

The O'Donnell Index

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O'DONNELL, LYNN COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, DEC. 23, 1927

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O'Donnell Votes For Water System Monday

The issue of whether or not the O'Donnell shall issue bonds for the purpose of constructing and maintaining a water system in the county was decided at the polls Monday of this week when the property owners voted in favor of the proposition with a majority of 25 votes. The result was 60 against the proposition and 85 for the issue. It seems that very little interest was manifested in the election as only 145 ballots were cast. This was the third time the same issue has been voted on by the citizens of O'Donnell in the past three years and it seems that the old "third time is the charm" is true in this case. The election was held on Monday and was defeated by a majority of 25 votes.

The Index has fought for water for O'Donnell since the first issue of the press some four years ago and today it feels like shouting "We wish to extend congratulations to the city of O'Donnell for the step they have taken. A step means much not only to the progress of our city but to the safety and protection of our homes and places of business, to the comfort and convenience of the system is placed in operation on a water system for O'Donnell will begin as soon as the necessary red tape can be disposed of which will perhaps take three or four months.

PROMISING CHEVROLET TO BE INTRODUCED TO PUBLIC JANUARY FIRST, 1928

DETROIT, Dec. 24.—Promising most spectacular low priced automobile of all time, the Chevrolet Company announced today that a complete new line of motor cars will be introduced to the public on January first. The Chevrolet assembly plants have been in production on the new cars since December 12. Factories in Flint, Mich., Tarrytown, N. Y., St. Louis, Mo., Oakland, Cal., Buffalo, N. Y., Janesville, Wis., and Norwood, Ohio, have been humming with activity preparing for the highways of the new cars that promise to make motor car history for 1928. Shipments of the new cars to dealers have been leaving the various assembly plants since December 12, so that the vast country-wide distribution organization may be prepared for the introductory showing next Monday. Unbridled enthusiasm is being displayed over the new cars. Chevrolet field sales officials, who have been milling into Detroit for private showings of the new cars, are practically every Chevrolet dealer in the United States will have cars ready for public inspection January first. From Bangor, Me., to San Diego and from Miami to Vancouver there will be simultaneous exhibitions of the new cars that has caused much discussion in the last few months. The gigantic distribution achievement of supplying thousands of dealers with cars in such a brief space of time was made possible only through the far-reaching policy of the Chevrolet organization and the tremendous resources and production facilities of the Chevrolet Motor Company. Never in the history of the industry will so many new models be made available in such a limited space of time. Cars will be ready for the boulevards and highways immediately after the first of the year. Production of the various assembly plants throughout the United States is racing along as fast as precision manufacturing will permit. Unofficial reports from the Chevrolet offices here say that the new cars will embody many improvements in design and construction. New standards of beauty are promised. Easier handling and smoother riding qualities are heralded as some of the outstanding features of the Chevrolet line. Many unlooked for changes have been made in the appearance of the new cars. According to reports, providing Chevrolet with a beauty and an unexampled in the low priced automobile industry.

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More than 5,500 newspapers across the entire country will assist their advertising columns in broadcasting the announcement, which will take the form of one of the most comprehensive advertising campaigns ever attempted in the automobile industry. Every city, town and hamlet in the country will read the details of the 1928 Chevrolet of New Year's day.

Snyder Guarantees Right-of-Way

SNYDER, Texas, Dec 17.—The Artesia, Roswell and Snyder Railroad is West Texas' newest contribution to the onward march of that part of the state, with a meeting consummated today between Capt. Ed. Kennedy of Houston and the Scurry County Chamber of Commerce. Guarantee that the charter will be received at an early date is assured. Twenty-five miles of the road are already graded and would be an air line route from Snyder through Gail, O'Donnell, Brownfield and thence to Roswell, N. M. Contract has already been let for the construction of fifty miles of the road. At a meeting held at Gail, county seat of Borden county, last night, right of way was hastened through that county to the Scurry county line. With the Snyder meeting of today, the local Chamber of Commerce guaranteed the right of way from Snyder through Scurry county with the further understanding of the route, together with that Snyder would be one of the terminal shops being located at this point. The organization also made valuable concessions of cash and subsidies. The Snyder committee included Messrs O. P. Thrane, Robert H. Curnette, Ernest Taylor, Bankers; the business men were represented by Joe T. Stinson, Hugh Boren, N. M. Harpole, A. A. Bullock, H. J. Brice, Allen Warren, H. G. Towle, E. J. Anderson and George F. Smith.

SURPRISE PARTY FOR W. T. HOWARD ON SIXTY-THIRD BIRTHDAY

The home of W. T. Howard was the scene of gay festivities Thursday when Mrs. O. D. Howard assisted by Mrs. J. W. Brinson planned a surprise party for Mr. Howard. The table which held the huge birthday cake was placed in the center of the dining room with festooning of the holiday colors, running from the ceiling of the room to the four corners of the table. The cake was decorated with sixty-three candles.

Mr. Howard knew nothing of the party until he opened the dining room door that evening and beheld the table in all its beauty and attractiveness awaiting him. Besides the birthday cake, refreshments of chicken and ham sandwiches, stuffed olives and coffee were served to Messrs and Mesdames W. T. Howard, J. W. Brinson, O. D. Howard, children, W. H. Olen and children and T. L. Howard. Many useful and lovely gifts were given the guests of honor.

CONCERT BY LUBBOCK HIGH SCHOOL BAND

The Concert given by the Lubbock High School Band in the O'Donnell high school Auditorium, Friday night was a big hit, being one of the most classical affairs of the season. Then, too, the humorous side of the program came just in the right place to appeal to the one who can appreciate a bit of fun. Lubbock is indeed to be complimented on having this splendid orchestra, composed of the young people, who would indeed be an asset for even a larger city than the one they represent. The funds realized from the entertainment was fairly good and both the athletic and fire department of our city were benefited by the movement and are appreciative of the fact.

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8762 Bales Cotton Ginned To Date

Snow, the heaviest of the winter, amounted to possibly four inches over the entire South Plains halted the gathering of the fleecy staple this week. The seven gins of O'Donnell are now enjoying a holiday and will be shut down until December 27.

Since our report of two weeks ago there has been ginned in O'Donnell by the seven gins a total of 756 bales. The severe cold weather of last week and the heavy snow of this week has caused the ginning in the city to drop far below the average. The past few weeks. However, it is believed by ginners and cotton men of this section that the total ginnings for O'Donnell will reach the ten thousand bale mark.

Below is the report of the seven Gins:

McDonald-Ely Gin	2250
J. P. Bowlin Gin	1363
Henderson-Boone Gin	1301
J. H. Yarbrough Gin	1124
A. D. Brown Gin	1090
Harrison-Williams Gin	910
A. Y. Pemberton & Sons	814
TOTAL	8762

O'Donnell Women Awarded Prizes

The Arrowhead Hosiery Jingle Contest conducted by the Popular Dry Goods Store and hundreds of other Arrowhead dealers throughout the United States last September proved to be profitable for two O'Donnell ladies. The Popular Dry Goods Store is in receipt of a list of the awards made by the judges at the close of the contest and Mrs. B. E. Bateman of Route 3 and Mrs. John G. Schooler, also of O'Donnell each received a Wahl Pen and Pencil set as prizes for the jingles submitted on Arrowhead Hosiery. Below are the prize winning jingles:

Mary had some little hose. That showed her dimpled knee. She said, "I'll declare, How the men do stare; They wear Arrowhead you see.—Mrs. B. E. Bateman, O'Donnell.

To market! to market! To buy new clothes. Home again! home again! In Arrowhead hose.—Mrs. John G. Schooler, O'Donnell.

Mrs. Harry Oliver of Ozome is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Henderson.

O'Donnell Assured Second Railroad

O'Donnell is practically assured another railroad which runs almost on an air line from Roswell, New Mexico to Fort Worth, via Brownfield, O'Donnell, Gail and Snyder. Capt. Ed. Kennedy of Houston is the promoter of the road which will give the South Plains a direct route to Fort Worth with a saving of 85 miles in distance.

Mr. Kennedy was in O'Donnell last Thursday and met with a representative bunch of citizens at the City Hall Thursday night and discussed problems of securing the right-of-way through O'Donnell and this part of Lynn County. Committees were appointed and immediately went to work on the proposition and have succeeded in getting the right-of-way together with grounds for a depot and possibly a bonus. The Newmoore and Wells communities have signed up guaranteeing a right-of-way through that section and all are highly elated over the prospects of the new road.

Up until the time of going to press there has already been raised approximately one million dollars in bonuses by the different towns along the proposed route, which includes Roswell, Caprock, Tatum, Bronco, Plains, Brownfield, Newmoore, Wells, O'Donnell, Gail and Snyder.

A Charter for the road is assured Mr. Kennedy said. No permit from

the Interstate Commerce Commission is necessary, he stated, as the road was begun from Roswell before the I. C. C. came into existence. Twenty-five miles of the road are already graded and contract will be let soon for the laying of fifty miles of the new road. The grade which is already built originally started at Roswell and extended to Caprock and is considered in good shape which is valued at \$43,000, Mr. Kennedy said.

Mr. Kennedy is not affiliated with any trunk line railroad company, and has obtained subscription in a single three months campaign. He has announced that when the road is complete it will be taken over by a trunk line, the name of which he refused to divulge.

Guarantees Made. A summary of the guarantees already made to Mr. Kennedy is as follows: Roswell, terminal facilities, townsite in corporate limits, 30 miles right of way and cash bonus of \$250,000; Caprock, 70 acres for townsite and 20 miles or right of way; Tatum, 100 acres and 15 miles right of way; Bronco, 200 acres and one half miles right of way; Plains 100 acres and 30 miles right of way; O'Donnell right of way thru county and grounds of depot; Gail, 30 miles right of way and depot facilities; Snyder, sufficient terminal facilities and buildings.

Mrs. R. O. Stark left Tuesday morning for Floydada where she will visit her parents during the holidays. Mr. Stark will join her Sunday and will visit his parents at Plainview for a few days.

Editors Sam A. Roberts of the Haskell Free Press and Grady G. Roberts of the Chillicothe News, spent the past week-end as the guests of their brother, J. W. Roberts and family.

Mrs. Dr. Campbell and Mrs. G. T. Harper spent the day in Wilson Thursday, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Faubain. Mrs. Harper remained to be their holiday guests and expects to return here Monday.

M. C. Harper and wife of Joe Bailey, are the happy parents of a new baby which arrived Monday. Dr. Campbell officiated at the little advent and announced her weight as seven pounds, also that she and the mother are doing nicely.

Mr. Gearty Holman of Eastland, Texas arrived in O'Donnell Sunday and was joined here by his wife, Mrs. Gearty Holman, of Hancock, who came up to spend the holidays with relatives.

A. L. Schultz, representative for the Hall Music Co., of Lubbock, was in our city Tuesday looking after business interests. Mr. Schultz sold the P. T. A. a lovely piano for the grade school while here.

Mrs. W. L. Henderson, who underwent a serious operation in Lubbock Hospital last Wednesday, is progressing toward recovery rapidly and will be able to come home in a few days.

Mrs. Waldo McLaurin, saleslady at the Popular Dry Goods store, has the misfortune of having her new coat stolen some time during the Saturday rush. The coat was a light blue with gray squirrel collar and cuffs and was prized very highly by Mrs. McLaurin.

INDEX WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED NEXT WEEK; NEXT ISSUE JAN. 6TH

As is the custom with a majority of the country weeklies, The Index will suspend publication for one week during the Christmas Holidays. Our next issue will be published on January 6th, of the New Year.

This announcement is made so that our large family of readers will not be disappointed, we believe that most of our readers will agree with us that publishers as well as other people are entitled to a vacation and rest once a year.

During the year coming to a close, The Index has strived in every way within its power to promote the best interests of the town and country it represents. To what extent we have succeeded, we let our readers judge. During the coming year, we expect to strive even harder than in the past to give service, place the local news events before our readers, and continue to advocate editorially those improvements which the town so much deserves.

We wish each reader of the Index a Merry Christmas and may the New Year bring you Peace, Happiness and Prosperity.

