

# The O'Donnell Index

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## Shoppers Buying Expensive Goods

The spirit of the holiday season is rampant in O'Donnell. Each store in town seems to be in a contest to see which can display the greatest variety of Christmas goods and in the decoration of the windows. To go through the shopping district at night gives one the feeling of being in a large city. It is so different from last year when very little effort was made to decorate.

The merchants state that the people are buying as never before, but they were prepared for this big trade with heavy stocks in all lines, and still have holiday goods to sell. The cheaper articles have been taboo by the shoppers, the expensive goods seeming to be the only attraction when they enter a store.

A safe and sane Christmas will be the program for next week. The churches have not announced any special services, but there will be Christmas trees and turkey dinners in most of the homes.

Stores and gins will close on Christmas day, allowing their employes to celebrate the great day in their own sweet way.

The State Theatre announces a special program of pictures for the week. On Monday Buck Jones "In Hell's Hole," will be shown. Tuesday, Creighton Hale will appear in "Riders Up". Wednesday and Christmas day Johnnie Hines in "The Speed Spook" will fill the bill. Friday, Tom Mix, the old favorite in the "Lone Star Ranger," will be shown. Saturday Pete Morrison in "Western Wood" will close the program for the week. Each of the plays are good ones according to Manager Sanders and were bought especially to please his patrons during the holidays.

The year 1924 has been a prosperous year in O'Donnell. Let's celebrate its passing sanely.

## Merry Christmas



CHRISTMAS is a day of cheer because we make it so. We bestow gifts upon those who are dear to us by ties of blood or friendship, we contribute to the happiness of children and turn kindly thoughts upon the unfortunate. Each year sees a greater tendency to assist these latter with something more substantial than thoughts. In all parts of America, and we assume that the same is true of other portions of the civilized world, there is manifested an increasing desire to help.

Few communities, towns or cities lack organized efforts for the carrying of real Christmas cheer to every destitute family, every hungry wayfarer, and especially to every child of poverty; that the latter, at least, may not regard the day, its symbols and promises as things of empty significance. This is in accordance with the teachings of Him for whom the day was named, and evidences the growth of spirituality in the world.

How little we know of how well off we are! How we magnify the trivial things of life! How prone we are to forget the securities and liberties of American citizenship! How hard it is to realize that the elements of true happiness lie within ourselves and not within what we possess. But we are beginning to know, and the spirit of Christmas is an important element in our teaching. Right sentiments soon crystallize into actions. The phrase, "Merry Christmas," upon all lips is an incentive to make it merry, hence the season becomes a time to forget strife and gloom and to spread peace and joy.

Is the old-fashioned Christmas passing? If so, a better one is taking its place. Modern arrangements may have done away with the yule log, but we still have the holly and the evergreen. They are but symbols. The tender emotions in our hearts count for much more. We can blend our voices and attune our souls to full jubilee on this festive occasion, which commemorates the most important announcement of all time, that of the religion of peace and love. Merry Christmas!

THE PUBLISHERS

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## Cold Weather Checks Picking

The number of bales ginned in O'Donnell this season was crowding the 12,000 mark Friday and only for the little cold snap, that number would have been passed. According to Weigher Busby, the number stood at 11969 and the run on Saturday will start it well on the 12,000 road. Mr. Busby now believes that the total number will reach 13500.

With the increased acreage to be planted next year, followed by a favorable season, O'Donnell will have 50,000 bales to take care of. This section is in the heart of the finest cotton growing country on earth, and it will be proven when the country is further developed and conditions are right.

In the number of bales ginned this season, O'Donnell holds the record according to its size of any town in the state and it is destined to continue that lead for all time to come. As the town grows, so will the number of bales ginned and marketed here.

O'Donnell has a great future. If you don't believe this you should be converted into the belief at once. Come to O'Donnell.

## Machinery Arriving for Planing Mill

The material for the construction of a planing mill is being placed on the lots east of Cicero Smith's lumber yard and it is the intention of the proprietors, Jim Parker and Bill Phillips to have the building under way the first of the year.

The floor space will be 25x40 and will be constructed of tiles and made as near fire-proof as possible. A combination planer and saw machine is already here and other machinery will be in by the time the building is completed.

## First State Bank of O'Donnell, Texas

The Directors and stockholders of the First State Bank desire to express the wish that

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**A Merry Christmas**

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**Island Sold at Auction**  
Lundy Island in the Bristol Channel has been sold under the hammer on several occasions. Its first auction sale brought in only about \$46,000, while some years later it was withdrawn when the bidding reached \$70,000. At another time it was bought by one of the DeVeres, and the price paid for it was soon returned from the sale of rabbits. The auctioneer, at the time announced that it acknowledged neither king nor emperor and had never paid taxes.

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**JOLLY OLD ST. NICK**



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**Celebrating Christmas**

By ANNA DEMING GRAU

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WE SHALL have to go farther back than the Christian era to find the source of Christmas celebration, for we borrowed it from the nations existing long before the coming of the Christ Child.

Christmas came from early Egyptian civilization, from the Teutonic barbarians, or the pagan Greek and Roman nations—or perhaps from all of them. But in the days of the early Christians Christmas ceased to be observed merely as a day of merrymaking and feasting. They celebrated it as a day of good will and kindness, the bestowing of gifts, and a time of peace, but they considered it a holy festival and too filled with solemnity and sacred joy to be made a time of hilarity and boisterous jollity.

That the very date is uncertain makes little real difference. In those early days of the Christians they thought it following the heathenish customs to observe birthdays. We cannot wonder at this when we remember that every god and goddess, every noted man, and every animal considered sacred, must each have a



special day of feasting and festivity. It is not strange that they should have come to a time when they put the whole custom aside, and celebrated none at all, not even the birthday of the Child of Bethlehem.

It was not until four hundred years ago, not until Christianity had triumphed and become a recognized factor in the world that they even began

to question the real date of Christ's birth.

The Western empire had accepted December 25 as the date, and the Eastern churches celebrated January 6, while other dates from September 29 to May 20 were observed, and each of these with some good reason for its selection. It was Pope Julius who finally settled the controversy by accepting the ruling of the Western church and established December 25, and by the middle of the Fourth century this date was generally recognized. In the pagan nations this had been the time when a festival of joy took place, because it was then that the sun was supposed to begin to recede from the equator.

They celebrated the 21st of December by all manner of licentious revels and heathen debauchery, and even



after the coming of Christianity it was centuries before these pagan customs and practices were eliminated. And it was not until after the Middle Ages that the meaning and the significance of the season began to dawn upon the minds and hearts of men.

In old England Christmas became a time of feasting, drinking and hilarious merrymaking—not a very advanced conception, but a step beyond the pagan idea. Later the spirit of Puritanism began to influence English customs and public zeal ran so high that all gaiety and all festivity came to be considered sinful.

All observances of special days were declared designed by the "devil," and the famous Roundhead movement set aside the celebration of Christmas, Easter and Whitsuntide.

For twelve years no special days were observed in England, and when they were once more taken back into favor the result was what might have been expected, for the Christmas season became a time of feasting, drinking, dancing and wild revel, lasting for twelve days and nights. The lord of misrule came into existence—this was the chosen master of festivities, into whose hands the keys of the house were given and whose word was law while the revel lasted. The days and nights were full of "all manner of hilarity, and a most wild and merrier time was had," we are told.

**The Song of Christmas**

By JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY

CHANT me a rhyme of Christmas—And though it is filled with laughter, let it be pure and strong.

Sing of the hearts brimmed over with the story of the day—Of the echo of childish voices that will not die away.

Of the blare of the tasseled bugle, and of the timeless clatter and beat Of the drum that throbs to muster squadrons of scampering feet.

But, O, let your voice fall fainter, till, blent with a minor tone, You temper your song with the beauty Of the pity Christ has shown.

And sing one verse for the voiceless; and yet ere the song be done, A verse for the ears that hear not, and a verse for the sightless one.

For though it be time for singing a merry Christmas glee, Let a low, sweet voice of pathos run through the melody.

At first only the royal households had these lords of misrule, but the custom spread until almost every household had its ruler of the season's revels. But gradually, as time passed, these wild celebrations gave place to festivals none the less joyous, but more befitting the season.

The ceremony of bringing in the Yule log was observed, of decorating the house with holly and mistletoe,



the lighted candle in the window, and the midnight singing of carols.

Still later Christmas became a day marked by bountiful dinners given to the poor by rich landowners, rather than merely a time of feasting and merrymaking.

And slowly the real Christmas spirit is coming more and more into the hearts of humanity, as we grow each year to better understand the song the angels sang that starlit night on the Judean hills. And "on earth peace, good will to men," means more with each recurring year as we open our hearts to the Child of Bethlehem.

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**He Saw the Devil**

Claude, age six, was playing in a garage. He came pellmell into the house, crying hysterically, declaring between sobs that the devil was in the machine.

On investigation, an owl was found perched on the back seat. It had evidently gotten there the night before, when the machine was left standing in a country road.

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Notice is hereby given that we, the undersigned ginners of O'Donnell, will not operate our gins on Wednesday, Dec. 24 and Thursday, Dec. 25. This will allow our employees two holidays for Christmas, so please govern yourselves accordingly in bringing in your cotton.

Wishing you all a merry Christmas, we are

Hardberger Brothers Gins  
Fuller Gin Company  
McDonald-Ely Gin Co.  
Davis Gin

### No Shooting of Fire-works on the Streets

Better look out kiddies, or the law will get you for shooting fireworks on the streets of O'Donnell. An ordinance was passed and laid down on the books of the City Council last December making it a fine to pop firecrackers and things on the streets of the city and this law is still in effect. Firecrackers will make just as much noise and the sky-rockets will sail just as high on the outskirts of the town and it would be much better that you go out there and shoot them than to get the law all riled up and have it take you before the city court and make you dig up some of your hard-earned cotton picking money for a fine. These law fellers are sticking it to violators of city ordinances these days, and you had better watch out.

J. I. Self left for Weatherford Saturday. He will return in a few days to continue working on the proposed National Bank.

### Methodist Church CALENDAR

Sunday School 9:45. A class for every person that comes. Don Edwards, supt.; Raymond Ballew, assistant supt.

Prayer meeting Wednesday night.

Woman's Missionary Society Thursday afternoon.

Preaching services begin promptly at 11 o'clock and 7:15.

Everybody cordially invited, don't go to sleep Sunday morning; don't do as Rip Van Winkle did; he is dead.

W. B. Hicks, Pastor.

### Tomlinson Retires from Barber Business

C. L. Tomlinson leased his barbershop and tailor shop to John Johnson this week for a period of one year, the latter taking

charge Monday. Mr. Johnson is an experienced barber and will continue to make the success of the business that Mr. Tomlinson has built up. Claud says he will retire from the business for one year and will devote his time to his extensive farming interests.

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## Christmas Greeting



Ever-living, ever-giving  
Is that love to earth brought down,  
All-embracing, all-forgiving  
Is that grace that shines like a crown



We thank you for your patronage during the past year  
and wish you a Merry Christmas.

**Fuller Gin Company**  
W. C. SAULS, Manager



## Let Us Remember

By Emily Burks Adams

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**M**OTHER, what is that poetry you're quoting?" said Agnes, as her mother came from the sewing room, where she and Jane were making dresses for the fatherless cousins who lived in the country.

"Oh!" said mother, "I was just saying to Jane—

'Tis not the pleasure we enjoy,  
In life, as it comes our way;  
But the joy we give to others  
Marks our best and happiest day.

Agnes, who was of a more serious mind, replied: "Well, Jane knows that, doesn't she, mother?"

"Oh! Yes, of course, or at least she should. She just said she was powerfully tired working and sewing for relatives and she wished some one would sew for her once."

"Well, mother," continued Agnes, "it doesn't seem fair for us to do all the helping. Why doesn't Aunt Kate help? She has scads of money and no one to think of but herself. She could clothe them outright and never miss it."

"Yes, daughter, but what greater joy do we receive at Christmas than the letter of love and appreciation?—always a note from each one, and just as soon as they get the box, too. Aunt Kate has never known need and she doesn't know how to share. Before we had plenty, how delighted we were to receive even second-hand clothes from Uncle and Aunt Defoe. Always something new, too. My! how we enjoyed opening the box."

"Yes, mother, dear, 'tis true we do soon forget," said Agnes, thoughtfully.

"Let's hurry, mother," said Jane, picking up her needle. "Never a word of complaint from me again. Let's make the prettiest boxes ever."

"Yes," chimed in mother. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these ye have done it unto me."

"A real Christmas to them this time," and Jane was off to town for some little gifts, Christmas seals and holly.

The packages were sent full of useful gifts, overflowing with love and carried Christ's benediction.

### Local Boys Attending Sweeney Auto School

Two of our boys, L. L. McKenzie and William Hays, are in Kansas City, Mo., attending the Sweeney Automotive, Tractor and Electrical School. The president, E. J. Sweeney, writes the Index that the boys are well pleased and are making rapid progress with their studies and actual experience under the personal supervision of competent instructors. Mr. Sweeney says the school is proud of them for they have entered upon their work with a zeal that means success and that their willingness to work shows their ambition to make something of themselves and it is his guess that they will return home and eventually get into business for themselves.

Dr. W. J. Adams and H. C. Frost were business visitors in Lubbock Wednesday.

### The Christmas Star

By HAROLD C. WARREN  
in Herald of Gospel Liberty

**T**HE Christmas star swung bright and low  
To guide the Wise Men long ago;  
And shepherds on Judea's hill  
Learned God's desire for man's good will,  
Beneath its glow.

The Christmas star through clouded years,  
Through manhood's wars and woman's tears,  
Sent glintings faintly understood;  
Until, with dawning brotherhood,  
The star again appears.

