

The Baird Star.

Our Motto: " 'TIS NEITHER BIRTH, NOR WEALTH, NOR STATE; BUT THE GIT-UP-AND-GIT THAT MAKES MEN GREAT."

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MEMORIES OF DAYS AGONE

When Herds Of Buffalo Roamed West Texas And Indians Were A Daily Menace

The following item from the Coleman Democrat-Voice stirs the memory of other days around us. As the poet says:

"When I remember all
The friends so linked together
I have seen around me fall,
Like winds in wintry weather,
I feel like one who treads alone
Some banquet hall deserted,
Whose lights are fled, whose garlands
dead,
And all but me departed."

S. H. Gilliland, State Cattle Inspector, who has been making his headquarters in San Antonio, arrived in Coleman last week-end to remain indefinitely, or until more funds are available for carrying on the tick inspection work. He will be here the balance of this year and the early part of 1926, unless something unforeseen happens. He is still with the department and will do some scouting in Coleman County. Mr. Gilliland says that it is a real pleasure now to be connected with the State Government. A voucher is worth one hundred cents on the dollar and is paid promptly. Such was not true under the "Traveling Governor's" administration. The "cash and carry" plan was adopted in June of the present year and is directly attributable to Ma's administration. —Coleman Democrat-Voice.

Thirty-eight years ago, when the present owner of The Baird Star bought the Callahan County Clarendon from M. H. Allen and began publishing The Baird Star, December, 1887, Sam Gilliland, who had been clerking in the store of J. D. Windham & Sons, at Tecumseh, Later he went to Coleman where later he married Miss Lennie Rawlings, of Dallas County, and has made Coleman his home since.

During Governor Neff's administration he served as Cattle Inspector under Booge-Scott. For a time he was stationed at Austin, and for the last two years has been stationed at Union Stockyards, San Antonio, as Cattle Inspector.

The editor of The Star is the oldest of a family of five children and Sam Gilliland, with his twin brother, Albert, of Houston, are the youngest, and two sisters, Mrs. Jennie Collier, of Houston and Mrs. Juliet H. Hennegan, of Brooksmith, Brown County.

Mother died in 1861, in Brown County, and father in 1863, while serving as a soldier in the Confederate Army, Nelson's Regiment, 10th Texas Infantry. He is buried in an unknown grave in the State of Arkansas. After 65 years all the children are yet living. The husbands of the two sisters are dead.

The children of the three brothers and two sisters are all grown. The oldest of the five children, the writer, is 77, the youngest son and his brother are 67 years of age. Sixty-five years ago this month—December, 1865—two families moved from Washington County, Texas, and settled near Byrd's Store, Brown County, Texas. The families were those of A. K. McCain and Haynie Gilliland.

After 65 years, all the grown people in these two families have died. Concluded on last page

CHRISTMAS 1925

HERE is more wealth in the world than ever before and conditions for most of us are easier. There are large numbers of men and women living in this greatly blessed land who can well remember Christmas times when there was devout thanksgiving for enough to keep the wolf from the door. Is the world growing better? The answer is to be found in our own hearts and in the manner in which we have treated our fellow men. We have no claim on happiness, on prosperity, on comfort, except as we earn it by well-doing.

However proud we may feel of our achievements, it is for us to reflect that all blessings are merely granted to us and not created by us. Possibly they are only loaned to us, our reward here or hereafter, depending upon the way we have used them. The daylight, the sunshine, the beauties of nature, the pleasures of the seasons, the comforting rains, the crops and practically everything else that contributes to our welfare, come as gifts from Nature under the dispensation of an Authority we may not question and can but imperfectly conceive. There was One, however, who greatly cleared that conception and held up a light to guide us on the way. Under the constantly extending influence of His example and teaching, it is not possible to think of a time when His birthday will not mean an anniversary of joy.

Christmas delightfully excites one's imagination and films one's tenderest emotions. On this day we seem to see Father Time with a face less grim and leaning less heavily on his scythe. The merry laughter of children extends our faith and recreates our spirit. Love, peace, good will crowd out hate, suspicion, strife and gloom. So, bring forth the yule log or whatever serves as a substitute for it. Hang the holly and the evergreen. And, lest romance suffer from want of fostering, hang also the mistletoe, that sprig which times innumerable has worked magic in backward affairs of the heart. Our wish is that the day may be a completely happy one for all.

THE PUBLISHERS

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BIG MASS MEETING

A Large Crowd in Attendance and Much Interest Shown Homer D. Wade Here.

The mass meeting held at the Court House Monday night, was attended by a large crowd of citizens of Baird, both men and women.

T. E. Powell, President of the Baird Chamber of Commerce, acted as chairman of the meeting, stating that the object of the meeting was to try to get the people of Baird to co-operate and work together for a bigger and a better Baird.

The first speaker on the program was County Judge Victor B. Gilber. The Judge told about the Bankhead Highway going through Baird and other improvements that he would like to see made in the city.

H. O. Tatum, Secretary of the Baird Chamber of Commerce, told the crowd just what the Chamber of Commerce had accomplished in the four and one-half months that he was being serving as secretary. Other local speakers were Judge B. L. Russell, Rev. C. C. Wright and Rev. A. W. Yell. F. W. Gwinn, Secretary of Chamber of Commerce, of Cross Plains, stated that he would like to see among other improvements in Callahan County, a new Court House.