Miss Leta Rodgers Winner of First Prize

M. E. SUNDAY SCHOOL TO HAVE CHRISTMAS BASKET

The children who are members of the Sunday School of the First Methodist Church will be delighted to learn that Sunday morning at ten thirty there will be a Christmas Basket at the Methodist Church and there will be a gift for every one who comes. This is a new idea for O'Donnell and a complete diversion from the regular Christmas tree. The committee feels sure that the children will be pleased which is indeed the primary object in the movement.

JOHNNY ROCHELLE LEASES CITY CAFE THIS WEEK

Johnny Rochelle, owner and operator of the City Cafe for the past several months, leased the same to Messrs T. W. Brown and Joe Roberts first of the week. Messrs Brown and Roberts took charge Sunday of this week. Mr. and Mrs. Rochelle will spend the next five months in South Texas for the benefit of their health. Mr. Brown is well known in O'Donnell and Mr. Roberts is an old acquaintance of the former who recently came from Erath county.

WILLING WORKER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ENTERTAINS

The Yuletide spirit was in full manifestation Wednesday evening at the First Methodist Church, when The Willing Workers Class gave a pretty holiday party. Miss Christine Millwell, the president, was chairman of a committee of three who worked the plans up to the expectation of the most exacting.

The holiday motif was carried out in decorations, games and contests. At a late hour chairs were drawn up around a roaring hot fire and the conversation going the round of the circle naturally was centered about Christmas, gifts, and yes, "Santa Claus" when suddenly a curtain was pulled back disclosing a lovely Christmas tree loaded with ten and fifteen cent toys, nuts, fruit, and candy, where upon Santa Claus made his advent dancing and jingling his bells joyously around the room several times, then the gifts were distributed, after which the guests began to enjoy their toys crack nuts, eat candy and fruit. Miss Milwee then told them they were all old enough now (the youngest being sixteen years of age) to know a few things that some might not know what she was about to tell them, but she felt it her duty to inform them so she proceeded to inform them "There was no Santa Claus." Miss Erma D. Parmer and Mr. R. V. O'Neal were the only ones who cried. Miss Milwee further informed them, that she would tell them who Santa was which proved to be Mrs. Belle Knight—The guests were then told they might drop their gifts back into a box to be given later to children who might not be fortunate enough to see Santa.

Fighter Becomes Cabaret Owner in Meighan Drama

Thomas Meighan comes to the Lynn next Monday in his latest Paramount drama, "We're All Gamblers." Adapted from the Sidney Howard stage success "Lucky Sam McCarver" by Hope Loring and directed by James Cruze, the picture shapes up as admirable screen material.

Tom appears as an East Side waif who grows up as a professional prize fighter. An automobile accident prevents his continuing in the ring and he turns to his only remaining talent—music. Playing a piano in a night club, his fame grows by leaps and bounds. A rich society woman falls in love with him. His adopted brother is attracted to her. Another man, an idle bouncer, is killed and all three are accused of the crime. Then—

But see "We're all Gamblers!" The star of "The New Klondike," "The Miracle Man," "Homeward Bound," "Tin Gods" and "The Canadian," has never had a finer vehicle, Marietta Miller is featured.

TWO BANDITS ROB STORE IN LAMESA

LAMESA, Texas Dec 18.—The store of N. A. Boothe of this city was robbed about 9 o'clock last night. The two robbers were unmasked and one of them held a six-shooter on Boothe while the other took \$27.50 from the safe of the store. According to Boothe, the robbers made haste to get away with their loot. The officers were immediately notified, but until now no trace of them has been found. Boothe's store is four blocks from the main business section and near the grammar school building. This is the first open handed robbery to take place here this season.

Mrs. J. N. Williams of Midland, is here for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hal Singleton, Sr.

The Great Subscription building campaign of the O'Donnell Index is ended and the premiums have been awarded to the successful candidates.

To the Index it has been successful in more ways than one. It has brought us hundreds of new subscribers, made many new friends for the paper, and increased its influence and power in all parts of this section. Practically all of the hundreds of new subscribers added to the list were obtained in the immediate trade territory of the O'Donnell merchants, adding to its value for advertisers who use its columns to talk to the large circle of readers about their goods. This is one of the chief advantages secured by the Index and one of the reasons the publishers were willing to spend so much money in prizes and commissions. There is no question but the prizes and commissions were well worth the hard work put forth by the candidates to win them. Everyone was paid for what they did, the checks for commissions running from \$1.05 up.

One of the most noticeable features of the campaign was the spirit of fair play that prevailed throughout the campaign. The candidates were pleasant to work with, and with each other. No one candidate was given any assistance that was not offered to all the others. Those who were determined to win fought a hard fight during the five weeks of ballots, and the winners may thank their many friends, and their own untiring efforts for the outcome. They may well feel proud of the campaign for all did remarkably well, and found that they had more friends than they knew.

In spite of the heavy expenses sustained by the Index for the prizes and commissions, the campaign has proven a grand success and served the ends for which it was inaugurated. It has worked a great increase in the subscription list of the Index, giving the advertisers more people to talk to in their weekly announcements, and opened up a large number of new homes where the paper will be read in the future. We hope to hold these new friends who are practically all in the O'Donnell trade territory, served by O'Donnell merchants.

Great care was used in counting the votes, and every means to insure accuracy was taken by the judges who made the awards. The final count was made by disinterested parties of established standing. These men had no interest or motive than to accept the invitation of the candidates to make a thorough and impartial count of the votes cast. Every ballot was carefully examined by them. Now, that the campaign is ended it is with pleasure that we announce the winners of the prizes, as shown by the accompanying award of judges:

O'Donnell, Texas, Dec. 17, 1927.

Editor, The Index, O'Donnell, Texas, Dear Sir:

After checking and counting the votes of those in the Index Circulation Campaign, and being fully satisfied with the records, etc., we, the undersigned judges, find the votes entitle the prizes to go as follows:

Miss Leta Rodgers, 5,924,700, having the largest number of votes is entitled to the Chevrolet Coach. Mrs. Harvey Everett, 5,289,200 having the second largest number of votes is entitled to the \$150. Mrs. Lee Wright, 4,267,700; Miss Peggy Dunn, 3,016,000; Miss Beulah Estes, 1,251,500, get commissions of 15 per cent, and we hereby award them and direct you to have such awards delivered them. W. S. Cather, B. L. Davis, C. H. Doak, J. A. Rickard, Judges, appointed by the Contestants.

TO MY FRIENDS:

This is such a small way in which to try and express my thanks to you people who so generously and staunchly supported me in the race the past five weeks for the car given away by the Index, but this is the surest way I have of reaching you all. I do know this, that in the past five weeks, I have come to know and appreciate my friends better than ever in the past.

I am sorry that I failed your trust and confidence in me, but I did my very best and fought a square fight, which each of you know was absolutely on the level from start to finish. I could not have succeeded to the extent I did with out your loyal support.

I shall never forget a single one of you.

—Mrs. Harvey Everett.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and relatives for their kindness and especially do we thank Mrs. Perry Clayton and Mrs. Jim Seely for their kind attention in the death of our darling baby, Rice Loraine. Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Arnold

It Wishes Were Wings

and good will had the power to work magic, your home would be visited by us this Yuletide season and filled to the roof-tree with genuine joy.

Those loved ones you most long to see would be there, all worries and irritations would be whipped out the door, and you would all have the merriest time of your lives.

We hope that it will be so with you anyhow.

O'Donnell Telephone Company

W. G. DINGUS, Mgr.

What's Doing In West Texas By W. T. C. C.

West Texas Chamber Commerce. December 16, 1927.

CANADIAN—A new 240 horsepower unit has been purchased by this city to be installed about January 1.

STINNETT—Building underway in Stinnett for the new year includes a \$75,000 school building and a \$300,000 courthouse.

TURKEY—The first carload of flour from Plainview to a point on the new line of the Fort Worth & Denver South Plains Railroad Company went from the Harvest Queen Mills at Plainview to J. Calvin Young groceryman of Turkey. Turkey and Quitaque are the first cities on the new line to receive train service.

SAGERTON—A new house of worship together with a neat parsonage has been completed here. Visitors from Albany, Abilene, and Lorraine came here on the occasion of their dedication.

ALPINE—Alpine has been placed before the Texas Women's Press Association as 1929 convention city. Mrs. W. B. Hamilton of this city is treasurer of the organization.

CROWELL—Work is being rushed to completion on Crowell's new school building which is expected to be ready for occupancy by Christmas.

GROOM—J. E. Briggs, field representative of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, will leave here the latter part of Christmas week for Stamford, where he will attend the annual New Year's staff meeting of the regional organization.

BAIRD—A home market for cream and dairy products has been established here with opening of a local creamery by Ed Ivey. A 20-x30 foot modern building houses the place of business.

CARLSBAD, N. M.—The regular irrigation season in this sector has been closed for some time, and water deliveries from the storage reservoir have been discontinued.

CHILLICOTHE—C. S. Holland, formerly of this city, is now editing the Muleshoe Journal, operated for the past two and half years by R. B. Boyle, now of Plainview.

SA NANGELO—This city will be host to representatives of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce Oil and Gas Bureau January 25. All interested in development of West Texas oil and gas industries are invited to be present.

STAMFORD—The seasons greetings are extended to all West Texas by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce in the December issue of West Texas Today just off the press.

PECOS—Hotel Pecos has been lic as soon as it is complete and furnished and is to be opened to the public. The building has twenty rooms, with hot and cold running water and circulating heat.

MISS KATHLEEN VEOGY CELEBRATES 13TH BIRTHDAY

Miss Kathleen Veogy celebrated her thirteenth birthday Saturday night with a party at the home of Mrs. J. L. Busby.

Games were played and the holiday spirit which is prevalent at this season was in full evidence and each guest arrived, bringing a lovely birthday gift to the charming little honoree.

A huge birthday cake was an important object of the occasion, decorated with thirteen candles which the honoree luckily blew out all except four.

The guests were served delicious hot chocolate with whipped cream and fruit cake.

Those who enjoyed this happy party were Misses Ina D. Everett, Alice Joy Bowlin, Ruth Roberts, Itasca Roberts, Alice Busby, Kathleen Veogy and Ralph Beach, Oden Yandell, Cecil Treadway, Harrell Yandell, R. L. Bobes, Randal Gibson, Clyde Tate and Carl Beatenbough.

Musical Program Given In School Auditorium

The musical program rendered by the pupils of Miss Maggie George and Miss Bessie Baldwin was one which was fully appreciated by the splendid audience. Besides showing musical talent the fact was fully evident that each child had received the proper training and splendid instructions, both in the piano numbers, songs and readings which were delivered.

O'Donnell is to be complimented upon having these accomplished young ladies to assist in the musical education of her children.

YOUNG PEOPLES AUXILIARY M. E. CHURCH PROGRAM TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

1. Song, Silent Night.
2. Prayer, Led by Hester Gates.
3. A Message from Scarrith, by Louise Edwards.
4. Devotional Reading, Psalm 108, by Supt.
5. A Gift, Beulah Estes.
6. Song, O Little Town of Bethlehem.
7. Benediction.

All young ladies are cordially invited to attend. Regular meeting is 4:15 Tuesday, at the M. E. Church. —Reporter.

ATTENTION

Do not fail to look for Posters giving date during Christmas week for the "Old Fashion Party" at the M. E. Church, to be given by "The Ruby Hendrick Auxiliary."

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Duddle Russell, on Wednesday, December 21, an 8 1-2 pound boy.

As You Thumb the Calender Leaves of 1928

May you find each day brighter, happier and more fruitful of good. That is our wish for those who have been so loyal to us in the year just closing.

To us it has been a pleasure to be in business in a city where we could deal with such a citizenry as have come our way. We have been inspired by your generous support to strive to attain the maximum in value giving and service and in addition to do our utmost to scatter sunshine along the way as we come in contact with our patrons.

We ask that you accept the gratitude that we today feel in our hearts. You have enabled us to get a broader vision of our opportunity for usefulness. On each transaction during the coming year we pledge you the best that is in us.

Miles Barber Shop

R. O. MILES, Prop.

Popular Dry Goods Store

And

EMPLOYEES

Wishes Everyone

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

And a

Happy and Prosperous

NEW YEAR

Christmas AND YOU

Makes a Real Christmas For Us

How could ye forget YOU, you who have been so good to us through these many years, you who have had complete confidence in us and who have served us as patrons as well as we have served you as providers of good values and reliable service in our line.

We thank you and wish for all of YOU and all of YOURS the best Christmas and the happiest New Year of your lives.

