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The Herald Wishes You A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

TEACHERS INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS

Teachers of Glasscock, Mitchell and Howard Counties Hold a Most Successful Institute

The Tri-County Teachers Institute opened Monday morning at High School building, completed work Friday at noon and adjourned.

Registration on Monday showed an attendance of one hundred and fifty teachers, representing six counties. This consolidated Institute was organized principally for the public school teachers of Glasscock, Mitchell and Howard counties, the body was to welcome teachers transferred from other sections.

Mr. E. King, superintendent of Colorado schools, ably conducted institute, opening two daily sessions promptly at the appointed hour. Promptness and regular attendance of the teachers was indeed commendable notwithstanding the unusually cold weather Thursday and Friday.

Mr. Phelan conducted the devotional hour on Monday morning by reading a passage from the Bible in earnest prayer.

Mr. Thomas welcomed the teachers to Big Spring. His address included a number of forceful truths and suggestions. It was especially appreciated that Mr. Thomas, a former principal of the Big Spring schools, on this occasion. Emphasizing growing disrespect for law and order, and the decreasing responsibility assumed by the home, Mr. Thomas urged the teachers to realize their great responsibility necessarily being placed upon the schools.

Mr. Lee Payne, the enthusiastic principal of the Lorraine school, responded briefly to the address of welcome.

Mr. Evans, chief supervisor of the schools, spoke on the present "Texas Book Problem" for the teachers during the institute was maintained by sectional meetings, conducted by Jennie Duggan, North Texas Normal; Miss Lillie L. Martin, Baylor University; Mr. A. B. Edwards, Big Spring and visiting teachers.

Mr. Geo. J. Ruth conducted the devotional hour on Tuesday, bringing a most helpful message. He said in his address, "Civilization and organization are powerful factors, but underneath these must lie genuine heart action. Intellectual knowledge will not suffice."

Mr. Bedecheck, representative of the Interscholastic League, addressed the teachers on the subject of "Consumerism," emphasizing the fact that the matter of every contest is worth while.

The fortunate were those who had the privilege of hearing Miss Lillie Martin's soul-stirring "heart to heart" talk Tuesday afternoon on "The Teacher's Seven Candlesticks." In her experience, and so beautiful character, the coming of Mrs. Martin was indeed a benediction to all members of the Institute.

Dr. Green of Abilene made a address Tuesday afternoon.

Wednesday Rev. D. H. Heard a devotional hour brought a message from the Master of Paradise and Fabius. His talk on the "Mile" impressed his hearers with the fact that we all must go through the requirements of life. The road lies in the second mile.

Mr. W. Horn, president of the Lubbock College of Lubbock was the guest of the Institute on Thursday. In the forenoon Dr. Heard spoke on the "Mechanics of the Cerebral System." His second talk was based upon Christ's "Beware of Putting New Wine into Old Bottles." Depicting the oriental setting, Dr. Heard spoke at length on the four general institutions: Family, State and School. Since the requirements of education are varying year by year, the teacher must have the ability to teach: instruction in logic, force, power, life — and be taught with a reasonable amount of expansion.

Mr. King's devotional hour was closed by Rev. M. D. King. Interest was manifested during the closing session in the general session of the teacher's part of the Institute, the Compulsory School Law.

Dr. E. King, president of the

on a belated train after the noon hour. He chose for the theme of his very able address: "Moral Training or Learning to Do Well." Dr. Hunt sought to impress upon the teachers the fact that intellect does not argue a pure life; because a man is intellectually brilliant, he is not necessarily upright. Moral training is of the highest importance in the world. The New Testament is the best book on education. Moral character cannot be built without a pattern. The lessons of kindness, contentment, righteous indignation, responsiveness and love must be learned if one would grow into the likeness of the Great Pattern.

At the conclusion of Dr. Hunt's splendid address, the members of the Institute were tendered an informal reception in the pretty dining rooms of the Domestic Science department. Sandwiches, cake and tea were served.

Immediately following the reception the visitors were the guests of the Lions Club, during a long drive over the city.

Friday morning's devotional hour was in charge of Rev. F. B. Eteson. He made a brief address, making principally a comparison of the schools of England and America. This session of the Institute was designated as "Home and School Club, or Mothers Hour." Mrs. Leslie Thomas, president of the Club of Big Spring and a number of other mothers were present. Mrs. L. L. Freeman read a splendidly prepared paper on the work accomplished by the local Home and School Club. Mrs. M. H. Morrison spoke on the same subject, showing also the need of cooperation between parent and teacher. Mr. Bittle expressed very heartily his appreciation of the cooperation and loyal support of this organization. General discussion followed.

The Tri-County Institute went into business session at eleven o'clock. The following joint report of the committee on resolutions and favorable legislation was read by Miss Luce Perkins of Mitchell county:

To conductor E. Frank E. King of Tri-County Institute, Big Spring, Texas: We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following resolutions:

1. That a bill be introduced in the state legislature providing for the appointment hereafter of county and state superintendents rather than the election of same.

2. The members of the committees recommend that a severance tax be levied on all natural resources of the state; the proceeds of which are to be used for maintenance of schools.

3. The committees further recommend that adoption of the "County Unit System" whereby weakness of the small district unit in the matter of financial support may be overcome.

4. That additional apportionment per capita be made such as will enable every school in the state to maintain a nine months session.

5. The committees wish a report to go on record—heartily endorsing the continuance of vocational aid to the high schools and the continuance of rural aid to rural schools.

6. The two committees endorse the present certificate law requiring professional training to secure certificates.

7. The committees are in favor of the state providing the classics and Spanish texts as well as the Latin for the schools.

8. It is also recommended that proper arrangement be made for permanent tri-county institutes, this plan to include an invitation for other counties to join, thereby enlarging our membership and providing more efficient institutes.

9. The members of the committees wish to go on record supporting Superintendent Marrs in his opinion that no exchange be allowed contractors on discarded texts.

10. The committees further recommend the establishment of territorial institutes to be conducted by instructors employed and paid by the state.

11. That all schools be members of the Interscholastic League is endorsed by the committees.

12. In behalf of each member of this Institute the committees wish to extend their deepest gratitude to the Big Spring people for their very generous hospitality of homes. The committees wish to express their appreciation to the Home and School Club, the Home Economics Department and Lions Club for their sincere cooperation during the week. We also wish to thank Mrs. Della

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WARD-BAIN



MISS ETTA BAIN



At Austin, Texas at 9:00 o'clock Wednesday morning was solemnized the wedding of Miss Etta Bain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bain of Austin, and Joe H. Ward, formerly of Austin. The marriage ceremony was performed at the Bain home in Hyde Park, with only the two families in attendance.

Miss Bain through her high school and university career, has been a leader in social and student activities and she is one of the most popular resident members of Alpha Delta Pi sorority. She is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Bain.

Mr. Ward is a Texas university three letter man and has some sensational athletic records in university annals. He is a member of Phi Kappa Psi social fraternity and of Sigma Delta Psi, honorary athletic fraternity.

He is director of athletics in Big Spring high school, and will leave for that place at noon Wednesday.

Among out of town guests who attended the marriage, were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fincher, brother in law and sister of Mr. and Mrs. Ward; Mrs. W. D. Franks, his aunt, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Dayton, his uncle and aunt, all of Fort Worth.

Many friends in Big Spring join a host of friends at Austin and Fort Worth in extending to these popular young people best wishes for an ideal wedded life.

Hogue-Jones

At the home of Rev. Geo. J. Ruth, pastor of the First Christian Church, on Saturday night, Dec. 20, was performed the ceremony which united in marriage John Hogue of Sweetwater and Miss Estella Jones of Midland.

Following the ceremony the happy couple left for a visit in Midland. They will make their future home at Sweetwater.

Accepts Call As Pastor

Rev. R. L. Owen of Mt. Pleasant, Texas, has answered the call to be pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Big Spring.

Rev. Owen and family are expected to arrive here about January 1st.

Miss Eva Ridd left last Friday for Abilene to spend the holidays.

West Texas C. of C. Here in February

Porter Whaley, general manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, has notified W. W. Rix, president of the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce, to make preparations to entertain the district meeting of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce during the early part of February.

Big Spring was selected for this convention at the district meeting at Colorado early last year.

A one-day session will be held which will be attended by two hundred or more delegates.

A fine program will be arranged for this occasion and several men of state-wide prominence will be among the list of speakers.

Our folks should cooperate in every way to make this meeting a success, and to see that every delegate had a pleasant time during his stay here.

Let's put forth an extra effort to entertain our guests on this occasion.

Teachers Honor Supt. Bittle

P. B. Bittle, superintendent of the Big Spring public schools was honored by his corps of teachers this week, the same coming in the nature of a Christmas gift and was intended as a slight token of the respect and esteem in which he is held.

The gift was a Life Membership in the Texas State Teachers Association; and a more prized gift could not have been selected. Supt. Bittle has every reason to be proud of this splendid token of appreciation and he certainly is proud of the honor conferred on him.

New Years Party at Lyric

An old-fashioned New Years party will be staged at the R. and E. Lyric theatre Wednesday night, December 31st from 11 p. m. to 1 a. m.

An athletic program will be carried out as this is a benefit of the High School Gymnasium and the proceeds go to the Gym fund. A two-reel comedy will be shown.

All the seats are to be reserved so if you want to get in on this party see Coach Joe Ward, pronto.

Finds Water at Shallow Depth

Baker Merrick who has found a big supply of water on his place, four miles northwest of Big Spring, recently at a depth of fifty feet has later found water on his farm at a depth of fourteen feet. This water is coming from the Trinity sands, which underlies the greater portion of our county. An everlasting supply of pure water is assured wherever the Trinity sands are encountered.

Those who failed to shop early and mail Christmas packages early have been paying in delays and inconveniences for failing to heed the early shopping advice.

Wintry Spell Hits Us Hard

One of the worst blizzards in the memory of our oldest inhabitants swooped down on the Big Spring country shortly after the noon hour last Thursday, and following a week or more of exceptionally warm weather.

The coming of the cold spell had been foretold days ahead, but it was moving so slowly that most of us had come to believe it had gone around this section, or else it would be a mild cold spell. So when it hit it was some change. The thermometer dropping from 74 degrees at noon to freezing within an hour or so and by Friday morning, 2 degrees above zero, one of the lowest points ever recorded here, registered by the thermometer at the Texas & Pacific station, and this thermometer registered 6 degrees above zero Saturday morning. At the U. S. Experiment Station the thermometer registered 6 above zero Friday morning and 10 degrees above zero Saturday morning. The station is on a much higher elevation than the depot which accounts for the difference in the temperature.

Water in vessels within homes was frozen, water pipes were put out of commission and the plumbers kept busy when leaks and bursted pipes appeared when the weather moderated Monday.

Cattle suffered from the effects of the severe cold, but due to the fact that no rain, sleet or snow fell during the time there were no losses. If rain or sleet had appeared the loss among the cattle would have been as severe almost as it was in the Houston and Beaumont sections where from one-fourth to one-half of the range cattle died from exposure.

To Encourage Poultry Raising

Since a poultry packing plant would make a good market here for poultry the year round we should make some investigation looking to the establishment of such an enterprise here. We know that poultry raising could be made a profitable side line on every farm in our county, and a packing plant always in the market for poultry would do more than anything else to encourage our folks to give more attention to poultry raising and reap a nice profit as a result thereof.

We pay too much attention to the one big crop and overlook the smaller, more profitable and dependable all-the-year money making crops.

This is an ideal section for raising chickens and turkeys and the lack of an ever ready market is the biggest handicap.

Let us investigate this poultry packing plant, and if we find it to be a good thing for our county let us establish this enterprise.

Elks Christmas Tree

Every child in Howard county between the age of five and thirteen is welcome to attend the Elks Party at the Lyric theatre on Christmas morning.

Beginning at 9 o'clock that wonderful child actor Jackie Coogan will appear in one of the greatest pictures of his career, "Long Live the King." This will prove a treat indeed for the little folks.

Following the picture show the little folks will go to Elks Hall where packages containing candy, fruit, nuts, etc. will be distributed.

There will be a package for everyone so there need be no rushing or crowding to be first. It is desired that this be a happy and pleasant time, and if any of the older boys are found crowding or pushing they will be sent to the foot of the line.

Mrs. Walter Smith Dead

James Costlow on Wednesday morning received the sad news of the death of his daughter, Mrs. Walter Smith, at Los Angeles, California.

Mrs. Smith was known to most of the long time residents of this city, grew to womanhood here, and was loved and esteemed by every one who knew her.

She is survived by her husband and one daughter Lila Mae, two brother J. A. Costlow of San Antonio Clyde Costlow and a sister Mrs. J. B. Driver of Los Angeles, and we join many friends in extending deepest sympathy in their time of sorrow.

Quite a number of Big Spring people have shown the true Christmas spirit this season by donating to charity and expressing a willingness to render aid to any and all who may need and deserve same.

OIL DEVELOPMENT IN THIS SECTION

The Big Wells in Reagan County Indicate the Bringing in of One or More Big Fields in W. T.

Oil Officials Inspect Reagan County
Walter Teagle, president of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, who with a group of officials of the Standard, Humble, the Carter and the Marland Oil Companies, was in Big Lake Saturday, believes that the oil development of this section has not been really started and that the outlook for Big Lake and surrounding territory is very promising.

Mr. Teagle said that his visit to Reagan county was purely out of curiosity. "We came out here just to see what you have," he said. "I am familiar with this section from the study of maps and reports on the geological survey, but I wanted to see what the country looks like."

"Reagan county is the only point in this section that is really producing oil, but where oil is found in such quantities as it is being produced here, it is reasonable to believe that there will be other pools discovered."

"It may be that there will be developed in Reagan county one of the really great oil fields of the nation. Your country is so large—the extent of the formation covers such a wide territory that it is impossible to estimate what might be and what might happen. Of course, it is just as possible that all the other tests will be dry holes."

Group 2, No. 3, the new Texon Co. well, brought in last week, continues its unusually good flow.

The well has been averaging better than 3,600 barrels daily.

The Texon Company is rushing the erection of two 1000-barrel tanks at the well, which will give it four in all. Storage facilities approximately 70,000 barrels will be increased by 167,000 barrels when these two tanks and three 55,000 barrel tanks are installed.

Drilling on the new well was well in the neighborhood of 2,600 feet the forepart of the week, and it should be completed most any time now.

Following is progress of oil wells now going down in vicinity of Rankin as reported to a News man the early part of this week:

Hart Bros. of Breckenridge, section 50, five miles north of Rankin, drilling at 350 feet.

Virginia-Texas, sub. Plymouth Oil Co., section 14, block 15, drilling at 2,400 feet, now setting 8-inch casing.

Bell & Regan, section 21, block 4, down 315 feet and shut down until after holidays.

Willis-Big Mesa Oil Co., section 11, block 3, spudded in last Saturday.

Chancellor & Suggs, section 6, blk. 4, University lands, have spudded in—Big Lake News.

Sheriff Satterwhite Remembered

Sheriff W. W. Satterwhite has received his Christmas present and a boy with his first pair of red top boots could not be any prouder of same. The sentiment that prompted the gift, however, is more deeply appreciated.

The gift is a Colt's Army Special .41 calibre revolver with gold plated cylinder, hammer and trigger, and triple silver plated frame and solid pearl handles.