Mr. Homer D. Wade, Assistant Manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, made the principal talk of the evening and congratulated the officers of the local Chamber of Commerce on the work they had accomplished in the short time they have been organized. He stated that Baird has one of the greatest opportunities to build a real city of any small town in the state, that if the citizens of this town would all work together and get back of the Chamber of Commerce that he sees no reason why Baird cannot grow by leaps and bounds in the next twelve months. Mr. Wade told about the chicken industry that could be developed in Callahan County, also a number of ranches to be cut up into small tracts for farming purposes. He outlined a plan that he thought would be good for the local Chamber of Commerce to adopt and carry through for next year.

All present seemed to enjoy the talks very much and from the remarks made on the streets after the meeting it seems that Baird is in line for a prosperous 1926.

BIRTHDAY DINNER

On last Friday, December 18th, Mesdames C. E. Haley and Alex Ogilvy entertained a few friends at the home of the latter in honor of their grand-mother, Mrs. Sarah Rice who on that day celebrated her 81st birthday.

The dining room and table were beautifully decorated in the Christmas colors. In the center of the table was a pretty little Christmas tree on which was placed numerous gifts for the honoree. Old friends who were present on this occasion were: Mesdames M. L. Teeple, W. L. Heary, J. E. Gilliland, W. E. Gilliland, J. W. Jones and Mrs. Baird.

J. A. HUTCHISON DEAD

News comes from Abilene that Mr. J. A. Hutchison had died at his home in Abilene yesterday afternoon. Burial will take place in Abilene this afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Hutchison formerly lived in Baird, where they have many friends here, who regret to learn of Mr. Hutchison's death.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY

Two attempts at robbery were made Wednesday night and both failed. Robbers entered the office of the Home Lumber Company and broke off the tumbler but failed to get the safe open. Tools from that office were found in W. G. Bowlus' office, where they attempted to break into his safe. The combination of both safes were badly damaged.

The work indicated that the would be robbers were amateurs.

H. F. Foy made a flying visit to Astin last week on business with Gov. "Ma" Ferguson. Mr. Foy seems to be very favorably impressed with Texas' first woman governor.

MARRIED

Mr. Oscar Allphin and Miss Elzora Pruitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Pruitt, were married at the home of the bride's parents on last Saturday night, December 19, 1925 at 7 o'clock, G. E. Printz, J. P. officiating.

JUDGE GILBERT'S NIECE DEAD

Ruby Nell Gilbert, age 12 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Scott Gilbert, of Woodson, Texas, and a niece of Judge Victor B. Gilbert, of Baird, died at Baylor Hospital in Dallas, Tuesday, December 15th. The body was carried to Woodson for burial, the funeral being held on Thursday Dec., 17th, conducted by Rev. O. J. Wood of the Christian Church. The floral offering were profuse and beautiful.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert formerly lived at Cross Plains, and many friends here tender sincere sympathy to them in the death of their little daughter.

Miss Ann McEver, of Ranger, is the guest of Miss Mildred Holmes.

A SMALL FIRE.

A fire was discovered in the bath room in the residence of V. G. Haggard last Saturday morning. Prompt action of neighbors and the Fire Department saved Mr. Haggard's home and Baird from a disastrous fire. The fire was discovered by Mrs. J. L. Glover, who gave the alarm.

In this connection Mr. Haggard and wife requested The Star in their behalf to thank their neighbors and friends, especially Mrs. Glover and the Fire Department for their prompt response.

A tremendous crowd was on the streets of Baird, yesterday afternoon when the Chrysler automobile was given away. They came from all parts of the county and the merchants of the city report a tremendous business. R. L. Spitzer, living near Clyde, received the car. Oscar Allphin received the Victrola given away by Bowlus and Bowlus on the same day.

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Christmas for Adults

By Mary Graham Bonner



HERE wasn't a single child in the family now and Christmas, they all agreed, was a time for children. At any rate they all said that.

They had scattered as families sometimes do, and those left in the town were two older families. Yes, it was quite true. There wasn't a single child in the family now. They had nieces and nephews, small children they knew and were fond of to whom they would give presents. They would give nice presents, too.

They themselves would be sensible. They would not give presents to each other. They were grown-up. Why should they go in for something that was distinctly a possession of childhood?

They would have Christmas dinner together. That they had finally decided they could not forego. Oh, the other ruling was very sensible, and they all agreed, but—well, it was quite sensible. Children belonged to Christmas, Christmas to children. Let it remain that way.

The family who lived down by the old mill were having the Christmas dinner. The other family were coming to it and were going to bring the mince pies and the plum puddings as their part of the Christmas feast. They wanted to do something about a Christmas dinner—there wasn't any special reason for it but they wanted to do something.

The table was set the night before. There wasn't much to do Christmas



morning. Later they would go to church and join in singing the Christmas hymns. That would be suitable to the day—to the holiday, holy day, joy.

But there was a time in between—a time before when the children had had their presents—while still they were children, before they had grown up or gone away. That time would be curiously, outstandingly empty.

No one talked about it. No one said a word. But none of them could quite bear to think of that Christmas present time when the packages were opened, when there was curious, eager excitement and pleasure, delight in one's own gifts and in the gifts of others.

No one said a word. No one knew what each other was thinking.

But early that morning one of the members of the family down by the mill telephoned the other family and asked them to come down early.

"I just fixed up one or two little things," said the one who had telephoned, a little shyly, and to her own family she said the same.

They came. Every one gathered about the old table that had been brought out every Christmas. It was a shaky old table, but it somehow seemed to be a part of Christmas. And in no time it was covered with gifts. Every one had surreptitiously been fixing up little presents for each other. And the table groaned under its weight of packages tied with gay old ribbons and tissue paper as of yore.