The Christmas star this wintry night  
Invades my home with tender light;  
It sprinkles gold where baby lies,  
And star dust dances in your eyes,  
My heart's delight.

The Christmas star, it shines afar  
Where our eternal treasures are,  
Men hear the good Christ's gentle call,  
As twilight lets her curtain fall  
And pins it with a star.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Means are expected to arrive here in a few days to spend the holidays with Mr. and B. Brown.

### Hunters Return With Plenty Game

D. G. Phipps, E. L. Curtis, D. J. Bolch and A. R. Tyler returned Monday from a week's hunt in Llano county, and they brought home the bacon, showing that they were some hunters. They had strapped to the running board of the car two bucks and one gobbler. They report that they got three bucks and five gobblers during the hunt and could have got as many more if they had found them. Showing the game on the streets attracted quite a bit of attention and it gave many of the boys the buck ague to hear the hunters tell how they shot the deer.

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# Have You This Habit?

By Margaret Morison

## THE JOY OF LIVING

THE little New England village of Puritan Crossroads didn't know what to make of Robert Adaire when, one fall after the summer people had left, he stayed on. For Robert Adaire was outside the ken of Puritan Crossroads. He wasn't serious, said the verdict.

That October, Prof. Alden Standish invited the doctor and Reginald Prince II, in to test his cider; and the conversation as it had been doing for a month turned upon the newcomer.

"His good spirits?" said the doctor, "Merely excellent health!"

"Personally," put in Professor Standish, "I think he hasn't the brains to worry about anything—he doesn't know enough to feel sorrow."

"Some Celtic strain, if we knew his ancestry, I imagine," ended the heir of all the Princes.

Then Puritan Crossroads forgot all about Robert Adaire because the influenza reached them. The town was struck very hard, and the thick, foreign settlement down near the Prince mills was a plague spot. The town rolled up its sleeves and gritted its teeth and fell to work with good Puritan spirit. Everyone did his bit—it was a case of noblesse oblige. Professor Standish was therefore scandalized to find Robert Adaire joking with a dying Portuguese mill hand, whose temperature he was taking. But the workman would have no one near him except Adaire. Then the doctor discovered that Adaire's gaiety was a valuable medicine among his stricken families, and that when Adaire came his patients seemed to think it worth while to try to get well. So the un-serious Robert Adaire was worked night and day until he himself fell ill. Then Reginald Prince, who appreciated the work among his operatives, went to see Adaire. The newcomer to Puritan Crossroads was in the worst throes of the disease. But he welcomed Prince with his usual amused smile.

"This is what I call knowing influenza from the inside," said he.

For days it was nip and tuck. The whole town seemed to have been thawed out by the warmth of his personality. Everyone, sooner or later during the day, came to hear that life was still flickering; and those three old friends—Alden Standish and the doctor and Prince—stayed by Adaire's ribald bedside.

They were talking in undertones. "It's his vitality," said the doctor, "that's so wonderful; he likes to know that he's alive; he wants to feel experience; he doesn't have to have a smooth road."

"He has no ulterior motives," said Professor Standish. "He does a thing because he wants to do it, not because it will get him something else."

But all three of them felt it was Prince who hit the bull's-eye.

"Robert Adaire has the habit of joie de vivre," said Prince. And perhaps it was joy of living that pulled Adaire through.

### HAVE YOU THIS HABIT?

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## The Young Lady Across the Way



The young lady across the way says she doesn't wonder, after what he did to Carpenter, that Jack Dempsey can't get anybody to wrestle with him.

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## WHAT WILL YOU DO TO LIFE?

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

WHAT will you do to life, I wonder?—

It isn't much that the world requires. You will sometimes fall, you will sometimes blunder,

You will sometimes follow the wrong desires;

But, if one coal to the watchman's fires

You add that will make the highway brighter,

If your heart, your hand, your help, inspires

One traveler; makes one burden lighter,

It is well you lived, it is well you do, Though little or much life brings to you,

What will you do to life, I wonder?— It isn't much that the world requires.

That we follow on, that we follow under

The splendid flag of our splendid sires

And, when the arm of the elder tires,

We lift the banner and never waver,

That the race may be, when the day expires,

A little better, a little braver.

Not what you have—it is what you do

That really matters the most to you.

What will you do to life, I wonder?— It isn't much that the world requires.

When the lightnings flash, when the thunders thunder,

Here is the man that the world admires.

Not him whom purple and gold attire,

Not him who is richer than all the others,

But whose successes were signal fires

To point the path to his toiling brothers.

Both joy and sorrow will come to you;

To life I wonder what will you do?

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## SCHOOL DAYS



## Mother's Cook Book

"I sometimes think that never blows so red The Rose, as where some buried Caesar bled; That every Hyacinth the Garden wears Dropt in her lap from some once lovely Head."

### WHAT TO EAT

TASTY biscuits which may be used for tea or breakfast are:

#### Tea Biscuits.

Sift a pint of flour with four teaspoonfuls of baking powder, one teaspoonful of sugar and one-half teaspoonful of salt. Rub into it with the fingers four tablespoonfuls of butter, mixing it thoroughly. Add enough rich milk or half milk and half cream to make a rather soft dough. Roll out to one-fourth of an inch in thickness, cut into rounds two and one-half inches in diameter. Bake in a hot oven for ten to fifteen minutes. Brush over the tops with milk shortly before taking from the oven. Serve cut in halves.

#### Lightning Cookies.

Beat until creamy one cupful of butter, add one at a time, beating after each addition, four eggs; add one cup-

ful of sugar the grated rind of a lemon, and beat again. Lastly add one-fourth pound of chopped almonds and one and one-half cupfuls of flour, beat well and drop by spoonfuls on baking sheets. Bake in a moderate oven. Add more flour if it seems necessary.

Nellie Maxwell  
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### Hint for Watch Carriers

One railroad has issued a bulletin asking its employees to wind their watches at the same time every day, preferably in the morning, which helps to keep the timepiece in good condition.



SOMETHING BETTER TO WATCH.

Do your men watch the clock? Not since I hired that pretty stenographer.

Toleration is the hardest thing to teach. Nobody has it fully.



# ASPIRIN

SAY "BAYER ASPIRIN" and INSIST!

Unless you see the "Bayer Cross" on tablets you are not getting the genuine Bayer Aspirin proved safe by millions and prescribed by physicians 24 years for



- Colds
- Headache
- Pain
- Neuralgia
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- Rheumatism

Accept only "Bayer" package which contains proven directions. Handy "Bayer" boxes of 12 tablets—Also bottles of 24 and 100—Druggists. Aspirin is the trade mark of Bayer Manufacture of Monoceticacidester of Salicylicacid

### Built for Dancing

The third floor of an old building at Westbrook, Maine, sagged, giving the impression of unsafety. It was decided to remodel, and when the workmen pulled up the flooring on the third floor, much to their surprise, they found that a coiled spring floor had been purposely constructed years ago to make a perfect dance floor.

### Green's August Flower

The remedy with a record of fifty-eight years of surpassing excellence. All who suffer with nervous dyspepsia, sour stomach, constipation, indigestion, torpid liver, dizziness, headaches, coming-up of food, wind on stomach, palpitation and other indications of digestive disorder, will find GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER an effective and efficient remedy. For fifty-eight years this medicine has been successfully used in millions of households all over the civilized world. Because of its merit and popularity GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER is found today wherever medicines are sold. 50 and 90 cent bottles.—Adv.

### The Cause

"Hey, there!" yelled Gap Johnson of Rumpus Ridge to an approaching motorist. "Back up and detour, won't you?"

"What's coming off?" asked the tourist.

"My fourteen children are fighting Gabe Giggery's kids all over the road, just around the bend, there, and I can't separate 'em."—Kansas City Star.

If your eyes smart or feel scalded, Roman Eye Balsam, applied on going to bed, will relieve them by morning. Adv.

At the bottom of good manners is kindness. They border on morals.

## ITCH!

Money back without question if HUNT'S SALVE fails in the treatment of ITCH, ECZEMA, RINGWORM, TETTER or other itching skin diseases. Price The at druggists, or direct from A. S. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Tex.

### Church Uses Busses

Motor busses are utilized by the Memorial Baptist church of Cortland for the transportation of rural members of the Sunday school. Each Sunday the machines cover the macadamized highways with a radius of seven miles of the town, picking up all within walking distance of the roads who have no other means of conveyance.—Washington Star.

Red Cross Ball Blue is the finest product of its kind in the world. Every woman who has used it knows this statement to be true.—Advertisement.

### Vegetables Imported

When the weather was too cold for gardens in this country last winter 3,103,000 pounds of beans and 54,147,000 pounds of tomatoes were brought from Mexico and Cuba.

### Cuticura for Pimply Faces.

To remove pimples and blackheads smear them with Cuticura Ointment. Wash off in five minutes with Cuticura Soap and hot water. Once clear keep your skin clear by using them for daily toilet purposes. Don't fail to include Cuticura Talcum. Advertisement.

### Other Fellows' Prosperity

Jud Tunkins says prosperity nearly always seems like something some other fellow has more than his share of.—Washington Star.

# Children Cry for



## Fletcher's CASTORIA

MOTHER:—Fletcher's Castoria is a pleasant, harmless Substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Teething Drops and Soothing Syrups, especially prepared for Infants in arms and Children all ages.

To avoid imitations, always look for the signature of Dr. J. C. Fletcher. Proven directions on each package. Physicians everywhere recommend it.

# DIXIE FEVER AND RAIN POWDER

Reduces Fever and Produces Rest Contains No Opiate — 25¢ All Dealers



# THE INDEX

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## Local Items.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Doak and Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Busby motored over to Cedar Lake and Seagraves Sunday.

The Morning Avalanche is on sale in the Christopher Drug Store, O'Donnell, Texas First daily paper to our town every day.

Earl Campbell and W. J. Flanary have leased the tailorshop in the Tomlinson building from John Johnson and have already taken possession. Mr. Campbell will have active charge of the business.

Mail us your Kodak films. Quality prints and reasonable prices. Let the professional photographer do your work—  
WAFFLE STUDIO, Lamesa, Tex.

The ladies of the First Christian Church wish to thank all those who patronized them Saturday while selling sandwiches, pie, cake and coffee in the new Warren building, also thank Mr. Warren for the use of the building.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Blaylack, Mr. and Mrs. M. Jackson and Misses Minnie and Nancy Pennington formed a party who visited Lubbock and ay.

M. G. Berry, who has been farming in the Draw neighborhood, purchased one half section of land from C. L. Tomlinson and is now on the place improving it.

Electrical supplies of all kinds at J. P. Bowlin's store. Come in and see our stock and if we have not got it, we can order it and get it for you quickly.

Gail Cheney, who was operated on for appendicitis at the offices of Dr. C. P. Tate last week, is reported as convalescing nicely.

F. M. Townzen is erecting a four-room bungalow in the east part of town. The building will have all modern conveniences.

W. H. Veazey was here last week from Monday looking after his farm interest.

Mrs. Robert Cheney of Greenville, arrived on Tuesday of last week to attend her son, Gail, who underwent an operation for appendicitis. She was met in Big Spring by O. D. Riddle.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tipton, Wednesday night of last week, a fine boy.

Mrs. E. T. Wells and young daughters, Beverly and Jim Ellen, and Mrs. Harvey Everett and daughter, Ima D were shoppers in Tahoka Monday.

## CAR LOAD OF Delco Light Plants

I will unload my car load of plants next Monday, at Lamesa. I have 5 plants yet unsold that will go at the car load price. We will be able to install for the Holidays.

Call or write me at once, that I may see you on this proposition.

**JOE D. DICKSON**

Phone 446  
Box 698 Lamesa, Tex.

Cull Hart and Clyde Frost left first of the week for a business visit to Colorado. They went by the way of Juarez, which is a little way off the main trail, but the trip will be worth it.

G. O. Newman, R. L. Barrett and A. J. Barnes are combing the farming districts east of the Cap Rock this week for prospective land purchasers.

Seeing the other fellows making so much money selling land, Joe Pugh jumped into the game and made a good deal on his first effort. He sold 160 acres of land situated near Lamesa for \$60 an acre. Mr. Pugh has other deals pending which he believes will be pulled through.

V. H. Guy, representing the Avalanche Publishing Company, visited A. E. Alter, Monday.

Presiding Elder Dr. Ernest Robinson will preach at the Methodist church on the fourth Sunday at 11 o'clock. Everybody invited to hear this learned man. His subject will be "Life's Mission."

W. L. Palmer finished gathering his crop this week and will leave Monday to spend the holidays at Hamlin and other points off the Cap Rock.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Sanders, little daughter, Mary Olarinda, Mrs. Gillespie and Miss Lois Lockaby visited in Slaton Sunday.

### Child Undergoes Operation for Ruptured Appendicitis

The nine-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Nations, who live twelve miles west of town, was operated on for ruptured appendicitis Monday night at 10 o'clock at the offices of Dr. C. P. Tate. Dr. Krueger came down from Lubbock to perform the operation. The child is getting along nicely. This is another instance which proves that O'Donnell needs an emergency hospital. Let's build a hospital.

### Reduction in Ford Prices Speed Sales

C. I. Kuykendall, manager of the O'Donnell Motor Company, states that the reduction in the prices of Ford cars has greatly speeded up the sale of these popular automobiles, and he is making a strenuous effort to supply the demand.

Mr. Kuykendall says: "The reduction will save over three-quarters of a million dollars to Ford buyers during the month of December alone" this amount being left to the buyers to spend on holiday gifts and other things. The largest cut in the Ford list was that of \$25 in the price of the Fordor Sedan, one of the most attractive Ford closed cars and one which is a favorite for family use. Prices on other Ford types were also reduced bringing all of them to the lowest price level in the history of the company."