The gift came from a group of business men of our city and accompanying same was the following statement:

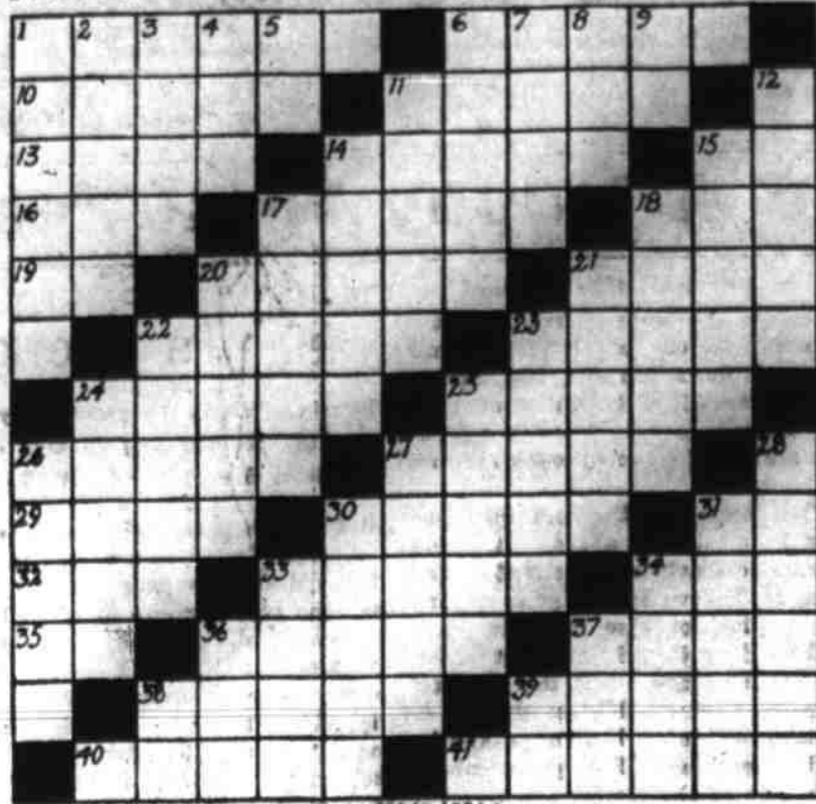
"In appreciation of your efforts to preserve peace and order and to uphold and enforce the law, we desire to present you with this gift. While it is not exactly symbolical of peace and good-will, the spirit of Christmas, yet it is a weapon which we hope you will never have occasion to use. Should such an occasion arise, however, we trust you will find it as ready to respond as we have always found you ready and willing to respond to prevent or punish infraction of the law."

"We are giving you this little gift without hope of favor or anticipation of partiality, for we know you to be a man who deals impartially with violators of the law, but we do so with 'one thought of showing you how sincerely we do appreciate your efforts to make and keep this a clean town, and commend you for it.'

W. H. Ward returned last Friday from a business trip to Kentucky. Enroute home he stopped for a visit with his sister at St. Louis.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No. 2 "THE HEAVENLY STAIRWAY"

You're likely to trip up if you try to ascend or descend too rapidly. Go slow, watch your interlock, and this "cuss-word puzzle" will give you a lot of fun.



Horizontal.

- 1—Relating to a hundred
- 2—The contrabass
- 3—Watchful
- 4—Musical instrument
- 5—Later
- 6—Food containing gelatin
- 7—Thus
- 8—Stily
- 9—Completely
- 10—Shelter
- 11—Debatable article (French)
- 12—Poetry
- 13—Substance used medicinally
- 14—Distributed
- 15—Seed of a tabacco vine
- 16—Looks for
- 17—Slope
- 18—Vehicle on runners
- 19—Starts
- 20—Dance up
- 21—Forward
- 22—Belonging to it
- 23—Female horses
- 24—The sun
- 25—Get you
- 26—Spring power
- 27—Nasty
- 28—A muscle
- 29—Deceitful
- 30—Smells strongly
- 31—Crude form of sugar

Vertical.

- 1—Mythic art
- 2—Grade
- 3—Roman emperor
- 4—Annoy
- 5—By
- 6—Wasting part
- 7—To unite
- 8—Crafty
- 9—In order that
- 10—Small rooms
- 11—Cook in oven
- 12—Wagtails
- 13—Dance
- 14—Hero of a drama by Goethe
- 15—Permits to escape
- 16—Days with iron
- 17—Pleats
- 18—College apartments
- 19—Considers
- 20—Flat dish
- 21—Shooter
- 22—Visions and
- 23—To deprive
- 24—Anything that unites or connects
- 25—Actions
- 26—To trouble
- 27—Fifth
- 28—Mastered
- 29—Mind together
- 30—Boy
- 31—Exile
- 32—Musical note

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The solution will appear in next issue.

CHRISTMAS GIVING AND ITS MEANING

"GIVE me six," the woman said as she crowded her way rudely up to the handkerchief counter. "One has to buy something, I suppose, and I guess handkerchiefs take the least thought and consideration."

"Any particular pattern?" the clerk inquired.

"No, just so they cost no more than fifty cents each. What an awful bore Christmas is, and what a burden it throws on us. I wonder sometimes what it's all for."

"It's a very sweet, happy time to me," the girl answered.

There is too much that is conventional and artificial, perhaps, in our Christmas giving. We burden ourselves with obligations which we should never assume. We give too often because we feel that we should do so, because we wonder what people will say if we do not, because we hope to receive something in return. We keep up the practice because we have not the courage or the diplomacy to break it, and we put little thought or personality into it.

"Please do not send me anything at Christmas time," a friend wrote me, "for by so doing you would embarrass me and put me under obligations which I can ill afford to meet." It was a sensible letter which few would have had the courage to write.

It is not what we give that really counts, but the spirit in which the giving is done. The friendly, personal letter, the trifle which we have ourselves made, even the card which we pick up at the book store, often brings more joy than the costliest present chosen without love or thought. Christmas is a time of kindly thoughts, of forgiveness, of charity, and of good will to all men. There is no other day on the calendar on which it would be so dreary to be away from home as Christmas day. The spirit of Christmas is the spirit of self-sacrifice and of love.

The Wise Men bringing gifts to the Christ child came a long way over a rough and weary road full of dangers and full of discomforts; but the gifts they brought were gifts of sacrifice and unselfishness and of love, and the impulse to bring them came from the heart. They are the wise men today who can give thankfully, gratefully, lovingly, with joy in their hearts and without thought of what they are to receive.—Thomas A. Clark, Dean of Men, University of Illinois.

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No Doubt



Bug—What kind of a Christmas do you expect to have, Mr. Snail?
Snail—Very slow!

CHRISTMAS CARDS WILL BRING CHEER

THEY all adorned the mantel-piece—the many Christmas cards. How gay they were. How much they helped in the way of making the room cheery and decorated for Christmas. Each one did its part to add.

Yet many of those cards had almost never come!

So many of the senders had said—

"Oh, I don't believe I'll send them a card this Christmas. We never see them any more."

But then they added—

"Still they are friends and it would be nice to send them a Christmas wish."

So all the cards had come. And not one of them was in the way. Not one of them but that brought its own cheer.—Mary Graham Bonner.

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It Was Christmas Eve—

There Was Great Joy

THE deep hush of night had fallen over the land and up above thousands of stars twinkled, seemingly shining a little brighter than on any other night of the year. From every window candles and lighted Christmas trees sent their shining rays out into the darkness, symbols of the "Light of the World," who was to be born again next morning. Everywhere the spirit of the season made itself felt and men and women thrilled with the message of love and peace and good will. Everybody seemed to be working feverishly to make happiness for others, most of all to make the little ones happy, for was not He that was coming on the morrow even as one of them? In every heart there was added tenderness and love; in every house there was cheer and goodwill. For it was Christmas Eve and the song of the angels to welcome His coming was repeating itself in the hearts of men and women everywhere.—Katherine Edelman.

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Grow Feed, Don't Buy It

Henry W. Grady was just about right when he prophesied that full prosperity would delay its coming until the farmer of the South ate bread from his own fields and meat from his own pastures. There never will come the time when farmers should attempt to produce everything they need. The tendency is the other way. The farmer is specializing more than ever before in the production of a single cash crop. But that does not mean that he should neglect to grow a home supply of those feed and food products for which his soil and climate are especially adapted. Corn as a feed crop has a very definite bearing on the production cost of cotton, the cash crop. If the price of corn is high, then horse labor cost of producing cotton is quite likely to be high. It follows then that, even though a farmer may specialize on the production of one cash crop, the home growing of feed may be essential to the most economical production of that crop.

Many people claim that, with our poor soils, the yields of food and feed crops are so low that these products may be purchased cheaper than they can be raised. However, it is well to bear in mind that, while a farmer sells his products at what may be termed "wholesale" prices, he buys his supplies at retail. In selling his crops, he sells at a price which is calculated to give him (one man) a rather meager profit. When he purchases corn and hay at the feed store, he pays a price which is calculated to give a half dozen men a profit—the farmer who grew it, the railroad which hauled it, and the three or four middlemen who handled it enroute to the consumer. Although the low yields of our feed and food crops make them expensive, they can usually be produced at less cost than they can be purchased. Furthermore, it is these leguminous feed crops which are so valuable as soil builders.—The Progressive Farmer.

Age softens the heart and transmutes everything into neglect. One finds himself longing for the touch of a vanished hand. In the night we think we have them once more close to our bosom—it turns out to be only the phantom visit of other days. We shall all someday reach the estates of the aged. Let's love these lingering spirits. Some day we ourselves are going to sit in a twilight that's filled with dreams and the longing for the scenes of the past.

To Get More Eggs—
Feed more wheat. Only \$2.50 per hundred pounds at my ranch, on Gall route. Phone 9905-F4. J. P. Anderson.

Are you able to draw the line that runs between a mere wish and pure doggedness? After all, there's a big chasm between desire and determination. Somehow, we like the fellow that's going to do it anyhow.

Solution of Puzzle No. 1.



Change of Life

"When change of life began on me," says Mrs. Lewis Lisher, of Lamar, Mo., "I suffered so with womanly weakness. I suffered a great deal of pain in my back and sides. My limbs would cramp. I didn't feel like doing my work, and there are so many steps for a woman to take on a farm. I was very anxious to get better. A friend recommended

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to me and I began using it. I certainly improved. I went through change of life without any trouble. I can highly recommend Cardui."

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Decreasing Soil Fertility Becoming Serious

Texas planted approximately 1,000,000 acres more to cotton in 1924 than in 1923, and produced an increase in total yield of only 60,000 bales. In 1923 Texas produced 4,290,000 bales. The latest Government estimate for 1924 is 4,350,000 bales. An increase of only 60,000 bales on an excess acreage of 1,000,000 shows that the average acre yield was considerably under that of 1923, and that hundreds of thousands of acres resulted in a net loss to the farmers who planted them. The average production for the State, using the late estimate of total yield, was only slightly over one-fourth of a bale per acre, or .29 of a bale, to be more exact, a gross return of about \$30 per acre on a basis of 22 cents per pound, the prevailing price at the time these figures were compiled. It is true that some farmers made as much as half a bale per acre and a few even better, but it is evident that cotton growing as an industry in Texas is not profitable even at better than 20 cents a pound.

The crop of 1923 was produced on a smaller acreage and brought the farmers of Texas \$152,250,000 more than the crop of 1924, figuring 6 cents as the average difference in price. Basing the comparative value of the two crops on the difference in price at the time this article is being written, November 7, which is slightly over 11 cents per pound, the crop of 1923 sold for \$212,510,000 more than the Texas crop of 1924.

How long will Texas farmers increase cotton acreage at the expense of acre yield? Let the farmers who are planning another all-cotton year ask themselves this question.

The decreasing acre production in Texas is significant. It is not alone the result of boll weevils. Some of the decline may be charged to poor seed and indifferent plowing and cultivation, but by far the greater part of it is attributed to decreasing soil fertility and cotton root rot. The only solution is to be found in a careful selection of cotton land and crop rotation, with a view to increasing the productive powers of the soil.

It has been conclusively demonstrated that the crop that barely meets the demand brings a larger total sum of money to growers than a crop that is just a little over the estimated needs, but even under such

conditions, cotton is not a profitable crop unless the yield per acre returns cost plus. Cotton will be the most profitable crop in the South when farmers plant only land best suited to the staple, and not all of that. A well-balanced farm program is the best insurance against overproduction and low prices that can be devised.—Farm and Ranch.

Honoring Progressive Communities

We should have in every county a county fair or some organization which should award some form of trophy or pennant or certificate of honor to the school district or community distinguishing itself in any of a dozen forms of civic achievement. Why should there not be an award to the school district in each county reporting.

The best and best kept roads in the county; or

The best schools; or

The prettiest schoolhouse and school grounds; or

The most progressive farming; or

The greatest proportion of painted homes; or

The most purebred livestock and poultry; or

The most labor-saving, money-making farm machinery; or

The strongest and most active local farmers' club; or

The biggest percentage of boys enrolled in the corn club; or

The biggest percentage of girls enrolled in the canning club; or

The biggest percentage of farmers enlisted for cooperative marketing; or

The most active churches and Sunday schools; or

The best neighborhood baseball team; or

The highest average number of good books and papers read in each home; or

The prettiest lawns and flower yards; or

The greatest percentage of homes with telephones; or

The best average water supply for the homes; or

The best sanitary conditions; or

The largest percentage of farmers making exhibits at county fairs; or

The greatest freedom from centers of drink, vice, and immorality.—The Progressive Farmer.

Many "good spenders" are poor payers.

Great Texas Newspaper is Going to Old and New Subscribers. The Dallas Morning News is printing Santa Claus to its old and subscribers this year, giving the Christmas present in the form of a great bargain subscription. Never before this year has the Dallas News been offered for less than the regular price.

The Dallas News makes the following claims: That during the just passed, it printed more news pages than any other newspaper. The number of copies exceeded that of the next nearest by 1,200. That it maintains the highest priced news-gathering organization in the southwest, its cost for this class of service being 10 per cent higher than the next nearest. Also the News states that its circulation this year is considerably more than any other North Texas paper of state-wide circulation.

Those who send in their subscriptions before December 15th, take advantage of the Christmas offer. The regular subscription price of The Dallas Morning News is \$10.00 a year, daily and Sunday or \$8.00 a year, daily without Sunday. The bargain rate is \$6.45 daily Sunday or \$5.25 daily without Sunday. Those who subscribe before the 15th and Sunday save \$2.75. This offer will not be made soon. Subscribe now!

Farm For Rent
350 acres in field, good pumped in corrals and pasture windmill, small house for barn, plank corrals—everything convenient. Will build 6-room low on place. Want to sell some equipment and rent on third fourth. See P. E. LITTLE, Spring, Texas.

The Tonsor where men will steam-heated room, sanitary in respect, and everything for comfort.

J. L. McWhirter, Progressive State National Bank

How the self-importance of folks will shrink when they see there are no checkbooks in the

Explorer says that Eskimos weep. Still, they do have their blubber.

DOCTORS TREAT COLDS AND THE FLU

...a cold over night or to cut
...of grippe, influenza or sore
...and druggists are now
...Calotabs, the painless
...that is purified from dan-
...sickening effects. Those who
...say that it acts like magic, by
...effective and certain than the old
...heretofore recommended by

P. KASCH

PLUMBING AND HEATING

...too busy to write much
...Xmas Greeting. I am on
...jump all the time. But I
...step long enough to extend
...my Best Wishes for the
...days. May they be the
...best you ever spent.

...has been a pleasure for
...to serve you in the past and
...I would be glad to serve you
...as faithfully throughout
...year of 1925.

PLUMBING
and
HEATING

Phone 167

Visit the Big Spring
DOLL HOSPITAL

...them make that broken
...good as new. Folks from all
...of the county are interested.
...the little folks visit us. If you
...a doll that is broken bring or

SPRING DOLL HOSPITAL
...Street Griffin, Manager,
...Valley—Phone 457-J, P. O.
...Box 206—Big Spring
...for FAM-LEE DOLLS

A NICE FERN
...or...
MOONING PRIMROSE

...holidays, birthday or for
...family shut-in would be a
...remainder of your thought-
...PHONE 329 or see

MRS. DOVE COUCH
...patronize home industry

...says in ten years the
...dollar flying flivver
...a common sight. And then
...that the air will be con-
...filled with nuts, bolts, and
...percent parts.