"But we agreed we wouldn't give any Christmas presents to each other this year," they murmured from time to time.

"We said we wouldn't have a Christmas celebration now that we were all grown up."

"Christmas, we said, was entirely a day for children."

Yes, so they had said. But so deeply was the Christmas celebration around the shaky old table, before the big fireplace, rooted in the heart of each that they couldn't, in spite of their resolves, do any differently.

"I think," one of them said when every present had been opened, sim-



ple, thoughtful little gifts and surprises, "that Christmas should be for every one. No one is too old to enjoy it."

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In a few days 1925 with its glad mixed with sad memories, will have passed. It has been a good year to most of our people, and a sad year far many of us, but such is life; mixed, the bitter with the sweet.

As a whole our people have prospered for which we are thankful to a kind Providence that treats us better than any of us deserve.

To one and all of our readers, we wish you an enjoyable Christmas, and a prosperous New Year, that will extend to include the entire three hundred and sixty-five days in 1926, and on, and on beyond is our wish.

Have faith in God, and have faith in your fellow man.

"Take Courage, Soul!
Hold not thy strength in vain!
Faith or 'comes the steep
They God hath set for thee'
Beyond the Alpine Summits of
great pain
Lietn thine Italy.
—Ross Terry Cooke—Beyond

All that can be said of an inheritance tax is that it is legalized robbery.

The plea that large estates escape taxes is a poor excuse, and is really no excuse at all. Taxation has grown to be a burden to the living and now they want to tax the dead. Such a tax often falls on heirs who helped accumulate property for the parent. It is an unjust and an unequal and an unfair tax and no use to try to deny it.

**ABANDONING A RAILROAD
BECAUSE IT DOESN'T PAY**

The Boston & Maine Railroad wants to abandon 1,000 miles of its track in New England, because it doesn't pay. The Interstate Commerce Commission has granted permission to abandon 300 miles in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, and may make further concessions if unsatisfactory conditions continue.

This is a notable reversion in the history of American transportation. The railroads everywhere were greeted at first as a great step forward, and continued to be so regarded until lately. Now, in common with trolley systems, the steam lines are wearying of unprofitable branches and extremities, and are disposed to let them go, to better the chance of profitably operating what is left.

Bus competition is largely responsible. But some of the branches

never have been profitable, and the desire to abandon them is based partly on the knowledge that the sections can be better served by buses.

The chances are that this is really not reversion at all, but progress. If the bus is to supercede the passenger coach, it will be because it is better fitted for the job. This is acknowledged tacitly by New England railroads in starting bus lines themselves, as substitutes and feeders.—Cisco Daily News.

IN MEMORY OF RUBY NELL GILBERT

On December 15th in Baylor Hospital, Dallas, our little daughter, Ruby Nell Gilbert, age 12 years, passed from the ways of life to those realms of peace that mark the end of human pilgrimage. Her body was brought from Dallas to Woodson, where she was buried on Thursday, December 17th, 1925.

For months it had been hers to patiently suffer the slow but process of disease. The ministrations of those who loved and lost, and the skill of science and medicine yielded at last the summons that brooks no delay, and the earthly chapter of her whom we cherished was finished. It is not ours at this time to recount the story of our loss or parade the grief that grips our hearts. Rather we would give token to the gratitude that surges within us today to those friends at home and from afar who bowed with us at the bier of her whom we cherished more than life; who comforted us in those cheerless hours; and who remembered the blithe little spirit that had passed, with the sweet flowers, fit symbols of eternal youth and beauty.

Language fails us when we try to thank you. The deepest emotions find no utterance in human expression. Empty and dull are the brightest gems of speech when the heart is full. Only in those sacred sentiments deep in the human heart can we convey our feeling. Always to us you will be associated with the memory our little daughter—bright stars whose splendor sparkled in the midnight hours of our grief.

We can never forget the good and generous friend who drove the car carrying her little body from Dallas to our home in Woodson. All during that freezing night, alone he kept the vigil with her that slept. It is acts like this that tie men to you with hoops of steel.

And ever will we gratefully recall the memory of those many friends from Albany, Throckmorton, Breckenridge and the home-folks at Woodson, who came to be with us when laid her down to sleep until the night of time fades away and the morning comes. Their loving deeds, their sustaining prayers, their bright flowers banked in masses of radiant beauty; all speak eloquently to souls in trouble. We can never forget them and what they mean to us.

It shall be ours to wish for you you all the best that this life has to offer, and may the God that holds the threads of destiny in the hollow of His hand, lead you in the ways of peace, and shed upon you the benediction of His smile.

J. Scott Gilbert
Laura E. Gilbert

**A TREMENDOUS PRICE REDUCTION
ON DODGE CARS**

Few announcements in the business world have occasioned more widespread surprise and comment than the one published last week by Dodge Brothers, Inc., stating simply that substantial price reductions would be made public on January 7th, although actually in effect Dec. 15. It was explained that the full amount of the reductions would be refunded to all persons buying Dodge Brothers cars between Dec.

ember 15th and January 7th.

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"American manufacturers like, wise are in a better position than ever before to meet this demand, which insures an excellent employment situation and further increased prosperity at home.

"Both Dodge Brothers and Graham Brothers export business is increasing month after month, keeping pace with the big growth in domestic sales.

"On the whole, the outlook is for a tremendous year—and Dodge Brothers and Graham Brothers are now fully prepared to meet it."

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All's right with the world.
—Robert Browning.