### ECZEMA!

Money back without question if HUNT'S GUARANTEED SKIN DISEASE REMEDIES (Hunt's Salve and Soap), fail in the treatment of Itch, Eczema, Ringworm, Tetter or other itching skin diseases. Try this treatment at our risk.



For sale by  
Corner Drug Store

### First Baptist Church CALENDAR.

Preaching 1st and 3rd Sundays at 11 o'clock and 7:45 p. m.  
Prayer meeting each Wednesday afternoon 7:45  
B. Y. P. U. meets at 6:30 p. m. each Sunday.  
Everybody invited.  
W. K. HORN, Pastor.

### Coal

Just received 3 cars famous "Nigger Head" Coal.  
Buy now.  
Cicero Smith Lumber Co.

### Notice of Taxes Due

Notice is hereby given that street, poll and property taxes for the City of O'Donnell are now due and payable. Please call at the City Hall and pay same.

The following wishes you a Merry Christmas

### DR. C. P. TATE Physician and Surgeon . . . .

All Calls Promptly Attended  
Day or Night  
Office Phone 21, day or night  
O'DONNELL, TEXAS

### Dr. C. E. COLLINS PHYSICIAN and SURGEON

Day—Phono Christopher Drugs  
Night—Phone 65  
O'Donnell - Texas

### F. W. Thacker VETERINARIAN

Will be in O'Donnell  
each Tuesday  
Headquarters at  
Corner Drug Store

### MRS. P. H. NORTHGROSS Public Stenographer Notary Public Conveyancer

See us for Long  
and Short Hauls

Two Trucks  
WILLIAMS and SHOOK

### "THE SUDDEN SERVICE"

Hamburgers, Cold Drinks,  
Cigars and Cigarettes.  
Geo. Shumake & Son  
WEST SIDE

### Magnolia Products

J. E. BAKER, Agent

### Gasoline, Coal Oil Lubricating Oils

Wholesale deliveries made any where any time. I respectfully solicit your business

### The O'Donnell Mattress Factory

All Kinds of  
Mattresses Made Over  
Satisfaction Guaranteed.  
L. L. WYATT  
South Side Shop.

### Wells Drilled

I have a Well Machine and men to run it. If you want a well, see or phone me.

J. T. Crabb

Phone 97 O'DONNELL, TEXAS

### C. E. WALLER DENTIST

Office at  
Second Floor, Warren bldg.  
O'Donnell - Texas

C. T. KUBLE, D. C.  
O'Donnell's Chiropractor  
ACUTE AND CHRONIC  
DISEASES  
Hours: 9 to 12 and 2 to 6  
New office on 8th street.

### V. O. KEY Abstracts, Loans and Insurance

Key Building  
LAMESA, TEXAS

### JOHNSON'S BARBER SHOP

Located on West Side  
Satisfactory Service Guaranteed  
Call and see us  
J. JOHNSON, Prop.

### Lamesa Commercial College

The BEST in the WEST  
CHAS. KILGORE, Manager  
Lamesa, Texas

### FROST & BAILEY LAND CO

Farm Land,  
Ranches,  
Loans and  
Insurance

List your land with us  
O'Donnell, Texas

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On the Wagon All the Time.  
Give Us Your Work.

### HARRIS & ETTER

THE KOZY KLOSURE  
For Ford Roadsters  
and Touring cars, all models  
Easily Installed  
Priced for moderate purses  
B. F. SHORT, Distributor  
Headquarters: Highway Garage

### PRUNES PRUNES

Fresh from my orchard  
in Oregon  
Packed in neat 25 and 30 lb boxes  
Would make an appropriate  
Christmas present  
Every box Guaranteed  
to be perfect  
Dr. J. H. Campbell  
See J. E. BAKER, Distributor



**Robinson Surprised  
at Growth of Town**

"I have got to have that paper," said Hall Robinson, Tahoka's hustling insurance and loan man, the other day when he saw a copy of the Index. "I did not know that O'Donnell, could support a twenty-page newspaper, but the town is growing so fast that I cannot keep track of things down here. During the days when I was in politics," continued Mr. Robinson, "I knew every man, woman and child in this precinct and now I see so many strangers that I feel like I am in a strange land." Mr. Robinson was here in the inter-

est of his loan and insurance business and placed his card in the Index asking for business.

**A Mother in Mississippi  
to Read the Index**

Back in Mississippi a dear old mother will be made happy fifty-two times during the coming year by the thoughtfulness of her son, Ben Cherres, who subscribed for the Index to be sent her as a Christmas present. Ben is one of our hustling young men who is gathering riches and a lot of happiness by tickling Southplains soil, and he wants the world to know that we have the best country under the sun.

**Yates Returned from  
Missionary Trip**

E. D. Yates returned this week from Dallas and other east Texas points where he had been doing some missionary work for the O'Donnell country. He says that everybody down that way is talking Southplains, and as a result of his trip, he expects to make land sales soon as his prospectors can arrive and see what we have to offer.

Johnnie Roche'l believes that the Index is the best Christmas present a feller can make to his friends and relatives. He ordered it sent for one year to his sister, Mr. A. I. Williams at

Caddo. There is a splendid chance, too, that the recipients of this great paper will be induced to move here through reading its columns.



**FRESH BARBECUED MEAT**  
—at the—  
**CITY MARKET**  
Every Morning  
Fresh and Cured Meats  
Bread, Ice and Vegetables  
Orders promptly delivered.  
**W. J. SHOOK, Prop.**

**O'DONNELL FEED & COAL**  
For Highest Quality of Coal  
AND  
All Kinds of Feed  
A. A. HOUSE, Prop.

**Season's Greeting**  
As the good old year 1924, which has been a prosperous one for us all, draws to a close I wish to express my wishes to all for a

**Gifts for  
Men**

Dress and Work Shirts  
Ties                      Hose                      Caps  
**Born Made-to-Measure Clothes.**  
Cleaning and Pressing. Work called for ann delivered  
*A Good Place to Buy Presents for  
Father, Brother, Husband or Sweetheart*  
**C. E. RAY**

**O'Donnell Tin Shop**  
We have one of the most expert tanners in Texas and are better prepared than ever to do all kinds of  
**TIN, SHEETIRON AND METAL WORK**  
We want your business                      All Work Guaranteed

*Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year*  
**L. L. Busby**  
Public Weigher



**Our Christmas Wishes**

Without the door let sorrow lie;  
And if for cold it hap to die,  
We'll bury 't in a Christmas pie  
And ever more be merry.  
*—George Weber*

We extend you our thanks for your business during the past year  
and wish you a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

**Berry Davis Gin**







**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**  
to  
**Our Friends and Customers**

During the year just coming to a close we have made every endeavor to make our relations pleasant as well as profitable to us both. We will strive even harder, during the coming year, to justify your continued patronage.

We take this method of extending to you the season's greetings and wish you a

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**

**JONES DRY GOODS**  
C. A. Baldwin, Manager

**THE Cotton Patch**  
BY FARMER

Home life is disappearing and country life is disappearing. About all there is left is wotta life.

Early to bed and early to rise impares the digestion and ruins the eyes.

No girl now marries a man for better or worse. She marries him for more or less.

Opportunity, knocking but once as it does, would make a darned poor political speaker.

Clothes don't make the man any more—it's his car.

Bill Turpin sneered  
At careful folk;  
He hasn't sneered  
Since his axle broke.

FAMOUS SAYING:  
What did you buy her for  
Christmas?

**Best Wishes for 1925**

**CITY ORDINANCE**

At a regular meeting of the city council of the City of O'Donnell held on the 18th day of Dec. A. D. 1924, the following ordinance was passed:

Be it ordained by the city council of the City of O'Donnell, Texas, it shall be unlawful to pursue any avocation herein set out without first securing license from the city secretary of O'Donnell, Texas.

It shall be unlawful for any tent show to exhibit within the corporate limits of the City of O'Donnell without first securing a license from the city secretary of O'Donnell, Texas.

Second. License on all tent shows shall be \$25.00 for each performance.

Third. Any man or woman or body of men and women attempting to perform without first securing a license shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction in corporation court, each must individual pay a fine not less than \$10.00.

4. That, this ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage and publication as required by law.

Passed and approved this 18th day of Dec. 1924.

W. R. SANIERSON,  
Mayor.  
E. T. WELLS, City Secretary.

Before he became acclimated, W. F. McGill left here for Weatherford. In order to induce him to return, his son, Guy McGill, sends him the Index for a year. Perhaps, if the senior McGill had been a reader of the paper he would never have left here—he just simply did not know what a fine country we do have.

**Special Christmas Dinner**

Baked Turkey with Oyster Dressing  
Cold Slaw Whipped Cream and Peaches  
Cranberry Sauce Coffee Milk  
Price 75c

**REGULAR DINNER**

Choice of Roast Beef or Roast Pork  
Price 50c

We want to know you and want you to know that this is a Human house; not a soulless institution, after your money only.

Human beings care for you here, cook and serve your food—a Human being is also at the desk. They are all made of flesh and blood as you are—they have their interests, likes and dislikes, ambitions, dreams and disappointments just as you have.

We are not going to intrude upon you. What rules we have are made for the purpose of protecting you and insuring your comfort, but not to annoy you. A good rule for all of us is the Golden Rule, "Do as you'd be done by."

We are all travelers from Port of Birth to Port of Death—

wanderers between two extremities. For the little time you are with us, we wish nothing but good thoughts upon you.

And if you find any thing wrong with the management or any of the help, tell us so that we may know our mistakes and can have a better and nicer place for you all.

The year of 1924 soon will be gone. We wish to thank each and every one for the time you have spent with us in that time and trust that in the future we will see you more often.

We will try to have a better place for you in the year 1925. We wish a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Tom Brown

**White House Cafe**

Paul Gaines



**Foster Building Filling Station**

Geo. D. Foster is erecting a filling station and accessory store on the lot on the corner of Doak and Sixth streets. The building will have a floor space of 18x52 feet and will be of stucco. J. J. Caddell is the boss carpenter on the job. Mr. Foster says he will equip the station with all the latest machinery for taking care of the trade on quick notice. His lease on the Day and Night Service station which he has had for the past few months, terminates about the first of the year.

**Carpentering in New Mexico**

Ivy Douglas and Charles Smith have left for New Mexico to build a school house. They will be away about two weeks.

The O'Donnell Manufacturing Company announce they will make mattresses for \$3.50 when the material is brought in or will call for and deliver the work for \$4 per mattress. L. L. Wyatt, Manager.

Mesdames Raymond Ernest and Claud Ernest of Lamesa, were the guests of Miss Lenore Lowrie last week-end.

**SWEEPING CLEARANCE**

Of the entire line in our store, for our holiday trade  
A value event that will command your attention

P. H. NORTHCROSS'

**Yellow Tag Sale**

**Beginning Sat., Dec. 20, 1924**  
and ending January 1, 1925

**Dresses**

Spring weight flannel dresses at prices that are interesting  
Coats for women and children at \$3 and up.

**Cotton Materials**

Cotton checks for quilt linings at 11c  
Ginghams, 25c quality at 17 1-2c  
Ginghams, 30c quality at 22 1-2c  
Sheetings 9-4 highest grade bleached 60c  
Sheetings 9-4 highest grade unbleached 55c

**Underwear for men, women and children**

Highest quality, at a very attractive price. You will save money on these garments.

**Hosiery for men women and children**

Silk hose for women, were \$1.25 now 90c  
Pure thread silk hose, were \$1.75 now \$1.25  
High grade hose for children and socks of all kinds for men, at the same attractive prices.

Caps and hats for boys 25c, 50c and 75c

Also wide line of suits, overcoats, raincoats, dress trousers and work clothes of every description, all priced right.

Leather coats marked low.

**Shoes for men, women and children**

Slippers for women in satin, patent and tan kid in the newest styles, at extremely low prices.

House shoes, leather soles and rubber heels at the extremely low price of \$1.79

Shoes for men and children, prices slashed  
All odds and ends line of shoes, at \$1.50 and less.

Nice selection of gloves, handkerchiefs, toboggans, ties and purses for Christmas gifts.

**PAT NORTHCROSS**

The newest new store, West end of Warren Building

**Sorrels Lumber Co.**

COMPLETE STOCK OF BUILDING MATERIAL

**Star Windmills and Piping**  
**Barbed Wire and Posts, Poultry and Hog Wire**  
**Paints, Oils and Varnishes**

A Pleasure to Serve You

**Merry Christmas To All**

We wish to thank our patrons and the public in general for the nice support and many courtesies shown during the year. May the new year bring you much happiness and prosperity.

**Cicero Smith Lumber Company**  
Per Don Edwards

**1924 HOLIDAYS**

The good year 1924, just coming to a close, has been one of exceptional prosperity to us all and we take this method of thanking our friends for their liberal patronage which has made our business a success. We wish you all

**A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**

We are still headquarters for the late shopper in Holiday Goods. We invite a continuance of your trade for 1925.

**CORNER DRUG STORE**

C. M. Cox, Proprietor



*A*  
**Christmas**  
**Bone**

By  
**H. LUCIUS**  
**COOK**

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**W**HAT was going to happen? Bobby simply could not understand what it was all about, so he determined to find out what was the matter. The best way would be to sit up and see what Mr. and Mrs. Fixet did after the children went to bed. He knew that they would not care, as he was now so big he was allowed to do as he pleased.

About ten o'clock when he came in from his walk, therefore, he strolled deliberately down the hall.

"Sh!" he heard Mrs. Fixet exclaim. "Oh, it's only Bobby" was her husband's reply, so he kept right on down the hall.

When he got to the living room he went in and lay down on the sofa to watch.

Soon Mr. Fixet left the room, and returned dragging a big tree. Whatever he brought that tree in for Bobbie could not imagine. Ordinarily Mrs. Fixet would have had a fit to see the thing in the house. But tonight her face was radiant.