J. P. BOWLIN GIN

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my heartiest thanks to all of my friends who so gladly and willingly supported me in the recent campaign.
All of you were nice to me, and I enjoyed and appreciated your support and association during the drive. Although I did not win the car, my heart beats just a little faster when I remember that oft times there is victory in defeat.
It will always be with gratitude and appreciation that I remember you my friends, and now believe me when I say, that I wish for each and everyone of you a happy Christmas and a glad New Year.
Sincerely,
—PEGGY DUNN.

DRAMATIC CLASS ENJOYS PICNIC

The Dramatic Class was highly honored Friday by a picnic planned for their pleasure by the teacher, Mrs. Roy M. Smith.
The party left the school building at four p. m. and motored to the Miles place three miles east of town where they built a big fire and had a joyous time roasting weiners and toasting Marshmallows, telling tales and enjoying life in general.
The guests were Mrs. D. A. Edwards, Misses Fannie Dell Busby, Eva Harris, Mildred Bowlin, Trixie Harvell and Erma D. Farmer.

Mesdames A. W. Gibb, R. H. Schooler and Frank Wilkerson, Miss Willie Schooler and Steward Schooler, Sr., plan to leave Saturday for Ballinger, where they will be joined by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Norton, and son of Dallas, and A. W. Gibb of San Angelo. The party will spend the holiday visiting with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Pule of Ballinger.

V. E. Bonham and wife will spend holidays in Arkansas with home folks.

T. A. Free and Frank Bill who are representatives of the Interstate Fidelity Loan Co., of Amarillo, was in our City Saturday looking after business interests.

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DR. A. F. WOODS
SPECIALIST-OPTOMETRIST
Corner Ave. 1 and 13 St.
Lubbock, Texas

Lynn Theatre

MONDAY and TUESDAY—

THOMAS MEIGHAN

—IN—

"WE'RE ALL GAMBLERS"

News and Comedy

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY—

METROPOLIS

With an All Star Cast

A picture showing the world as it will be thousands of years later.

News and Comedy

FRIDAY—

CLARA BOW

—IN—

THE LAWFUL CHEATER

Comedy and Serial

SATURDAY—

HOOT GIBSON

—IN—

THE PRAIRIE KING

News and Comedy

Don't forget the date of
"THE BIG PARADE"

JANUARY 4, 5, 6

With JOHN GILBERT

OUR CHRISTMAS PACK

FOR YOU

HAS BEEN LOADED WITH SMILE AND LAUGHTER AND HAPPY HEART THROBS AND THE PRESENCE OF LOVED ONES AND THE LAUGHTER OF CHILDREN AND THE COMRADSHIP OF FRIENDS AND NO END OF OTHER GOOD THINGS, AND OUR WISHES HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO LEAVE A LARGE SUPPLY AT EVERY HOME.

WE WANT YOUR HOME TO BE FILLED WITH THESE GOOD THINGS CHRISTMAS SEASON WITH ENOUGH OVER TO LAST THROUGH THE NEW YEAR.

LYNN THEATRE

News From The O'Donnell Schools

FIRST GRADE
(Mrs. Street's Room)

We have our room in complete readiness for Santa Claus and are patiently waiting for the 23rd to come that we may enjoy the Christmas tree that day. We have arranged our pictures and have two new ones which when all were placed, adds very much to the attractiveness of our room.

Marjorie Musick was ill Monday and missed school.

Wayne Batterman is back after a long absence from school picking cotton.

Our room mother, Mrs. Music, came and read us a good story Friday.

HIGH FIRST and LOW SECOND
(Miss Milliver's Room)

We enjoyed helping out with the program at P. T. A. last Wednesday. Eight of our pupils gave a tableau which we thought was pretty good.

Our room mother, Mrs. Marvin Pemberton, came and read us a fine story and then we played an interesting game. She is coming once every week and we are so happy we can hardly wait.

HIGH SECOND
(Mrs. Edwards' Room)

We are planning a Christmas tree Friday and our room is to help with the program.

We missed our room mother, Mrs. Everett, last week, as she was too busy to come and visit us.

We have two new pictures in our room, of which we are very proud.

Wynelle Scott has gone to Rule for the holidays.

The high second is studying the "sixes" this week and we hope to know them perfectly by Christmas.

The low second is beginning on the "fours."

LOW THIRD
(Miss Palmer's Room)

We surely enjoyed the program given by Mrs. Gibbs and Miss Sargent's room Friday in Chapel. "I just can't wait for Christmas to come" is heard by our teachers many times each day. We are glad we are to have a Christmas tree.

Beatrice James was absent from school Monday.

We have our room decorated for Christmas and it sure gives us the Christmas spirit.

HIGH THIRD
(Miss Parmer's Room)

We had a pleasant visit from our room mother, Mrs. Crunk, Friday. She read us a very good story.

We are all anxious for Christmas to come.

We are sorry we did not get the banner last week but just wait and see who gets it next year.

FOURTH GRADE
(Mrs. Gibb's Room)

We are making great plans for our Christmas tree and have drawn names to see who we are to buy a present for. We have been studying hard.

We had two visits from our room mother, Mrs. Roaten, last week, she finished the book, Tom and Boot black which she has been reading us. Then she served us pop corn balls and we played some interesting games. The low fourth thought they were beating us on most points but when the time came the high fourth was 100 points ahead.

HIGH FIFTH and LOW SIXTH
(Miss Sargent's Room)

Mrs. Vermillion and Mrs. Pemberton were pleasant visitors to our room Friday.

We have our room decorated beautifully for Christmas.

We drew names to see who we should buy gifts for Friday and every one promised to not tell whose name they got, but there are secrets leaking from every corner of the room.

Friday we are to give a pantomime of "The First Christmas."

We enjoyed "Health Week" last week and those who kept the rules got a cross and the ones who did not keep them got a zero on the health chart.

HIGH SIXTH
(Miss Sorrell's Room)

One morning last week we were very much surprised to find a bowl of lovely blooming bulbs in our window, and upon investigation found a tag bearing the inscription "From your Big Sister" which told us that Miss Roxie Hancock had again remembered us. Then she sent us a beautiful linen scarf for our book case.

We are planning a very happy time for Christmas, as we are going to have a tree and a good program. Luna Mae Preston and several other pupils were absent Monday.

SEVENTH GRADE
(Mrs. Gooch Teacher)

Monday morning when Mrs. Everett came to school, she had a little time to spare and gave us a splendid talk on "How Four Helpers Became Five."

Mr. Rickard entertained us with a description of our State Capitol one morning. It made us all very desirous of seeing Austin and The Capitol Building.

We were glad to have Mr. A. F. Edwards and Mrs. Pemberton come to visit us Friday. Mrs. Pemberton made us a very nice talk.

NOTICE

One Ford Car, one Bush Gerts Piano to be given away at "The Old Fashion Party" Christmas week, sponsored by the "Ruby Hendrick Auxiliary," at the M. E. Church.

Prices will be: Children, 10c. Adults, 20c.

PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

—A T—
B. A. PHILPOTT'S FARM

1 1/2 Miles East and 1 Mile South of O'Donnell.

Wednesday, December 28,

Free Lunch at Noon

The following **LIVESTOCK, FARM IMPLEMENTS, FEED** and **HOUSEHOLD GOODS** will be sold at **PUBLIC AUCTION** to highest bidder for cash:

LIVESTOCK

- 1 Pair Mules, 7 years old, weight 2500 pounds, fat.
- 1 Pair Mules, weight 2400 pounds, fat and the good kind.
- 1 Pair medium Mules, 4 and 7 years old.
- 1 Grey Mule, 5 years old, weight 1,000 pounds, a good one.
- 1 Bay Mare, 7 years old, weight 1,000 pounds.
- 1 Grey Mare, 5 years old, weight 1,000 pounds.
- 1 Roan Mare, 3 years old, and a good one.
- 1 Good Jersey Cow, heavy springer.
- 6 Shoats, from 50 to 150 pounds.
- Chickens and Turkeys, also Guineas.

FARM IMPLEMENTS

- 77 Bushels Kash Cottonseed.
- 1 Good Farm Farm Wagon, R. I.
- 1 Two-row Cultivator, P. & O.
- 1 One-row Cultivator, John Deere.
- 2 One-row Go-Devils.
- 1 Two-row Moline Lister Planter.
- 1 Single-row Planter.
- 1 Disc Harrow.
- 6 Sets of good Chain Harness.
- 1 Oldsmobile Truck, a good one.
- 1 Star Touring Car.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

Chairs, Dressers, Beds, Tables, and 2

Good Oil Cook Stoves.

ALSO FARM FOR RENT

Sale Starts at 10 A. M.

Cols. W. V. Tobert and G. C. Grider
AUCTIONEERS

MANY THANKS---

TO YOU

THAT OUR CHRISTMAS IS AS MERRY AS IT IS. WE ARE GRATEFUL THAT YOU APPRECIATE OUR EFFORTS TO MAKE OUR BUSINESS SUCCEED ON A STRICT BASIS OF MERIT AND COURTESY. THE LIBERALITY OF YOUR PATRONAGE NATURALLY MAKES US FEEL BETTER AT THIS SEASON.

AND NOW IN RETURN WE GIVE YOU IN ALL SINCERITY OUR HEARTY WISHES FOR THE MERRIEST AND BEST CHRISTMAS YOU EVER HAD, FOLLOWED BY AN EQUALLY PROSPEROUS AND ENJOYABLE NEW YEAR.

W. E. Guye Dry Goods Co.

REPEATED OFTEN EVERY YEAR

But there's hardly a thing better we can think to say than "Merry Christmas—Happy New Year."

Accept the gratitude of our hearts for your support to this business during the year now drawing to a close. We have striven earnestly to serve you that we might be considered worthy of your continued favors.

Cicero Smith L'b'r. Co.



THE GIRL, THE BANK, AND HER CHRISTMAS

"YES, mam, overdrawn. Well, I believe the check was one hundred and twenty. You will make it good? Yes, right away, if you please."

The receiver was replaced on the hook by Mr. Reid, vice president of the Valer County Trust and Savings bank. The clerk in the cage alongside of the vice president's office, although apparently busy attending a client's wants, had overheard the conversation. When the account had been entered, he turned to Mr. Reid.

"Isn't that girl you just talked with the one who makes weekly visits here to get money? She wears a bluish ensemble which matches the blue in her eyes exactly, and—"

"Yes, Frank. My, but you are observing, and may I add, that your memory does not fail you. It seems, or rather she tells me, she wrote this check a month or so ago and thought it had been cashed, so now has overdrawn her account. She hasn't quite enough to cover the check, and she doesn't want to part with the amount she has, for she tells me that will spoil her plans for Christmas presents. So there you are."

Frank said no more but fell to figuring with pencil and paper. A few moments later, "Mr. Reid, I'll cover that check."

Christmas Eve Frank sat in his room reading his paper when the telephone rang.

"Mr. Sweet? This is Miss Johnson. It has taken me all this time to extract a statement from Mr. Reid as to who so kindly indorsed my check. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for making my Christmas."

Frank gasped, gulped—
"Now, don't you think it would be possible for you to take dinner with us tomorrow? It will be rather lonely to eat Christmas dinner in a restaurant."

Frank's head reeled. "Yes, thank you, most certainly. Merry Christmas until tomorrow."—Eleanor E. King.

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Oldest Feast Period

As a time of feasting the Christmas period is one of the oldest in the calendar. The ancient sun worshippers probably started it with their celebrations and rejoicing over the return of the sun, signifying the beginning of the end of winter.—Capper's Weekly.

MAY THE JOLLY CHRISTMAS TIME

old the treasures of happiness for and as you are engulfed in the spirit of the season may you have no other desire than to be happy to make those about you happy too.

We ask that you also accept, with this Christmas message, our thanks for your business during 1927.

Whitehead Variety Store

May Your Stocking Be Filled

On this

HAPPY CHRISTMAS DAY

1927

1928

Our store has made many new friends and customers during the year 1927, and we want to take this opportunity of thanking those who have filled our stocking with business.

May the coming year be one of the most successful of your life. We hope that throughout the coming year our service shall continue to be the kind you like, and we hope to receive your patronage in the future as we have in the past.

Our New Year's Pledge

All the employes of our store pledge to you a service that will be even better in the future than it has been in the past, and at is promising a lot, for our service has business during 1927.