...teacher in our school
...discuss what they thought of
...One youngster spoke up:
...It's a purty good car but I
...Packard."—Mineral Wells

...of one hundred and sixty
...the ideal size for a family
...of West Texas. Some
...a failure because they
...as much land as they

...L. Piner and son, G. W.
...arrived last week from San
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...to San Antonio after the

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...may have its effect on
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...stick to one wife
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For Sale or Trade

Four medium sized mules to trade for team of large mules. Good car to trade for piano. Fat cow for sale. 160-acre farm—would sell—6 miles east of Big Spring on Bankhead Hl. Also 120 acres at Sparenberg, Dawson county, for sale. See J. S. McCRIGHT, Coahoma or Big Spring, Texas. 14-1f

Samuel Gompers

In nothing do we get a more favorable indication of the wholesomeness of American life than in comparing a man like Samuel Gompers with his counterparts in older lands. Gompers has been a man who has ruled labor with a rod of iron for forty years. He has been dictatorial and high-handed. He has never shrunk from a fight nor softened a phrase to save his place. The only defense he has ever used was attack. And yet he has displayed a sense of proportion and of philosophical poise through life that marks him apart from the theorists and doctrinaires of foreign labor movements. Come up from the ranks himself, his writings and speeches display the thoughtfulness and ripeness of a man of genuine power and depth. And, through it all, freedom for the working man has been to him above all things else. To make him free he has been willing to forge upon himself and his fellows the bonds of unity and action which hinder the individual to the enhancement of the class position. To keep him free he has stubbornly opposed governmental and even philanthropic measures calculated to come into the living conditions of the laboring man and order them for him. The Gompers idea was not to raise the worker, but to batter down everything that prevented his climbing for himself.

The clash of classes was among the sternest of realities to Samuel Gompers, but he did not permit himself to get the warped idea that society was an inverted pyramid in which some day the crushed-down laborer would be tipped over on top and would crush down others in his turn. To all wild schemes of dictatorship of the proletariat over the bourgeoisie and intelligentsia Gompers opposed his American tenet of special privileges to none, poor or rich, wise or simple, churched or unchurchd. In the heat of partisanship and the stress of contending he was as capable of extreme demands and overreaching aims as any other battling leader. But of America he was supremely confident and unreservedly proud. "The old world is not our world," he wrote fifteen years ago after a return from a trip abroad. "Its social problems, its economic philosophies, its current political questions, are not linked up with America. All the people may be on the broad highway to social justice, peace among men of all tongues and universal brotherhood, but all the Nations and Governments have not reached the same points on the road. In the procession America is first." After the writing of these words there came a time when the currents of Europe and the currents of America were intermingled, and eventually the blood of one and the blood of the other flowed together into the flame-seared soil, but in the stout heart of old Samuel Gompers America was still first, in war as in peace. —Dallas News.

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You can do it if you will take up the world-famous Draughon Training January 1. Ten times as many positions as graduates make it easy to place you at good salary. Write today for Special Holiday offer on scholarships good at any time. Draughon's College, Abilene and Wichita Falls, Texas. 142tpd

STOP THAT ITCHING

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. J. D. BILES

Nursery Stock Ready For You

If you are in a hurry for nursery stock I can make immediate delivery as I have some fruit trees now on hand. See them at Cole Hotel. Will also take orders for delivery later. If you want the very best nursery stock write me or see me Wednesday evening and Saturday. W. H. ALLEN. 13-1f

Storage Tanks

If you want large storage tanks call phone 23. Bell's Tin Shop. 101f

Young lady, it is a pretty safe bet that the boy who loves his mother will love his wife.

Insecto Rapid Hair Dye won't injure the hair—try it. Vogue Beauty Shoppe

The Herald wishes its readers a Merry Xmas.

THOSE CHRISTMAS CAROLS

By MARION R. REAGAN
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BERYL SANDS stood outside the dingy little restaurant, looking in at the heavily steamed windows with the absent, vacant stare of one whose mind is preoccupied with melancholy thoughts. People walking along the sidewalks crunched the fresh, dry snow under their heels. Most of them were talking and laughing with the light ease of those who feel at rights with the world. But their gay chatter only made Beryl more and more conscious of her loneliness. There was not a soul in this whole city she could call her friend, not one. And as for a lover—Beryl winced. Twenty-eight and never a lover! Think of spending all of one's life alone. "Old Maid Sands" it would be. Oh, how terrible life was; how unutterably hard on girls like her. Of course there had been Jack Boulton. He had always rather liked her; taken her home from church parties and so on in the old days when they lived in Allentown. He might have fallen in love with her if she had encouraged him. He was the only man who



had ever understood her at all. Where was he now?
With slow, listless steps, Beryl entered the little restaurant. She chose the cleanest looking table in the room. A man was already seated there. She sat down opposite him and began to read the menu card.
"Beryl, by George, if it isn't!" She looked up quickly and recognized with amazement the large, astonished blue eyes.
"Jack Boulton! Why, Jack, what on earth are you doing here?" He laughed that half-amused, half-cynical laugh she knew so well.
"I'm down on luck, Beryl—broke. I came up here to Chicago three years ago to put across a deal but things didn't go so well, and I've been a little on the rough ever since."
Beryl was sympathetic. "I know, Jack, I think we're pretty much in the same boat. I haven't quite won fame and fortune here myself." They both laughed.
Jack looked at her a long time. She dropped her eyes under his steady gaze.
"You know, Beryl, I like that sad look in your eyes. I don't like to think that you've been sad, of course; but the look—it's appealing. It's the same expression that came into your eyes when you used to play those Christmas carols at the church. Heavens, how you could play them!" His face lit up with the happy memory of it. "Do you still play?"
"Occasionally. The piano at my boarding house is a cheap one and I hate it, but if you care to, we'll go down there after dinner, and I'll play you all those old Christmas songs. You have no other engagement?"
"None," he said promptly. "And if I did, I'd cancel it."
When Beryl had finished, she rose from the piano and faced him. He was looking at her intently, longingly.



"You are very fond of music, aren't you, Jack?"
"Yes, when you play it I am." He came very close to her and took her hands. "Beryl, I was just thinking what harmony you could make out of my discordant life, if you would. Could you—could you ever—" he broke off. His voice thick with surging emotion.
"Yes, Jack, I could," and as he held her tightly in his arms, Beryl was exultantly happy, and felt for the first time in her life, secure.

Christmas in British Isles

Christmas was introduced in what are now the British Isles under the Saxon rulers and was continued, in the winter solstice when the people had little to do, by the Anglo-Saxon kings and the succeeding monarchs of Norman blood. The celebrations beginning with court festivities and graduating down to the poorest families were frequently uproarious. In the reign of Elizabeth the Puritans attacked the Yuletide festivities, but the celebrations continued to flourish until the rule of Queen Mary. The Puritans, aided by the conditions growing out of civil war, finally succeeded by 1647 in abolishing the holiday.—George Newell Moran.

Toys for Small Children

A little toy from one to two enjoys little games that can be played with the fingers and simple toys such as dolls, animals and balls made of rubber, wood, knitted or rag materials.

and Winter has just begun

The brilliant social functions of holiday time are here and call for new frocks and coats.

JUST IN TIME

to supply your needs for these festive events we are offering our entire stock of Ladies' Ready-to-Wear at reduced prices.

SILK DRESSES

of Bengaline Satin, Crepe Satin and other materials in exquisite colors and patterns.

CLOTH DRESSES

in Mid-Winter styles, are created in Twill, Flannel Charmen and other materials.



Luxurious Coats

of Gerona cloth, Suede cloth and other materials—most all of these coats are



BEAUTIFULLY TRIMMED WITH FUR

All these beautiful garments in their brilliant array of color and style are offered you at exactly

1/2 OF REGULAR PRICES

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The Store That Quality Built

Rix is Named to Head Campaign

J. A. Rix has been named by the Campaign Executive Committee to head the big team organization of fifty three men during the campaign to raise from \$75,000 to \$100,000 for a modern, fire-proof, six story hotel to be built on the Moine Studio corner.

Mr. Rix was the unanimous choice of the committee and has accepted this responsible position and is now engaged in selecting his men to head the different divisions. There will be four divisions under Colonel Rix each headed by a major. Each major will have as a division two or more captains and five lieutenants under each captain. During the next two weeks Mr. Rix will devote the necessary time to building up this organization for the active work of the campaign which begins the 5th or 6th of January.

Colonel Rix expects to have the personnel of his Majors completed within a day or two at which time a meeting of the Majors will be held for the purpose of selecting the captains.

The willingness and enthusiasm which every one is showing in this

move to give Lubbock adequate hotel facilities and at the same time secure a good investment for themselves is very encouraging to the members of the executive committee. The committee feels that the time is ripe for this campaign for a hotel if Lubbock is not to fall behind other communities of this section and with the continued support and cooperation of the citizens, Lubbock should soon see her dream of a modern hostelry realized.

The further the committee investigates the possibility of the undertaking the more enthusiastic its members become and they are gathering data at this time which seems to indicate without a question of doubt that such a hotel should be a paying investment from the start. Lubbock Avalanche.

WANTED TO LEASE—Barber shop location by April first, in Big Spring or some good Plains town. Write J. A. DEWEES, Altus, Okla. 13-3t-pd.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Yeag of Del Rio have been visitors here this week, the guests of Mrs. M. E. Jenkins and family.

Bundle Feed For Sale

Fine bundle feed for sale at my place south of town. Bright second crop maize with matured heads; bright first crop feterita with first and second heads which are fine. LAWRENCE SIMPSON, Garden City Route.

Wanted

Roomers and Boarders wanted. Phone 457-W or see Mrs. Jennie Lovvorn, West Fourth St. 14-2tpd

Automobile for Sale or Trade

A Chalmers touring car in good running order for sale on easy payments or will trade. See L. S. McDowell. 14-2t

We make a specialty of bobbing hair. We have recently added barbers to our force who are experts in that line.

THE TONSOR BARBER SHOP
J. L. McWhirter, Proprietor
Basement State National Bank Bldg.

THE SUPER-FYR-FYTER E
tinguisher for Home and Business: a child can operate. See J. O. TAYLOR, Exc. Rept. for the Fyr-Fv Co., Dayton, Ohio. advertisement

Merry Christmas!

In this season of good fellowship we desire to thank our friends for their patronage during the year just coming to a close as well as for that of former years. We wish for each and every one much happiness at this Christmas time and a prosperous 1925.

Big Spring Steam Laundry

We Thank You

for the most liberal patronage of the year just passing—but most of all do we appreciate your confidence and good will. With best Holiday Greetings we express the hope that we may continue to enjoy your continued patronage which we shall endeavor to merit by giving your wants our prompt and careful attention. In fact, you can depend on getting a square deal at our store.

P. & F. Company

"The Best Place to Buy or Sell."

Allow Us

to extend to our many good friends in this and adjoining counties, Holiday Greetings and to wish you a most Happy and Successful New Year.

The past year has been one of the best in our history, due to your valued patronage and we take this method of extending to you our sincere thanks and appreciation.

J. D. BILES

DRUGGIST

PHONE 67 BIG SPRING

We Join Old Dock Bird

OLD DOC BIRD says



IN EXTENDING THE SEASON'S GREETINGS

For the splendid business we have enjoyed in the past we want to sincerely thank you. We want a continuation of your valued patronage and you will find us endeavoring to give better workmanship, better service and more courteous treatment in order to merit same.

May this be a Happy Christmas for you and yours and the year 1925 a most prosperous one for everybody.

HARRY LEES

ANYTHING IN TAILORING

Phone 420 Big Spring

Stove Pipe

For best stove pipe—25 cents per joint—phone 23. We deliver. 10-14 Bell's Tin Shop.

Mrs. Joe King of Phoenix, Arizona, is here for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Morgan.

G. Y. Wilson returned last week from a business trip to Bogard, Mo.

Young Mules For Sale

I have now and will have when you come, good young mules for sale. These mules were raised in this section. Don't take a chance on mules shipped in from infested territory. Phone 79. JOE B. NEEL

Miss Clara Pool left Wednesday night for a visit with relatives in Dallas and Waco.

The Big Spring Herald

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\$2.50 A YEAR OUTSIDE COUNTY

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Big Spring, Friday, Dec. 26, 1924

THE PASSING DAY

Will H. Mayes, Department of Journalism, University of Texas

Writing from Troup, an East Texan who admits that he heads and likes "The Passing Day," asks if East Texas molasses is not—he may have said are not—good enough to get a notice in this column. He denies that he is seeking publicity for the saccharineous East Texas product and since his letter was not accompanied by any substantial evidence of the goodness of it, the writer is inclined to take him at his word. About all the Passing Day man knows about the Hyblaean qualities of East Texas molasses was learned by looking at some highly colored labels that Henry Edwards, the Troup editor and printer, once showed him. The labels looked good. The truth is that this writer thinks East Texans have been entirely too selfish in withholding from the world information as to what sure-enough molasses—not syrup—tastes like.

If East Texas is making a molasses as good as the occasional references to it indicate, and it can be sold at a price within reach of the molasses-loving world, while at the same time leaving a profit to the growers or makers—whichever it may be—organized movement to make the old then East Texas should start an or-world sit up and take notice of what it is doing. There isn't a child anywhere, and only an occasional man or woman, that doesn't cry for molasses now and then, and East Texas should make a business of stopping the tears. Don't be afraid of publicity. It takes that, and lots of it, to do anything worth while these days. Remember, though, that publicity is something that has to be sought, and sometimes bought, and that it seldom hunts up a product and makes it famous. Tell the world what you have, and proclaim it in a way to be remembered.

Samuel Gompers, the great labor leader has gone to receive the full reward for his life spent in the service of others. He was truly a great man, and evidenced his greatness in his intense desire to better the condition of the masses. That the people loved him was shown by the fact that in spite of all criticism brought against him they continued to entrust him with their leadership. They had faith in Gompers. He may have made mistakes—for no man is perfect—but his sincerity and honesty were never doubted even by those not in accord with his policies. The work of a man like Gompers never dies; it will live to continue to bless the world. Those who take up his labors will build on the foundation he has constructed.

A recent report of the State Board of Health contains the startling announcement that the Board has discovered twenty cases of misbranding and eight cases of adulteration of coffee in a survey limited to firms engaged in roasting coffee in wholesale quantities. The report further stated that at least half of the plants inspected were not properly prepared for cleaning coffee. The Board has secured promises to correct conditions complained of, but that does not atone for the harm already done the public, if the findings of the inspectors are correct. A concern that misbrands or adulterates any food product should be prosecuted and exposed. These practices are harmful to the public and work a hardship on honest concerns that will not resort to such methods.

The Christmas spirit is fast taking the place of Christmas spirits so popular in the pre-Volstead days. It is a very indifferent sort of person who does not open his heart and his purse at the Christmas season. Whatever may be said as to the evils that have followed the World War, it must be admitted that the people generally are more sympathetic toward those in distress and more generous in the aid of suffering. A comparative study of the Christmas of today with that of even a quarter of a century ago must bring any one to the conclusion that at heart the world is getting better, and that the Christmas spirit is more evident.

An evangelist is passing through

The State National Bank

Big Spring, Texas

STATEMENT OF CONDITION AS REPORTED TO THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS OCTOBER 10, 1924

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts	\$474,760.48	Capital	\$ 50,000.00
Cotton Acceptances	60,169.87	Certified Surplus Earned	50,000.00
U. S. Bonds	15,600.00	Undivided Profits	7,821.06
Other Real Estate	3,004.00	Circulation	15,000.00
5 per cent Redemption Fund	750.00	Borrowed Money	WORTH
Banking House and Fixtures	26,485.80	Due to Banks	NONE
Federal Reserve Bank Stock	3,000.00	DEPOSITS	618,000.21
CASH	157,336.12		
	\$741,106.27		\$741,106.27

Deposit Your Money Where You Can Get Accommodations When You Need Them.

We are Prepared at All Times to Grant Our Customers Accommodations

The confidence of the people in any Bank is shown by their patronage and said confidence is shown in our Bank as we have the largest number of depositors and customers, also largest amount of individual deposits of any Bank in Howard County.