Together the Fixets got out a lot of

colored things and great strings of popcorn and pretty lights, and covered the entire tree. After that they left the room and came back with arms full of bundles that they lovingly placed around the base of the tree. It took them so long to do this that Bobby fell sound asleep.

When he awoke the room was swarming with the entire family, all of whom were laughing and joking and opening packages and kissing each other. It seemed as though the world had gone crazy. But Elizabeth soon noticed him and came and danced with him around the table. That was all the attention he got, so he went for a stroll into the town.

When he got back dinner was being served. He went in and stood by Elizabeth's chair. The table was literally groaning with food, and the turkey fairly made his mouth water.

The odor of turkey suddenly grew stronger, so he glanced around. Elizabeth's hand was down under the table and it held a drumstick of the turkey. It was for him. Wagging his tail frantically, he kissed her hand before he took the bone, and then he heard Mr. Fixet say laughingly, "Why, Elizabeth. More turkey so soon? You certainly made quick work of that for a little girl."

Thus Bobby was not forgotten at the Christmas meal, and the world did not seem so crazy as he had thought it

E. H. Webster, a newspaper man from Slaton, was a caller at the Index office Thursday.

**Merry Christmas To All**

We wish to thank our patrons and the public in general for the nice support and many courtesies shown during the year. May the new year bring you much happiness and prosperity.

**O'Donnell Sanitary Market**

**Saint Nicholas**



May the good old St. Nicholas visit each and every one of you this approaching Christmas and fill your hearts with cheer and happiness and may the New Year bring you peace and happiness.

We still have a splendid stock for the late Christmas shopper to select from. Visit our store and you will always find the very thing you have been looking for. Experienced clerks to help you make selections.

**Christopher Drugs**

**Christmas Greeting**

*As the sweet old Christmas Story  
Of the tiny Stranger who  
Came to Bethlehem's rude manger  
Is at this time told anew.  
May the beauty of its message  
Free your heart from aught of care  
And leave but the Christmas Spirit  
And Good Will to linger there.*

**SINGLETON'S STORE**



## Christmas Clue Calendars

By Gertrude Walton

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**C**LUE hunting for facts and fancies for a Christmas Clue calendar or catalog promotes the real art of giving at Christmas, on birthdays or at other times. For giving is a fine art that every one may possess with practice, with the result that gift-giving will be genuine pleasure instead of the hurry and worry exchange habit of giving just as good as you received. If a friend or member of the family mentions his or her favorite color, that is a clue for giving that one a gift and the hint is jotted down in the Clue calendar, which is a book in which names of friends and members of the family are kept.

If big brother expresses a wish for an article within our means, that wish is quickly put down under his name, where each one's likes, dislikes, wishes, habits with dates of birthday and wedding anniversaries are added. If sister dislikes to dry dishes, immediately under her name is registered the dislike and perhaps some dish cloths, on which her initial is stamped for the little miss to outline in colored thread, will make her task more pleasant.

If brother has the habit of throwing his soiled clothing promiscuously about, a bright laundry bag with his initial may help him overcome the habit. If grandmother loves white roses, there is a clue for a bottle of perfume and pleasure for some June day when you take her a bouquet of her favorites. You might never have remembered her pet flower if you had not referred to the Clue calendar.

So, with so many facts and fancies in the Clue calendar, an appropriate gift is easily selected, and the receiver will wonder how you knew just what he or she wanted without being told.

## Novel Ways of Wrapping Gifts

By FRANK HERBERT SWEET

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A world full of gladness,  
Of love and good cheer,  
Merry Christmas to you  
And a Happy New Year.

**T**HAT the holidays are with us once more, we are sure to hear the question—"How shall I wrap up my present this year?" Although there is nothing new, yet we may give a little touch here and there that will make them different and more interesting.

Why not make the wrapping as attractive as the gift? Holly, pine, bells, stars and Santas are the symbols of Christmas and should be used profusely with white, red, green and brown ribbons and paper.

The ideas suggested below may help some friend who is looking for something different:

Use white tissue paper and dark brown satin ribbon. A spray of pine cones (with a touch of white paint) may be tied with the ribbon.

Or use red tissue paper over white tissue and tie with white satin ribbon. Have the ends finished with red tassels.

Use white tissue paper over red tissue. Tie with red satin ribbon, with a pompon of the same in the center.

Bore holes in tiny hemlock cones—splashed with a weak solution of alum—and run ribbon through the holes. They will sparkle like frost. Use white paper and brown satin ribbon for wrapping, and tie one or two of the cones in with the ribbon.

Use light green tissue paper and silver cord which has been wound with snuff.

Use heavy white paper and wide red satin ribbon. Have an immense bow in the center.

Use red tissue paper and green ribbon. Fir needles may be tied in with the ribbon.

Use white paper and brown satin ribbon. Tie a pine cone—splashed with alum—in with the bow.

Use green tissue paper over white tissue paper and tie with gold cord. Tiny gilded wishbones may be tied in with the ribbon.

Use heavy red paper and tie with white ribbon. Stand a small Santa Claus where the ribbons cross.

Use red paper and tie with gold cord, on the ends of which are tiny gold bells.

Use holly paper and red satin ribbon.

Use red paper and holly ribbon.

Use white tissue paper over light green and tie with silver cord, on the ends of which are tiny silver bells.

Use white paper, with satin ribbon, on the ends of which are tiny snowballs—made of white cotton covered with mica snow.

On large packages use white paper, red ribbon, and a poinsettia tied in with the bow. On the ends of the petals have tiny snowballs tied on with silk thread.

Use red paper and tie with red and green raffia which has been braided.

Use white tissue paper over green tissue, and gold cord which has a spray of mistletoe tied, and which has been wound with amilax. Have a spray of mistletoe tied in with the ribbon.

## An Innocent Incident

By Eleanor E. King

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**W**ELL, snowing again! It isn't certainly in regular Christmas weather. All right! All right! Keep on backing!

The car stopped and went ahead instead. Grace couldn't understand why her friend, Laura, was not paying any attention to his directions. She opened the car door to say something and her eyes met a handsome new pair of heavy brogans. She gave a little gasp of surprise and murmured something about, "Nice to have some one back the car out for them," and slammed the door shut. As she did so she caught a glimpse of her friend, Laura, standing near the garage. She could no longer restrain her laughter. In her haste and embarrassment she had not glanced up to see the face of the owner of the brogans.

Blaise, another member of Grace's circle, entertained the girls at a little holiday reunion for dinner and the

evening. The friendships and good times, begun in high school and college, had continued in what they liked to term their Bachelor's club. The name was rather misleading, which appealed to the members immensely, for it was such a huge joke. The party was over, and the girls were getting their cars started when the "innocent incident" occurred. Grace, still convulsed with laughter, made her way to Laura.

"I couldn't understand why you didn't keep on backing up," she said between fits of laughter. "Then when I saw the pair of brogans—I was simply dumfounded. I shut the door so quickly I didn't even catch a glimpse of his face."

Laura burst into laughter. "That is Mr. Carson, Elsie's brother. He is home for the Christmas holidays."

"Well, I am sorry Mr. Carson," making a bow to an imaginary form, "but I didn't know you existed."

Although Grace was teased a great deal about her escapade, she had firmly put it out of her mind by Christmas. She was dressing to go to a Christmas party when the phone rang and she was informed she was wanted.

"Miss Darnelle? Merry Christmas! Wondered if I could take you out tonight? By the way, this is Ralph Carson."

Grace gasped, threw all good sense and dates to the wind and answered: "Yes, that would be jolly."

Misses Tommie and Wynoma Sorrels are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Sorrels. The young ladies are students at Baylor Female College at Belton.

Kenneth Campbell is expected home from school at Dallas to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Campbell.

Miss Lois Campbell in here from Dallas visiting her sister, Mrs. Flanary.

## STATE THEATRE

Program for Week of December 22, 1924

Monday  
**Hell's Hole**  
with Buck Jones

Tuesday  
**Riders Up**  
with Creighton Hale

Wednesday and Thursday  
**Johnny Hines in "THE SPEED SPOOK"**

Friday  
**Lone Star Ranger**  
with Tom Mix

Saturday  
**Western Blood**  
with Pete Morrison

ALL SPECIAL PRODUCTIONS

## 1924 HOLIDAYS

The good year 1924, just coming to a close, has been one of exceptional prosperity to us all and we take this method of thanking our friends for their liberal patronage which has made our business a success. We wish you all

**A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**

**J. P. BOWLIN**  
Staple and Fancy Groceries

## Is Your Car Balky?

Bring it to us or Call and we will come and put it in First-Class shape.

We have expert mechanics for your service.

## Russell's Garage

Fisk Tubes, Tires, Tools and Accessories.

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Wise Buying is Profitable Buying  
Profitable Buying Means Saving

Let us figure your bill. We have a complete stock of

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**BUILDERS HARDWARE**

**Higginbotham - Bartlett Co.**

O'DONNELL, TEXAS.

Manager, E. T. WELLS,

PHONE 3



## Home for Christmas

By Frank Herbert Sweet

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**G**RANNY SAYLES, taking the last batch of Christmas mince pies from the oven and placing them, one by one, on the zinc table top, saw through the corners of her eyes a skulking figure outside.

"Sammy," she thought, tired an' mebbe half-starved. "Thinkin' 'bout Christmas, an' startin' home, but 'fraid to come in. Poor boy! Been off two months this time."

Her eyes grew soft and sad. Many years ago her son, Ben, had been that way, wild and resentful of restraint. They—her husband had been harsh with him, or rather just, punishing when punishing was due, and sternly promising more, and more severe, at any repetition. But Ben only acted worse, and soon ran away.

It was twenty years before they heard from him, dying, and they had gone and brought his son, Sammy, back, then nearly ten.

And now her grandson was going the same way, impatient of advice and control, though only fourteen.

A slight shadow fell across the floor, though she did not look up. She knew, Sammy was peeping in hungrily.

"Some can be driven, an' others must be led," Granny murmured, with moist eyes. "One way's been tried, the other hardly touched. Poor Sammy! He's suspicious an' morose, an' may run off if I ain't careful."

She picked up a pan of scraps, such as were usually given the chickens, and went to the open door calling, "Chick chick, chick." Scattering the scraps as far as the corner, she suddenly dropped the pan and had her arms around Sammy's neck.

"I felt you'd come home for Christmas, Sammy," she exclaimed joyously.



"Forty Miles," mumbled Sammy. "An' Not a Bite on the Way."

"Smelled my cookies an' doughnuts, likely. My! my! how you used to make 'em fly. Now come in an' try some, an' the mince pies, too. I want to know if they're all right. Then you can go up an' wash. Pretty cold, I'd say, walkin'." But you always did like campin' out an' walkin'."

"Forty miles," mumbled Sammy, as he allowed himself to be urged in. "an' not a bite on the way."

"In too much hurry to get home for Christmas," chuckled grandma, trying to keep pity out of her voice. "But you really shouldn't go hungry, boy; it isn't good for growin' young folks."

Sammy eyed the food longingly, but hesitated. "Where's grandpa?" he asked.

"Sick in bed with rheumatism, an' discouraged," grandma answered. "Farm work all whicaway. I--found him cryin' t'other day."

"Not--grandpa?" incredulously. "Yes, but don't ever mention it to him. He hid his face under the bed-clothes when I went in, thinkin' I didn't see. Yes, grandpa feels that 'bout everything in life has gone criss-cross with him, partly his fault, maybe."

Two doughnuts, twice as many cookies and half a mince pie disappeared in silence, then, "I'd like to help if--if--but he wouldn't want--"

"Yes, he would. Grandpa's bark is all on the outside. If you really tried to help, I guess his face would go under the clothes an' we couldn't

see what he was doin'." Sammy drew an' his family, an' Miss Nancy Bell, an' Aunt Mary's children are comin' this evenin' to spend Christmas. Grandpa not being round, you'll have to help entertain. Take the young people round in the car, play games, an' all sorts of things."

"Grandpa wouldn't let me touch the pie," despondently. "He'd say I was too young."

"No, he wouldn't--not now." Sammy drew a wondering breath. But more cookies and the other half of mince pie went before he said, definitely:

"I was in jail two days for taking something to eat. I didn't mean to 'el."

"You poor boy!" Grandma took him into her arms. Then he broke down. "You still want me to come?" he sobbed.

"More than ever, dear. We need you just as much as you do us."

"Then I'll stay. It was awful, grandpa. I never want to go away any more. I--I'll stay here always, if you and grandpa want me to."

### Orange Pie

Ac'd one rounding tablespoonful of cornstarch, mixed with one cupful of cold water, to three-quarters cupful of boiling water and cook three minutes. Add a pinch of salt, the grated rind of three oranges, one cupful of sugar and yol. Beat in the yolks of two eggs and the white of one, both well beaten, and pour into a paste-lined plate.

Bake and cool slightly. Cover with a meringue made from the white of one egg beaten stiff with a level tablespoonful of powdered sugar and set in a cool oven for ten minutes.

### Pumpkin Pie

Mix four cupfuls of strained pumpkin with nine eggs, beaten separately, two quarts of milk, a teaspoonful each of cinnamon, mace and nutmeg, one and one-half cupfuls of sugar. Bake with one crust.

Miss Janie Yates has accepted a position as bookkeeper in Lubbock. She was formerly with the O'Donnell Motor company.

For battery recharging, generators, batteries and starters, see Cecil Hubbard with O'Donnell Battery Company. All work guaranteed to be done right.

Rowletts Automatic sash control eliminates weights, cords, pulleys and rattle. Instantly installed on new or old sash. Sold and guaranteed by your lumber dealer.