MANSELL BROS. HDW. CO.

IF WE COULD SEND YOU A

Christmas Boquet



Such as we should like to send, it would not consist of poinsettias or winter roses, but smiles and joy on the faces of your loved ones gathered to celebrate together the gladdest season of the year. Nothing could ornament a Christmas dinner like happy faces, and we hope several will brighten yours and leave

"Christmas flowers" in your memory throughout the year.



HIGGINBOTHAM-BARTLETT CO.

J. B. Gill of Lamesa, who is salesman for the James McCord Wholesale Grocery Co., was doing business in our city Wednesday. He was a guest of the Palmer House while here.

Classified Ads

HAVE JERSEY BULL—Subject to register, for service, at my place; \$1.00 when served. J. W. Gates. 10-4tp.

Having moved my stock of lamps and electrical supplies to my home premises, please call 136 if in need of any of above. H. E. Gillespie.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Several choice tracts of the W. McCarty Moore land; some improved. Fine farming land. Located in New-moore community. Easy terms. See or write Joe T. Moore, O'Donnell, Texas, Route 3. 10-4fc.

You will find plenty of Neatsfoot oil and shoe polish at the Electric Shoe Shop. Now is a good time to oil that set of harness.

TO RENT—One hundred acres; plenty grass; west of Portales New Mexico. Some teams, cows, tools and wagons to sell here. See W. F. McGill, O'Donnell, Texas. (12-2tp)

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Pony dies plow, John Deere; will sell, trade or exchange. See T. J. Yandell. 13-3tp.

FOR HEMSTITCHING, see Mrs. Boyd Fortner, two blocks north of Postoffice. 12-2tc.

FOR SALE—Bed and Dressers at bargain. See H. E. Gillespie. 1tc.

WANTED—Lady or girl to help with housework. Mrs. J. W. Kirkpatrick, Phone 98. 13-4tp.

NOTICE

The Gins of O'Donnell will be closed from the 21st, until the 26th, inclusive.

LOST OR STRAYED—Smoky Dunn pony, coming 4 years old, unbranded but with knot under each eye. \$10.00 reward for any information leading to her recovery. Was traveling south on last account. Notify C. D. Uzzle, Tahoka, Texas, Route 3. 13-4tp.

FARM FOR SALE OR TRADE

I am now subdividing Sections 5, 6, 7, Block C-34 Gaines County, known as the Noves land, 2 miles west of Seagraves in tracts of 160 acres or more. This land is leased for oil for 10 years paying 50c per acre rental. Price \$15.00 to \$25.00 per acre. Will accept town property, livestock or good automobile as part payment. If you want raw land on the South Plains or improved farms, see or write

P. F. MURRAY
202 Leader Building, Lubbock, Texas (12-4tp)

CROP PAYMENT

We have a few choice quarters of the best cotton land on the Plains to sell on the crop payment plan. This land is well located. Good shallow water; convenient to schools and will grow anything you want to raise.

WHY PAY RENT?

When you can buy good Plains land with this part of your crop. The crop payment plan is the BEST and safest way for you to own your own home.

JARROTT BROTHERS, OWNERS
Lubbock, Texas
Room 204, Leader-Bldg., West Bldwy. 10-8tc

P.-T. A. TO GIVE PARTY
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

Mrs. D. A. Edwards as chairman of entertainment committee, with Mesdames Geo. Shumake, J. A. Rickard and C. C. Jones, will have charge of the pretty P.-T. A. party at the high school Auditorium, Thursday evening, December 29. You are cordially invited to attend. —Publicity Chairman.

W. M. Swinney of Denton an old friend of the W. R. Sanderson family and collector for the Rock Island Company has been seriously ill in the Sanderson home since last Thursday. The last report he was some better.

NOTICE

For the best old fashioned gentleman's costume—one Ford Car will be given. For the quaintest old fashioned lady's costume—one Bush Gerts Piano will be given at the "Old Fashion Party" at the M. E. Church sometime during Christmas week. Watch for the date. Admission: Children, 10c, Adults 20c.

PERSONAL MENTION

W. E. Bonham was in Midland last week transacting business.

Mr. Steward Schooler is sporting a new Dodge Sedan, this week.

W. L. Brewer of Joe Bailey, was a business visitor in O'Donnell, Tuesday.

Joep Chumley of the Frost Kauch was transacting business in O'Donnell Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Everett and children will spend the holidays with relatives in Idalon and Lorenzo.

Mrs. W. S. Cathey is at home after spending two weeks in Memphis, Texas visiting her sister.

Mrs. Chas. Nunnally of Treadway was in O'Donnell shopping Wednesday.

Mr. E. A. Roberts and daughters, Misses Itasca and Ruth, will leave today for Waxahachie, Texas, where they will be until the First of the Year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ables and family will spend the holidays at Herby, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Youngblood and family left Tuesday for Jefferson Texas, where they expect to make their home in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Wyatt of Tahoka visited with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Rogers, Sunday.

R. C. Boswell, salesman for the C. C. Hornsby Hardware Co., out of Lubbock was in O'Donnell Monday.

M. A. Scott and family were called to Rule, Texas Sunday to attend the bedside of a relative, who was very ill.

Mr. Ed. Payne left Saturday for California upon receiving news of a brother, whom was not expected to live.

"It Pays to Look Well"



The Fitch Shampoo is more than a shampoo. Applied with our super-service methods, it is a scientific scalp treatment.

Super-service is our motto—which means the very latest scientific equipment, standard toilet preparations, clean towels and absolute sanitation.

TONSOR BARBER SHOP
WAYMAN EVERETT, Prop.

Miss Jessie Sargent spent the past week-end in Tahoka, with her parents. INDEX WANT ADS BRING RESULTS AT A VERY SMALL COST.

A ROAD OF HAPPINESS

A BRIDGE OF GOOD CHEER

All of us, at some period of time, have traveled bestrewn with rocks and pitfalls, a road where broken springs are a very small part of the ramage.

If you have encountered during your past year's travel of any such road as this, it is our sincere wish that after you cross our Merry Christmas bridge, your road for 1928 shall be as smooth as glass.

We wish for you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year.

Singleton Hdw. & Gro Co.

PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

—A T—

Chas. McConal and E. D. Holman's
1 1-2 Miles North of O'Donnell on Highway No. 9

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27TH, 1927

Free Lunch at Noon

We are going to sell at PUBLIC AUCTION FOR CASH the following LIVESTOCK, FARMING IMPLEMENTS and HOUSEHOLD GOODS. Buy this stuff at your own price.

- LIVESTOCK**
10 Head Good Mules, ages 3 to 9, all good work animals.
6 Head Mares, 4 to 9 years old, broke, fat and the good kind.
1 Poland China Gilt.
1 Cow, 7 years old, fresh January 1st, a four-gallon milker.
1 Red Cow with 3 months old calf, 7 years old, giving three gallons.
65 Chickens, Anconas, the good kind.

- FARM IMPLEMENTS**
2 Two-row Planters, Case and R. I.
1 Two-row Cultivator in good shape.
1 One-row Cultivator.
2 One-row slide Go-Devils.
1 Disc Plow, three disc.
2 Good Farm Wagons.
75 Bushels pure Anton Cottonseed.
35 Tons good, bright Maize.
4,000 Bundles Hygeria Feed.
500 Bundles Cane.

- 14 Sets Harness, both leather and chain.
Some Household Furniture and Stoves.

Sale Starts at 10 A. M.

Cols. W. V. Tobert and G. C. Grider
AUCTIONEERS

Bill Der Sany

**Peace on Earth,
Good Will Toward Men**



A day of happiness, of peace, of reverence—rich in the spirit of giving and of good will.

This organization wishes you a

VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

HIGGINBOTHAM BARTLETT CO.

THE HOME BUILDERS
PHONE 103 E. T. WELLS, LOCAL MANAGER.
O'Donnell, Texas

AUTO CURTAIN REPAIRING:

If your side curtains are in Bad order, just bring them to us.

WE GUARANTEE TO FIX THEM UP IN FIRST CLASS SHAPE.

GANTT-HUBBARD MOTOR CO.

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O'DONNELL, LYNN COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, DEC. 23, 1927

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Barron Installs Mammoth Hatchery

Barron this week announces the erection of a hatchery for Lamesa. According to Mr. Barron, this hatchery will have two units of 15,000 capacity or a total of 30,000 capacity with house room enough for capacity as the business deal. He is having erected a tile near his home in the north part of town to house it. Equipment used will be the latest and will be heated and cooled by electricity. In conversation with Mr. Barron, he told a Representative that he would have his hatchery just as much and as business would permit. He is to be ready for business by the week in January. Look up his office for complete details. Congratulate Mr. Barron on this forward movement for the benefit of the poultry industry in Lynn County, and we predict for a wonderful business in his venture. He invites you out to look his way over.—Lamesa Reporter.

Law Benefits County Now—Gain

Last week we stated editorially many newspapers are urging owners not to pay the license tax after January 1, since the new law allows counties a large portion of the tax. Judge Cain has called our attention to the fact that while the new law does not go into effect until that date yet the Comptroller has already issued the county collector blanks with instructions to apportion the tax according to the new law. The county will receive the same proportion of these taxes, therefore, whether they are paid before or after January 1, car owners are urged to pay these taxes as well as other taxes prior to that date if it is just as convenient to them.—Lynn County News

V. Shook of Simmons College, Lamesa is here attending the bed of his mother, Mrs. J. F. Shook. Shook is very ill.

Mission Man Chosen Head of Lubbock Ball Toters

LUBBOCK, Texas, Dec. 22.—Ransom Walker of Mission has been unanimously chosen as captain of the Scarlet and Black Matadors of Texas Technological college for the coming season. Walker has been one of the outstanding stars of the Tech eleven his brilliance as a broken field runner being especially noticeable. He also knows how to pass the ball and his toe is always good for a lot of distance.

Walker has worn Tech's loud jersey for only two years so he is eligible for two more years. His younger brother, L. E. Walker, also showed great ability as a ball totter during the last two games of the past season and much is expected of him next year.

G. A. White of Cisco, shifty end, was elected as alternate captain.

COUNCIL LETS SEWER PERMIT

Franchise Granted to Dallas Engineers; City to Have Option of Buying.

At a meeting of the city council Monday night a franchise was granted to Messrs. Koch & Fowler, consulting engineers, of Dallas, for the installation of a sewer system in Tahoka.

The proposed charges, we are informed are \$2.50 per month for residence connections and \$4.00 per month for business houses. The city will have the option of buying the system at the end of a three year period at a price to be determined by a board of appraisers to be agreed upon.

We were unable to produce further details as to the franchise as this time.—Lynn County News.

The wife doesn't hold his arm because she loves him, but because that is the easiest way to stop him when she sees a show window worth while.

The woman who married a man reform him finds solace in the thought that even legislation cannot do it.

JUST HUMANS

By GERE CARR



"HAVE THE LAST DANCE WITH HIM, DEAR?"
"I DID!"

In a study of the marketing of milk and cream in New England, economists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture visited many milk and cream stations supplying the Boston market with milk. They found too many competing stations in which the volume of milk handled daily was too small for economical service to the producers. Because of the advantage of car-load over less-than-car-load freight rates, the lowest operating costs for a station are obtainable only when the station can

ship a car load of from 220 to 250 40-quart cans of milk daily. This means a minimum supply of from 7,000,000 to 8,000,000 pounds yearly, and a supply of 10,000,000 pounds is more desirable because it permits a full car shipment even in the seasons of lightest supply. Much the same applies to dairy stations in other regions than New England particularly in areas where the principal market is a large city with a heavy demand for fluid milk.

Interesting Course For Farmers At A. & M. College

College Station, Texas, Dec. 22.—Special livestock short course for livestock farmers, ranchers and other interested will be held at the A. & M. College of Texas, Jan. 9-13, inclusive. This course will be offered by the Extension Service in co-operation with the animal husbandry department of the college and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. It will be the first course of the sort offered at the college in several years.

The program for the course, just issued, shows three divisions, dealing respectively with beef cattle, hogs and sheep and goats. Lecture programs for these three divisions will proceed during the same hours but in different sections during the five-day period. The short course is designed to give livestock farmers and ranchers an opportunity to study problems of the industry more intensively than is possible either in county meetings or during the summer short course.

