  
Christmastide of the occidental Chris-  
tian nations. Curiously enough, it is  
the celebration in honor of the founder  
of the Buddhist religion, who was  
Gautama Buddha, lord of grace and  
infinite compassion. A great deal of  
attention at the season is given to the  
youth of the Buddhist land. It comes  
in April. Buddha was born 568 years  
before Christ.

### Trimming the Tree

Some people hang everything on the  
Christmas tree but themselves! That  
comes later . . . when the bills  
arrive.—Martha, Banning Thomas.

Five paydays hath January, but  
that's when the Christmas bills come  
due.

### A REAL SANTA CLAUS

SINCE we must have our  
Christmas trees the chief  
problem is how they are to  
be obtained. The cutting, ship-  
ping and selling of Christmas  
trees has developed into an estab-  
lished business, extending over  
the entire country. One large  
shipper of New England has  
been in the business forty years  
and in that time has sold many  
thousand carloads of trees.  
Some of these have been shipped  
as far south as Texas and as far  
west as Chicago. This pioneer  
in the industry is now eighty-  
two years of age, but he is still  
active, and curiously enough he  
is a real Santa Claus in appear-  
ance.—Frank Herbert Sweet.  
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### How Doctors Treat Colds and the Flu

To break up a cold overnight or  
to cut short an attack of grippe, in-  
fluenza, sore throat or tonsillitis, phy-  
sicians and druggists are now recom-  
mending Calotabs, the purified and  
refined calomel compound tablet that  
gives you the effects of calomel an-  
d salts combined, without the unpleas-  
ant effects of either.

One or two Calotabs at bed-time  
with a swallow of water,—that's all  
No salts, no nausea nor the slightest  
interference with your eating, work  
or pleasure. Next morning your cold  
has vanished, your system is thor-  
oughly purified and you are feel-  
ing fine with a hearty appetite for bread  
fast. Eat what you please,—no dan-  
ger.

Get a family package, contain-  
ing full directions, only 85 cents. At any  
drug store. (adv)

### Notice

No trespassing or hunting permit-  
ted in my pasture.—Furd Halsell. t

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Health, Accident, Plate Glass,  
Cotton.

LEO SPENCER

## To All My Friends and Customers

I wish to extend to you, one and all, Hearty Christmas  
Greetings and Best Wishes for a New Year, with Joy, Peace  
and Prosperity.

**O. O. HOLLINGSWORTH**

PLUMBING AND SHEET METAL WORK

Phone 325

East Side Square

## Auction Sale

At the Paul Zeibig place 3 miles  
northeast of Crowell, on January 5,  
commencing at 10 a. m., will be sold at  
public auction the following:

- 2 span good mules
- 1 wagon
- 2 work horses
- 2 mares
- 3 mule colts
- 1 Jersey cow, young calf
- 2 cows
- 4 yearlings
- 1 John Deer Lister
- 2 cultivators
- 2 drag harrows
- 1 drill (wheat)
- 1 McCormick binder (grain)
- 4 sets harness
- Other things too numerous  
to mention.
- Bankable notes accepted  
over \$20.00.

**A. L. Walling, Owner**

**Dave Sollis, Auctioneer**

**M. L. Hughston, Clerk**

# Greetings!



We wish to use this opportunity of ex-  
pressing our greetings to our customers, wish-  
ing each and every one of you a Most Happy  
Christmas season and Prosperous New Year.

We wish also to express our appreciation  
for the good business you have given us during  
the past year. We appreciate it very much  
and we hope to make the new year one of  
greater profit to you, as well as to this firm.

Let us join hands in the effort to make the  
coming year the greatest in the history of  
Foard County.

**Massie-Stovall Grocery Co.**

MAKES LIVING CHEAPER