## Nature's Christmas Gifts

By Frank Herbert Sweet

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**I**T IS Christmas! Give what you have. To some it may be better than you dare to think. Instead of out-of-town dwellers turning their eyes cityward at Christmas time, why not turn them to the resources which nature offers to those who have eyes to see and invention to use? Mother Nature's storehouse is full of Christmas gifts. Practically every state possesses some unusual feature which would bring delight to those who live in other parts of the country, but owing to their familiarity to the people who reside in their midst, are never thought of as possible gifts for those to whom they are unusual.

How many mountain folks of the South look upon scarlet galax leaves as anything unusual, yet here is one of the very few places in the world where these much-prized leaves are to be found. A wreath or two of them, or a barrel of holly and mistletoe, or perhaps some of the rare roses these regions contain, would bring joy to the recipient. And chinquapins, which few people living away from the South have ever heard of, would be a novelty, especially if sent in one of the odd-shaped baskets which can be made from the barks of some of the trees. South Carolina is the only state which grows tea; a box of home-grown tea would indeed be a bit out of the ordinary. Even cotton bolls are appreciated by those who have never seen the cotton in this form.

Not one in a thousand has eaten a chayote, but in the far South this vegetable is as common as cauliflower; the dashen, too, is no more than the potato in many parts of the South, and the udo is found in many places--what a treat they would be for some one! It is a wise plan when you send new foods to let written instructions as to ways of using accompany the gift, for sometimes strange foods are thrown out because the recipient does not know how to use them. Alligator pears are uncommon in many places remote from the large cities, and almost everywhere cost from twenty-five cents up.

Few Floridians look upon kumquats, guavas, tangeloes as Christmas gifts, but maybe their friends in the North have never seen them.

Nature has countless Christmas gifts if you only look.

## Just What I Wanted



## White House Cafe

Regular Dinners . . . Short Orders

### SUNDAY DINNERS

Prepared under the skilled hands of one of the best French Chefs in the country

Courteous Waiters :: Splendid Service

BROWN & GAINES, Props.

## Stores Reflect Yuletide Spirit in Wonderful Display of Goods

The Christmas spirit is manifest in so many different ways at the various stores that it is hard to judge which merchant has the prettiest arrangement. Christopher's Drug Store windows fairly scintillates the coming of the yuletide, special effort being made to produce an effect appropriate of the season. The color scheme is red and white and with the colored lights glowing, the windows are pretty. The Corner Drug Store made a special effort at decorating and has attracted a great deal attention by the shoppers. Jones Dry Goods, L. D. Tucker's store, Hart Mercantile and Guthrie Mercantile, all have pretty windows which required consid-

erable skill and work to decorate. The Singleton store windows have a nice display of Christmas eats, E. A. Jones Hardware Company, Mansell Brothers, P. H. Northcross store, W. D. Guye's store, Joe Sikes, J. B. Curtis & Son, O'Donnell Mercantile Company, and in fact, every store in town have a bid for the trade by special decorations. O'Donnell Merchants are alive to their own interests and the interest of the town as is shown by the splendid advertising given the Index. They mean every word they say in their Christmas greetings. Read the advertisements and continue to trade at home.

## O'Donnell Sanitary Market

DYE & WILSON, Proprietors

FRESH MEATS - CURED MEATS  
Fresh Vegetables Every Day

Fresh Bread. Ice in large or small quantities

I want your trade. Give me a trial  
NEW LOCATION--WARREN BUILDING

## Merry Christmas

On the approaching date of the birth of our Savior, we take this method of extending to our friends and customers the greetings of the season.

We desire to thank each of you for your liberal patronage during the past year.

May the New Year bring you happiness and prosperity, is our wish.

Russell's Garage



**The Chimes of  
St. Andrew Chapel**

By Alec Tupper

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THE St. Andrew chapel stood grim against a clear sky on Christmas Eve. The moon was half hidden behind the picturesque square tower, where the carillon in days of over two centuries had sounded forth the sweet notes of the mass and beloved old hymns and French folk songs. Because of much destruction from the war guns, the edifice was abandoned as a house of worship. On the knoll, at one side of the ivy-covered wall, a group of tall poplars was still clustered, like faithful, hooded monks in silent, reverent communion. The church was regarded as being haunted,

because a mysterious light often showed at night in the vestibule leading to the tower.

It was shortly before the midnight hour when, from a small cottage, a dark form emerged and made its way across the lot, through the soft fall of snow now so gloriously white under the full moon. Jacques Marten, the old carillonneur of St. Andrew's walked with determined tread. He reached the old stone entrance of the church and with his key opened the heavy oak door as he had done daily for over fifty years, before the church was abandoned. He lighted his lantern and climbed the steps to the tower room and in a short time, the cords attached to the bells shook off their dust and sweetly through the clear air rang the notes of "O Come, All Ye Faithful," "Holy Night" and "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear." The people of the village arose from their beds and flung open their windows, welcoming the sweet, familiar songs. Everyone was so happy, yet mystified, many declaring that the spirits were sounding the holy notes of the songs. A group of people gathered at the chapel and listened and watched. Not even

the dim lantern in the vestibule shone in the shadow of St. Andrew's. The old carillonneur had slipped out of the side door and made his way secretly again to his cottage, the happiest man in old Lorraine. He had thought of a way to repay the good friends who had left the gifts at his door on Christmas Eve and all the village people were happy indeed and talked ever after of the mystery of the bells.

**Wurth's Hawaiians  
Please Audience**

Wurth's Hawaiians gave two very credible performances at the State Theatre this week and were well received by the patrons of this popular play house. Their musical numbers were out of the ordinary and said to be

the best ever heard here. The dancing, too, was good, and when these people see fit to play a return engagement they will be assured of even a larger audience.

A stage was especially constructed in front of the screen to accommodate the players and so popular did this extra number prove, Mr. Sanders states that he will have other players of a like character during the winter.

The V. O. Stamps quartet will appear at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon in concert singing. This attraction is in addition to the regular singing program. Everybody invited.

**Left Them Gasping**

When Blanche Sweet was in England in connection with the production of "Tess of the d'Urbervilles," she met by chance, one day in London, a woman friend of long acquaintance, from home. The friend was a staunch teetotaler and an ardent advocate of prohibition for all and sundry. Judge when of her disgust when her prize Foke darted through the swing doors of a "pub" she was passing and disappeared from view.

Both women called and coaxed, but doggie would not respond. For either of them to venture inside was, of course, unthinkable, and, eventually, Miss Sweet's friend appealed to a passerby, obviously, a laborer.

"Would you kindly fetch my little dog out of that public-house, please?" "Suttin'ly, lady, suttin'ly: er—which bar was you in?"—San Francisco Argonaut.

For Sale—Good Jersey milk cow, can be bought worth the money—See E. J. Tredway.

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C. J. BEACH, Agent.

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ARKANSAW BLACKS and STAYMAN WINESAPS

Worth the money

Special prices to merchants

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**Opening Sale Still Going On**



Bargains In  
**MEN'S SUITS AND OVERCOATS**  
**LADIES' COATS AND DRESSES**

And other articles too numerous to mention

We wish you all  
**A MERRY CHRISTMAS**



**Max Silverman Dry Goods Company**



*Christmas Suggestion*  
 Eat a big  
**TURKEY DINNER**  
 Christmas Day, at the  
**McCLUNG HOTEL**

We wish all our friends and customers  
**A Merry Christmas and**  
**A Happy New Year**  
 Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McClung, Proprietors

**City Ordinance.**

At a regular meeting of the city council of the City of O'Donnell, Texas, held on the 15th day of December, 1924, the following ordinance was passed:

Be it ordained by the city council, it shall be unlawful for any person or association of persons to pursue any avocation as herein below set out without first securing a license from the City Secretary.

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to auction goods of any description whatsoever, to peddle, barter, sell or offer for sale any goods or wares of any description in the corporate limits of the City of O'Donnell without first securing a license from the city secretary of the said City of O'Donnell, Texas.

2. License for the privilege of auctioning, peddling or selling or offering to sell goods in the City of O'Donnell shall be \$25 for each day such party or parties may want to auction, sell or offer for sale any goods.

3. Any man or association of men who attempt to auction, sell, peddle or offer to sell goods within the corporate limits of the City of O'Donnell without first securing a license from the city secretary, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction in the corporate court of City of O'Donnell shall be fined in a sum not less than \$10.

4. That an emergency exists, this ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage and publication as required by law.

Passed and approved this the 15th day of December, A. D. 1924.

W. R. SANDERSON,  
 Mayor.  
 E. T. WELLS, City Secretary.

**Cold Wave Hits Southplains**

The much predicted cold wave swooped down upon us Thursday about eating time and everybody began to shoot orders to the coal man. No one can say it came from Amarillo, as it came from the northeast, but it was just as cold as if it had drifted in from that direction. Friday morning the register was thermomentering around the zero mark and the plumbers were having a plumb good day fixing water pipes.

Anyhow, it was fine and dandy weather for stove-spooning and gave the farmers the opportunity they were looking for to make their Christmas sausage. Come to O'Donnell.

**Accepts Texhoma Products Agency**

B. P. Williams, representing the Amalie engine oil, was here this week conferring with his local agents, the O'Donnell Oil Company. He states that his company will put on an extensive advertising campaign and will push the sale of Amalie.

Heretofore the O'Donnell Oil Co. has been operating independently, buying supplies in the open market. This company have large oil tanks near the depot and will handle the Texhoma products in car lots, not only supplying its own filling stations but will sell to the trade.

**As The Year**

1924 draws to a close, a year in which O'Donnell and its surrounding country has been wonderfully blessed with a bountiful harvest and the most wonderful progress of modern times have been witnessed in every field of endeavor, we wish to extend thanks to our many friends for their liberal patronage and friendship and sincerely wish for each and every one of you

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**Higginbotham-Bartlett Company**

E. T. WELLS, Manager



*The Night Before Christmas  
on the Plains*

Wm. H. (Farmer) Russell

'Twas the night before Christmas, and all  
over the Plains;  
The farmers had gathered their cotton and  
grains.

Now they are hunting the deer and the  
hare.

These winter mornings, when the frost's  
in the air

The turnips and taters are dug from  
their beds;  
And turkeys and chickens are losing their  
heads.

All over the rock, which the plainsmen  
call "cap"

The trees and flowers are taking their long  
winter's nap.

And out on the road arose such a clatter,  
I sprang to the door to see what was the  
matter

Away to the door I flew like a flash,  
Tore it wide open and out I did dash,

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen  
snow

Gave a lustre of mid-day to objects below.

When what to my wondering eyes should  
appear,

But bunches of fivers filled with people so  
dear

They passed before me in bunches so  
thick,

Some going slow and some going quick.

Going to the farm to see the old folks so  
dear

To wish them "A Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year."

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

To Our Friends:

You who have accorded us your unstinted  
patronage since opening our garage in your midst, we wish  
to extend to you our sincere wishes for a

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**

May all the good things your hearts' desire, be yours  
at this great season of rejoicing.

**Quick Service Garage**

**H. C. Hunt, Proprietor**

**EXTRA SPECIALS**

As an added attraction to our Big Sale still in force,

we are offering our remaining stock of

LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S

**COATS AND DRESSES At**

**1-2 PRICE 1-2**

**Jones Dry Goods**

Where your dollars go farthest







**Price Opens Grocery Store in Fritz Building**

R. L. Price is a new arrival from Rotan and after he took a look around, decided that there was room enough for one more grocery store and immediately leased the new Fritz building and is now stocking up with a first-class line of groceries. Mr. Price has been in the grocery business at Rotan for the past eight years and knows the business from the bottom up and there is no reason why he should not make a success of his store here.

The store will be formerly opened next Saturday and as an inducement for the people of O'Donnell and its trade territory to visit the new establishment, Mr. Price is going to give away a 52-piece dinner set. All those visiting the store on this date will be given a ticket bearing a number, a duplicate of which will be put in a box and a disinterested person will draw a number out at 3:30 o'clock, the one holding the number corresponding will be given the dinner set free. A welcome is extended Mr. Price to the business circles of the town.

**Ladies Missionary Council Meets**

The Ladies Missionary Council met at the home of Mrs. W. Harlands Thursday, December 4, with eight members and two visitors present. After a few moments social chat, the house was called to order and the minutes of the previous meeting read. The song, "God Will Take Care of You" was sung, followed by a reading of the 1st Chapter of Timothy by Mrs. Marr, and then prayer by all. The president, Mrs. B. F. Dye, gave an interesting talk on mission council work and the "World Call". Mrs. C. P. Tate will be the leader at the next meeting. Sandwiches and chocolate were served to Mesdames B. F. Dye, C. P. Tate, W. E. Marr, R. M. Jackson, R. L. Pirtle, A. F. Edwards, Grace Caddell, D. E. Caddell and Harris of Aspermont. Reporter.

**Emigrant Car Brings New Farmer**

E. C. Bailey arrived with an emigrant car of household goods, tools, teams and everything pertaining to farm work Tuesday. He has leased the J. B. Miles farm and will immediately go to work preparing the land for a crop next year. Mr. Bailey is a chicken fancier and brought along about 75 thoroughbred Rhode Island Reds as a starter in his new home.

Mrs. J. F. Campbell has returned from Temple, where she has been for the past month.

**Sends the Index to Both Families**

J. E. Baker stopped the Index man Wednesday and said he wanted to make his dad, W. H. Baker, of Winters a Christmas present of the paper. After the money had been safely stored in the editor's pocket, we told him that Mrs. Baker would be considerably peeved if he did not send the Index to her father also. And he kicked in another \$1.50 and J. S. Neeley of Winters will get the paper for a year. Mr. Baker is one of O'Donnell's boosters every day in the year and he does the right thing at the right time all the time.



We thank you for your patronage during the past year, and ask for a share of your business during the coming one.