F. C. Bishop, bureau of entomology, U. S. Department of Agriculture, will be one of the outstanding lecturers for the course. He will give especial attention to discussion of screw worm control and the ox warble and other external parasites. Subject matter on the program covers a wide range of topics, including feeding, market classes and grades range management, diseases, parasites, management, sanitation, record keeping, wool and mohair grading.

ANNUAL STOCKHOLDER'S MEETING:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of O'Donnell, Texas, will be held at the office of said Bank on the 10th day of January, 1928, at 10 o'clock p. m., for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

J. L. Shoemaker, Jr., Cashier.

Tom Holland who has been in the employ of C. E. Ray, tailor, left for his home in Raines County Saturday.

Newspapers Oppose Gov't Ownership

Ninety percent of all daily newspapers of five thousand circulation and over published in the United States are editorially opposed to government ownership and operation of public utility companies, according to results of a nationwide survey made public by the Joint Committee of National Utility Associations.

Out of a total of 294 newspapers covered by the survey to ascertain the editorial attitude for or against government ownership of the public utility business, the Committee reports 827 newspapers as editorially opposed to government ownership, 59 as editorially in favor of government ownership and 38 as uncertain in their editorial stand.

The 924 newspapers covered in the survey have a total circulation of 32,000,000. The circulation of the 827 newspapers editorially opposed to government ownership is 25,500,000.

Geology Expert Will Attend Cleveland Meet

LUBBOCK, Texas, Dec. 22.—Dr. Leroy T. Patton, head of the department of geology in Texas Technological college, Dr. Wm. P. Graham, associate professor in the geology department, and Dr. M. A. Stainbrook, also assistant professor of geology, will attend the meeting of the Geological Society of America at Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 29, 30 and 31. Dr. Stainbrook will present a paper before the Society on "The Brachiopoda of the Cedar Valley Beds of the Iowa Devonian."

Dr. R. J. Russell, associate professor of geology, will attend the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science at Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 26-31.

DUMAS—Dumas and Moore community are going to be put on the map. The Dumas Chamber of Commerce recently organized and is at work on a program that will promote real agricultural diversification and that will prepare the city for oil development activities.

Merry Christmas

Happy New Year

WE WELCOME CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

BECAUSE THEY ALWAYS DO SO MUCH TO DISPEL THE CARES LIGHTEN THE BURDEN AND ADD TO THE JOYS OF THIS RATHER SERIOUS AND MATTER OF FACT OLD WORLD OF OURS. THESE GLORIOUS DAYS BRING SUCH A FLOOD OF DELIGHT THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ALL OF IT TO BE CONSUMED DURING THE SEASON AND WE FIND THE WORLD MUCH HAPPIER AND BETTER FOR A LONG TIME AFTER EACH CHRISTMAS.

WE LIKE TO FEEL THAT WE ARE HELPING TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER AND MORE ENJOYABLE PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE, AND WE SINCERELY HOPE THAT YOUR CHRISTMAS WILL LACK NONE OF THE JOYS YOU MOST DESIRE FOR THE OCCASION.

Carlisle & Company

"We Keep The Quality Up"

Health and Much Happiness

Peace and Long Prosperity

J. B. Gill of Lamesa, who is salesman for the James McCord sale Grocery Co., was do in our city.

The Pleasure IS OURS

To send you the season's heartiest greetings:

To thank you most sincerely for your valued patronage during the past years;

To wish for you and yours a glorious and successful New Year in every part of your life;

And to SERVE you in the future with a definite, fixed policy of "He Profits Most Who Serves Best."

Corner Drug Store

Phone 1 and 5

"THE REXALL STORE"

MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY NEW YEAR

GOOD-BYE

And a MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

On December 31st, we will close our store in O'Donnell after several years' pleasant association with the good people of this territory, during which time we have enjoyed a good patronage. Our move will be to what we believe is a better field.

Before going we wish to thank our friends and customers for the splendid business accorded us in the past and extend our heartiest wishes to you and yours for a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a PROSPEROUS 1928.

Jones Dry Goods Co.



MARTIN'S CHRISTMAS
Clara Alice Flays

MARTIN lubbed his knife into the block, folded the apron gingerly and jammed it into a hamper in the back room. He sighed.

"By Golly! The first time I've had even to think! Dread 'em every year Tomorrow's Christmas." He shrugged deprecatingly. Something about the drooping half-smile of his mouth was pathetic.

A brindle and white mongrel paused for a moment in his excited search for scraps, eyed his companion quizzically, and returned resolutely to his sniffing.

"Turkeys and ducks and chickens, 's all they think of. Now and then bacon or ham. I used to think Christmas was different."

The young man rolled down his sleeves and reached for his coat.

"Even she—" His lips quivered deepened. "with every year. Fifteen-pound turkey! Lord! I wonder what she'd think if she knew how I feel. More than likely doesn't know I'm alive, and me falling all over myself to save best cuts for her! Oh, well, come on, Spud!"

Spud crunched a meat scrap reluctantly.

"All right. Finish that. No hurry." Martin strolled to the window and gazed out at the other festive shop displays. "Christmas 's just a day people take off to eat and give presents in, and if you don't know anybody and room out, there's nothing to it."

"One thing, Spud?" Martin's voice brightened. Spud wagged a responsive tail without looking up. "In two months we'll have the mortgage paid off this joint! Gad, it's been a pull getting started into business. Ten long, long months to save two hundred dollars."

Outside a light snow was falling. Late shoppers, hurrying along, laden with bundles, scarcely glanced at the



tall young philosopher who, followed by a heterogeneous dog, strolled homeward. The excluding gaiety of Christmas Eve laughter and brightly lighted houses intensified Martin's loneliness. He passed the house where she lived and strained his eyes for a glimpse of her. In fancy, he told her about Spud, the market, and even hinted of his love for her.

From down the street a group of children carolled "Silent Night." Martin smiled bitterly. He, too, had believed that story of the birth of a Christ child, once. A "prof" at college had refuted it. Too bad. Pretty story.

She had come to the window now to listen. How lovely she— D—n!

The carol had broken off into terrified screams. A car sped away. Martin found frightened children shivering over the writhing form of a boy. Martin carried him to the light. It was the fellow who bought bits of liver and now and then a scrawny soup bone.

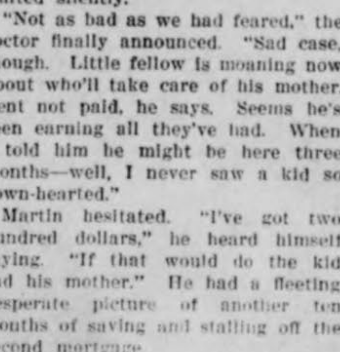
The girl must have seen the accident for she had come out and was saying that she had called an ambulance. They both rode through the crunching snow to the hospital and waited silently.

"Not as bad as we had feared," the doctor finally announced. "Sad case, though. Little fellow is moaning now about who'll take care of his mother. Rent not paid, he says. Seems he's been earning all they've had. When I told him he might be here three months—well, I never saw a kid so down-hearted."

Martin hesitated. "I've got two hundred dollars," he heard himself saying. "If that would do the kid and his mother." He had a fleeting desperate picture of another ten months of saving and stalling off the second mortgage.

He walked home with the girl. Her name was Mary. A regular Christmas name, he said. She smiled.

"That was a beautiful thing to do, Mr. Bowman," she told him. "Did you notice the peace and happiness in that little fellow's face after the doctor had told him? Mr. Bowman, I—"



she hesitated. "I don't suppose you'd care to, but I—we'd like to have you eat Christmas dinner with us. I went up this afternoon to ask you, but you were entirely too busy to notice me and—"

"Too busy to notice you?" Martin gasped. "I thought you'd never noticed me!"

Spud had been waiting. His sleepy accusation as he arose from the doorstep was scarcely noticed. The song of the little injured caroler was running through Martin's mind and replacing a cynical philosophy.

"It was a silent night like this," he said. Thoughtfully, he looked up in the east, one star seemed larger than the others.

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Gantt & Hubbard Motor Co.

We won't talk business now

Our business talks pretty well for itself anyhow to those who come around in listening distance but just now we want to tell you that we are hoping that you will gather in great portions of Christmas joy to divide with your family and friends and that you will all have enough left over to last you all through the days of the new year:

Thornhill's Variety Store

1927 The Curtain Falls

Soon the curtain will fall on the year 1927. It has been a very successful year for us, as we look back over the year, and think of the many happy hours that have passed by. We have made many new friends and customers, and we only hope to continue to hold your friendship through the coming year 1928.

We hope for you a Christmas brimming full of happiness, and when the curtain rises on the year 1928, that it will rise on the most rosy period of your life.

MAY THE YEAR 1928 BE ONE OF THE HAPPIEST OF YOUR LIFE.

Clements Tailor Shop
BOB CLEMENTS, Prop.

The Magic of Christmas

Now that Christmas is here again with its magic world of beautiful things designed specially to make happy, and since all the days and nights are filled with its spirit of good cheer, we are wishing for you the largest possible share in the very best enjoyments of the season.

Bennett Manufacturing Co.
E. M. WILDER, Gen. Mgr.



WAS Christmas Eve and everything in the small town of Robbinsdale was bubbling over with the true holiday spirit. Brilliantly lighted Christmas trees, holly wreaths and bells shone through the windows of most every home in town; while each church joined in with its usual Yuletide celebration.

A snow storm the day before had clothed the town in white, as if in preparation for the great holiday. The children just knew that it was sent on purpose, so that Santa Claus could come in his loaded sleigh and fill their stockings.

But amidst all this joy and beauty there was one sad family, who lived at the far end of Main street. They had just received word that their eldest son, Ray, had been lost on the field of battle. Father, mother and the four remaining children were seated within the living room in silence while the happy celebrations were in full swing on all sides of them. Each one was filled with thoughts of other years and how happy they had been. Each saw visions of the heavily loaded Christmas tree gleaming in all its beauty, while their son and brother presided over it in his Santa's outfit. Thus they sat speechless, with lumps in their throats, until bedtime. One by one they retired broken-hearted to finish their visions in the far-off dreamland.

When quietness covered its cloak over the little town and the children's stockings were all waiting for Santa Claus, the midnight flyer pulled in, dropping off a lone passenger—a soldier boy. He had come to surprise his family on the glorious Christmas holiday. Not having heard of the false report of his death, he had come to be their Santa Claus, as of old. As he was hurrying home he met an old schoolmate, who told him the sad story of how his family had mourned, thinking him dead; and that they had not joined in the usual holiday festivities.

Suddenly a beautiful surprise filled his consciousness, and with the aid of his friend he scoured the town from end to end, frantically awakening all the storekeepers. Loaded with



Here He Trimmed the Tree, Hanging All the Smaller Gifts.

gifts, and with his friend carrying the Christmas tree, they proceeded homeward, while the full winter moon looked down upon them, knowingly.

Bidding his companion a Merry Christmas, and thanking him heartily, he crawled in through the basement window and carefully ascended to the living room. Here he trimmed the tree, hanging all the smaller gifts upon its branches and placing the larger ones upon the floor beneath.

When it was completed he lay down upon the old couch of his childhood and dreamed happy thoughts. He, too, felt a lump in his throat, but his was a lump of gladness, as theirs had been one of sadness.

Here he remained in silence, his heart filled with joy, until Christmas morn. As he beheld the sun glimmering upon the snow-covered scene, making diamonds everywhere, he realized that it was to be one of the most gorgeous Christmas days he had ever witnessed. He hurriedly dressed himself in a bright new Santa outfit, his heart wildly thumping as he did so; and he had just seated himself beneath the glowing tree, when he heard his dear old mother's soft, familiar footsteps upon the stairway.

He listened breathlessly while she descended and passed through the hallway into the kitchen. Then soon the old familiar odors of coffee and griddle cakes came floating in. He could hardly contain himself, as he wanted to rush out and smother her with caresses. With sheer will-power he remained silent until the family was called to breakfast.

Then little Ruth stole into the living room to see if by chance Santa had left her anything. She gave a scream of delight as she beheld the marvelous tree loaded with gifts, and Santa himself actually sitting beneath it.

The next moment the whole family stood wide-eyed, gazing upon the scene before them, too surprised to utter a single word.

Thoughts of a practical joke by their friends came to them, and they hardly knew what to do or say. Tears came to mother's eyes with the memories of her lost son.