For Safety and Service Do Your Banking Business With Us

We Pay 4 Per Cent Interest on Time Deposits

Texas on his way to California and is proclaiming that the world will come to an end February 6, 1925. He expects to be in California at that time. Doubtless his reason for not tarrying in Texas is that he would be so in love with the State that he would be reluctant to leave it for the next world.

I Haul It For Less

If you have freight, express or baggage to send to Sweetwater, or to stations between here and that city, I can haul it for less. Regular trips every day, except Sunday, are made by the Big Four Line—leaving Big Spring at 8 a. m. Phone 23. TOM LAFEFF. 46-47

WHO GETS THE MOST FOR THE MONEY HE SPENDS?

The fellow who buys haphazard—or the one who puts his everyday purchasing on a business basis?

The latter, of course. He is the man who reads the advertisements and discovers just where he can buy what he wants.

He is the one who realizes the great value of advertising when it comes to the important business of spending his hard-earned money.

The well-informed shopper always has the advantage when it comes to the stretching of dollars. And you can't be up-to-date on the shopping news until you make a practice of reading the advertisements.

The advertisements show you how to save money—and steps—and time. Watch them carefully.

Anything that increases your purchasing power is working hard for you.

MAKE THE ADVERTISEMENTS SERVE YOU WELL—READ THEM REGULARLY

If you want any plumbing work done or any electric wiring, just phone 51. L. E. Coleman Electric and Plumbing Company.

We made such a bad guess about the weather of last week that we have made a resolution not to try any weather predicting the coming year. The blizzard went by all right but backed up with vengeance. Boy, she was surely cool last Friday and Saturday if anybody asks you.

KILL THE INSECTS

Rid your Poultry of Insects. Call for free samples at JOE B. NEEL'S FEED STORE. 25-42.

The Influence of Example

People who go through life clinging to the false idea that what they do matters not a bit to others, and that what others do matters not to them, are due for a rude awakening sooner or later.

Life in this age is so complex, with all of its frills and furbelows, that practically every act of each individual reacts either for good or for evil in the life of some other person.

The man who drinks intoxicating liquor, which he obtains contrary to law, may think that he is deceiving everyone, but he deceives few, and at the same time his disregard for law sets an example that doubtless leads others to follow in his footsteps.

So-called respectable citizens may be the pattern for the lives of less influential citizens, who commit petty offenses because they see those who are supposed to have good judgment, having a part in small infractions of the law.

Regardless of your station in society, you may rest assured that anything that is not right, which you may do, will have a detrimental effect somewhere along the line.

Boys and young men and girls and young women, who are harshly criticized for some actions that are regarded as improper, did not invent all of the misdeeds in which they indulge.

They first had the example set by those who were older and should have known better.

The next time something not entirely within the law or the bounds of propriety occurs to you, would it not be just as well to consider the effect it might have on others?

No one can afford to be selfish, especially when the lives of others are concerned. Live and let live. Yes, but live right and let others live right.

Nice Home for Sale

A ten-room residence, two sleeping porches, two bath rooms and other modern conveniences at 204 Johnson street in this city, for sale. For prices and terms, phone 79. JOE B. NEEL.

Planting Seed

Have 200 bushels Kansas First year seed we planted in Dawson County, 300 bushels pure Kansas and about 300 bushels Blue Wagon Mobergs; all at right price. KEISLING 18-44-pd

The Vogue Beauty Shop

LESLIE THOMAS, Owner

A lady operator and expert in Hair Bobbing, Marcelling, Scalp Treatment, Facial Treatment and Manicuring—is at your service. FREDERIC PERMANENT WAVE MACHINE—NOW AT YOUR SERVICE Chamber of Commerce Bldg. Big Spring, Texas.

All aboard for

SHORTY BEARD'S

the best place in Big Spring to get Waffles, Hot Cakes, Coffee, Pie—or anything in the line of Short Order. Prices reasonable. Drop in and let us show you.

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New Located in Big Spring Phone 331

DR. OTTO WOLFE

LICENSED VETERINARIAN

East Second St. Big Spring, Tex.

Day Phone 291 - Night Phone 291

Wesley Line and Williams arrived last Friday from Worth where they attend the Christian University to spend Christmas vacation with home-

Greetings of the Season



The friendly relations formed during the brief span we have been engaged in business in Big Spring are indeed highly prized and we are going to continue to do all in our power to retain this confidence and goodwill, and win more new friends and patrons.

So it is more than mere form that leads us to send to you Holiday Greetings and best wishes for a Prosperous New Year.

Rockwell Bros. & Co.
LUMBER



to everybody and may the New Year be the best and happiest our people have ever known.

1924 has not been a bad year at all, as far as we are concerned, and right now we want to thank our customers for the liberal patronage accorded us the past year. We want to merit a continuation of this valued patronage and will do our dead level best to give you quality feed, and real service.

Again wishing you a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous 1925

JOE B. NEEL

TRANSFER AND FEED

Office Phone 79 Res. Phone 97
BIG SPRING, TEXAS

County Club of Simmons members of the Howard County of Simmons College met and on Thursday, December 11th, Cardwell was elected president; Padgett, secretary and treasurer; Melton, reporter. There are fourteen members in the club. Padgett stays in Mary Hall. She is a Missionary and has done commendable work for both B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School. Cardwell is a Sophomore. He was injured early in the season but his advancement in football is a Junior. She stays in Mary Hall. Cardwell is a Freshman. He has made an excellent record in football. She stays in Mary Hall. Melton, a Freshman, stays in Mary Hall. Melton, a Freshman, has

made an excellent record in football. He was one of the letter men this year. Ruth Miller, a Sophomore, stays with her aunt Mrs. J. W. Guin. Her record as a student is far above the average. During the meeting a committee was appointed to arrange for a Simmons banquet to be given in Big Spring during the holidays. Ruth Miller was appointed chairman, and the others on the committee were Vallia True and Loula Cardwell.

Business First

She: "All is over between us and I am going to give you back your ring. There is another man."
He: "Tell me his name and address."
She: "You are going to kill him!"
He: "By no means! I want to sell him the ring!"

Hautour

"Why don't you speak to our boy Josh about his conduct?" asked Mrs. Cornotassel.
"I'd like to," replied the farmer, "only Josh is gettin' so kind o' high and haughty, I'm not sure we're on speakin' terms."

They are trying to find a new name for jazz. Isn't the present name sufficiently descriptive?

The Star Over the Barn

By CHRISTOPHER G. HAZARD

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IT HAD been a strange Christmas Eve. The falling snow had changed to sleet and the sleet had turned to rain. The disappointed children had hung their stockings by the chimney with fears that the reindeer and the sleigh of Santa Claus would not be able to bring him over the muddy roads. Their dreams were disturbed by visions of wreckage and bundles scattered about. At the church party there had been a Santa Claus, but when his mask slipped down and he put up his hand to fix it they knew that he was not the real one. There had been three wise men, following a star, too, but their white whiskers and pointed staves had frightened the girls who were the angels so that they could not sing. And now it seemed as though the real Christmas would be a failure, too.

It looked that way to others on that dreary evening. It seemed to two travelers who were making their way towards the farm house that they could not keep their closely wrapped bundle dry much longer and that the night was very dark indeed. They were very glad to pass the sleeping house and find a refuge in the old barn and a bed on the fragrant hay. Their long and weary journey was forgotten in the dreams that came to comfort them with pictured hopes, and they were all unconscious of the peace and brightness that had succeeded the storm.

In the house, however, unconsciousness had been suspended. Ears strained in vain for sleigh bells, but a gentle voice had fallen upon them with a happy Christmas greeting from Mrs. Rosebud (for so they called her) and she had called them to the joy of a beautiful Christmas morning. In the colder air there lay a light snow over all the bareness of the day before and it was all ready to sparkle back the merry glances of the cooling sun. But first there gleamed in the pale blue sky and gathering down the light of



The Star Was Resting Just Over Their Barn.

the morning star, and as the children looked out of the window of their room they saw that the star was resting just over their barn.

Perhaps there never was a merrier Christmas morning than the three wise children enjoyed that day. It wasn't merely because the stockings had grown big and bumpy through the night. It wasn't only because they could even smell the Christmas tree through the crack in the parlor door. It wasn't the new hair ribbons, the Dutch apron, the small pair of scissors tied with blue ribbon and the small pair tied with red ribbon, the angel cake, the box of "Orole" candy, the new skates, the extra doll "Fanny." It wasn't all these or the play house, or the pencil sharpener, or even the writing case that made one of the ecstatic youngsters say, "Next Christmas, when old Sant' comes down the chimney, I'm going to make him kneel down, then I'll whisper in his ear, 'You old Santy Fatcake!'" And it wasn't every blessing of the day that made them thankful enough, for pulling an orange out of her stocking one of them was heard to say, "You're giving me too much fruit. It was something sweeter, greener and more beautiful, something that was in the under though, of all their hearts and that was presently to be in their experience, for, as they ran down to the barn, carrying their new treasures along to play with them on the barn floor, they heard a movement and a strange cry behind the barn door. And when they opened the door, there upon the hay were the travelers, the old man with the kindly look, the lovely one who seemed to be his daughter, and the unbundled baby, smiling so deeply and so sweetly. It was the baby that was the best of all. It was the baby that sat by the table in the high chair, with little gifts before him. It was the baby that made the feast so greatly good for them all and caused them to give thanks for the star that, despite the storm and cloud, had led them to their barn. It was the baby that inspired the prayer of one of the children that Christmas night, when she said, "We know you sent your little baby Jesus for us to love. So, merry Christmas, God!"

Maude's Latest

Maude Muller on a Christmas day helped harvest presents by the way. And as the gifts began to drop she said it was a goodly crop. —Louisville Courier-Journal.

CHRISTMAS COLD WEATHER

By Martha Banning Thomas

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

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

Soon we are sitting before a pile of waffles a foot high.

"Now, Peter," reconstructs Candice, "don't give me such an everlasting helping!"

but Peter solemnly continues to fill up her plate.

"They say Shorty's little shaver ain't so well tonight," he remarks, passing the smoking beauties to his wife. "Get an awful cold. They had the doc this afternoon."

Christmas—and Shorty's little boy sick! He lives across the road and bestows his cheerful chatter and shining eyes upon us without charge and great generosity.

"I had something to give him. Guess I'll run over after supper," says Candice, making the first lissous incision into her layered waffles.

His name is Billy and he's about as big as a grasshopper; he gets "under foot" and is always frolicking at somebody's heels like a puppy. He it was, upon one occasion, who explained to us the nature of his dinner.

"Well, William," we said, apropos of his third cookie in the middle of the afternoon, "Didn't you have any dinner?"

"Oh, yes," he boomed upon us, "We had putting for dinner."

"Putting?" we inquired. "Don't you mean pudding?"

"No, putting!" he insisted; "because we put the flour in, you know!"

Dear little Billy, with his high, clear voice that always reminded one of water running over pebbles.

"His father said he was going to get him a Christmas tree this year," continued Peter. "I saw him dragging it down from the woods day before yesterday. Bill was hoppin' up and down some. I can tell you. Ticked to pieces. Guess that's where he caught cold."

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

"Only me," sounds the soft, sturring voice of Billy's Italian father. "I jus' come to say dat boy o' mine all right now. We've seek dis mornin'—fine by now, an' an I have d' milk?"

A quick light-heartedness flows over us. We had not realized how deliberate we had striven to be. Billy better! All's right with the world!

It's colder! A careful scrutiny of the thermometer reveals the temperature at six above.

Peter pokes around down cellar and covers up his apples and potatoes against a night of freezing, and brings up some red beauties to be consumed later in the evening with nuts and popcorn.

Cold... COLDEIT! Sleigh bells jingling by on the road! Merry Christmas!

Christmas Dinner Centerpieces

An attractive centerpiece for the Christmas dinner is made by cutting a large five-point star out of white sheet wadding. This is placed smooth-side downward. The fluffy upper side is then pulled apart a little to simulate snow and sprinkled thick with Jack Frost powder. In the center of this is placed a bowl or tall glass vase filled with holly twigs and scarlet berries, and the edges of the star are outlined with pieces of holly.

Merry Xmas

is our wish for the friends and customers who have caused the past year to have been a most successful one for our institution. Your patronage has indeed made the year a busy one for us.

We hope each and everyone of you will have a most successful season and that we may continue to enjoy your friendship and good will.

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There is an estimated shortage this year of 178,000,000 bushels of rye. The shortage in bottles is also great.

The cross-word puzzle may be educational, but we'll be doggoned if we will concede its intellectuality.

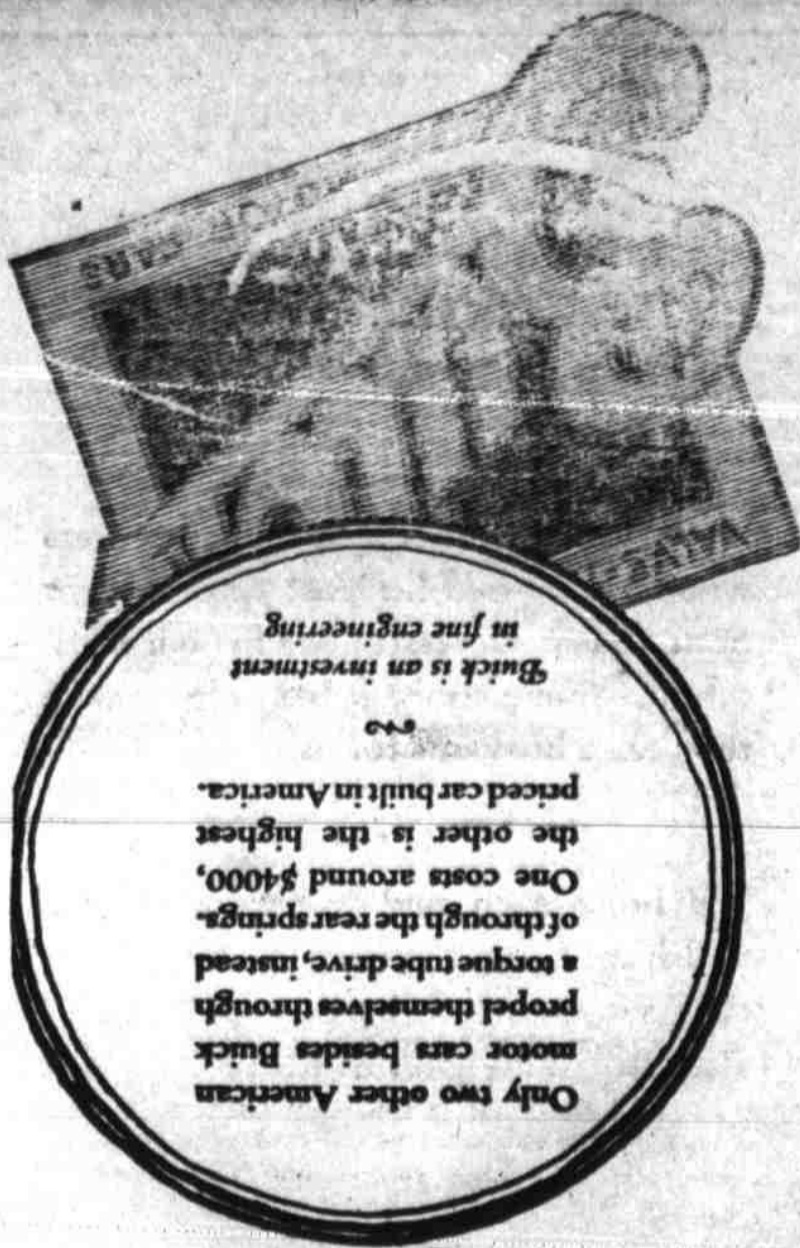
Napoleon is said to have carried the lives of Alexander the Great, Hannibal and Ghenghis Khan with him in all of his wonderful military campaigns. On the battlefield, he used them for his pillow. And he became even greater than his models. No life with a low ideal can ever attain its full measure of power and beauty.