**Highway Garage**

**Sends Index as Messenger to Brother**

In choosing a Christmas present W. L. Walker made the proper selection this week when he paid for the Index to be sent to his brother, Charles Walker at Saddler. Just 52 times will Mr. Walker be reminded of brother's thoughtfulness, and besides, there is a splendid chance for him to fall in love with the Plains country through reading the best paper in O'Donnell—even if we do say it—and move here.

S. A. Massie of Haskell, was a business visitor last week.

**To Buyers of Motor Oil for Automobiles, Trucks and Tractors**

When you purchase a suit of clothes you find out if the fabric is all wool, part wool or all cotton. Do you make the same investigation when you purchase Motor Oil? There is as much difference in the cost per barrel for various Crude Oils as there is difference in the cost of wool and cotton. All—

**AMALIE MOTOR OILS**

are made from Pennsylvania Crude now selling for \$4.25 per barrel. Each and every package is stencilled

"100 per cent PURE PENNSYLVANIA"

**Texhoma Oil & Refining Company**

O'Donnell, Texas  
Distributors

DOC BEACH, Agent

We extend to all our friends  
our best wishes for



**O'Donnell Motor Co.**



CLASSIFIED ADS

LOST AND FOUND

Lost—Brown leatherette overcoat, right pocket torn. Please return to Tom Brown, White House Cafe.

\$5 Reward—Wheelbarrow lost or stolen from Ninth street, between Baldrige and Small. G. A. Haney.

LOST—Between O'Donnell and Tahoka, one black suit case, with ladies and gents clothes. Reward \$10. Leave at Index office.

LOST One red Durham milk cow, dehorned, had on leather halter. Disappeared from town last Tuesday. Finder will please notify W. V. Tolbert, O'Donnell.

Lost—Pair of bed rails on road from J. B. Miles farm. Will pay a suitable reward for return to J. B. Miles in O'Donnell.

HELP WANTED

Mechanic Wanted—Quick Service Garage.

FOR SALE OR TRADE

FOR SALE—Healthy laying pullets; mixed, mostly White Leghorns at 75c. Also pigs.—H E Gillespie.

Nice fat hens for sale at \$1. If you talk nice you can get them at 75c. 1 1/2 miles north. B O McGonagill.

The earliest maturing cotton known, Big Boll Half-and-Half. Seed for sale at \$2 per bushel, delivered. Climate to West Texas. 1200 pounds make a good bale. Address E E Caff, O'Brien, Texas.

For Sale—Knode Island Red Hens—See or write—J. B. Elmore, O'Donnell, Texas.

Come to Wells Store and buy your gas for 17 cents and your oil for 20 cents a quart—Ed Cook.

For Sale—Good maize in head and in bundles. Priced right. See O. E. McMillan at farm 6 miles northwest of O'Donnell.

WANTED

Wanted.—A Ford car. Will trade horses or mules for car.—See W. V. Tolbert.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Two choice residence lots close in for sale at the very reasonable price of \$100 each. See W. L. Walker, three miles northwest of town. This is a rare bargain.

Land for Sale—One-half section one mile east and one mile south of Tredway. Also several good horses and mules. John L. Fisher.

For Sale—One-half section of land one mile west of Wells school. Fine agricultural land. See or write the owner, A. J. Barnes, O'Donnell, Texas.

Lots for Sale—Three choice residence lots on Eighth street, just west of Joe Pugh's residence to sell at a bargain.—See R. Mayfield.

REAL ESTATE WANTED

We have buyers for a few bargains in real estate. If you want to sell your farm or town property, come in and list with us—O'Donnell Land Company.

The Beckoning Star

By Vera Adelaide Murray

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IT WAS Christmas Eve in Cold Rock Camp and the day had been ushered in by a biting wind that carried with it at intervals a dry, blinding snow, which lay in drifts over the narrow, unpaved streets and on top of the squatting little houses that made up the town.

Inside the homes, however, an air of cheer and happiness was in evidence and Christmas preparations were in full swing; men, women and children ran hither and thither in the happy bustle that precedes the great festival and a spicy, appetizing odor was very pronounced.

But an observant watcher could see that at times a feeling of anxiety was evident in spite of the efforts that were made to hide it. And if he would take any of the grown folks aside and question them he would find out the reason. For every one in Cold Rock Camp, except the children, knew that Big Dave Smithers was out in the storm somewhere and those who knew the danger of such a storm as the one that was raging now on the prairie trembled for Dave's safety. The day before he had boldly set forth on his errand—an errand that not a child in all the camp knew of—he had gone to the town of Palmer, fifty miles distant, to purchase such supplies such as Santa Claus usually carried in his pack on Christmas eve.

For Cold Rock Camp was a new settlement and the grown people who lived there were fearful that Santa Claus might overlook the little town. In the multitude of tasks that were his on Christmas Eve, but this fear had never even entered the heart of any child in the camp; there was not one of them but had the most abiding faith that in spite of the town's newness and its distance from the beaten track, Santa Claus would surely find his way there.

By evening, although the wind was still cold and piercing, the snow had ceased falling and the skies were clear and bright. By this time the fear that had been growing during the day had changed to the deepest apprehension, for no word or sign had come from Dave. A little group had gathered about the big stove in the general store to discuss the thing and see if anything could be done. They thought with a chilling dread of Dave out on the wide, bleak prairie, perhaps freezing to death while they sat helpless.

And through all the fears that they held for Dave there was the thought that there would be no Christmas this year for the children of the camp—that Santa Claus would not come—and that the deep and beautiful faith that was in the hearts of the children would be shattered.

It was just after even the most optimistic had given up hope and they had all come to the conclusion that Dave had surely lost the trail that some one cried out excitedly to listen. All rushed to the door and as they opened it the sound of hoof-beats was audible; in a few minutes a cheer went up from the waiting group as Dave came into view.

He told them the story after they had divested him of the heavy wraps which had kept him from freezing, and after he had seen to it that the packages which he had brought were safely within the store. He sat before the blazing stove as he spoke and from the first there seemed something different about him from the Dave they had always known. He had started back from Palmer on the morning before Christmas Eve, expecting to make the camp long before dark. He had not been traveling long when a blinding snow began to fall, but he kept to the trail for hours in spite of it. However, in spite of all his care and watching, he lost the road, and although he went over and over the ground he failed to find the way. Then he tried giving his horse the rein, but the animal seemed to be at a loss, too, and finally would not move without being urged. It was then almost dusk and hope was about gone

—he had almost resigned himself to the fact that death on the prairie was to be his fate and that of his horse.

Then came the thought of the little ones at the camp—the little ones who believed so firmly that what they had asked for was coming. Dave Smithers had never been given much to pray, but at the thought of the waiting children something stirred within his heart and he lifted his eyes for a moment to the sky above him, which was now bright and clear. And the appeal that he made in that moment was not for his own safety, but that the little ones should have their Christmas.

And while his heart was turned to the Great Heart, which is All, he noticed almost above him a little to the east a bright beaming star. Whether it was that the night was Christmas Eve, or whether it was that he was deeply stirred just then, it seemed to him that the little star beckoned to him. He thought to himself that he would follow it—that he would at least make an effort to save himself and bring joy to the children, so he urged his horse on, all the time going in the direction of the shining star—on over the snowy ground through the long hours since dusk until finally it brought him to the trail and almost within sight of the twinkling lights from the little homes in the camp.

And when some one interrupted the



story to say that of course it was just an ordinary star that he had followed, he speaker shrank quickly into a corner at the look in Dave's eyes— " 'Twer' no ordinary star," he half-houted, " 'Twas just a plain answer o my prayer for the little ones. As 'tough you may smile to hear it, from now on Dave Smithers is strong for him who loves the little folks so much."

Roy Everett Building Home on Oak Street

Roy Everett has retired from the farm and taken up his abode in town and is now engaged in constructing a nice bungalow on Oak street. Bill Phillips is bossing the job.

See City Transfer Company for all kinds of hauling. Satisfaction guaranteed. Office with O'Donnell Land Company. Phone No. 81.

Notice

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have been appointed to settle the estate of the late Dr. King. Those knowing themselves indebted to this estate will please pay the same and those having bills against the estate will present same for settlement. A. C. Fairley Real Estate Co.

Fritz Erecting Fourth Building

When J. S. Fritz takes a notion to do a thing, he does it. When he erected his first building on the east of Block A, some people asked him if he thought he was going back to Gail, his former home. It was not long until he erected the second, then the third building and the boom started over in that part of town. Last week he broke dirt for his fourth building and with the Carl Betenbough building, Dr. Kibbe's office and the Masonic Hall, respectively, the gaps in the town are gradually being closed. Mr. Fritz' last building will be used for a garage in connection with his already thriving filling station and auto accessory supply house. He and son, have accepted the agency for a popular make of cars and will push the sale of them.

When Mr. Fritz first opened his filling station, Mr. Doubting Thomas said that he was being backed by one of the big oil corporations and did not own the equipment. This is a mistake, as he has paid his own hard-earned cash for everything and is independent of any firm or corporation, in the management of his business.

Presbyterian Church

Sunday School at 10 a. m. All are welcome.

O. E. S. No. 725.

Order of Eastern Star meets every first and third Wednesday at 7:00 p. m. All local and visiting members cordially invited. Mrs. Blanche McLaurin, W. M. Mrs. Eme Musick, Sec.

Bell Burleson Sends Greetings to Friends

Bell Burleson is versatile in his judgment of things, whether it be fast horses, pulling mules, running dogs or a good newspaper. He keeps all of them about his place and he loves them, too. Not being able to send a horse or a mule or a dog a week to his friends and relatives, he does the next thing by sending a good newspaper, the Index. He knows they enjoy it and he enjoys sending it. He is already subscribing for about a dozen copies, and this week added two more to the list by sending it to his brother, J. W. Burleson, at Lubbock, and W. H. McGrady at Brenham. This is Bell's Christmas present to these gentlemen and we'll say he used good taste in making the selection.

Jack Harland Holds Own with Canadian Champion

Jack Harland, our local wrestler, met Jimmie Patterson, the champion of Canada, in a hour's test of strength and agility at the Betenbough hall Tuesday night. Harland proved himself as good a man on the mat as the champion, his shoulder not being pinned to the mat one time during the bout. The match was refereed by the Flying Dutchman. Quite a crowd attended the affair, all of whom were enthusiastic over Harland's work. Jack is a good one on the mat and it will take a good man to put him down.

Mrs. J. F. Campbell has returned from Temple, where she has been for the past month.



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Condensed Austin News

Attorney General Keeling has approved \$50,000 waterworks bonds for Brownfield, Terry County, serials 6s.

Secretary of State Jeff J. Strickland, is in Oklahoma, where he delivered an address at the annual meeting of the Motion Picture Theatre Owners of Oklahoma.

Miss Katherine Fiset of Austin has been named secretary to John G. Willacy, State Tax Commissioner, to fill vacancy caused by promotions. Miss Fiset is the daughter of the late Franz Fiset, well known Austin lawyer.

Walter Gerron, inspector for the Railroad Commission, has made a report on the Trinity & Brazos Railroad. He finds that property in the best physical condition in ten years, while the road is maintaining its train schedules with regularity.

John M. Scott, Commissioner of Insurance, has gone to St. Louis, Chicago and New York on official business. In New York he will attend the winter session of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, which has an important program.

The Attorney General approved \$65,000 waterworks bonds for Rusk, serials, 6s. These bonds were not only given official approval but "heartily approbation" by Assistant Attorney General Carl F. Gibson, who passes on bond issues and whose former home was in Rusk.

Dr. C. W. Ramsdell, professor of American history at the University of Texas, will address the annual meeting of the American Historical Association, at Richmond, Va., Dec. 27-31. Dr. Ramsdell will speak on "Problems of Public Morals in the Confederacy."

Six Texas towns have adopted the standard milk ordinance recommended by the State Board of Health and ten more are expected to pass it before Jan. 1, according to Dr. Malone Duggan, State Health Officer. Paris, Abilene, Denison, Clarksville, San Angelo and Weatherford have passed the final reading.

Attorney Gen. Ellet Dan Moody has told friends of his first appointment in the department and it is to retain Miss Mary Maguire as secretary to the Assistant Attorney General in charge of bonds. Miss Maguire has held that position for a number of years and in that time has written the certificates for millions of securities.

The State Treasurer issued a call to pay State warrants up to and including warrants No. 14,250, issued since Sept. 1 last, and representing \$454,385. This leaves the net deficit in the general fund at approximately \$2,000,000. With the payment of tax money the deficit is expected to be reduced from now on.

Texas Industrial Traffic League in session in Austin adopted resolutions importuning Texas Congressmen to support the \$7,634,496 appropriation asked for the Interstate Commerce Commission next year and oppose cut to \$4,913,500 on the ground that rate hearings and decisions already slow would be delayed even more.

Gibb Gilchrist, State Highway Engineer says he will attend the highway conference in Dallas, called by the Fergusons to consider the highway problems of Texas, and that he will take all the available information his department affords. Mr. Gilchrist offers to give every possible assistance to the conference.

Net railway operating income for the nine months terminating Sept. 30, last, aggregated \$21,607,898, an increase of \$3,151,505, over the same nine months of 1923, or 60.58 per cent. This is the best showing ever made by Texas railroads. During the nine months of the year the operating revenue was \$157,799,289, an increase of \$14,235,221, or 9.92 per cent. The operating expenses were \$122,757,252, an increase of \$3,913,549, or 3.28 per cent.

Dr. H. T. Musselman, editor of the Texas School Journal, Dallas, has been appointed secretary to Gov. Neff, filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Espa Stanford nearly a month ago to become a member of the State Industrial Accident Board. Dr. Musselman will devote most of his time to compiling reports and gathering information from the various departments of the State required to be furnished by the Governor to the Legislature.