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County of Callahan.
By virtue of an execution, issued out of the Honorable District Court of Dallas County, Texas, on the 9th day of December, 1925, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of Commercial State Bank of Cisco, Texas, versus F. A. Blankenbeckler, No. 58,948-C, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the First Tuesday in January, 1926, it being the 5th day of said month, before the Courthouse door of said Callahan County, in the City of Baird, the following described property, to-wit:

An undivided one half interest in and to the following described land, situated in Callahan County, Texas: The south 140 acres of land of the west half of Survey No. 2277 T. E. & L. Co. lands. Also the west half of the northwest one fourth of the southeast one fourth of the northwest one-fourth of Survey No. 2276, T. E. & L. Co. lands

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Christmas games and contests were enjoyed throughout the afternoon and as it drew to a close, a pretty plate salad was passed to the following guests and members:

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PERSONALS

Ed Ivey who was operated on for appendicitis last week, is convalescent.

Miss Catherine Multican, who is attending the State Normal at Denton, is at home for the holidays.

Miss Belva Evans, who is attending the State Normal at Canyon, is at home for the holidays.

Fred Estes, proprietor of the Quality Cafe, has been on the sick list the past week.

Supt. J. F. Boren had the misfortune to break one his ribs in a fall on a stairway at the school building, Friday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. R. Q. Evans on Thursday, December 24, 1925, a daughter.

Mr. F. W. Gwin, of Cross Plains, was in Baird, Monday to attend the Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Mrs. W. H. Clements, of Stanton, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Cal. C. Wright.

Tom Price, of Munday, is spending the holidays with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gilliland.

Mrs. Andrew Jackson who has been visiting her daughter in New Orleans for several months, returned home the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Wright, of Cross Plains, are spending Christmas with Rev. Cal. C. Wright and family.

Homer D. Wade, Assistant Manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, was in Baird, Monday night to attend the Mass meeting at the Court House.

Mrs. Aaron Bell, who has been seriously ill for several days following an operation for appendicitis, is reported some better.

Miss Helen Ogilvy who is attending McMurry College, Abilene, is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Winifred Haley.

Mrs. Cliff Hill and daughter, Miss Lucile, who is a senior in C. I. A., Denton, are spending the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight L. Purdy and little daughter, Thelma, of Bristow, Okla., are spending the holidays with Mrs. Purdy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Sigal.

Mrs. W. E. Lowe, of DeLeon, and Addison Teeple, of Oklahoma, are visiting their mother, Mrs. M. L. Teeple.

J. B. Walker, of Texola, Okla., is spending the holidays with his brothers and sister, F. L., J. P. and Miss Susie Walker, of Baird, and John Walker, of Admiral.

Hugh Ross, Jr., who is attending S. M. U., at Dallas, is at home for the holidays. He was accompanied home by his sister, Mrs. J. J. Bookhout, son and daughter, John and Mary Francis.

Miss Annie Spencer, of Dallas, came in the first of the week to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Spencer, on the Bayou. Haynie Spencer, who is a student in the Baird High School, is also is at home for the holidays.

T. E. Powell and Judge Victor B. Gilbert returned from Austin, last week, where they appeared before the Highway Commission in the interest of the old route of the Bankhead Highway between Baird and Clyde. The matter is yet unsettled and Mr. Powell will visit the Federal Engineer at Fort Worth next week.

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Trimming the Tree

By Frances Grinstead



THE decorated tree around which our Christmas holiday centers, has an origin older than Christianity itself. In ancient days trees were held sacred to various good and evil spirits and offerings to them were hung upon the branches. To the Teutons the fir tree, with its symmetrical spreading branches, was a symbol of the sun and they celebrated the winter season by decking it in tinsel, flowers, toys and other ornaments.

Christian use of the tree symbol probably began in Germany, but there are many stories of the first Christmas tree. One is that Martin Luther, walking under the stars one Christmas Eve, was moved by their wonder as a revelation of the nearness of God to man. When he reached home, he took a little fir tree and put lighted candles on its branches to explain his thought to the children.

With age-old traditions behind it, it is fitting that the typical Christmas tree in these days is decorated purely for the sake of its own beauty. Small and graceful, it often stands on the library table, gifts heaped around its base, or in miniature form graces the dining table, the center of cheer until New Year's. If it is to shine in the memories of children through years to come, its ornaments must be hung with as much thought as ever the old Teutons gave to the placing of their sun-festival gifts. The secret of decorating a tree effectively is to make its decorations look as if they grew there. One secret of that is to place the ornaments at the points of growth.



where the limbs branch and where the twigs leave the branches; the other is to place ornaments that look heavy where the tree looks strongest, well back on the branches and toward the lower part of the tree.

It is a good thing to lay out the materials for decoration with those of like shape and color together and to handle one kind of decorations at a time. In this way it is easy to distribute masses of trimming and spots of color evenly and to see that the different kinds are well intermingled. It is a common mistake to place most of the ornaments on the tip ends of the branches, under the impression that they will show up best there. As a matter of fact, a few ornaments well placed on the body of the tree are more effective than if they are scattered on the outer circumference.

The remainder of lights reflected from various ornaments should also be considered; those with glassy surfaces shine with a different glow from that of tinsel, and apples, oranges and cornucopias of candy must not be expected to counterbalance brighter surfaces. So distribute the decorations having a different kind of surface. The glassy ornaments will relieve the dark masses of the tree if they are hung well back in it, but dull-surfaced objects, if not too large, should be hung in nearer view. A good place for fruits, which are heavy but too dull to show in the body of the tree unless there is a break in the foliage, is on the sturdy lower limbs.