Mrs. Ferguson, Governor of Texas, and Mrs. Ross, Governor of Wyoming, will be the first female governors of American States, but the married state has long been accustomed to a woman governor.

The Senate, it is said, will not hear from Senator Butler of Massachusetts as often as it heard from Senator Lodge, whom he succeeds. That fits in with the prediction that he is to be Coolidge's mouthpiece.

Some European statesmen say that they are at a loss to determine just what the United States stands for. Some few years ago, however, their doubts were ended as to what she doesn't stand for.

Bernard Shaw said that there would be terrible consequences if the British Tories won the election last month, and now that the Tories have won, he is writing a new play.



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Big Spring Lamesa Lubbock

Miss May Collins left last Friday for Merkel to spend the Christmas holidays.

Miss Ruby DeLong left last Friday night for a visit in San Antonio and San Angelo.

Norman Spencer left last Friday evening for Lexington, Ky., where he will spend Christmas with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Baker arrived Tuesday from Lubbock to spend Christmas with Mrs. Baker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Orenb...

Miss Jewell Ramsey left last Friday to spend the holidays with her folks.

Chas. Sanders is having a brick servants house erected just south of the Wyoming Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Miller and daughter, Claudine, left Wednesday night for Frisco, Texas, for a visit with Mrs. Miller's parents.

Mrs. Cora Hill arrived Tuesday night from Fort Worth to spend the Christmas holiday season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Johnson.

Concerning Schools

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 23.—Texas has no right to expect its teachers to carry a burden of interest by discounting their pay checks. It is unfair for teachers to have to wait considerable periods before having the pay checks cashed, or to have to discount them for immediate cash. Authorities should not only be allowed but should be required to use their borrowing power in order to give teachers their full salary when due.

So declares Dr. George A. Works, director of the Texas School Survey, who states that it is an altogether too common thing in Texas for teachers to have to go to local banks or individuals and put up their salary checks as collateral or otherwise be at considerable expense to get ready cash. Thousands of dollars are lost to Texas teachers annually in this wise, bringing about a great degree of dissatisfaction on the part of the teachers who thus lose a part of their already meager earnings.

NEGRO AND MEXICAN SCHOOLS—Districts should not be free to use apportionments based on Mexican and negro scholastics without definitely caring for the education of these people, declares a second phase of the report. There is no uniform plan of educational practices in arranging for Mexican and negro scholastics, it was found, as individual districts within the same county varied their methods. Some provide adequately, levying a local tax in addition to the state apportionment—others the apportionments were used for the white schools.

Crime and poverty will follow such a policy of haphazard treatment of these scholastics, thinks Dr. Works, who points out that the state as a whole must take the consequences flowing from the failure of many communities to provide adequate schools for all the children.

Interscholastic League to Function

During the Tri-County Teachers Institute here last week the teachers of Howard county perfected the Howard County Interscholastic League and every teacher agreed to have representatives in the various events.

The following were elected to be in charge of the League's activities this year, arrange programs, etc.: A. B. Edwards, director general of county; Miss Mary Johnson, director of declamation; Norman Spencer, director of debating; Edward Simpson, director of spelling; Miss Clara Pool, director of essays; Joe Ward, director of athletics; R. B. Hood, director of rural schools; Miss Della Agnell, director of music memory.

A two day program of athletics, debating, spelling, declamation, etc. will be held in Big Spring about April 21st and this promises to be one of the finest occasions ever held in our county. The winners in these various events are to go to the district Interscholastic League meet to contest for the honor of going to the state meet.

The teachers are enthusiastically entering into the work of the league and if our citizenship lend their hearty cooperation and support it is bound to be a most beneficial and helpful occasion from every standpoint.

Feeding Experiments Results

The weighing of the calves which are being fed at the U. S. Experiment Station here was completed Wednesday.

Fred Keating, superintendent of the station, reports the following gains shown:

Lot No. 1—Fifteen steer calves being fed on silage, cotton seed meal and hulls, show an average gain of 59.6 lbs. each for the 28-day period.

Lot No. 2—Fifteen head being fed on cotton seed hulls and meal show a gain of 38 lbs. each for the same period.

Lot No. 3—Fifteen head being fed on dry cane and cotton seed meal show a gain of 60.6 lbs. each for the 28-day period.

Pays \$40 Per Acre For Farm

Ed Martin this week purchased of G. R. Edens a one hundred and twenty acre farm in the R-Bar community paying \$40 per acre therefor. Mr. Martin has owned farming land in Howard county for many years, bought an additional three hundred and twenty acres last year so he knows the value of good land in that section.

Mr. Edens is going to hold an auction sale at his place Monday, Dec. 29th to dispose of his work stock, farming implements and household goods.

Schools and Stores Closed January 1.

As New Year's Day, January 1st, is a national holiday the business houses and schools will be closed throughout the day as is the usual custom.

Will Olson and brother left Monday for Palestine, being summoned there by the serious illness of their father.

ORPHAN CHILDREN LOOKING FORWARD TO CHRISTMAS

BUCKNER ORPHANS' HOME HAS TASK OF BEING SANTA CLAUS TO 700 CHILDREN.

LARGE GIFTS NECESSARY FOR DAILY SUPPORT

Three New Buildings for Coming Year Goal of Home.

Right at this time more letters are being addressed to Santa Claus out at Buckner Orphans' Home, near Dallas, than to any other one person. Naturally that is to be expected—especially in a family where there are 700 children! And the wants of the children are various and multitudinous. One little fellow, who had secured the help of an older child to write his letter, dictated his wants to his little stenographer in the following words:

"Jee anything."

There was the customary assurance, of course, that he "had been a good boy" during the year.

Many communities, churches, and organizations in Texas are now making offerings in cash and in merchandise to send to Buckner Orphans' Home, so that these dependent children will have good cheer at Christmas time.

Cash Offerings Most Valuable.

Dr. Hal F. Buckner, one of the co-managers of the institution, in a special interview, emphasized the importance of making gifts to the in cash wherever possible. However, some communities are making up car-load lots of merchandise, including groceries and clothing, and sending direct to the Home. These gifts are appreciated, but the purchasing power of the Home is greater than that of the individual and where money is sent direct it can be used in the most economical way.

Five Hundred Dollars a Day to Run Home.

Outside of the responsibility of Buckner Orphans' Home to take care of the children on special occasions like Christmas, there is the every-recurring need to provide for the daily needs of the children year in and year out.

It has been estimated that it takes approximately \$500 a day to care for the running expenses of the Home. For each child in the Home \$300 per year is necessary. This runs up a total bill of nearly \$200,000 a year, not including money needed for building and permanent improvements. This large amount must come entirely from the free-will offerings of the people of Texas, as the institution has only a very small endowment.

23,000 Loaves of Bread to Feed Children.

Some idea of the great task it is to feed 700 children for one year's time may be gained from the following figures:

23,000 loaves of bread; 24,000 rolls; 6,000 pies; 20,000 muffins; 3,200 gallons of ice cream; 225,000 pounds of milk; 170 tons of ice. In addition to this the children have biscuits for breakfast every morning of the year, and this item alone would figure a grand total of nearly six million biscuits a year!

Home Has Never Turned Away a Destitute Child.

In the receiving of children into Buckner Orphans' Home the institution is guided by certain fundamental principles. They can not take children that are not absolute destitute; the child must be normal, mentally and physically; but the Home has never finally turned away a white full orphan child who came within the limits of the above requirements. The Home is non-sectarian in its ministry and children of every religious denomination, and of no denomination, are welcomed into the Home.

New Dormitories Needed

Two new dormitories for girls and one for boys, are greatly needed for the coming year. The Home is seeking contributions for the erection of these buildings. A modern school building is needed to take care of the educational activities of the Home. The school is of academy rank and graduates from the Home school may enter without examination, any college in the State. Many of the older boys and girls are now in various colleges and universities over the State, completing the education begun in the Buckner Academy.

One other vital need of the Home is the drilling of an artesian well. The estimated cost of this is a little below \$25,000.

Information in detail covering the entire history and activities of Buckner Orphans' Home is being sent throughout the State and to those who request such information from the administration office at Dallas.

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A critical look at your battery occasionally, regular addition of water—that is the way to stop trouble before it starts. Let us do this for you. If any repairs are needed, you will find our work quick, skilful, and at right prices. Our repair service is for all makes of batteries. Will you pay us a visit?

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Miss Lelline Rogers is spending the Christmas holidays with relatives in Stanton.

Freacher Trus returned Sunday night from El Paso. He brought a new White one-ton truck to be used as a delivery truck for his oil and gasoline station.

Misses Jewell and Lillian Younger left last Friday for Texas, to spend the Christmas days with relatives.

Oscar Kobay arrived from Nashville, Tenn., where he attends Vanderbilt University, to spend Christmas with his family.

Among our assets, we like to count the only one thing that money cannot buy, Your Good Will, and at this Holiday Season we extend to you, not as a customer alone, but as a friend, the best of wishes for the coming year.

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Heartiest Greetings

At this season of the year when one is reminded of the fact that 1924 is about finished we desire to take this occasion to express our appreciation of the loyal good will and patronage that we have enjoyed.

We deeply appreciate this generous patronage and shall earnestly strive to give you better service in the days to come.

We extend every good wish for a joyous Christmas and a glad New Year to our friends throughout this section.

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Beautiful Fairview Heights

Motor out and see these beautiful lots. If you have no car, call Earl Read over Phone No. 8, and he will call for you in person and show you these lots. Seeing them is desiring a home here. Title is strictly perfect; patent to the original acreage issued and signed by Governor Ross, and the Abstract-of-Title is made by my selected Abstractor Mr. A. C. Walker. I have owned this property for FORTY YEARS, and have never placed all of it on the market until now. I desire to see our city, "The Green City of the West Plains," to DOUBLE its population during the year 1925; and I will offer special terms on these lots for the next thirty days.

Note that this addition "ADJOINS" the grounds of our High School buildings, and only one block from the Ward School. Your own splendid water by drilling 150 feet; this has been proven; and this should settle the WATER question with you forever; electric lights; phone; city water and free delivery at your door. Remember there is just "one-crop" of lots; also please remember these special terms are only open for the next 30 days; you pay one-half, and you can arrange for 6 or 12 or 18 months on the balance. Select the 75 feet frontage; this is the better frontage. See for yourself, and do not listen to the "split-squee-kicker." Call Earl Read, or see me. 14-41

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Margaret Batjer is visiting relatives in Abilene.

Mrs. C. T. Watson of Lubbock is visiting here Tuesday.

Robb of Dallas will spend Christmas with relatives in this city.

W. C. Bird returned Sunday after several weeks stay in Fort Worth.

Katherine Davidson left last Friday for Fort Stockton to spend Christmas with relatives.

Mrs. Jod A. Rix arrived Sunday from Lubbock to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Rix.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Ory arrived Sunday morning from Ajo, Ariz. to spend Christmas with friends and relatives here. They made the trip in an automobile.

Edith Rogers arrived Sunday from Jackboro where she has been teaching school to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Rogers.

Mrs. Harding arrived Sunday from El Paso where she is a member of the public schools, to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Harding.

W. G. Bryan left last Friday for Austin to spend the holidays with his folks.

Ed Allen and family from Oklahoma to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Powell came in from Lubbock Tuesday to spend Christmas with relatives in this city.

Mrs. C. E. Yarnell and children left Monday for Glasscock county where they will spend Christmas at the ranch home of Mrs. Yarnell's parents.

Miss Gwendolyn Bittle arrived Saturday night from Abilene where she attends McMurry College to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Bittle.

Clyde Fox has let the contract for the erection of a handsome five-room stucco bungalow in Fairview Heights addition. G. A. Foley who was awarded the contract, is now busy on the construction of this new home.

Bedroom For Rent

Nice bedroom for rent—suitable for two gentlemen. One block from business district. Phone 551. 1t-

Human Head or Stone?

Scientists to Decide

Whether a skull-shaped silica stone, unearthed at Canton, Ohio, is the head of an infant of 20,000 years ago or a clever carving done by nature may be decided by recognized anthropologists, members of Canton's medical fraternity have indicated.

The stone, center of an interesting word war among medical authorities in Canton, was unearthed by J. J. Paris, proprietor of a gasoline filling station, when he was excavating, preparatory to erecting an air tank. Paris says he has refused an offer of \$500 made by a physician for his find.

If the stone is declared to be the petrified head of an infant of prehistoric time, new light may be thrown on the mystery of the race of men who inhabited the American continent generations before the Indians, since, it is said, no find has dated back that far.

The skull, if it be one, is unlike that of modern men. It is flat, long and narrow. It gives the impression of having been crushed by two opposing forces.

In weight it does not exceed five pounds. The length from front to back is about seven inches, the width about three and a half inches, and the thickness about three inches. The general shape is oval.

Deep down in the mouth cavity, those who believe it to be a petrified head point out, is the vestige of a tongue. In the lower part of the mouth, where the teeth of a human would be, there are faint impressions, as of tooth marks. There is a small hole at the rear of the base of the stone.

As one looks at the stone, the possibility of it being a petrified head grows in one's mind, those who have examined it say.

On the left cheek there is an indentation that resembles fossilized bone. This point has been the subject of many debates on the part of the physicians who have examined the stone.

Belief that the stone may be the work of a man of long ago is generally discredited by the doctors, who point out that man would have made the carving more regular and not in the "crushed" style.

Crater Is Snake's Home

A short time ago government naturalists in Yellowstone park discovered a pair of bluebirds nesting in a geyser crater. Now they have turned up a snake that lives in a steam-heated cave. Slim, as he has been nicknamed, is a five-foot bullsnake, whose home is on the terraces at Mammoth Hot Springs. He has often been seen, but little attention was paid to him, for bullsnakes are harmless and rattlers do not exist in Yellowstone park. However, he was recently observed in his own home den, which is in a cave in hot spring crater. The hot water has long since ceased to flow from this place, but hot gases and steam still issue through the opening. The dwelling, in spite of its suggestion of the infernal, seems to agree with Slim, for he is sleek and in good condition.

Hen Nests in Tree

A hen in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, selected a tree in which to lay her eggs and hatch a family. She belongs to Ephraim Newcomer of Glen Manor and she chose an apple tree in the orchard. Newcomer saw the hen fly out of the tree and, on making investigation, he found that the hen had made her nest in a decayed crotch, eight feet from the ground. There were ten chicks about four days old in the nest.

Herald want ads get results.

30 Texas Motorists Lost on Way to El Paso, Is Belief

L. R. McClaskey, tourist from Big Spring, requested the aid of county officers Monday in a search for his family, and 30 members of a touring party, missing since last week.

Mr. McClaskey told members of the sheriff's office he left Big Spring last Tuesday ahead of the party, and has failed to hear from them since, although he has made three trips back over the road. He expressed fear the party had unknowingly entered Mexico and were in trouble.

The party consisted of Mr. McClaskey's wife and seven children, besides several other families. The party was traveling in two Ford touring cars, three Ford trucks and a Ford roadster, he said. The party was last heard from in Toyah.

Mr. McClaskey is in Camp Grande waiting word from his family. — El Paso Herald.

Nerves All Unstrung?

Big Spring Folks Should Find the Cause and Correct It.

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

Big Spring folks recommend Doan's for just such troubles.

Mrs. A. B. Winslow, Big Spring, says: "I had pains in the small of my back, just over my kidneys. I couldn't rest at night, because no matter how I lay, there was a steady pain that felt like a red-hot iron across my kidneys. I was subject to nervous headaches and the least noise startled me. My kidneys didn't act regularly at all. After using Doan's Pills I was entirely cured."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Pills—the same that Mrs. Winslow had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y. — advertisement.

Best Great Camp Says J. B. Arnett

J. B. Arnett, leading cafe man of Big Spring, has established the Texas Lunch room at Best. Not content with running the finest cafe in the northern city, Mr. Arnett has already placed himself among the leaders here in the caterers line. A staunch supporter of his home town where the Bankhead Cafe is known along the whole line of the Texas & Pacific Railroad, he has placed himself on record as being anxious to assume the same leading position in Best. When everyone in this city becomes acquainted with Mr. Arnett, they will find him an inspiration in furthering the interests of the town and also note that he backs his talk with an open pocketbook. Best is fortunate in having such citizens. — Oil Review, Best, Texas.