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

By Rev. Alan Pressley Wilson

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**A**T CHRISTMAS be merry, and withal, And feast thy poor neighbors, the great with the small.

So wrote the poet Tusser many years ago, but the suggestion is just as pertinent today as it was then. If anything, we need to be reminded of our duty to our fellowman more today than our fathers did—more today, indeed, than ever before. This is true because the need for brotherhood is even more patent than at any other period of the history of the world.

We live in an age when we think solely of ourselves and our immediate families and we should have brought to our attention the fact that we owe a debt to our neighbor and that that debt must be paid. The story is told of a rich man who prayed—  
Oh, Lord! bless me and my wife,  
My son, John, and his wife,  
Us four  
And no more!

We blush for shame that there could be found one who is so narrow, yet I am assured that such people exist today. There are those who, when they have satisfied their needs, own, assume a self-satisfied air and say that they have done their whole duty. Approach such a person and remind him of the need of a friend or a neighbor and he will ask the time-worn question: "Am I my brother's keeper? Haven't I enough to do to look after my own family?" The teachings of Jesus Christ answer the first question in the affirmative (and the latter in the negative) with even more emphasis than God answered Cain when he originated the selfish inquiry. Jesus taught that the Decalogue is summed up in the greater commandment—"Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," and His definition of "neighbor" is any one who needs our help.

but Peter serenely continues to fill up her plate. "They say Shorty's little shaver ain't so well tonight," he remarks, passing the smoking beauties to his wife. "Got an awful cold. They had the doc this afternoon." Christmas—and Shorty's little boy sick! He lives across the road and bestows his cheerful chatter and shining eyes upon us without charge and great generosity. "I had something to give him. Guess I'll run over after supper," says Candice, making the first luscious incision into her layered waffles.



The Spirit of Christmas.

His name is Billy and he's about as big as a grasshopper: he gets "under foot" and is always frolicking at somebody's heels like a puppy. He it was, upon one occasion, who explained to us the nature of his dinner. "Well, William," we said, apropos of his third cookie in the middle of the afternoon, "Didn't you have any dinner?"

"Oh, yes," he beamed upon us, "We had putting for dinner." "Putting?" we inquired. "Don't you mean pudding?" "No, putting!" he insisted, "because we put the flour in, you know!"

Dear little Billy, with his high, clear voice that always reminded one of water running over pebbles. "His father said he was going to get him a Christmas tree this year," continued Peter. "I saw him dragging it down from the woods day before yesterday. Bill was hoppin' up and down some, I can tell you. Ticked to pieces. Guess that's where he caught cold."

At this point there was a great tramping and puffing in the kitchen. People walk right in on a cold night.

"Only me," sounds the soft, sturring voice of Billy's Italian father. "I jus' come t' say dat boy o' mine all right now. Verra seek dis mornin'—fine by now, an' can I have d' milk?" A quick light-heartedness flows over us. We had not realized how deliberately cheerful we had striven to be. Billy better! All's right with the world!

It's colder! A careful scrutiny of the thermometer reveals the temperature at six above. Peter pokes around down cellar and covers up his apples and potatoes against a night of freezing, and brings up some red beauties to be consumed later in the evening with nuts and popcorn. Cold . . . COLDER! Sleigh bells jingling by on the road! Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS COLD WEATHER

By Martha Banning Thomas

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**T**O BEGIN with, it's cold. COLD!! Not your gray, pinched, peaked-backdoor-cold where bits of paper dance in a forlorn, forgotten reel; none of your brick-front houses on dismal streets, seeming by the best calculation, to store up a chill bleakness rather than affording protection against it—not that, but a brisk, lively, tingling cold which makes one hurry to feed the wood-boxes before dark; a cold that etches crystal ferns on the window glass, thoughtfully leaving a peep-hole near the top where you can peer out; a cold that fringes the ice-house with an orderly row of icicles that look like white, corrugated carrots, and manufactures thin, papery ice in the hollows on the ground, the sort of ice children like to stamp on, delighting in its noisy crackle and the sunburst of fine lines radiating from the point of contact.

There are waffles for supper! Do you remember how waffles look and smell and taste on a cold night, when you're "holler as a barpost hole?" Do you, now! Get out the maple sirup, Candice, flopping over the waffle iron and making a particularly neat job of it. "You'll find the jug on the pantry shelf."

Soon we are sitting before a pile of waffles a foot high. "Now, Peter," remonstrates Candice, "don't give me such an everlasting helping!"

What he was saying if we translated into our language would be: "Christmas is coming." So they talked, but as it would sound very confusing if we wrote down their talk just as they had it, we will leave out all the "Ticks" and the "Tocks" and just put together all the other words they used.

If you like you can put in the "Ticks" and "Tocks" when you repeat it to yourself.

"Christmas is coming," Tick said, and of course Tock said the same. They always perfectly agreed about everything.

"Every year I get so excited," said Tock.

"And then we see Santa Claus when he comes," said Tick.

"He always takes a look at us," said Tock.

"Yes," said Tick, and he always says:

"Dear me, dear me, I must be off in a hurry!"

"But he never says that until he has fixed everything and filled the stockings and put his presents about," said Tock.

"Never until everything is done," agreed Tick.

"And then," said Tock, "he always takes a peep at the children. He just has time to do that he always says."

"I wonder if when they are all sitting around just before it is time to go to bed on Christmas eve—this evening—they know how hard it is for us to keep steady and not rush ahead," said Tick.

"Father Time said once," Tick added, "that if he hurried up for Christmas, as often people wished him to do, that Christmas would be over before anyone realized it. It was much better this way," he said.

"And the excitement is fun," said Tock.

"Yes, but it is hard to keep steady," said Tick.

"Very," said Tock.

"When Christmas is almost here," said Tick.

"Ah," said Tock, "there comes Santa now."

They went on repeating their names as Santa undid his great pack and spread the presents about under the tree. Then he filled the stockings.

And then, just as the Tick-Tock twins had said, he looked at the clock and said:

"Dear me, dear me, I must be off in a hurry."

But he added: "I just have time to take a peep at the children though." He was gone again. Tick spoke.

"Now to wait until morning comes," "Oh, the excitement, the excitement," said Tock.

And all they could say from now on was "Tick-excitement," and "Tock-excitement," and they had to say the last word quickly.



TICK-TOCK EXCITEMENT

"Tick," said the first clock twin. "Tock," said the second clock twin.

And they talked to each other in the great big old clock in the hall.

The hall was just outside the living room, or rather the living room was just off the hall. And the clock's face was turned so the living room could be seen whenever the door was left open—which was usually the case. Now you know they talked so that others could not understand every other word Tick used was "Tick."

And every other word Tock used was "Tock."

They liked to use their names over and over like that, and besides it is the way they have always been taught to do, and the way they must do.

But they said other things, too. Tick would say: "Tick-Christmas."

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Then Tick would say: "Tick is—"

And after Tock had spoken Tick would say: "Tick-coming."

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When baby is constipated, has wind-colic, feverish breath, coated-tongue, or diarrhea, a half-teaspoonful of genuine "California Fig Syrup" promptly moves the poisons, gases, bile, souring food and waste right out. Never cramps or overacts. Babies love its delicious taste.

Ask your druggist for genuine "California Fig Syrup" which has full directions for infants in arms, and children of all ages, plainly printed on bottle. Mother! You must say "California" or you may get an imitation fig syrup.



New Definition

Little Henry was visiting his grandparents in Princeton. He came rushing into the house one morning and asked: "Grandma, has grandpa got a sawdust pump?" An auger was the instrument he had in mind.—Indianapolis News.

Every department of housekeeping needs Red Cross Ball Blue. Equally good for kitchen towels, table linen, sheets and pillowcases, etc.—Advertisement.

Tough Luck

First Suburbanite—I understand my daughter sang at your house last night.

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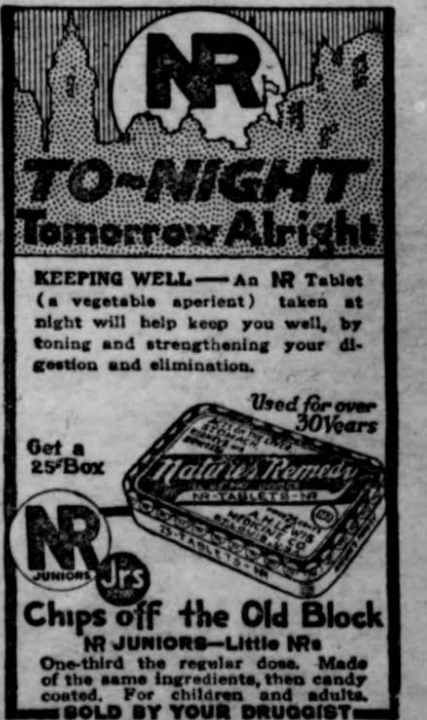
Mrs. Wellorf (recently married)—Darling, won't you let me sit on your knee?

Mr. Wellorf—I am really too busy, dear. Ring for a footman and sit on his.—Judge.

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**Suggestion For Christmas  
Send Him or Her the Index for a Year**



**Talking to Kiddies Over the Radio**

**Rev. Kercheville  
to Move Away**

Rev. W. A. Kercheville will preach his farewell sermon here at the Church of Christ on the fourth Sunday, before leaving

for his new charge at Breckenridge. Rev. Kercheville has done a great work in religious circles in O'Donnell and the people as a whole will regret to learn of his contemplated change. A special invitation is extended to everyone to attend the services on the above date.

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Gladness be near you,  
Friends very dear to you,  
On Christmas Day;

Joy to you, peace to you,  
Love never cease to you,  
Riches increase to you  
Ever and aye.

—ELIZABETH KNOWES

*We thank you for your patronage during the past year.*

**Hardberger Bros. Gins**



**Makes Father Appropriate Christmas Present**

Cecil Hubbard is going to make his dad, J. N. Hubbard of Hamlin, happy many times during the coming year by reading the Index. He sends it to him first, because he thinks it is worth the money and is a very suitable Christmas present to give at any season of the year, and, second, because his father may become so interested in the Southplains that he will shake the poor soil of Jones county off his feet and move here and join the happy throng of Jones countyians who have given the country a through trial and like it.

**B. D. Ballew Moves to Lubbock**

Now, what do you think of this? B. D. Ballew and family have moved to Lubbock. What in the world Mr. Ballew wanted to do this for is a secret that he would not impart even to the editor of this great religious and moral publication. He is going to be so lonesome in that classic city that he is going to have a mighty hankering to return before many moons. He did not take his farm with him - just rented it out and left it out at the same place.

**John Kocurek Booster for Country**

It is a cold day when John Kocurek is not boosting the Southplains country as fine place to get ahead in. He had one of the finest crops in the county early in the spring, but a little bunch of hail about the size of goose eggs hit his field and knocked the stuffin' out of the cotton and splintered the shingles on the roof of his house. John fixed up his house and planted more cotton with the result he gathered about a third bale to the acre. In order that his relatives may know what a fine country we have and also to make them a Christmas present, he sends the Index to his niece, Miss Lesta Binder and his brother, Joe Kocurek, at Jordanton. We need more farmers like John Kocurek and we bet that his folks are just like him.

**Send Her the Index for Christm's**

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O'DONNELL, TEXAS

**Father in Arkansas to Receive the Index**

M. P. White, manager of the Jones Hardware Company, sends the Index to his father, W. J. White, at Nashville, Arkansas, as a Christmas present. It is to be hoped that after reading the paper for awhile Mr White will be induced to come out and see what a wonderful country we have and locate. Should he come, he will find that he has about the peppiest son engaged in business here that any man ever had.

J. E. Huffman of Kaufman county, has been here the past week on a prospecting trip.

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**Our Best Wishes**

We hope you'll have a real good time,  
We hope good cheer has found you,  
We hope the things you've wanted soon  
Will be piled up around you.  
Somehow we wouldn't like the day,  
The spirit would seem mocking,  
If anywhere on earth a child  
Should find an empty stocking.

*We thank you for your patronage during the past year.*

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GUY BRADLEY, Manager



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## ENGLAND HOLDS FIRM

American Note Received, But May Not Be Acted Upon Until Next Week.

Washington.—Ambassador Kellogg has reported to the State Department that he had delivered to the British Foreign Office the American reply to the communication from the London Government questioning the right of the United States to collect war claims from Germany from benefits received by that country under the Dawes plan.

The reply, drafted by Secretary Hughes, is understood to firmly support the position that the Washington Government has every right accorded to the allied and associated powers to make its collections under the Dawes plan.

The reply rejects the British contention which was to the general effect that the United States, not being a party to the Versailles treaty or the Dawes plan, has no right to any shares of the money collected thereunder. American claims total about \$250,000,000 and are for damage to American lives and property by Germans.

President Coolidge is reported as being opposed to any plan for submission to the world court or any other tribunal of the adjudication of war claims against Germany under the Dawes plan. His position also was said to be unchanged regarding war debt funding to the United States by France and other powers.

Mr. Coolidge is known to be convinced that the American position regarding claims collection is perfectly understood by foreign Government interests and that the right of collection is established beyond question by treaty agreements.

The President's position that there is no need of referring the subject of claims collections to a tribunal for adjudication is understood to be based on the belief that whatever differences may exist between the United States and Great Britain can be adjusted by regular negotiations conducted through representatives of the two Governments.

He feels it as evident that the position of the Washington administration, which has been outlined to the allied and associated powers by Ambassador Kellogg during the London conference, will be recognized by the interested Governments as the negotiations now being carried on between Washington and London progress.

While he is being closely advised regarding the agitation by a part of the London press concerning the question of war debt funding to the United States there has been no change in the position steadfastly taken by the executive on the question and he sees no occasion for giving American newspapers materials to answer the arguments advanced by London papers.