The small electric lights which have superseded candles for the Christmas tree should be arranged in orderly gradation from the lower limbs to the top. A pretty effect is produced if tiny white bulbs are substituted for the vari-colored ones that usually make up these circuits and each light enclosed in a small paper cone of soft yellow or orange. These cones projecting downward give much the same impression as the vertical effect of candles.

Chains of tinsel and colored paper are effective decorations if they are used rightly. They should not be sim-



ply strung around the tree, weighing on the tips of its branches, so that they seem to fetter it. If they wind branches, as a vine might, they seem to belong in the tree.

Toys may have their place on the tree itself, if they are decorative. An amusing doll perched on a limb, a bright-colored horn gleaming in the shadows, a rubber ball suspended high in the branches, will delight the chil-

dren. The grown-up who trims a Christmas tree has a chance for once in the year to be an artist—with the most appreciative public in the world. The children on Christmas morning will recognize his work as a masterpiece if he only remembers two rules: First, the tree's the thing; it must be treated as a unit and every bit of decoration must further the total effect. Second, don't overload it; if it is not smothered with trimming, the tree itself is the very best part of the decoration. (© 1925, Western Newspaper Union.)

New Experience for Santa Claus

By W. D. PENNYPACKER



CAPTAIN and Mrs. Pickering promise to play Santa Claus. They loved to do a little towards making the day bright and spreading the holiday spirit. Christmas after Christmas they had taken some part—if not for the children, then for the sick or aged—but always some part.

This time it was different. They, themselves, nervously awaited the day. It was to be unique. They were to help in a festive occasion at a state's prison. They were to carry gladness and the spirit of Christmas with them and radiate it within four sombre stone walls. It seemed almost impossible.

The Pickerings were to impersonate Santa and Mrs. Santa Claus.

When the time arrived and everything else was in readiness Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus found there was but one way to get into the assembly hall to create the proper effect. That was by climbing three tiers of fire escape and entering a window. This was the plan chosen as there was no dressing room in connection with the hall and no place where Santa and his party could be detained in comfort throughout the first half of a lengthy program without being observed by all.

To climb three stories of fire escape on a winter's night with ever so small a bundle is difficult enough, but to ascend the cold iron stairway each with a large basket or bag filled with oranges and candy, and to have to replenish their supply through this same dangerous way was almost more than they bargained for or were, indeed, able to do. It was work, and Captain and Mrs. Pickering never denied it.

When Santa poked his bewhiskered head through the window and dragged his lumbering bundle after him there was a hum of suppressed voices, and a marked increase in noise and merriment when Mrs. Santa appeared.

All the time they were distributing candy and fruit they were besieged by questions from the crowd, and replied with as much spirit and gaiety as the place and the condition of the assembled audience would allow. It is but fair to say that Santa and Mrs. Santa both enjoyed their visit to that unusual place, and that they lingered longer than their usual custom on holiday visits.

Christmas is always a day of joyful interest, and Santa was glad to look squarely into the faces of the many gathered in that hall that night. In spite of the clouds and mists of circumstances that engulfed them his visit during that holiday season seemed to have touched a chord that was welcome in the memory of each. Countenances at first hard, softened by the recollections of happier years. Flashes came into eyes that bespoke all that is good, and ambitious, and noble. Regrets, and remorse, and sorrows—if there were any—were this day swallowed up in the more sentimental and romantic myths about Christmas.

That was a memorable day for Mr. and Mrs. Pickering. They had given a little of themselves in their desire to cheer others, and in doing so the flames of gladness were started with renewed vigor in their hearts. They had learned something, too. They were wiser. They became conscious that there

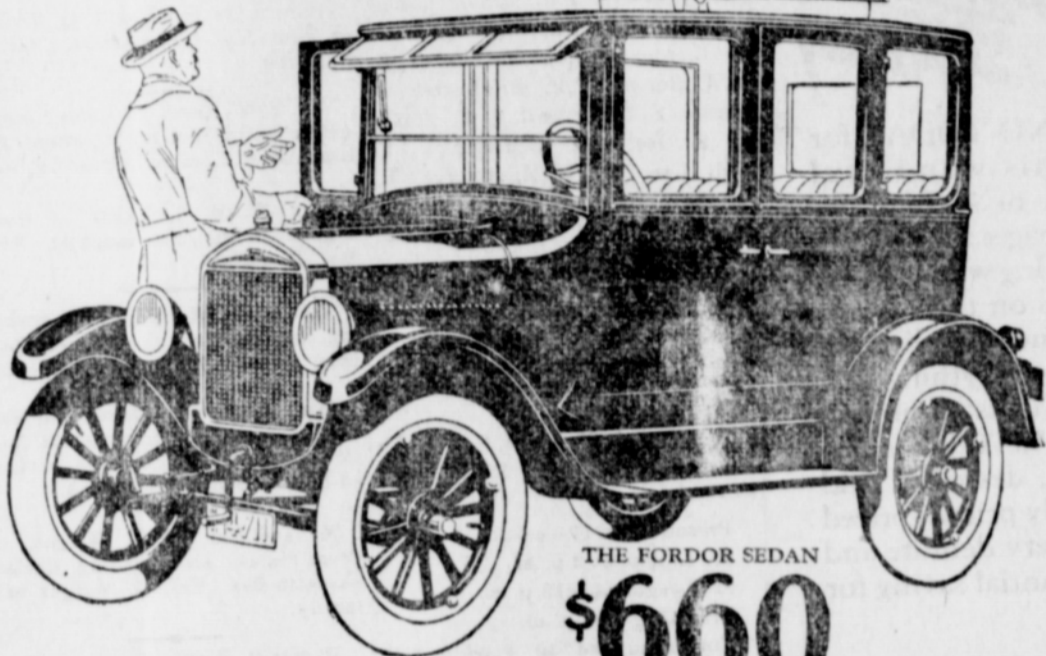
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gladness of Christmas. The almost instantaneous change in the expressions of many faces was entirely convincing. Christmas had come, and again it had impressed the old, old message of peace and good will to men.