NOTICE TO HOMESEEKERS

I have a sub-agency for Howard County with the Yellow House Land Co. for lands located in Lamb county at from 25 to 40 miles west and northwest of Lubbock, within from five to eighteen miles of Railway. Good schools, free transportation furnished by trucks for school children.

These lands are of a rich dark sandy loam, deep sand with what is termed a clay foundation.

No grubbing to be done only cat-claw to prepare the land for the plow. Many who cultivated a sod crop this year made enough crop to pay all indebtedness against the land. Inexhaustible supply of good water at from sixty to one hundred and sixty feet. They had a three-inch rain at and near Littlefield two weeks ago and more snow than we had, which gives them ample season for sodding.

Splendid terms and 6 per cent interest. For further particulars, see me. A. L. (LEE) SHIVE, Phone 489, Big Spring, Texas. 1tpd

Held for Investigation

Jean Burdette of El Paso, Texas, suffered a fractured spine when the auto in which she was riding with Joe Percifield of Big Spring, Texas, struck a telephone pole at Tenth and University. Percifield, who says that the woman hired him to drive her to California, is held for investigation. — Los Angeles Examiner.

Louis Pistole arrived Tuesday morning from College Station where he attends Texas A. & M. College to spend the Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Pistole.

G. E. Fleeman and daughter arrived the first of the week from San Antonio.

HAVE IT DRY CLEANED  **A MERRY CHRISTMAS**

FOR Christmas, have any of your clothes that need attention, dry cleaned into fresh and pleasing life. We can make your garments like new.

"A Trial will convince"

Cornelius Bros.
PHONE 321

GREETINGS!

"May all the friends
You chance to know
Walk up and down and to and fro
And slap you on the back and say,
A Merry, Merry Christmas Day."

And we want to be considered one of those friends and at the same time thank you for your patronage and good will.

Bankhead Battery Service Station

West Second St.

Phone No. 220

Friends and Patrons

are extended our sincere thanks and appreciation for the generous patronage accorded and we solicit a continuation of same.

We wish one and all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous 1925.

The Bankhead Garage

FRANK LESTER & SON, Proprietors.

GREETINGS

For the great measure of success we have enjoyed the year just coming to a close as well as during the many years we have been engaged in business in Big Spring we want to extend our sincere appreciation to our loyal friends customers. To you is due the credit for our success, and to you we extend our thanks. Our hope is that we can continue to merit this good-will and your valued patronage.

We wish to extend to you and yours all good wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

A. P. McDonald & Co.

SHOES & GENTS FURNISHINGS

Juan and Marcus Garcia left last Saturday night for an auto trip to El Paso.

Miss Lucy Lee Williams is spending the holiday vacation with relatives at Gorman.

Miss Josephine Pazdral is spending the holiday vacation with relatives at West, Texas.

Quite a number of our young people enjoyed a dinner dance at the Elks Cafe Tuesday night.

Mrs. P. J. Scheib of Fort Worth is here to spend the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. H. Sparenberg.

Another cold spell came sneaking in on the heels of the severe one which hit us last Thursday. This second unwelcome visitor struck here Tuesday.

Miss Julia Boyce is spending Christmas with homefolks at Coahoma.

Miss Lillie Burleson is spending Christmas with relatives at Killen.

Mrs. C. A. Schull left Tuesday night for a visit with relatives at Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Smith left last Friday for South Texas to spend Christmas with relatives.

Aaron Johnson arrived Monday from Stephenville where he attends John Tarleton College to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Johnson.

FURNISHED ROOMS FOR RENT
Two rooms furnished for light housekeeping. Bath in connection. Call at Service Barber Shop or 21 E. Third street. 1t-pd

Retain Your Friends

Cheer them in Cheer Time.

Console them in Tear Time.

If there is only one—or there are many—don't lose them through neglect.

Distance is no excuse—time nothing—expense within your reach.

WHEN YOU USE THE TELEPHONE you can sit at your fireplace, and no matter what the weather, or the distance—your voice! your spirit! you!—can travel over the Long Distance Lines!



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Per Quart
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BARLEY & WARREN, Proprietors

Big Spring, Texas

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We Lead—Others Follow

If You Have Not, Try Us. We Please
Good Service

BASEMENT OF WARD BUILDING

WHEN YOU NEED

Best Wood and Coal

PHONE 64

Big Spring Fuel Company

PURSER & HOWELL, Proprietors
BIG SPRING, TEXAS

GULF REFINING CO.

for

KEROSENE — GASOLINE — LUBRICATING OIL

Deliver in any quantity to any part of city
Barrels and Faucets loaned with 30-gallon orders

PHONE NO. 9

HERB LEES, Agent
Big Spring, Texas

Money cannot buy everything. There are no admission tickets to a sunset. You wouldn't trade the look in your boy's eyes when he greets you at night for a million dollars of anybody's money.

Worry is the mental message that you've got poison in your veins. A woman's tongue is sometimes long enough to cut her throat. Don't profess too much. Be careful how you give in your holdings.

The Actor's Christmas Party

By H. Lucas Cook

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ALL of the actors of the Zoroaster Stock company were good, but perhaps Billy Kelly was the best liked by the townspeople. Billy had been there six weeks, now, and was living at Mrs. Perkins' on Center street. Hence Center street was particularly thrilled at this time, because it had never before harbored a real live actor, and it could not quite get used to the idea.

Mrs. Perkins was a respectable middle-aged widow who had to take a few roomers to help out on expenses. She was not quite sure that it was right to have Billy rooming there, as she had an inherited prejudice against actors, but he paid twice as much as she had ever had before for the rooms, did not cause any extra bother, and so far as she could determine, was a human being much like the rest of us.

It did seem strange to her, however, that a young unmarried man should receive one hundred and fifty dollars

a week when Mr. Perkins with his family had earned only that much a month. She wondered if it was honest. And then, too, she did not always know just what to make of Billy's attentions to her. Why, one time when she had fallen asleep on the sofa without a covering, he had gone to his own room and got his genuine Japanese silk kimono and covered her with it. She had found it over her when she woke up.

Mrs. Perkins had just finished telling this and several other incidents to the Ladies' Aid society, when one of the progressive ladies asked:

"Well, what are we to do with him for Christmas? It doesn't seem right not to do anything, when he is away from his people and all."

Everyone else had been thinking the same thing, but had not dared mention it, and none of them had any suggestions to make. No one dared ask him to dinner (they were so shy), and Mrs. Perkins herself, who really should have asked him, had decided to go to the hotel so as not to have to do so. They certainly could not give him ties or socks, as Mrs. Perkins assured them that he had hundreds of socks and thousands of ties, which everyone readily believed, as they had never seen him dressed twice the same.

It certainly looked like a cold Christmas for Billy. But next door to Mrs. Perkins lived a dear old maid who had been housekeeper for the Walters for many years. Every Christmas she made mittens for all the children in the neighborhood, and when they grew too big for mittens, she gave candy to the girls and neckties to the boys. She was a community institution, but nobody ever thought of her in connection with Billy.

But when Christmas morning arrived, and Center street was busy with its toys, Billy had not been forgotten. The Perkins children were just opening their packages from the housekeeper next door when one of them discovered an envelope for Billy. He darted upstairs, and timidly knocked on the actor's door and slipped the envelope under.

"What could it be?" wondered Mrs. Perkins, for she knew it was no Christmas card.

She had not long to wonder, however, for Billy soon came running down flourishing a crisp new dollar bill which he had found in the envelope, and called to one of the children coming he told Mrs. Perkins of the welcome present, and how it had suggested to him to give a party next door in honor of the housekeeper. He told her to take the children over there quickly, as he would be back in twenty minutes.

True to his word, he was there in twenty minutes, and with him the whole Ladies' Aid society, and, to the delight of everyone, a whole gallon of ice cream which he and the kindly housekeeper served to all assembled, with many jokes and much merriment. Then Billy sang some rousing Christmas songs, kissed the housekeeper on the brow and taxed all the ladies none.

He had so many invitations to dinner he had to refuse them all, but he was not sorry for this as he joined Mrs. Perkins at the hotel, and he really liked her best of all.

Might Have Been Worse

"What did your wife give you for Christmas?"

"Nothing."

"That was tough."

"Well, it might have been a necktie or a smoking jacket."



The Very Merriest Christmas!

ever is our wish for the good people of Howard and surrounding counties. To each and everyone of you who, by your valued patronage, have helped to make this a successful year for our store we extend our sincere thanks. We value this patronage more than we can express and assure you that we will continue our square deal methods in order that we may continue to have your confidence and good will. We will in the future, as in the past, endeavor to sell goods for less money.

The Grand Leader

Victor Mellinger, Proprietor

The Store That Always
Sells It for Less!

The Christmas Spirit

There is a better thing than the observance of Christmas day—that is keeping Christmas.

The spirit of Christmas is so fine and so big, so generous, that we surely know what it should be.

The greatest joy in life is in contributing to the happiness of some other individual—to the boy or girl, or the needy and destitute.

A miser is the most pitiful object in the whole world, the most loveless and wretched of God's creatures. He has stifled the Creator's purpose in giving him life and has ceased to grow. While there are few misers, it is also true that slowly and surely there is a gradual awakening to the fact that Christmas means more than the giving of presents; that it means a fitness between the gift and the giver's mode of living; that we give with common sense and out of the fullness of our hearts.

The ideal Christmas should embody the cheer and good will of the English Yuletide with the charm of the German celebration and yet be thoroughly American in its application.

Let us give out of the fullness of our hearts appropriate and useful gifts to our immediate families, to our dearest friends. Christmas without toys would be very sad to the little folks and this part of the program should never be changed. We will remember our dozen or hundreds of relatives, friends and acquaintances with an appropriate message of goodwill.

We will try to trim our lamp so that it will give less smoke and more light; to make a grave for ugly thoughts and a garden with an open gate for kindly feelings.

Remember that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago is the image of brightness and eternal love.

Then you can keep Christmas—Ranger Times.

Good Mules For Sale or Trade
6 head of good young work mules for sale, or will trade for good Ford truck. See J. B. SHOCKLEY. 11p

Bolsheviks are trying to abolish shame. Daugherty, Fall, et al did very well along that line in this country.

Herald want ads get good results.

Boom Days and the Thinking Farmer

All the signs of the times point to boom days, probably not so extravagant as the war boom, but enough to lead to dangerous expansion in certain directions. It's a well-balanced man who doesn't allow the psychology of the crowd to lead him into long-shot ventures, or to scare him into a hole and pull the hole in after him. It is by grace of the great, solid, conservative, yet progressive, majority that every industry is kept on a more or less even keel. Without it the plunger on the one hand or the reactionary on the other, would wreck society. The farming element has always been regarded as a balance wheel by reason of its progressive conservatism. There is reason to question whether the farmer fills this important place in modern civilization by virtue of his deliberate will to do so, or because of the basic soundness of the farming business.

While most of the constructive reforms that have been adopted in our country the past half century originated on the farms, it is well to remind ourselves that they sprang from the minds of thinking farmers.

The farmer who complains that he has no time to read is the one who complains of conditions he might remedy himself, and without the information which comes only by reading is the ready dupe of every financial or political schemer that comes along. He it is that contributes to the body of malcontents who follow after every "ism" in the hope of miraculous salvation from his own inertia and incompetency.

The farmer who reads, digests, analyzes, and uses his head for something besides the barber's harvest field, has been and will continue to be the soundest element in our complicated modern society. He has originated and carried forward more constructive developments in politics than all other elements together, and he it is who will, if it is to be done, bring about the necessary reforms which will further stabilize this great lumbering, magnificent machine which we call civilization.

The thinking farmer will not only save agriculture but every other industry as well—Farm and Ranch.

The Republicans tax our kitchen to provide the fat they fry for campaign purposes.

The Fool-killer Needed

It required the services of a or more men to keep the fire hose driving over the fire hose during fire Wednesday night. They to think it was perfectly O. K. drive over the hose, and they very near running over the hose were trying to stop them. bunch of fellows from Ackerly arrested and made to pay a fine \$10 for deliberately refusing to orders in this respect.

If about nine-tenths of the who rush to every fire would away it would be possible for work to be accomplished. the curiosity seekers manage in the way or else park their mobiles where they will be in way of the firemen. Parking around the fire-plug is the best some of these ginks know.

Cane For Sale

8,000 binds of cane for sale cents per bind. Call at my place 14 miles north of Fairview. PARRISH.

TELEPHONE 51

When you want a job of plumbing or wiring done right, phone 51. E. Coleman Electric and Plumbing Company.

Every terracing job will cost more than paid the cost in one season. A well-terraced farm is a indication of good farming. A terrace prevents washing of soil and conserves fertility. If you are convinced of that fact, visit a farm in your community where terracing has been done and talk to the man who owns the farm. Farm and Ranch.

Land to Rent

100 acres of land for rent. party who will purchase (lease) tools worth the money. Land 14 miles north of Big Spring, or write me. P. E. LITTLE, 568, Big Spring, Texas.

Wayne B. Wheeler says there are "few and lonesome" who observation has been they are a few in every county and they are.

226,000 Acres
Famous C Ranch
 open to colonization.
 between Midland and
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SOUTH PLAINS
 lands have been sub-
 divided in tracts of 150 acres.
Good Water, Quality
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 Let me present
E. I. SECURITY
 one of the most valuable
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Episcopal Church
 7:30 p. m. an entertain-
 Christmas trees will be given
 children will give the
 David Ellis, Victor Mer-
 Camille Koberg, Freddie
 Herby Lee Jr., Nancy Belle
 Annie Belle Williamson, Joe
 Elva Winslow, James Win-
 Josephine Winslow, Nancy
 Mary Louise Gilmore, John
 Annamae Homan, Roy
 Monroé Williams, Vir-
 Reba Winslow, Louise
 lock midnight celebration
 Communion.
 Rev. F. B. Etelson.

CEMENT WORK
 compared to do all kind of
 work, such as coping, walks,
 tanks, etc. I refer
 work I have done in this
 area.
A. B. WINSLOW
 Mrs. C. W. Spence arrived
 ago from Rogers, Ark.
 their home in Howard
 They left here some four
 Mr. Spence says there is
 in the world to live
 Mountain section.
 fine there but came
 because their children
 of the extreme cold
 have last Friday
 entertainments were
 Morgan tent theatre
 action.