## MRS. CAL COOLIDGE IS GIVEN DEGREE

Mrs. Coolidge Made Doctor of Laws By Boston University Friday.

Boston, Mass.—Mrs. Calvin Coolidge and Dr. Marion Talbot, dean of women at the University of Chicago, have received the degree of doctor of laws from Boston University at the induction of Mrs. Lucy Jenkins Franklin as dean of women. In conferring the degrees, President Lemuel H. Murlin characterized the recipients as follows:

"Grace Goodhue Coolidge—student, university graduate, teacher; daughter, wife, mother; in every station exemplifying the finer qualities of mind and heart we most admire in women; your own works praise you; you have gained the confidence, admiration and love of the American people.

"Marion Talbot—daughter of pioneers in educational progress; graduate and postgraduate of Boston University; distinguished as student, teacher, author, administrator; by example and precept a persuasive and effective influence in broadening and enriching educational opportunities for the young women of America."

6-Year-Old Boy Bakes Record. Weatherford, Texas.—Lonnie Stover, 6 years old, has picked 963 pounds of cotton this fall. He has averaged 45 pounds a day, the biggest day was 65 pounds.

# OUR COMIC SECTION

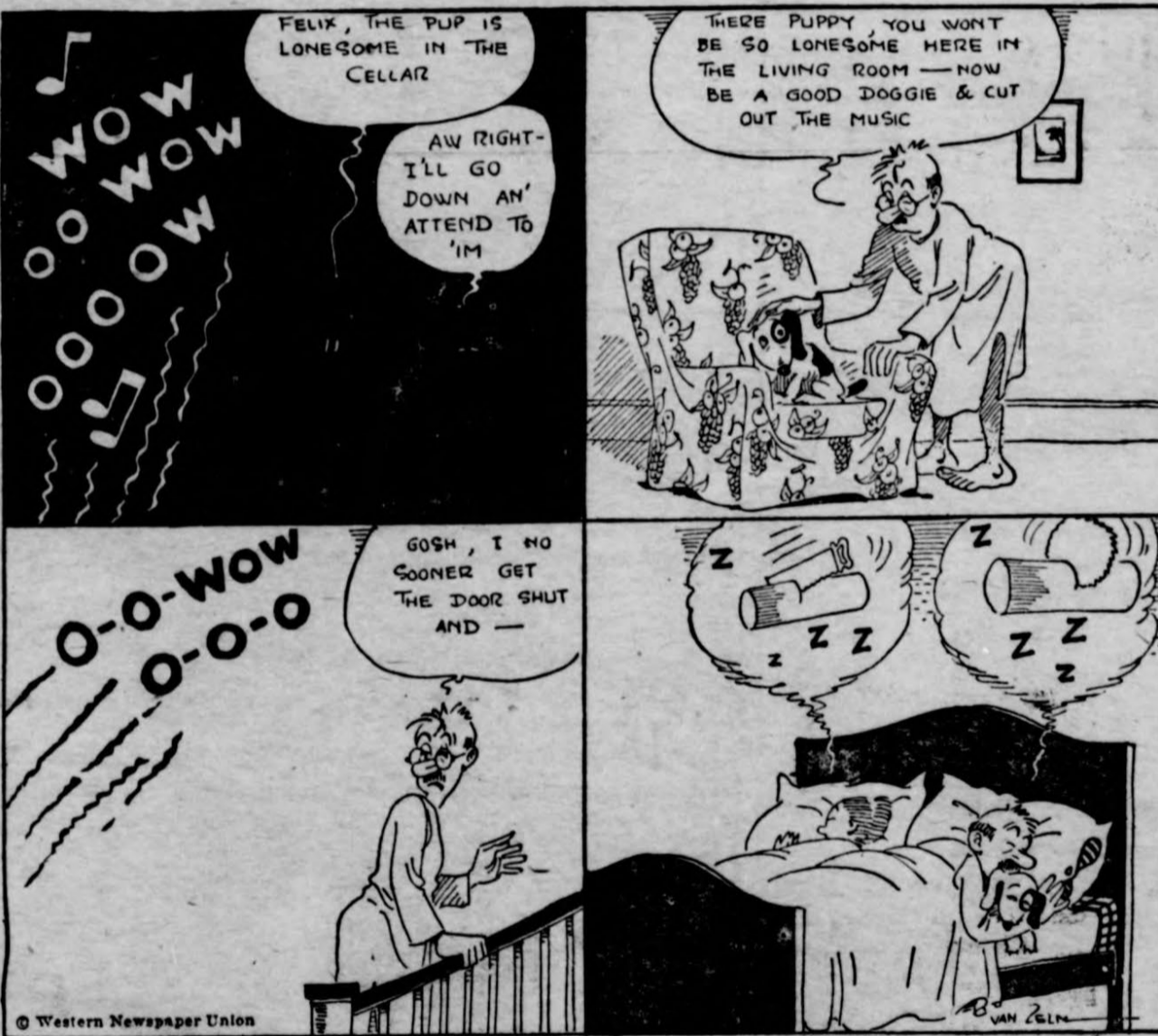
## Events in the Lives of Little Men



THEIR FIRST RABBIT—

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## Playing Safe



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**KIDLIKE.**  
You seem to have become resigned to Willie's going in swimming.  
You see, dear, it's about the only way I can get him to wash his face.

**Explaining Criminality**  
Crime is stated by a judge to be due to a physical defect of the brain. This is based on the results of 40,000 tests made in the Chicago courts.

**RIALTO CHATTER**  
De Hamm messed up the billiard scene completely.  
How was that?  
Went on without his cue.

**ROBE OF HARMONY TORN**  
My wife hates darning and mending.  
So does mine. Just now I can't even get her to patch up a quarrel.

**PUTTING IT UP TO DAD.**  
Her Father (angrily)—See here, sir! How dare you embrace my daughter?  
Cheeky Youth—Sir, as a business man, you'll surely agree that one should embrace every opportunity he gets.

**Contact Disillusions**  
Worship your heroes from afar; contact with them.—Mrs. Neckar.

**TO CUT THEIR HAIR.**  
Milyuns is going to endow a chair at 'The Highbrow University.'  
What kind of a chair?  
A barber's chair most likely. It'll come in mighty handy after the football season.

**Gibbon's Inspiration**  
In the church of Ara Coeli in Rome, on October 15, 1764, Gibbon, as he sat musing on the Capitol and the Forum, conceived the idea of writing "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire."

**NO BIG LIST.**  
She: You're going to support us suffragettes, aren't you?  
He: Maybe one of you.

## A Profitable Inventory

By REV. J. R. SCHAFFER  
Superintendent of Men, Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.

TEXT—What is your life?—Jas. 4:14.

The question of the text is an unescapable imperative, and it must be answered some day. Consideration of it may be neglected now and even refused, but it is written, "so then every one of us shall give an account of himself to God." Life's inventory must some day be taken.

The business man who never took account of stock would be on the high road to failure. What shall be said of the man who lives year after year and is not concerned enough about his life to take account of its gains and losses? He who has no program, no objective and no goal to which all details are related, will some day find the red ink on the debit side of the eternal ledger. It is a part of wisdom to consider such an important question now.

What is your life? This is pertinent. What is your life? This is personal. God not only asks this question, but answers it.

Answer I—It is a mist. Could any figure suggest the transitory, ephemeral, fleeting values more vividly than this? It appears for a while and then vanishes away. How many lives this sums up. What they mean cannot be put on paper. There is nothing to record. Did you ever stop to think how much of your life is unrecorded? It is only mist.

How much of your life has impressed anyone? How much of childhood can you remember? Where are the companions of happy school days? College may have crowned you with its laurels for athletic feats, literary pursuits, and scholarly attainments, but how many classmates can you name or find? Life's story is accentuated by an anniversary, a birth, a crisis, a change of place, a death. These are life's mountain peaks, the rest is unrecorded.

It is appalling to think of the nameless millions who have throughout the ages come upon the stage of history, played their little part and passed out unknown and unused, but still more appalling is the unescapable fact that we are of these millions.

Answer II—The mystery. What does your life mean? It is impossible to sit down and review your life, analyze it, and take inventory of its contents without being filled with wonder and inquiry—what can it all mean?

Throughout the ages man has been philosophizing about life. The mystery deepens with the advancing years. Such a problem naturally centers in three questions:

Where did I come from?—a question of origin.

Is life worth while, now that I am here?—a question of values.

Where am I going?—a question of destiny.

History chronicles the desperate attempts of man down the centuries to solve the puzzle of life. He may pore over legend, myth and fable, smiling at the results of man's unaided reason, but in the Scriptures we see the unveiling of life, not as a vapor but as an eternal value. Its origin is in God, who made man in his own image and likeness. In value he has been made a little lower than angels, and crowned with glory and honor. His destiny is a world beyond where he shall live forever.

This stamps life with new values. We are God's investments, his handiwork.

Answer III—The mission. However empty, vague and worthless life may seem it shows infinite possibilities. The love of God for the world of men is incalculable. He has provided a relation to Himself which is that of Father and children, involving all the responsibilities, rights and provisions conceivable.

Immediately life is lifted out of the unrecorded to the high plateaus of an eternal purpose—"Created in Christ Jesus unto good works which God hath aforetime prepared that we should walk in them." One great and glorious purpose to which all life can be related is being worked out.

This means that sadness, suffering, struggle, discord, and mystery are among the "all things," that work together for good to those who love God.

What is your life? Is it a part of God's plan?

The only worth while thing in the world is the will of God. Everything else is passive, but "he that doeth the will of God abideth forever." Your life need not be mist or mystery, but a glorious mission of his appointment as—"my Father hath sent me unto the world, so send I you." Amen.



**The Christmas Treasure Chest**

**O**F COURSE one wants to send something for the new baby's Christmas, something "different," something besides the usual spoon, or cup, or baby pins. Any of the following is easy to make, and sure of an enthusiastic welcome.

**Buttons**—A row of three tiny pearl buttons sewed to a piece of linen tape is often used instead of the gold baby buttons. A set of six of these tapes, fastened to a dainty card, could be inclosed in a letter of welcome to the little stranger.

**Blanket Pins**—Winter is rapidly approaching and the lively youngster who kicks off his blankets will need some way to fasten them down. The small baby garters may be purchased in pink and blue as well as white. A rosette of baby lace surrounding two or three ribbon rosebuds is sewed to the tape to conceal the safety pin. The pin is fastened to the mattress and the blankets are held firmly but with no danger of tearing by the garter clasp.

**Sweater**—Many mothers prefer the slipover sweater of lightweight wool to the flannel sacque, because these stay closed in front, are easy to wash and require no ironing. The woman who loves to knit can fashion one in a few hours. Remember to make the neck large with a drawstring so that it will be easy to pull over the baby's neck. With the left-over wool make a pair of mittens to match; then the set will be useful to wear under the little coat when the air is frosty.

**Comfort**—Every mother should know what a joy a comfort made of cheesecloth is. It can be washed out in a minute and dried almost as quickly. Cut two pieces of cheesecloth of a good grade to fit the crib, put a thin layer of wool batting between them. Use pink or blue embroidery silk to quilt it in large squares, working a

rambler rose at the intersections, and finish by buttonholing the edges with the silk. Ribbon roses may be used in place of the embroidered ones, but they do not launder so well.

A baby swing will be very useful before the baby is many months old. Be sure to dress up your gift with one or two washable covers to protect the canvas. These may be cut, with the swing as a pattern, from flowered cretonne and the edges bound in tape, and, of course, tapes to tie them on. Or they may be made from white Indian head, or unbleached muslin, with dainty cross-stitched flowers in the corners and a colored binding. Or you may bind the edges in colored cretonne. If you wish to make the gift very elaborate add a few toys tied on with ribbon or tape to match the binding.

**No Troubles Till Then**  
 "Didja have any trouble getting your girl her ring for Christmas?"  
 "Not yet! The first payment don't start till January."

**Index Late This Week;  
 Train Late Every Day**

Yep, the Index is early next week in reaching its readers with this week's edition. The wind blew through our sanctum with such force that it froze the words in the editor's mouth before he could write 'em, the printers' fingers were all thumbs and the rollers "froze"—even if the paper is late in reaching you look what you are getting—24 pages of juicy local news and advertising—both classic reading. The size of O'Donnell's Index is 24 pages and something to be proud of every day.

# Look Who's Coming

**Monday, December 22nd  
 FOR ONE WEEK**

**HARLEY SADLER**

PRESENTS

# TOM'S COMEDIANS

## Big Tent Theatre

Well heated and comfortable

**New Plays**

**Big Band**

This is the same company that played here last year.

**Let's Go**

**Let's Go**

### Teachers Institute at Tahoka

The teachers in the O'Donnell public schools have been attending the Tri-County Teachers Institute at Tahoka this week and it is reported a very profitable session was being held, about 200 teachers attending.

The Institute was greeted Monday morning with an address of welcome by Editor E. I. Hill, of the Tahoka News, which was responded to by the talented county superintendent of Dawson county, Miss Annie Baker, in a charming manner. The session proper was opened with prayer by Rev. A. Nicholas of Abilene.

A number of prominent educators, including Dr. P. W. Horn, president of the Texas Technological College of Lubbock, were present and made addresses during the week.

The Institute will complete its work tonight.

### Merry Christmas

On the approaching date of the birth of our Savior, we take this method of extending to our friends and customers the greetings of the season.

We desire to thank each of you for your liberal patronage during the past year.

May the New Year bring you happiness and prosperity, is our wish.

**J. B. CURTIS & SON**

### A Week Before Christmas

We are extending you our thanks for your loyal patronage has made our business a success during the past season. May the great natal day of our Savior bring you all the joys and pleasures that your hearts desire, and may the New Year be one of happiness and prosperity to all, is the sincere wish of

**L. D. TUCKER**  
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