When the Pickerings went back to their own comfortable home that night and sat in front of a welcome log fire they were conscious of wishing that this good spirit of Christmas might last throughout the entire year. It doesn't, of course, for human nature will be human nature while the world lasts. And they felt grateful for the sense of good will which it had brought them, and hopeful that it might linger with them for many weeks, at least.

As for the scores of persons who that day had seen their first Santa Claus since their happy childhood days in the old home, there can be no question but that their hard, unresponsive feelings were temporarily swallowed up in the more tender, humanizing strains of the shepherds' hymn:
Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth, peace, good will to men.
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Russian Cinderella to Meet Her Prince in U. S.

Berlin.—A little Cinderella, after tragic experiences in revolutionary Russia, is coming to wonderland in America to meet a fairy prince under the protection of an American godfather.

This Cinderella is Ellen Hezantseva, daughter of an old aristocratic family of Russia.

The fairy godfather is former Governor Goodrich of Indiana, who, with Mrs. Goodrich, will meet her in New York.

The fairy prince is Alex Michaloff of Detroit, who drove one of the American cars in the recent auto race across Russia.

While he was in Russia, Michaloff met Cinderella and fell in love with her. Though she is only twenty-two, Ellen has gone through the revolution and civil war as a Red Cross nurse.

She passed many months in a Bolshevik prison, from which she was freed by a Red soldier whom she saved from death by her nursing. Other members of her family are still in prison.

U. S. Hero Cannot Receive \$100 Awarded With Medal

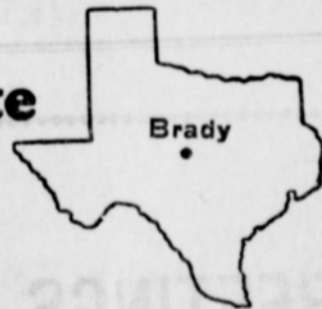
Washington.—Isidor Nordstrom, boatswain on the old battleship Kearsarge, cannot receive a \$100 gratuity awarded him early last year with a Congressional Medal of Honor for conspicuous bravery almost 20 years ago

and it is possible he may not receive the medal itself.

Comptroller General McCarl has held that the law passed since the war prohibiting the award of the Medal of Honor except in cases of operations against a foreign enemy,

made it impossible for the government to give Nordstrom the cash gratuity. His decision also raised the question whether the medal itself had been properly awarded, although the act for which he was cited was performed two decades ago.

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UNCLE JIM'S CHRISTMAS

By MARION R. REAGAN



IT WAS just a week before Christmas. The Jacksons—that is to say, the J. J.'s, the R. P.'s and the W. J. Jacksons—had all met in the home of the latter to discuss what was referred to as their "predicament."

The oldest son of the W. J. Jacksons had just gone into business some few months before and his father, and his two uncles, J. J. and R. P., had endorsed his note. In the meantime the business had failed and the Jacksons were now called on to make the note good. To pay, as they certainly would have to, meant to sacrifice what little they had, and none of them was any too prosperous.

"How about asking Uncle Jim for the money?" R. P. suggested. "He's rich enough and it wouldn't hurt him."

"Yes," interrupted his wife, "but you forget he's just as tight as he's rich, and there isn't one of us that's even laid eyes on him since Cousin William's death four years ago."

"That's all right," replied her husband, "people get generous impulses at Christmas time, and you never get anything in this world unless you ask for it."

Everyone agreed that what R. P. said was true enough, but none would "stoop to ask a favor of him." It wouldn't do, that was all. It wouldn't do.

However, after the little meeting broke up and the families went on their various ways, each had the idea that after all it wouldn't hurt to try Uncle Jim. They would say nothing to the rest and if it did not turn out well, no one would ever know.

And so that night three letters were sent to Uncle Jim—one from R. P., one from W. J. and one from J. J. Jackson, asking for \$5,000 to pay off the note of the young Jackson, and thus save three families from utter ruin.

Uncle Jim, an irate, extremely close old bachelor, was furious the morning of December 23. He paced the floor, his face crimson, three letters crunched in his fist. "By George, what nerve! The begging beasts!" he exploded. He sat down to write a



"And One From J. J. Jackson Asking for \$5,000."

terse note to each saying "No," definitely, but found it a little difficult—even he—to be so cold. Finally he thought the easiest way to get out of it gracefully would be to write saying that he himself had had reverses and was poorer than any one of them. To make it a little more graphic, he even referred to his "cold garret."

Mrs. J. J. Jackson appeared at the breakfast table next morning with a letter in her hand.

"From Uncle Jim," she answered simply to her husband's inquiry.

"Nothing doing, I suppose?" he asked.

"Oh, it's much worse than that, Jack; the poor old man—read this. Isn't it too bad, after all he's had?"

"Let's invite him here for Christmas dinner," suggested Mrs. J. J. "It's pretty hard on him, you know, being alone and old like that."