**"WE MUST BE GLAD;
 WE MUST BE KIND"**
IT WAS the usual day-time street
 car crowd.
 he tired-looking girl—overworked
 and underfed—and beside her, the girl
 of leisure with her vanity case; the
 weary business man, with his paper
 before his eyes, and the rollicking
 crowd of boy scouts. The banker
 who had had an accident with his car,
 and—remembered the fact that he had to
 go home in the street car. The over-
 dressed matron, and the fat woman
 who filled the space for two—and was
 mad at all the world because of it.
 The grouchy old man in front of us,
 who growled at the street car system
 and the universe in general.
 Beside me sat a woman with two
 children—one a baby of three and the
 other a lad of six; they were poorly
 dressed.
 The baby began to whimper and the
 mother hastily soothed her, while the
 grouch in front glowered at her.
 "Talk to ill' sister," whispered the
 mother. "Make her to be interest."
 And the six-year-old, hardly more
 than a baby himself, turned to baby
 sister. "Not cry, not fret!" he said
 cheerfully. "This time to be ver'
 glad. This time of holy day because
 Christmas mos' come. You get orange,
 one baby doll, if ver' good—perhaps
 red balloon."
 People were listening now, but the
 little group beside me were uncon-
 scious of it. The baby had fixed
 her black eyes on big brother, and
 when he paused she said briefly—
 "More!"
 And he hastened on—"Lights in the
 shops—many toys—Christmas tree in
 church, and ever' body kind to ever'
 body—stockings to hang up for
 candy."
 "More!" demanded the baby.
 The girl had put away her vanity
 box and was listening; and the bank-
 er across the aisle smiled at the child.
 "And ever one be happy—yes—be-
 cause of those Christ Child," finished
 the boy, as their mother rang the bell,
 and hurried out carrying the baby
 and her many bundles.
 People exchanged smiles, and the
 grouchy old man who was getting off,
 too, turned to help her with the chil-
 dren and the bundles.
 "And the words went with me, re-
 peating themselves over and over—
 "We must be glad, we must be kind—
 because of those Christ Child."—Anna
 Deming Gray.
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**CHRISTMAS SPIRIT
 MAKES CHRISTMAS**

IT WAS Christmas morning; the
 ground was covered with snow,
 just right for a real Christmas.
 It was early morning and the Gaylord
 household was astir.
 "Now, not a single package," that
 tree touched until I get the turkey in
 the oven."
 This from the busy Mother Gaylord
 as she hurriedly poked into the al-
 ready over-stuffed turkey one more
 spoon of dressing.
 "All right, old dear," shouted Hugh,
 the eldest of the three sons—"a tree
 wouldn't be a tree, nor a gift a gift
 without you."
 "Thank you, son," said mother as
 she dried her hands and joined the
 boys. "Father is sorry, I know, to miss
 all this joy with us—but business first.
 That largest package is from him.
 His letter said possibly he couldn't
 be here for a month."
 "Well, mother, let's save the tree
 until he does come, and not touch a
 package, for a tree is not a tree, nor
 is a gift a gift with Dad away."
 A familiar step was heard; the bell
 rang and in stepped Dad, shouting
 "Merry Christmas to all! My pack-
 age not opened yet! By Jo! Had
 I'm just in time."
 Four voices in unison: "How did
 you get here?" "Blew in!" asked
 Mother.
 "Well, I guess I did. Christmas
 couldn't be Christmas without you
 four, so I came by airplane. Golly!
 the turkey smells good; let's open our
 packages."
 The tree was truly a tree; the pack-
 ages were sure-enough gifts; the tur-
 key was honest-to-goodness turkey,
 and Christmas was perfect, too, for
 the whole family was assembled with
 true love in their hearts for each
 other and Christ was in the midst.—
 Emily Burks Adams.
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**Let Us Make Greetings
 Ring With Good Cheer**
GOOD MORNING!
Merry Christmas!
Happy New Year!
 These are greetings which every-
 body uses, and which we hear from
 the lips of all alike—"rich man, poor
 man, beggar man, thief, doctor, law-
 yer, merchant, chief." But to how
 many of us do the words live? Are
 they not for the most part a mere
 meaningless formula without even the
 inspiration behind them that usually
 prompts our spontaneous "hello!"
 Let it be different this year.
 Let us back these joyous greetings
 with hearty enthusiasm. As a man
 may be judged by his handshake, so
 may he be judged by his salutations.
 Let these time-worn phrases take on
 new life and become time-honored
 phrases.
 Let us mean—
 Good morning!
 Merry Christmas!
 Happy New Year!
 —H. Lucius Cook.
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**AUNT LIZZIE ANN'S
 CHRISTMAS LETTER**

NOW, if Aunt Lizzie Ann had
 only written for Christmas, the
 family agreed as they sat
 around the big fire that blazed upon
 the open hearth, everything would
 have been just perfect. As it was,
 things were awfully nice and everyone
 was having such a good time, but
 Aunt Lizzie Ann's Christmas letter
 had failed to come—the first miss
 since they all remembered—and its
 absence cast a little cloud over them,
 try as they would to hide it.
 Aunt Lizzie Ann had always written
 the dearest Christmas letter—gifts
 she had none to send since Uncle Ed
 died several years ago—but always
 there had been that wonderful letter,
 that breathed so deep the very spirit
 of Christmas that it had almost be-
 come a part of the very time itself for
 the Dermott family. And although
 none of the family had yet framed the
 thought that Aunt Lizzie Ann must be
 ill, or something dreadful must have
 happened, it lay heavy upon them all.
 So when George announced that he
 was going down to the telegraph office
 to wire they all agreed that it was the
 best thing to do.
 A soft, powdery snow was falling
 as he opened the door to step without.
 He had been gone only a short time
 when a shout from him brought them
 all to the doorway. And there, with
 the snowflakes falling around her, was
 the dearest little old lady, laden with
 bundles, which George tried in vain
 to help her with.
 "It's Aunt Lizzie Ann!" they all
 cried in unison. And sure enough it
 was Aunt Lizzie Ann, coming this
 year herself instead of sending her
 usual letter, and she had the dearest
 and loveliest gifts for them all.
 And when the excitement of her
 coming had died down and they all sat
 around the blazing logs again, Aunt
 Lizzie Ann explained how she had
 been able to come. Uncle Ed had
 taken out an endowment policy for her
 several years ago; it had now ma-
 tured and she was free to do the
 things she had wanted to for so long.
 "You have been giving to me for so
 many years," she said, "it makes me
 feel real good to be able to make
 some return at last."
 But the family assured her in all
 sincerity that it was she who had
 given the most to them always—for
 her wonderful Christmas letter had
 helped them more than they could
 ever tell her.—Katherine Edelman.
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**THE "SANTA SACK"
 GAME FOR KIDDIES**

SANTA CLAUS is a real problem
 to some mothers. Shall their
 children be told the truth about
 Santa Claus, or shall they think of
 him as sliding down the chimney with
 reindeer and sleigh? This idea may
 help some mother who is puzzled over
 this question:
 Before our little folks were old
 enough to understand about the exist-
 ence of Santa Claus, whenever we
 saw a picture of the jolly old man,
 we called him Sunny, or Smiling
 Santa, because he looked happy. And
 he looked happy because he was good
 and kind to everyone. So when the
 children quarreled or pouted we would
 try to have them smile and look jolly,
 like Santa, whose picture we had
 among others we referred to, as moral
 or myth pictures.
 As the children grew to understand
 more fully the meaning of the Christ-
 mastide we played a game, "Santa
 sack," which meant that if they al-
 lowed each other or their playmates
 to play with their toys or gave them
 of their apples or cookies, they were
 playing Santa Claus, because Santa
 Claus was unselfish and divided what-
 ever he had from his sack.
 Sometimes when their playmates
 came, we would say, "You'll want to
 play 'Santa Sack' and away they
 would skip to distribute their toys like
 Santa. They delighted to play and
 be called Santa when they ran er-
 rands, smiled or did something kind.
 Santa was a make-believe creature,
 as characters in poems which we
 read to them, such as "The Raggedy
 Man," "Children's Hour," "Jack
 Sprat," "Hiawatha." Anyone who
 gave a gift at any time of year was
 a Santa. And whenever Santa Claus
 distributed gifts at school or at any
 public place, they were delighted that
 someone was playing Santa as they
 played "bear," "doctor" or "teacher"
 in the home with their little friends.
 For anyone who is unselfish, kind and
 cheerful is to them a Santa Claus to
 someone else.
 As they grew older the Santa sack
 was woven into a lesson story with
 the thought that such of us has some-
 thing in smiles, kind words and deeds
 to give to another all the time. For
 the real Santa gave much—all he
 had—from his sack of treasures in
 Bethlehem long ago! So Santa Claus
 means unselfishness, cheerfulness,
 kindness—many things that are worth
 while to our children.—Gertrude
 Walton.
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Toys Best for Children
 "Manipulation" toys are best for
 children between the ages of two and
 four; "dramatic" playthings best be-
 tween four and six, and "construction"
 playthings, such as radio outfits,
 games or toys that teach the simpler
 branches of exact sciences and those
 which exercise and train the hands
 and brain in a somewhat advanced
 way are best.—George Newell Moran.

It's A Humdinger!



R AND R LYRIC

Christmas Day
 Thursday, December 25th

"FEET OF CLAY" is typically DeMille and you know what that means—luxury, gorgeousness, linked with a logical, dramatic, pictorial story. A picture with a "smash" climax, the like of which has never been seen before—a scene you'll talk about just as everyone did of the opening of the Red Sea in "The Ten Commandments."

Here's a Real Picture!

The amazing story of a girl who goes from parties and petting at seventeen to marriage and responsibilities at twenty-one.

You'll See—twenty young goddesses of the sea, riding speed-churned waves on leaping boards behind speeding motorboats—jousting matches between beauties mounted on "sea-horses"—an exciting shark-fight that will make you gasp. And hundreds of other scenes more thrillingly realistic and more sumptuously staged than any you have ever seen on the screen. You'll never forget "Feet of Clay."

ALSO SHOWING

A Splendid 2-Reel Comedy

Admission 15c and 40c Continuous Show 2:00 to 10:30 P. M.

Christmas tree hunting has been the chief outdoor sport the past few days.	Beware of the man who can accept praise without looking like a sheep-killing dog caught in the act.	There are 1,118,000 insects in the British Museum. Wonder who left the screen door open.
The pleasant weather this week enabled folks to be out in force to complete their holiday shopping.	Mr. and Mrs. Tom Adams left the first of the week for El Dorado, Ark. to spend the Christmas holidays on a visit to the parents of Mrs. Adams.	Jim Davis arrived Sunday from the Texas A. & M. College to spend the holiday season with his mother, Mrs. Jno. A. Davis.
Home For Sale New stucco house on South Scurry. Four rooms and bath. If interested phone Pierce Oil Corporation or see me—BEN HOGUE. 15-14	Autos For Sale or will trade for cattle or mules—one Buick car, and one Ford coupe. Phone 454. Webb Christian. 153p	Mrs. C. E. Larmon left last week for Grapevine, Texas. She will join C. E., who holds a position there with the Texas Power and Light Company.

Merry Christmas



We desire to extend the Holiday Greetings to our many friends and customers throughout the Big Spring Country.

We also wish to take time to thank you one and all for the generous patronage accorded our two stores. This evidence of good-will is indeed appreciated and we hope to enjoy a continuation of your valued patronage.

May this Christmas be an especially happy one for everyone and the New Year one of the most prosperous you have ever known.

CUNNINGHAM AND PHILIPS
 IN BUSINESS FOR YOUR HEALTH
 BOTH STORES

Donna, Texas, Dec. 18, 1924
 To The Herald,
 Big Spring, Texas.

Greetings: I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year, with many more to come.

Your friend,
ARCHIE E. ROWLAND.

To Get More Eggs

—feed more wheat. Only \$3.00 per hundred pounds at my ranch, on Gall route. Phone 9095-F4. J. P. ANDERSON. 5-1f

One of the problems we must solve during the coming year is the housing problem. We must provide apartments or homes for the folks who desire to come to our city to make their homes.

Raiford Roberts who attends the A. & M. college arrived Sunday to spend the holiday vacation with relatives in this city.

Old Curiosity Repair Shop

China, Glassware, Furniture, Sewing Machines, Typewriters, Guns, Bicycles, Electric Flat Irons, Electric Washing Machines, Vacuum Sweepers, Fans, repaired; Hydrant bibs and cut-outs, renewed; Inner tubes vulcanized. In fact, we are prepared to do all kinds of repair work. Give us a trial. Shop at 504 Jack Street. J. R. CRAVEN.

Mrs. Bert Trimble and son, Morris Mann, and Mrs. John McCue and daughter, Lois, arrived last week from Dallas to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in this city.

Al Scutter says we'll not have a great national Democratic victory until we have a great national Democrat.

The conviction that Christianity is a failure is common to many great thinkers who haven't tried it.

First Christian Church

Another year has gone. A year with many blessings, and good fellowship in the work of the Master. Let us show our gratitude and appreciation for all the blessings of the past year, by starting the New Year in the spirit of better service and let the First Sunday in the New Year find us in the house of Worship. The best way to start the New Year will be to attend all services on the first Lord's day in the New Year.

Bible school at 9:45.
 Preaching and communion at 11.
 Sermon subject for the morning, "Putting a God to Bed."
 C. E. 6:15.

Preaching at 7 p. m. A special New Year's sermon will be preached at this service.

Prayer meeting, and Bible study Wednesday night at 7:30.

Fort Worth Record Only \$7.45
 If you want one of the best daily papers in Texas for only \$7.45 for a full year by mail. The Herald is now authorized to accept subscriptions for the Record at this price. See us and have this big daily sent to you for one year. **BIG SPRING HERALD.** 49-1f

Horses and Mules for Sale
 Two spans of heavy, broke, work horses, and several spans of mules, coming threes and fours. All ready for work. Will be penned for inspection at my ranch every Saturday. If you need good work stock—phone 9017-F3. **W. F. CUSHING.** 21f

Remember the big benefit football game on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 25th at the baseball park in Big Spring. Kin Barnett's All-Star College team will tackle the High School Steers who will be in charge of Charles Segel. A great game is assured and the proceeds will go toward building a Gym at the High. Everybody should attend this game.

Dynamite for Planting Trees
 Use a stick of dynamite to prepare the ground for planting your fruit trees. Your trees will do better. Only 30 cents a stick. Phone 344 or see me. **E. M. LaBEFF** 10-1f

J. G. Hancock of Henderson, Texas, who has been here the past few weeks on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. P. B. Bittle, is well pleased with Big Spring. Mr. Hancock who is seventy-eight years of age is more active than most men from ten to twenty years younger.

The Tonsor where progress is the watchword. Six barbers who know their business. If you have not made us a visit, do so today. We will appreciate your patronage at all times. **THE TONSOR BEAUTY SHOP**
 J. L. McWhirter, Proprietor
 Basement State National Bank Bldg.

We expect to see quite a bit more activity in the line of oil development in this section during 1925. Should the Gulf Production Co. strike the oil sand in McDowell well No. 3 that was encountered in McDowell No. 4, and be able to shut off the water above this sand, things would pick up in a hurry.



Our Sincere Thanks

are extended to our many good friends and customers for the fine business we have enjoyed the past year. Your generous patronage and good-will have been responsible for our success, and we take this method to let you know that we deeply appreciate same.

We also desire to extend best wishes for one of the very Merriest Christmases you have ever known, and may 1925 be one of prosperity for each and everyone of you.

W. R. Purser & Sons
 BIG SPRING and STANTON, TEXAS

Red Star Stage Line

Big Spring and Lamesa Line

Car leaves from Wigwam and Busy Bee Restaurant. Leaves Big Spring for Lamesa 12, midnight, and 9 a. m.

LAMESA AND LUBBOCK LINE

Leave Lamesa for Lubbock..... 8 a. m. and 2 p. m.
 Leave Lubbock for Lamesa..... 8 a. m. and 2 p. m.
 Leave Lubbock..... 2 p. m. arrive Big Spring..... 7:15 p. m.
 Leave Big Spring..... 9 a. m. arrive Lubbock..... 4:30 p. m.
 Arrive at Amarillo..... 9:30 p. m.

We make direct connection at Lubbock with Red Ball Stage to Plainview and Amarillo; making double service Big Spring to Amarillo. We operate all new cars, equipped with trunk racks. We call for and deliver passengers anywhere in town.

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119 Main Street Big Spring, Texas



We wish one and all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. At the same time we want you to know how thoroughly we appreciate your valued patronage and good will thruout the year 1924 and preceding years.



Stokes Motor Co.
 Ford Sales and Service Station

If we can get the water problem solved for years to come, during 1925 we will have settled one of our biggest and most important problems. Our city cannot expand much more until we are assured a plentiful supply of water at all times.

The arrangement committee for the Christmas tree to be held in the Knights of Pythias Hall on Thursday night, Dec. 25th report splendid progress being made and a jolly time is assured members of the Knights of Pythias and their families.

Motor vehicles registered in Texas this year ran close to the 800,000 mark. This means there was an automobile for practically every family in our state, if they had been passed around. An even greater number will be registered in 1925.

Miss Lena Price arrived Saturday from Tahoka where she is in charge of the domestic science department of the Tahoka school to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Price.