Just as father was going to speak, Ray, their own son, pulled the mask from his face and smiled a "Merry Christmas."

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God rest ye, merry gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay!

THE words sounded through the hall of the big office building in a high, clear soprano, which made both John Harden and his son, Ralph, look up, startled and irritated. Then, as "merry gentlemen" sounded farther off, John Harden thought, "It's a good thing that woman didn't come in here singing that 'Merry gentlemen,' indeed!" and he looked over at his son, who sat brooding at his desk.

"If Ralph would only give me his confidence!" he thought. "Money trouble of some kind, I suppose, and I'd help him out if he'd only tell me. Troubles enough of my own, but not about money. If a million dollars would remove this threat of blindness, I'd pay it in a minute."

"Let nothing you dismay!" came the clear, light voice again, and Ralph thought:

"How can I help being dismayed, with a pile of gambling debts I'll never get out from under? Father suspects, too, I know, for he looks glum all the time, and keeps his hand over his eyes so much. If he'd only ask me, maybe I'd have the courage to tell him."

As the singing voice neared the office again, Harden growled, "Tell that girl to hush up or go away!" Then the office door opened, and the words "merry gentlemen" made both men look up, impatiently. But, instead of a bold young woman—

stood a scrubby newsboy, saying:

"Collectin' for the Times. Circulation manager's so busy he sent me."

"Where did you learn to sing?" asked Ralph.

"St. Luke's choir. We're practicin' fer Christmas. Get fifty cents a Sunday, and I get a dollar Christmas, 'cause I sing a solo. Gee, it's luck, fer Dad's been sick and if it goes on this way, I'd never get clothes fer school. Whaja think? Got five dollars out o' choir money saved fer a new overcoat!"

"Here's another toward it," said Ralph, "and I hope your father gets well."

"Thank you!" exclaimed the boy, pocketing the dollar. "Gee, I hope he does, too, 'cause he's all the family I got. He works in a factory where the light's bad, and sometimes his eyes go wrong."

"Couldn't he work somewhere else?" queried Mr. Harden.

"Yep; there's a grand place goin' to be vacant at the paper-box factory, where there's hardly any eye work, but there's so many after it—"

"Wait!" said Harden. "I know Mortimer, who owns that factory. I'll give you a note to take him. What's your father's name?"

"Albert Wickens, and he's all right! You tell 'em I said so—known him all my life, an' I recommend him."

Presently Harden looked up, saying, "Here's the note, and a dollar for your New Year's greeting in advance. Don't forget to come in with it—it's paid for, remember!"

"You bet I'll come! I'd get a handsome lickin' if my Dad ever heard o' my bein' crooked! I'm proud o' my ole man an' I want to make him proud o' me."

With that, the door slammed, and the young voice was heard carolling down the hall.

The two men looked at each other, speaking simultaneously:

"Son, I have something to say—"

"Dad, I have something to tell—"

Then, with half-embarrassed amusement, they both laughed, healingly.

"I guess there's a good deal we have to tell each other," said John Harden. "I propose that we get a private room at the club and have some lunch, and talk things over."

"Great!" said Ralph, rising to help his father with his coat. "I'm not looking forward, exactly, to what I have to say, because I'm ashamed of it, but it'll be a relief."

"Nothing you can tell me will be as bad as this estrangement has been," replied his father. "If it's anything I can help you about—"

"It is, and if you'll straighten me out this time, I know I'll never get in such a hole again! When that kid said, 'I'm proud o' my ole man, and I want him to be—'"

Ralph choked and stopped, but by this time they were in the outer hall, so John Harden simply took his son's arm and pressed it affectionately.

As the elevator reached the street level the two looked at each other and smiled, for down the hall they heard a high, clear voice singing:

God rest ye, merry gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay!

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Shouts of Joyful Laughter Everywhere

And above all and around all and in all is
the Beautiful Spirit of Christmas

May your joys be as many and as genuine
as your desires.

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To the young:

May you garner treasures of happy experiences during these Christmas holidays that will gladden your memory through all the years to come.

TO THE OLDER—

May you renew again in the perennial spirit of Christmas the vigor of your eternal youth, living over again the joyful hours of the cherished past and adding them to the pleasure of the present.

TO ALL—

A MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Continental Oil Co.

E. H. WILDER, Agent

ROAST NUTS AFTER CHRISTMAS DINNER

FROM the days of our venerable forefathers it has been the custom to close our holiday dinners with nuts. Not only do they balance the more cloying sweetness of plum pudding and hard sauce and after-dinner bon bons, but they represent in themselves the observance of the pleasantest of old customs.

Many of us have seen on the shelves of confectioners and high-class grocery stores jars and boxes and cans of salted nuts, plump, brown and inviting. We have inquired the price, or even dared to ask timidly for a very small quantity. They were delicious, it's true, but prohibitive in price for the ordinary family.

Happily nuts can be salted and spiced at home, and those best adapted for this use—peanuts and almonds—are not fabulously expensive, bought in quantity and in condition for home treatment.

In purchasing nuts, however, whether shelled or in their shells, insist on being allowed to make sure that they are free from insects and imperfections. Ascertain as well as you can whether they are really fresh. Otherwise your labor will be in vain. If pecans are a favorite in the family, it is best to buy your supply already shelled, for they are difficult to remove. Peanuts bought for home use should be raw. To blanch your holiday nuts, place them in a pan and pour boiling water over them, allowing them to remain in it for two minutes. Then the water is drained away and cold water is run over them until they are cool. The skins should then slip off readily. When they are removed the nuts should be dried with a towel. Occasionally nuts, such as filberts and pistachio nuts, part with their skins rather unwillingly. They will have to take a hot bath of three to five minutes' duration before their coats will come off.

Our "home-made" nuts may be browned on top of the stove, in the oven or in deep frying fat, as is most convenient. Experience, however, has proved that the latter method is by far the most uniformly satisfactory. Good vegetable fat or olive oil is necessary for browning. It must be put in a deep kettle and brought to a heat of 350 degrees. To insure success, a deep fat thermometer should be used. The nuts, thoroughly dry by now, are placed evenly in a layer in the bottom of a frying basket and immersed in the hot fat to fry for two minutes. When a delicate brown they must be removed immediately and placed on a sheet of brown paper or toweling to drain. They should be sprinkled with plenty of table salt and spread out to grow dry and crisp before serving.

If you prefer even browning to the above method, place your blanched

nuts in a shallow pan containing fat, put in a 350-degree oven and roast the nuts until delicately brown, stirring them often. For browning on top of the stove a tablespoonful of fat oil is allowed to each cup of nuts. They are distributed evenly over the surface of the pan and fried with constant stirring until they are the right color. When your nuts are browned you may make a mixture of three-fourths of a teaspoonful of salt, half a teaspoonful each of cinnamon, cloves and allspice to each cupful of nuts and sprinkle the spicy mixture freely over them.—Frank H. Sweet.

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Christmas Trust

DURING the Christmas rush in one of America's many towns, not much attention was paid to names on envelopes and packages, but only to addresses, and all those not found at the addresses marked were returned by the carriers to the post office with a "not at this address" written across the top.

They were sorting these out at the main post office when they noticed the name of one which had a "not at this address" across the top.

It was addressed to Santa Claus, and the street number was one before which a Santa Claus had stood during the last holiday season.—Mary Graham Bonner.

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Shake!



"I don't like the Christmas gifts I get."
"And I don't get the Christmas gifts I like."

The Yuletide

Christmas, the season for the renewal of old friendships, for the forgetting of differences, for the expression of good will and kindness, is here.

"INSIDE" INFORMATION

A good quality of skim milk should have a yield of 15 to 18 pounds of cottage cheese per 100 pounds of skim milk.

Banana "figs" are a form of food not generally familiar to American housewives, but are recommended as a desirable and nourishing food. These "figs" are really dried bananas. Firm ripe fruit is peeled and split lengthwise and dried either in the sun or by artificial heat. The drying process brings out some of the banana juice which covers the banana with a white sugary powder. In food value banana "figs" are said to compare favorably with other dried fruits. The agricultural experiment station in Hawaii has been experimenting with the drying of bananas because banana shipping facilities from Hawaii are not so fully developed as from the "banana coast" of Central America.

Star the new year armed with a well planned budget which has been drawn up to include all the necessities and some of the desirable purchases your family hopes to make within the expected income for 1928. Food, housing, clothing, and living expenses will be among the essentials. Personal expenses for each member of the family must be allowed, and fixed expenses such as insurance premiums or taxes must be met. More or less problematical is the question of new furnishings or equipment, or the amount that must go to doctors and dentists, and consequently the amount that can be saved. A good budget is one that takes all these points into consideration and keeps the definitely known expenses well within the anticipated income, leaving a fair-sized margin for the uncertain items and for emergencies. After making the budget on a yearly basis, it is helpful to plan for each month separately and in advance, so that as expenditures are made they can be compared with the original estimate in each category. Sometimes it becomes evident that a larger allotment must be made in one field, or that less would do in another, and corresponding changes can be made in the yearly and monthly plans.

The use of good home-grown legume hay and silage is the basis of economical feeding of dairy cows. The cost of the grain portion of the ration will depend largely upon the quantity of these roughages available. A dairyman who has several stacks or barn full of legume hay and a silo full of silage need not worry about the winter feed bill. Every cow should have these roughage feeds.

Mrs. Hams of Wichita Falls, is spending the holiday with her mother Mrs. W. H. Guthrie.

CHRISTMAS!

The Great Love-Link Of The World.

The time when all the world is joined in one heartbeat, in one thought, in one purpose, to spread joy and gladness all about us! That's what we want to do for those who have seen fit to use our goods and our service during the past—and we would include those many friends and acquaintances who have shown us many kindnesses.

May we continue to be of worthy service to each of you—and may your future years be filled with the choicest of your heart's desire in health, happiness and prosperity.

C. E. RAY

TAILORING

A Merrie Mellodie of Yuletide . . .

Christmas
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TO OUR FRIENDS:

This is just a simple, little message of good wishes, and good cheer—sent to wish you the compliments of the season; a Merry, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

In a review of the business given us, we are pleasantly reminded of the valued favors received from you, and we want to assure you that this business has been greatly appreciated. We trust that you, with our other good friends and customers have received a generous share of prosperity during Nineteen Twenty Seven.

So here's wishing you and yours the Merriest kind of a Merry Christmas—and a New Year full of Health, Happiness and Prosperity,

'M' SYSTEM STORE

Grocery and Market

While Christmas Fires are Burning

We'll be thinking of you!

Thinking of the pleasant relations we have had with our patrons during the past year and of the loyalty of friends who have not only patronized this business but who have spoken kind words in our behalf. We thank you a thousand times and assure you that through the year ahead we will be found doing all within our power to please you and serve you even better.

May joy, like that you knew in happy childhood be yours during Christmas and may the New Year unfold before your vision paths you'll find pleasure and profit in traveling.

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O' Donnell, Texas

Phone No. 124

IN HAPPY ACCORD

with the Yuletide spirit we are hoping that your heart will be warmed by many cheerful greetings from friends, that your home will be lighted with the smiles of loved ones and made musical by happy laughter and merry shouts.

May 1928 be the year in which you will accomplish your most cherished dreams and ambitions.

Accept our thanks for 1927 patronage and grant us, if you please, the pleasure of serving you in 1928.

Sanderson Service Station
MORRIS SANDERSON, Prop.

CHRISTMAS CLIMAX THAT WAS WELCOME

THIS practical and pleasing gift was planned by a son and daughter for their aged parents, who claimed that the joy it carried through the year was a climax to all previous Christmas love tokens. When the package, on which was written, "Dear Father and Mother, with greetings and our love," was opened there were revealed twelve parcels of various sizes, shapes and colors.

In the December envelope, which was decorated with seals, Santa Claus pictures, holly, etc., was a five-year subscription to the home newspaper, with snapshots of the grandchildren, scenes in the son's and daughter's home, friends, etc.

The January package had a small January calendar on it which held a receipt for a year's subscription to a fashion magazine.

February's box contained a valentine with an original verse which explained a surprise that would arrive early in the month. The surprise proved to be two current magazines, one on Hunting, Trapping, Winter Sports and a Woman's Household and Handwork Magazine.

Comic pictures of March enpers decorated the March parcel, which promised, by a receipt inside, a Home and Gardening publication.