It was agreed. Mrs. J. J. sat down and wrote the following:

"Dear Uncle Jim:
"We are so sorry to have bothered you with our note, but we never knew of your—reverses. Won't you come and spend the Christmas holidays with

us? The enclosed is a postal order or \$2.50 to cover the fare. Do come. We are most anxious to see you.

"Your affectionate niece,
"ANN."

The peculiar thing was that precisely the same thing happened in the home of the R. P.'s and W. J.'s, with the result that Uncle Jim again received three letters from his nieces, all enclosing the fare to Evansville for Christmas dinner.

Old Uncle Jim was genuinely touched. Of all the things that might have happened, certainly this was the last he would have expected.

That night, Christmas Eve, the Jacksons met again at the J. J.'s to discuss what could be done about the note, which had to be met on the 26th. They had not gotten far with their plans when the noise of a high-powered motor was heard outside and the bell rang.

"Gracious, Uncle Jim!" exclaimed Mrs. J. J. when she opened the door.

"Of course, Uncle Jim," said the old man. "I was only teasing you when I wrote that letter. I had intended coming all along and paying off the little note. Here take these—just a few Christmas greetings for each of you."

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Christmas Wisdom

A foolish man is one who doesn't know what his wife wants, so he goes and gets it—probably a clothes wringer.

A wise man knows his wife needs a pair of arctics, but has wit enough to buy her double-decker jade earrings! —Martha Banning Thomas.

Letters From Son Make

Invalid Mother Recover

Philadelphia.—The story of an invalid mother's recovery from an apparently hopeless illness as the psychological effect of letters written from the University of Pennsylvania by the son, whose college career she had sacrificed much to effect, is told by Rev. Robert H. Gearhart, Jr.

James I. Holmes, Winchester, Va., entered the university last year, according to Mr. Gearhart. He came to Philadelphia at the wish of his mother, victim of a paralytic stroke which had robbed her of her voice and made of her a chronic invalid. "Jimmie" was the only one who could understand his mother's unspoken wants and from the time his father died when he was only seven weeks old until he was twenty "Jimmie" was rarely away from her.

To help pay his expenses the youth obtained a position as caretaker of boy inmates of Elliott house, a correctional institution, and letters that began going back to Winchester were full of doings of his new charges. Almost immediately Mrs. Holmes, taken out of her self by her new interest, showed a marked improvement.

All last summer the mother passed in a camp with "Jimmie" and the boys from Elliott house and in a short time she had begun taking an active part in her son's welfare work. Her voice returned, gradually she regained the use of her arms and legs.

Mistletoe

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MEMORIES OF DAYS AGONE

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passing on many years ago. Of the six McCain children, three are living John Pettit, of Comanche, one of the five men in that party, died a few years ago. There were twenty people in the two families and two negro girls, the property of Mrs. Gilliland and Mrs. McCain. These negro girls were each about 13 years old and were given to Mrs. Gilliland and Mrs. McCain by their father, W. B. McClellan, when they left Washington County, in 1860.

The five Gilliland and three McCain children are all that are known to be living of the twenty souls that settled in the north part of Brown County 65 years ago.

This settlement was the outside frontier settlement of Texas at that time. Not a white settler north-west of them in Texas. Fort Phantom Hill, the Ramsey (now McCoy Ranch), and the Hart Ranch, at Eagle Cove, had been abandoned. The writer killed his first buffalo in sight of the ruins of the old Hart Ranch, in the summer of 1875, and killed his first bear only a few miles south of that old ranch the following winter.

Jesse Hart, as a small boy, lived with his parents on that ranch before the War Between the States, but the family had to abandon the ranch, because of the Indians, prior to 1860. People living here now have no idea what the old frontiersmen had to go through, unless, like the writer, they lived through it. Times were not as bad as it has been pictured by some.

The writer spent several years on the frontier, from 1860 to 1873, and never saw a wild Indian. During the War Between the States we did not visit Brown County, but came back in 1866, again in 1869 and 1870, and a second trip in 1870; remained on the frontier as long as any frontier was left. We all went armed and the probabilities of an Indian attack at any time was ever present in the minds of the old frontiersmen, but they became accustomed to that and other frontier conditions, so different from what they are now. Tom and H. Windham went through more of it than the writer.

W. E. Gilliland

NEW T. & P. TRAIN SCHEDULE

EAST BOUND

Train No.	Arrives	Depart
2	10:55 a. m.	11:05 a. m.
4	12:50 p. m.	1:00 p. m.
6	1:15 a. m.	1:25 a. m.
WEST BOUND		
1	7:15 p. m.	7:25 p. m.
3	3:30 p. m.	3:35 p. m.
5	3:45 a. m.	3:50 a. m.

West bound trains Nos. 1 and 5 go to El Paso. Train No. 3 goes only as far as Sweetwater.

Trains Nos. 3 and 5 west bound and 4 and 6 east bound, are mail carriers.

Baltimore Boys Sentenced to Form Baseball Team

Baltimore.—Nine boys, whose ages ranged from nine to fourteen, were sentenced to form a baseball team, when they appeared before Magistrate Lasch in Juvenile court on a disorderly charge.

"I will dismiss you boys this time because you haven't done anything real bad. However, form a ball team and keep out of trouble," the magistrate said. "There are nine of you here, just enough to start a ball team."

Upon promises to do so the disorderly charge against them was dismissed and the boys smilingly left the courtroom.

Wolf Ears Are Made to Get City Bounty

Brandon, Man.—A get-rich-quick scheme whereby Indians on a reservation at Griswold, Man., collected municipal bounty on wolf ears manufactured from skins of wolf cubs was discovered here this summer by municipal officers.