April was in the form of a joke, with a note on which was written in large letters, "When? What? Why?—April Fool." Through the month a popular weekly Farm and Home Journal arrived each week.

A May basket held coins with lines to the effect that the father and mother could purchase whatever they most desired.

For June was a letter, fittingly decorated, in which were congratulations—the wedding anniversary of the parents occurred in this month. There was also forthcoming an "Outing" publication.

As July and August were the months in which the birthday anniversaries of the parents occurred, these packages were wrapped together. In a paper boat, on which was pasted a flag, was wrapped a check to cover a trip to the homes of the son and daughter with instructions to purchase a popular Recreation Magazine, as well as highway guides and maps, for the father had a hobby of studying road guides and maps.

When the September magazine arrived it contained a number of greeting postal cards which the parents could send to their friends.

October's envelope was an order for a religious publication.

November's was a copy of a magazine reviewing the interesting topics of the past twelve months, as a fitting climax to the year's reading material which had given such satisfaction.

The son and daughter had arranged with a book stand to deliver the magazines. What a joy they must have experienced in planning this gift, which was indeed a Christmas climax that lasted throughout the year!—Gertrude Walton.

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At Christmas Time

AT CHRISTMAS TIME Bethlehem is the famous capitol of all the earth. Then, the star of Bethlehem outranks all the flaming constellations. Then angels and archangels crowd the sky and fill the night with chants and praise. Then the shepherds come to seek for Mary's child. Wise men come, with gold for a new-born king—with frankincense for the high-priest of all the ages and with myrrh for the sacrificial lamb. At Christmas time the manger is a sacred shrine and the swaddled babe is king of all the earth—Christmas the greatest day of all the year.—William L. Gaston.

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Ain't It So!



"What are men's fashions coming to next?"

"Lord knows! What do you think of a guy that wears red knickers?"

"Well, who in the world does that?"

"Santa Claus."

Several Santas

There are several Santas, including Kris Kringle and St. Nick or Nicholas. The original St. Nick was a bishop who is said to have lived to take part in the historic Council of Nice. This is disputed by historians, but he certainly lived prior to the reign of Justinian, in whose time several churches in Constantinople were dedicated to St. Nicholas.—Capper's Weekly.

KNOW TEXAS

Chellis A. Austin, president of the Seaboard National Bank of New York says: "Beyond question Texas and the Southwest have the greatest potentiality of any one section in the United States. The rate of increase in population in this section, exceeds as the total wealth of Texas in 1910 that of the whole country. Whereas only about \$3,000,000,000, it now exceeds \$10,000,000,000."

Texas is generally known as a great agricultural and livestock state. As a matter of fact, manufacturing interests of Texas just about equal in size, as measured in dollars, agriculture and livestock combined. The latest statistics credit manufacturing with a value of \$1,000,000,000 a year.

Only two states, California and Georgia, produce larger peach crops than Texas.

Canaries have been men's—and especially women's—pets for several hundred years. They were household pet as early as 1400. Our American supply comes mainly from Germany and England, although during the war, we imported a few from China. From 1905 to 1915, three and one-quarter million canaries were imported into the United States.

Canaries don't require a fancy menu. Canary seed, to which a little summer rape seed and hemp have been added, is a staple diet for the birds. Most housewives buy this feed in small quantities, ready-mixed for their pets. Canary seed alone isn't enough for the birds, but if you will add that small quantity of summer rape and hemp seed, you'll have a diet that fits to a T. In addition to the seed, supply a bit of lettuce or a small piece of apple frequently.

Meat makes the best food for cats. Cats are natural meat eaters. Beef, mutton, and rabbit meat are good. Kittens like chicken and duck heads. A little milk is all right but a small quantity of cream is much better than a lot of milk. Too much milk is bad for cats—it causes diarrhea. Large quantities of vegetable aren't good for them, either, although a little spinach is healthful if the cats will eat it.

Volcanoes, earthquakes, tidal waves and tornadoes have a small effect in comparison to soil erosion. There are 125 billion pounds of plant food washed off farm lands and pastures in the United States every year. That means at least 200 million dollars washed out of the pockets of the farmers.

Messrs R. P. Burdett and Jno. Johnson were business visitors in Gail Sunday.

With Deep Appreciation of THE RELATIONS OF 1927

We are looking forward to a continuation of pleasant associations in the days that are to come in 1928.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. McCarroll

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December 29th

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Free Lunch at Noon

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Sixteen Hundred Bundles Cane.

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One-hundred-eighty tons half and half Cottonseed.

One-Hundred bushels good corn.

Four Sets Chain Harness.

One Set Leather Harness.

Oil Stove.

One good three and quarter wagon.

One Thousand pounds Red Ton Cane Heads.

Sale Starts at 10 A. M.

Cols. W. V. Tolbert and G. C. Grider
AUCTIONEERS

Just like we'd meet you on the street, or any other place, we want to say

Howdy Folks!

Hope this will be a happy, prosperous New Year for you and all your folks.

You just don't know how we appreciate your business and your loyalty. But during 1928 we'll do our best to show you.

Come to see us!

The Boston Store
CHAS. CABOOL, Mgr.

When weather conditions along the New York-Chicago air mail route are favorable, insuring the arrival of mail in New York early the next morning a day's interest can be saved by sending securities by air mail. This sometimes amounts to large sums. It is the practice of business houses in Chicago to call up the Weather Bureau each afternoon to learn what the prospects are. If unfavorable, the securities are sent by ordinary fast rail mail as this is more dependable in bad weather.

Class I railroads expended \$186,291,000 in 1926 for the direct purchase of about 15 percent of the total timber cut of the United States. Indirect purchases brought the railroads' 1926 consumption of forest products to approximately 25 percent of the country's entire output. Because of these huge expenditures the railroad regard fire preventions as of utmost importance.

Onions like some other vegetables and fruits may be cooled somewhat below the freezing point without actual freezing taking place provided they are not in any way disturbed. Under commercial conditions it some times happens that onions are inadvertently allowed to be exposed for some time to a temperature below their freezing point (about 30°F.) Under such conditions a wise precaution is to warm the onions gradually to a temperature somewhat above their freezing point before at-

tempting to move or otherwise disturb them.

S. J. Primmer, wife and little daughter, Dorothy Ann, of Lubbock arrived in O'Donnell Thursday. They will have an apartment with Mrs. L. L. Busby.

Mr. Primmer is salesman for B. F. Summerow Seed Co., selling half and half cotton seed.

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OUR STORE WILL BE

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TODAY IS THE DAY TO START SAVING!

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IT WAS Christmas Eve—quite the most glorious Christmas Eve Virginia Ray had ever known. Everything was ready for the party—her party—from the "Merry Christmas" place-cards to the splendid Christmas tree that would be ablaze all evening with little lights and colors.

Virginia pinned the last red stocking to the mantel, and turned to her mother. "I think it was real mean of George not to offer to play Santa Claus for me," she said. "After his having such a nice costume, too."

"But, dear," her mother answered. "How could he when you quarreled? I didn't know you had invited him."

"I didn't, but of course I would have, if he had been just the least bit nice," Virginia pouted, and hurried off to get ready to receive her guests. Her mother, busy with last-minute details, smiled in what might have been reminiscence of her own youth. A few minutes later she went to the phone, held a brief conversation, and as she hung up the receiver she called up the stairs: "Hurry, dear. I do believe some of your guests are coming."

"I'll be right down," Virginia's voice preceded its owner by only a second. "Do I look all right, mother?"

"All right," said Mrs. Ray's voice, and her eyes said, "Lovely," and her heart said, "My own darling!"

Virginia, responding to an urgent bur-inggg! admitted her earliest guests. Half an hour later, when the rooms were filled with merry, chattering young people, the orchestra struck up the first dance. Escorts led their laughing partners to the center of the floor, but Virginia did not dance the first number—she had not invited George. Neither had she invited, as her partner, anyone else.

That dance was over, and another, and another. The Christmas tree was admired; the mistletoe was found, and put to its proper use; occasional silences made clear the distant sound of carolers; the clock struck ten—eleven—twelve.

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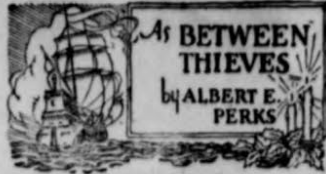
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Andre never had asked, and never learned, what had happened at the little prairie town when the fair-haired, lonely, tired girl rushed to the arms of Axel, his brother. The three had been playmates together, but Andre never had guessed that his brother loved her, too. If, in that moment, Axel had taken advantage of her loneliness and her delight at meeting an old friend to force his suit to instant decision, Andre saw in their action nothing but treachery and deceit. Never since had he stepped on his brother's farm, and he had given Axel to understand that if either he or Olga crossed the dividing line the rifle would bark and bite to kill.

During the short but busy summers Andre managed to drown his anger in work, but in winter the pangs of loneliness were upon him. They always were worse on moonlit nights. Then he would sit in his window, fondling his rifle. Especially on Christmas Eve, the anniversary of the blighting of his life, his loneliness and rage were unbearable.

Andre sighted his rifle again, but it was against all reason that he could find a target so small, so far. Very well—he could go to the target. It was a plan that long had simmered in the back of his mind; tonight he would put it into effect. He drew on his heavy coat, his cap; he drove a light brass cartridge into the barrel



and saw that there were others in the magazine, and set out across the snow, silent save for the crunching of his heavy boots and the strange clamor of his heart.

At first he walked hurriedly, but as he neared the window he reduced his pace. Silently he crept up. In the shadow, along the wall. Three years ago this very night.

Presently he was at the window. Stealthily he raised his head until he could see within.

In a corner of the little room was a small spruce tree, which Axel, no doubt, had cut somewhere by the river. And Axel and Olga, very happy, it seemed, were knotting it with bits of colored paper. On a table, full in Andre's sight, a yellow-haired baby clapped her hands with glee.

Andre watched the scene, spell-bound, for a moment; then slumped to the ground. For a long while he lay there, oblivious to the cold; fighting, wrestling. Then, leaving his rifle on the snow, he made his way to the door, and knocked.

"Why, Andre!" they exclaimed, as he stood on their threshold. "Peace!" said Andre. "It is the Night of Peace. I bring you peace—and forgiveness."

The Christmas sun was shining when Andre retracted his steps across the snow, to feed his stock.

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On Christmas Eve

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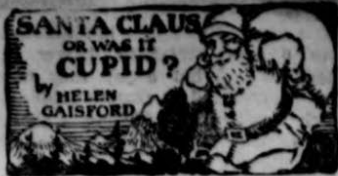
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A few minutes later she went to the phone, held a brief conversation, and as she hung up the receiver she called up the stairs: "Hurry, dear. I do believe some of your guests are coming."

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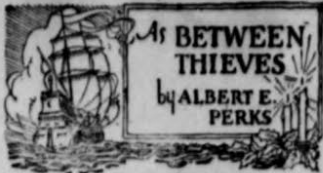
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But Andre was not conscious of the moonlight, except as it served to accentuate his loneliness. Across the prairie, half a mile to the southward, lay the shanty of his brother, Axel, and his brother's wife, Olga. A point of yellow light shone from Axel's window like a star on the horizon. Half a mile! Andre's rifle would carry two thousand yards, but it would need a rare marksman to hit that point of light half a mile away. He sighted the rifle carefully, estimating to himself whether there was any possibility of finding that little target. Then, as though convinced of the futility of such a purpose, he returned the weapon tenderly to his knee.

For exactly three years the Sandersen brothers had lived as strangers, although their homesteads adjoined each other. It was three years ago this very Christmas Eve that Axel



had brought Olga, his bride, to share his shanty and his life—Olga, who, in far-off Scandinavia, had pledged herself to Andre! Axel had met her at the railway station, thirty miles away, while Andre lay at home, burning with fever. Then, when she came, it was as Axel's wife!

Andre never had asked, and never learned, what had happened at the little prairie town when the fair-haired, lonely, tired girl rushed to the arms of Axel, his brother. The three had been playmates together, but Andre never had guessed that his brother loved her, too. If, in that moment, Axel had taken advantage of her loneliness and her delight at meeting an old friend to force his suit to instant decision, Andre saw in their action nothing but treachery and deceit. Never since had he stepped on his brother's farm, and he had given Axel to understand that if either he or Olga crossed the dividing line the rifle would bark and bite to kill.