To collect bounties on wolves slain the animals' ears must be turned in. The redskins received bounty on the artificial ears for some time before officers discovered the ruse. Three men and a squaw pleaded guilty and were warned with a year's suspended sentence.

Britain Still Owns Land in American Territory

Honolulu.—Arrangements for building a park in Hawaii brought to light the fact that a small area of land in this country is owned by Great Britain. It was deeded to the British government in 1877 by the late A. S. Cleghorn and his wife, and has remained British territory ever since. It stands a peculiar instance of British-owned land in American territory.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

FOR RENT—One furnished room, light and gas. See Black & Price, 1-tf

WE DELIVER every day in the week and on Sundays until 9 a. m. 50-t Warren's Market Phone 130

PIANO FOR SALE—See Mrs. G. H. Tankersley at Mrs. Hawk's or phone 144. 3-1t

PLANTING SEED—Antone Cotton Seed. These Seed have been culled to make from 1-3 to 3-4 bale to the acre. 900 bushels for sale at \$2.00 per bushels delivered. 2-8t-p W. E. Reid, Oplin, Texas.

How Doctors Treat Colds and the Flu

To break up a cold overnight or to cut short an attack of grippe, influenza, sore throat or tonsillitis, physicians and druggists are now recommending Calotabs, the purified and refined calomel compound tablet that gives you the effects of calomel and salts combined, without the unpleasant effects of either.

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

Get a family package, containing full directions, only 35 cents. At any drug store. (adv)

INFORMATION IMPORTANT TO CALLAHAN FARMERS

Since there is misunderstanding on the part of some in this section of Callahan County as to the usefulness of the information as to hog production and crop acreages, obtained from the cards distributed by the Rural Mail Carriers, Postmaster M. J. Holmes has requested The Star to publish the following statement, furnished him by the United States Department of Agriculture:

"These surveys are made with the help of the rural carriers, who either distribute the cards to a certain number of farmers along their routes, with the request that these be filled out, or the carrier fills out the card himself by interviewing the farmer. The carrier is instructed to get information from farms which will give a good average picture of sample of farms on his route, preferably by taking all of the farms along a part of his route, big and little, good and poor, owned and rented.

"If a fair sample of all farms is returned in each State, figures for these farms should show the same changes as all farms. It is impossible to take an actual census enumeration of all farms each year, so changes in production and acreage each year must be estimated from samples. The nearer these samples are to being exact, the more correct will be the estimates.

"The need and value of such information for individual farmers and agriculture in general, hardly need be stressed. Without dependable information as to actual production and trends of production both of livestock and crops, more balanced production and better market distribution are impossible.

"The Department of Agriculture is the best qualified agency to undertake such work, but the accuracy of its estimates depends upon the accuracy of the returns made by

farmers.

"The beneficial effects that such information may have upon price is shown by the level of hog prices during the winter of 1924-25 compared to the previous winter. The pig surveys of June and December, 1924, showed a decided decrease in 1924 compared to 1923. Marketings, however, during the winter, from the 1924 crop, were almost as large as the previous winter and, in December and January, were the highest on record.

"In spite of these heavy marketings, hog prices were from \$2.00 to \$3.00 higher than during the winter before. The heavy marketings were rightly interpreted as being an early marketing of a smaller number of hogs caused by a short corn crop and not as indicating a correspondingly larger number of hogs.

"But unless these estimates can be kept dependable, the trade will disregard them and will be guided either by private estimates or by actual marketings, as these take place. Therefore, every farmer should help by making the reports accurate, by making the report for his own farm complete and accurate."

Must Strut Charleston on Ground Floor Only

Indianapolis.—The Charleston is scheduled to receive a severe setback if complaints from ballroom owners and managers amount to anything. At several downtown dance halls the Charleston has been barred as a safeguard to the plastering on floors below.

"Why, this building is 100 per cent safe, but when 110 Charlestons cut loose above I thought the plastering was coming down," said one dance hall manager. "As a safeguard I consulted the city engineer, who sent a man to our next dance. It was then decided that the dance was unsafe."

Where the dance floor is on the level the Charleston will continue to reign here, at least until supplanted by some other fad.

School Auditorium

One Night Only

Sat., Dec., 26th

The Miller Amusement Co. Offers

The Romantic Pastorial Play

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Special Scenery
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If you suffer from any form of skin diseases such as Itch, Eczema, Tetter or Cracked Hands, Poison Oak, Ring Worm, Old Sores or Sores on Children. We will sell you a Jar of BLUE STAR REMEDY on a guarantee. It will not stain your clothing and has a pleasant odor.

Baird Drug Company

Christmas Greetings

Not because it is an honored custom, but because of the sincerity of our appreciation, we take this opportunity to thank you for the part you have played in our business prosperity the past year, and we wish you a good old Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Mis-Spelled Word Contest

Prize Winners 7th Week

First Prize—Nina McFarlane, No. 1, Baird.
Second Prize—Marvin Smith, No. 2, Baird
Third Prize—Glenn McGowen, No. 8, Baird

Mis-Spelled Words and Corrections

Firm	Incorrect	Correct
Sigal Theatre	hilrious	hitlerious
Shaw Motor Co.	convenient	convenient
Blue Arrow Oil Station	oposite	opposite
Underwood Typewriter	tipewriter	typewriter
City Bakery	thrise	trize

The Contest ends with this week. Winners for this week will be announced next week.