During the short but busy summers Andre managed to drown his anger in work, but in winter the pangs of loneliness were upon him. They always were worse on moonlit nights. Then he would sit in his window, fondling his rifle. Especially on Christmas Eve, the anniversary of the blighting of his life, his loneliness and rage were unbearable.

Andre sighted his rifle again, but it was against all reason that he could find a target so small, so far. Very well—he could go to the target. It was a plan that long had simmered in the back of his mind; tonight he would put it into effect. He drew on his heavy coat, his cap; he drove a bright brass cartridge into the barrel



and saw that there were others in the magazine, and set out across the snow, silent save for the crunching of his heavy boots and the strange clamor of his heart.

At first he walked hurriedly, but as he neared the window he reduced his pace. Silently he crept up, in the shadow, along the wall. Three years ago this very night.

Presently he was at the window. Stealthily he raised his head until he could see within.

In a corner of the little room was a small spruce tree, which Axel, no doubt, had cut somewhere by the river. And Axel and Olga, very happy, it seemed, were knotting it with bits of colored paper. On a table, full in Andre's sight, a yellow-haired baby clapped her hands with glee.

Andre watched the scene, spell-bound, for a moment; then slumped to the ground. For a long while he lay there, oblivious to the cold; fighting, wrestling. Then, leaving his rifle on the snow, he made his way to the door, and knocked.

"Why, Andre!" they exclaimed, as he stood on their threshold.

"Peace!" said Andre. "It is the Night of Peace. I bring you peace—and forgiveness."

The Christmas sun was shining when Andre retracted his steps across the snow, to feed his stock.

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On Christmas Eve

A German legend is that on every Christmas Eve the Savior comes to earth in the guise of a very poor boy, who asks alms at every door, testing the goodness of human hearts. Naturally on that day no beggar is refused food and shelter.—Farm and Ranch.

Authentic Story iWill Be Published of The South Plains

LUBBOCK, Texas, Dec. 22.—"Llano Estacado," an authentic story of the far famed Staked Plains of Texas, is to be published early this spring under the direction of Dr. John C. Cranberry and Cecil Horne of Texas Technological college. Tech faculty members have been asked to contribute much of the material.

The following subjects relative to the South Plains will be treated in the book: history, geology, agriculture, livestock, dairying, poultry horticulture, engineering, cotton mills, economicstry, athletics and recreation, education, and other topics. Each subject will be treated by an expert and the entire book will be authentic and authoritative.

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**TO USE IN LIEU OF
A CHRISTMAS TREE**

PERHAPS you may want to vary the time-honored custom of having a Christmas tree. If so, here are some substitutes that may appeal to you because of their novelty or practicality:

A Christmas umbrella lends itself well to living room decoration and requires less work in preparation and clearing away than a tree. Get a large, colored umbrella, the kind in use for advertising purposes, or utilize any old umbrella that may be on hand. Put a heavy string through a hole bored in the top just below the ferrule by means of which to suspend the open umbrella from the ceiling. The frame may be decorated in any desired manner. A good effect is obtained by covering the inner and outer surface with green crepe paper and relieving the severity with tinsel festooning. A green paper-covered umbrella decorated with "icicles" and snow like that used on Christmas trees also makes a strong appeal. Strings of popcorn, festooning of any kind, bright-colored paper chains, ornaments, in fact, anything that is used to decorate the Christmas tree may be pressed into service on the Christmas umbrella.

Fasten pin hooks, such as are used to hang draperies, to the under side of the umbrella for holding the Christmas gifts. The heavier articles should be hung along the ribs to insure safety, but light gifts can be distributed all over the surface.

A Christmas cornucopia is an interesting and unique solution of the problem of gift distribution. Make a large cornucopia out of cardboard and cover it with green or gilt paper. Hang this from the ceiling so that the large end is considerably lower than the small one.

Before hanging the cornucopia, place in it the various gifts well wrapped so as to prevent breakage. Fasten a cover firmly over the open end and decorate it to correspond with the cornucopia. It is well to have the large end so arranged in hanging that when the covering is removed the gifts will land on the table.

A Christmas chariot gives little folks a fine chance to help in the distribution of gifts. By using a few laths, some stiff wire and an old baby cart, the framework of the Christmas chariot may be easily fashioned. This can be decorated with crepe paper, tinsel or the like. The little fairy queen, airily dressed, should be seated in the chariot drawn by several of the other children appropriately gowned. The gift packages which the fairy queen distributes should be tied in white paper with tinsel cord or delicately colored ribbons to harmonize with the occasion.

A Christmas cross is easily constructed and quite effective as a substitute for the time-honored tree. The cross may be made of two rough boards securely fastened to a base and the entire surface covered with laurel, evergreen branches, or green paper festooning. If small electric lights are available a pretty effect can be obtained by outlining the cross with colored bulbs. Gifts may be hung on the cross by means of screw eyes or small hooks.

While not inappropriate for the home, nevertheless, the Christmas cross seems especially well adapted for use in the church where an interesting program may center around it.—Alice Crowell Hoffman.

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The Christmas Bells

THE bells of Christmas exercise a mystic spell. They awaken rhythm and music not sensed at other times. The best within us awakens with the first joyous pealing of these bells, and we are glad! Everyone is glad on Christmas.

Priviling and feasting bespeak only the joy of the occasion. The bountiful platter, the full cup, and the hearty greeting indicate but faintly the warmth of friendliness and good-will which lies so deep within us. Let the bells continue to ring "A Merry Christmas!"—W. D. Pennypacker.

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Well Satisfied



Wooden Soldier—Don't you wish you were a real chick?
Toy Chick—Not on your life—I'd be too apt to get fried!

Feast in Honor of Christ

The very first evidence of a feast having been held in honor of the birth of Christ was in Egypt, about the year 290.

READ NEWSPAPERS

The woman who knows her paper from the date line to the want ads can pick an argument with her husband about blondes becoming extinct, ora candidate's chance, and the results is that she gets all the argument she wants without interfering in the least with her domestic happiness.

Instead of panning one of her husbands associates' wives she can lam the harpoon into some dame who is dragging her husband through the divorce courts, or she can grill the dramatic critic who doesn't like a certain show as much as she does. She can voice an opinion about a bit of news and throw more of a scare into her husband than if she tried to crown him with the goldfish.

Women read the papers more carefully than men do. At least this is the consensus of opinion in newspaper circles, where a close tab is kept on the tastes of people and the things that interest people.

PAGE, LINE AND PARAGRAPHS

Of the 138 million acres of regional Forest lands, exclusive of Alaska, the United States Forest Service estimates that approximately 90 million acres are suitable for the grazing either of sheep or cattle.

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"The law of supply and demand," says W. B. Greeley, head of the Forestry Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, "is working steadily to create timber values which in large portions of the United States will pay fair returns on forestry as a business."

Conscience makes cowards of us all. That is old stuff. Now the reformer's conscience makes goose-steppers of us all.

Electrical production in Texas in October increased 18 percent over the same period last year. The average increase for the entire country was only five per cent.

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Because of the engineering skill and organizing ability which have gone into the expansion of America's power plants, there is available to American industry today more electrical energy than is produced in all the rest of the world combined. Nearly a million miles of transmission and distribution lines supply American industry with more than thirty million horse

power. Expressed in terms of man power this is equivalent to the potential service of forty helpers for every worker in this country.

Increasing, as it does, the production capacity of the worker by forty fold, this great industrial force has improved the financial status of American labor approximately 50 per cent in the last fifteen years, while at the same time materially decreasing the cost of manufactured articles.

In the light of such achievement, it is obvious that the interests of American business and American family life will be served best by the careful preservation of the principle of individual initiative by which such accomplishments have been made possible.

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One of the jolliest affairs of the seasons festivities was the Leap Year Party given by Misses Rogers and Sorrells Friday, January 13, at the formers home.

The skeptic young men of this set became uneasy when on Friday the thirteenth they were invited by their lady friends to attend a party with them.

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Report of Condition of The FIRST NATIONAL BANK at O'Donnell, Texas At The Close of Business on December 31, 1927

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
1. a Loans and discounts, including discounts-acceptances of other banks and foreign bills of exchange or drafts sold with indorsement of this bank (except those shown in Item 1-b)	\$136,480.41	Capital stock paid in	\$ 25,000.00
b Acceptances of other banks discounted, excluding those sold with indorsement reported in Item 1-a	51,838.28	Surplus fund	5,000.00
4. Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc., owned	188,318.69	21. a Undivided profits	1,200.00
Banking House, Furniture and fixtures	900.00	c Less current expenses paid	1,200.00
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	14,750.00	Cashier's checks outstanding	9,044.25
Items with Federal Reserve Bank in process of collection	23,500.00	Total of Items 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 29	9,044.25
Cash in vault and amount due from national banks	33.73	Individual deposits subject to check State, county, or other municipal deposits secured by pledge of assets of this bank or surety bond	302,126.13
Total of Items 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13	123,821.44	Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve, Items 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34	8,919.75
TOTAL	\$351,290.13	TOTAL	\$351,290.13

State of Texas, County of Lynn, ss.
I, J. L. Shoemaker, Jr., Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. L. Shoemaker, Cashier.
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boxes of candy.

Upon arrival at the scene of the party the young ladies very courteously stood until all the boys were seated and then the fun really began.

Contests pertaining to "Hearts" were played, the young men remaining dubious to the finish not knowing what minute they might become trapped or decoyed into a proposal, an engagement and perhaps a marriage before they had time to refuse or leave town.

A progressive conversation was very interesting where in each person in turn was to talk two minutes upon their childhood, school days, love affairs, proposals, etc. without using a personal pronoun. This is extremely hard to do especially when one is telling about "My First Sweet Heart."

O'DONNELL TO HAVE NEW HARDWARE CONCERN

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BAPTIST WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY MET MONDAY

The Baptist W. M. S. of the Baptist Church met Monday at three o'clock with fourteen members present.

The devotional was led by Mrs. C. H. Mansell, Rev W. K. Horn led in Prayer, and also had charge of the Bible study lesson which was the latter part of the book of Genesis.

Matters pertaining to business was then attended to, after which the meeting was dismissed with prayer by Mrs. Grover Sutton.

Messrs Harvey Lines, Harvey Jordan and Travis Everett in pretty little aprons very daintily served hot chocolate and heart shaped cookies to the following guests. Misses Kitty Aylor, Erma D. Palmer, Mildred Bowlin, Christine Millwee, Pauline Hamilton, Aline Lines, Fannie Dell Busby, Golda McGill, Messrs Travis Everett, Harvey Lines, Harvey Jordan, Noel Sikes, David Chandler, Thady Gardenhire, Homer Keakins and Lester Burdine.

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COUNCIL MEETING OF ALL THE H. D. CLUBS OF LYNN COUNTY

There was a council meeting of all the Home Demonstration Clubs of Lynn County at the Court House in Tahoka Saturday Jan. 14, at 2 p. m. Every officer of the Council were present at this meeting.

The year books for 1928 was arranged and ten clubs out of the eleven had already put aside the amount of money needed to send their delegate to A. & M. for the Short Course in July. In the "Living Room Contest" which is being put on all over the state, there was reported twenty entertainments in Lynn County, eight of which are in O'Donnell, being the following: Mrs. N. T. Singleton, Been Moore, O. D. Howard, C. C. Jones, W. H. Veazy, A. C. Fairley and J. L. Schooler.

The contest closed the first of April and is expected to create a great deal of enthusiasm and interest along home building and improving lines. Mrs. H. M. Larkin and Miss Halsey will be the judges in this contest.

O'Donnell had three representatives at the council meeting, Mmes. J. F. Campbell, Jno. Earls and Ben Moore. Reporter, Mrs. Harvey Everett.

PARENT-TEACHERS TO PRESENT PLAY FRIDAY, JAN. 20

Don't miss the P.-T. A. play at the school auditorium Jan. 20 at eight o'clock. This play is being presented by the following members of the P.-T. A.: Bmes. W. E. Vermillion, Ben Moore, Harville, J. S. Schooler, Jno. Etter, W. A. Tredway, George Shumake and Harvey Everett. The title is "How The Story Grew," and is complete in it's humor and comedy on how women makes gossip grow after it is repeated a few times. There will be a dress parade on the street Friday afternoon. Don't forget to see both the parade and play, price 10 and 20 cents.

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