The campaign to raise funds for a Gym at the High School will be vigorously pushed after January 1st. Just now folks are too busy planning for Christmas to think about a Gym. So be prepared to "kick in" when the committee tackles you.

Herbert Whitney arrived Sunday from College Station, Texas, where he attends A. & M. College, to spend the holiday vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Whitney.

The record for 1924 is just about chalked up, and it is now up to each of us to work to make 1925 a bigger and more successful year in every way.

G. C. Holden of Coahoma was a business visitor here Monday.

An Atlanta judge sends all speeders to jail for six months, in 1925. But will the jails in Georgia hold half of them?

"Single women enjoy fiction more than married women," says a magazine writer. Perhaps the married ones hear too much of it.

Mr. and Mrs. Ella Johnson arrived Saturday from Las Vegas, Nevada, to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Johnson.

Mrs. F. C. Neidermister and daughter, Valerie arrived Tuesday from El Paso to spend the Christmas holidays with her sister, Mrs. A. T. Lloyd and other relatives in this city.

Don't pity the missionary. pose his task was to convert them at home.

Soviet Russia permits 30 per cent of alcohol in cognac. After a report has tested out a few 30 per cent samples he is likely to lose the count.

M. W. Harwell and J. L. Price were called to Amarillo last week to witness in the Miller trial now being held there. Mr. Price returned home Wednesday.

A woman has all sorts of theories for the development of her hair. all a man does for his is to be on the wrong side of the mirror. the big slump comes.

We Thank You!



We wish to join in extending Holiday Greetings to our friends and customers for their patronage and good will. Our friendly relations thruout the years are a source of much satisfaction and pride to us. Our efforts to render service and satisfaction will be as earnest in the future as in the past for we value your confidence and esteem as well as your patronage.

Hoping that this may be the Happiest Christmas you have ever known and 1925 the most prosperous in your history for each of you.

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PHONE 145

May Happiness and Prosperity

come to you and yours this Holiday Season and thruout the coming year.

With the best wishes for the Holiday Season we want to thank you for your patronage which we greatly appreciate and hope to continue to receive during the coming year.

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405 Main Street—Big Spring, Texas—Phone 120

will be lower when votes are to taxers.

That never sailed: Friend-ship, worship.

A short stop at a railroad than a long one.

Who will raise you because he him needs a boss.

With the muck-raker who de-sires to create a market place!

Impossible to get a copper cent in the eye than you can't see a dollar.

Wanted to say, "This one thing is best," than to say, "These things I dabble in."

Great achievement is at the desperate struggle and al-though the face of tremendous odds.

Speculations that Coolidge will be president are insinuations that he has been only a chairwarmer.

Enjoying corn muffins these days, but not because Mr. Coolidge has us to, by gosh!

Never to leave a snake alone to sleep on him. It is known that he will strike back—any day.

Of the Sahara Desert is in the United States by the name of the Sahara Desert. Fancy an area of 3,000,000 square miles, and this country by 500,000.

New Year's Entertainment

The West Side Circle of the Methodist Church will have a Rook and Forty-two party at the Y. M. C. A. on New Year's night. An admission of 25 cents will be charged, the money to go to a worthy cause. Everybody is cordially invited to come to this party and enjoy a jolly time. 14-2t

Dynamite for Planting Trees

Use a stick of dynamite to prepare the ground for planting your fruit trees. Your trees will do better. Only 30 cents a stick. Phone 344 or see Mr. E. M. LaBEFF 10-1f

JUST RIGHT

Any plumbing or electric wiring entrusted to us will be done right, just phone 51. L. E. Coleman Electric and Plumbing Company.

Feed For Sale

Bundle cane for sale at 6 cents per bundle—while it lasts. See —P. E. LITTLE 12-1f

A vast majority invert the natural order of the elements that make for success. The order should be: Character, common sense, and intellectual training.

In character, the most powerful structure in the world is the jovial and sunny disposition superimposed upon a masterful and serious nature.

The film child's gravest problem is to grow older in how to keep his parents in the style to which he has accustomed them.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

(This is the second of a series of informative articles of the University of Texas, written by W. M. W. Splawn, president. The third will be published at an early date.)

By W. M. W. Splawn

As was stated in the preceding article, there was a total of 9,237 students enrolled in the University of Texas during the session of 1923-24, and it is expected that more than 10,000 students will be enrolled during the current session. Taking these figures as a basis, it is shown that the legislative appropriation for the support of all branches of the University for the scholastic period of 1924-25 is about \$145 per student. The total amount appropriated by the legislature for the University for the period in question was \$1,457,000. Even with the elimination of the 2,800 students who are taking correspondence courses, the appropriation per student would be only about \$200 for the 1924-25 session. Another way of analyzing the per capita appropriation would be to reduce the summer school students to a full term on a nine months basis. This would give a total of approximately 6,500 students for the full scholastic session. The per capita appropriation by the legislature for the summer school students to a full term on a nine months basis. This would give a total of approximately 6,500 students for the full scholastic session. The per capita appropriation by the legislature for the summer school students amounts to \$220. Included in the student per capita appropriation are many items which are a state expense in the instruction of students, including that for maintenance of buildings, for the equipment and maintenance of libraries and laboratories, upkeep of campus, and the payment of the teaching staff and all officials and employees of the University.

Speaking of the library, it may be said that not many people of Texas perhaps realize what a wonderful collection of books and manuscripts this important adjunct of the University contains. The library of the University was established during the session of 1883-84, the initial appropriation for the purpose being only \$1,000. With that small beginning, the library has grown until it now contains 217,000 bound volumes and 48,000 pamphlets, besides many valuable manuscripts and newspaper files. The library occupies a handsome building, which is already too small to meet the requirements of the ever growing student body. So crowded with students is the study room, and so filled with books and other collections are the stacks and archive shelves that the erection of an addition to the building has become urgently necessary.

Going back to the early history of the University, it is interesting to note that in the beginning the institution did not have a president, this executive function being performed by the chairman of the faculty. The University started with only two departments, academic and law. The next department or branch to be added was that for the study of medicine, which was located in Galveston in 1891. With the growth of what is now the College of Engineering this department was made independent of the other Schools in 1895, and in 1906 what is now the School of Education became a separate organization of the University. Another off-shoot of the College of Arts and Sciences was that of Business Administration, which became a separate school in 1922. In 1919 a new branch of the University, called the State School of Mines and Metallurgy, was established at El Paso. In 1923 the College of Physical Activities was created out of the athletic department. All of these schools and colleges give professional and undergraduate instruction. In 1910 the Graduate School of the University was established, and it has had a remarkable growth. Commencing with an enrollment of less than 200 students in 1898 the summer school of the University has developed until it reached a total enrollment of 3,102 during the summer session of 1924.

The average number of students per instructor at the University at this time is 20, the total number on the instruction staff being 236 full-time and part-time teachers. During the first few years of the University's life the courses were elementary and the teaching required less effort and knowledge on the part of the instructors. With the establishment of many advanced courses, the instructors find it necessary to devote much time to preparation and the work of teaching is exacting. With the increase of enrollment it has been found necessary to place on the instruction staff a number of young people who have not yet completed their work for the higher degree. The number of mature men and able scholars on the faculty has also increased, but not in the ratio of the increase of enrollment of students.



Greetings

While we highly value your business, we value more the cordial relations that have existed between us for so many years. It is our aim to be of service to our customers at all times—so that our bank shall be truly one where "you feel at home. Feel free to consult us.

We thank you for past patronage and hope the coming year will bring prosperity and happiness to each and every one.

With All Best Wishes

West Texas National Bank

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Don't Let Your Home or Barn Burn Up This Winter

Dead grass, leaves blown against buildings and fences, accumulations of old lumber and other combustible materials are serious fire hazards. We never know when fire is going to "get out" or when strong winds will blow. A spark and a little neglected rubbish may cause the complete loss of a home, or of a barn with its stock, feed, and farm implement equipment.

In old houses, prolonged rains have done injury to single roofs and rotted many of them, making crevices for the lodgment of sparks. Such roofs need recovering at once, for the double purpose of preventing leaks and reducing the hazard of fire. Chimneys should be burned out when the roof is wet. Flues, stove pipes, and chimneys should be examined for cracks that sparks might enter and pass through.

Provide an abundance of dry kindling and thus remove the temptation to use oil for starting a fire. This is a dangerous practice that should not be allowed under any circumstances.

And along with precautions against fire, let's also take out fire insurance. If fire should destroy our home, our livestock, our stored products that represent a year's work, or our equipment for next year's work, we should be in a mighty bad fix, even if we have money saved up with which we can replace the losses. But those of us who have nothing put aside and others who are burdened with mortgages and debts, these are the ones that fire will hurt most and the ones also who need fire insurance most. A fire insurance policy gives mighty pleasant comfort. It takes worries from us; we sleep better and enjoy life more, to say nothing of the protection it gives. When we come to consider insurance of any kind, it is really cooperation, especially when we are members of a farmers' mutual fire insurance association.—The Progressive Farmer.

BULLS FOR SALE

One carload, one- and two-year-old Hereford bulls, mostly registered. Others pure bred. Prince Domino and Beau Donald breeding. Big boned, rugged range-raised bulls. \$50.00 per head. Fairly good flesh. This is a cheap lot of bulls. J. V. STOKES, Sr., Midland, Texas. 1tp

Episcopal Church

Dec. 25th Fourth Sunday in Advent.
9:45 Sunday school.
11:00 Holy Communion.
7:45 Evening Prayer.
Rev. F. B. Ebbson.

Chap running on the Republican ticket in Kentucky beat out his wife, a Democratic candidate for Governor, which was, we take it, good domestic politics if they were bent on keeping the job in the family.

NON-CANCELLABLE AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT POLICY

The Non-Cancellable Automobile Accident Policy is a policy or personal accident insurance, providing indemnity for the holder when he or she sustains injury—(1) while driving, riding in or on, demonstrating, adjusting or cranking an automobile, or
(2) by being struck, run down or run over by an automobile, or
(3) by the burning or explosion of an automobile.

This policy is absolutely non-cancellable; it cannot be cancelled by the Company nor can it be restricted after issue by rider or endorsement. It may be renewed by the policyholder until he attains age 70. After it has been in force for one year, it is incontestable as to any statement in the application.

It will pay you to investigate this policy. The cost is small.
Big Spring Insurance Agency—advertisement.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Howard County will on the 12th day of January A. D. 1924 at the Court House in Big Spring, Texas, accept bids for the construction of a steel bridge fifty feet long across Buzzard Draw, on the road two miles West of Highway School building in Howard County, Texas, said bridge to have concrete abutments and wings in accordance with plans furnished any one desiring to bid thereon, by calling upon H. R. Debenport, County Judge of Howard County, at the Court House in Big Spring, Texas.

Witness my hand officially this 16th day of December A. D. 1924.
(Seal) H. R. DEBENPORT
County Judge of Howard County, Texas. 14-4t

Let's plant pecans, and at the same time make plans to care for them. They must be given fertile soil, thorough cultivation, and good care if they are to be profitable. The notion that many folks have that pecans will produce profitable crops when planted in some out-of-the-way place and treated as a forest tree is a wrong one. Start right by setting them in good soil.—The Progressive Farmer.

Money, as the unit of measure in character, has its limitations. Mr. Bryan once declared that Washington was the richest American of his time, and Mr. Rockefeller the richest American of his time. Right there, however, the parallel suddenly ceased.

Question is persistently raised as to whether the Volstead act is a failure. No doubt remains, however, that the man who too industriously violates it is going to be one.

He is infinitely better off who sits in a dungeon made by another rather than in one made by his own hands.

Citation by Publication THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Howard County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Willie Coleman by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published there, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 32nd Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 32nd Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Howard County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Big Spring, on the 1st Monday in February A. D. 1925, the same being the 2nd day of February A. D. 1925, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 29th day of November A. D. 1924 in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 975, wherein Corrie Coleman is Plaintiff, and Willie Coleman is Defendant, and said petition alleging a breaking of the marriage vow by defendant, by cruel and inhuman treatment of plaintiff. That he neglected and refused to support plaintiff, that the defendant collected wages due this plaintiff, and spent them upon himself in debauchery, and finally abandoning this plaintiff while she was sick and destitute, without furnishing this plaintiff with clothes, or bed clothes and left her naked without medicines and without food, that this conduct on defendant's part commenced about one month after their marriage and continued until his final abandonment, that it brought about disease and sickness in plaintiff's body; wherefore, she asks for divorce from the bonds of matrimony herein fall not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, J. I. Prichard, Clerk of the District Court of Howard County. Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Big Spring this 29th day of November A. D. 1924.
J. I. PRICHARD, Clerk.
District Court, Howard County (Seal) 12-4t.

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Beauty is the origin of vanity. Vanity has her train of evils. Shun that beauty who would use her bewitching powers to bring the fleeting pleasures. Much of the world's crime can be traced to that shrine.

Lots for Sale

On block adjoining High School ground, east front. Phone 255. 2-4f.

It is certain that those who own the implements of production are to be the masters of those who use them.

DR. G. M. GILLESPIE
Orthodontist
155 Pine Street Abilene, Texas
will be at Drs. Ellington & Wet-
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Specialist in straightening children's
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And get advantage of root growth through winter and early spring. It is as safe to plant during dry weather as wet, for trees should be watered when planted under all conditions.

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Miss Mae Lyttle left Friday for Rotan for a visit with relatives and friends.

Let me recover your leaky roof before any bad weather sets in. L. N. WOOD, 105 Deming St. 144p

McCall Gary arrived Monday from Dallas to spend Christmas here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Gary.

All kinds of Carpenter Work done at reasonable prices. L. N. WOOD, 105 Deming Street. 14-4t-p

The plumbers were about the most wanted men in our city Monday. Busted water pipes followed in the wake of the coldest spell in years and plumbers were kept on the jump repairing the damage.

Mrs. Edgar Martin and Mrs. C. H. Nowell left Monday for San Angelo to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives. Messrs Martin and Nowell expect to leave early Thursday morning for San Angelo to spend Christmas day in that city.

With elections and the many attendant disturbing elements out of the way, we can work together in a more harmonious manner during 1925. We can make it a good year or bad year. It is up to each of us to decide which it shall be.

S. G. Forney who has been stationed here as superintendent of the Gulf Production Company's operations in the McDowell ranch section, left Monday night for Fort Worth. We understand Mr. Forney is to be assigned to the Amarillo section in the future.

L. C. Whitehead of the bureau of Biological survey of the U. S. Department of Agriculture was a business visitor here Monday. Mr. Whitehead was here to offer his services should our folks desire to wage a campaign against the jack rabbits in our county.

Business in Big Spring was brisker the past few days than it has been for a long time. It seems that folks just cannot break themselves from the last minute shopping idea despite the rush, hurry and inconveniences they must go thru as a result of their procrastination.

Just a little stronger spirit of cooperation, just a greater willingness to help the other fellow while we are trying to help ourselves and we can make a greater stride forward during 1925. We can't help ourselves, our community or our county if we practice rank selfishness.

That the oil companies are getting anxious to make further tests for oil in Howard county is evidenced by the fact that one of our land owners has been offered a drilling contract on two thousand acres, and this in a section where several deep tests were supposed to have been dry holes.

TRI-COUNTY INSTITUTE

(Continued from page 1)

Agnell for her faithful and efficient work as secretary of the institute.

13. The committees especially wish to thank Mr. J. M. Manued, song leader, and Mrs. Chas Morris, pianist, for their splendid assistance with the music each day of the Institute.

14. Finally the committees recommend that one copy of these resolutions be forwarded to our State Superintendent and one to our state representative.

Signed:

P. B. BITTLE,

Chairman of Legislative Committee.
NORMAN SPENCER,
Chairman of Committee on Resolutions.

The report was adopted. Mr. Bittle read the financial report. Report accepted.

Mr. B. Reagan and Mayor Thomas representing the Chamber of Commerce extended an urgent invitation to the Institute to make Big Spring the permanent meeting place of the organization.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Manuel and Mrs. Chas. Morris for their assistance with the songs and music each day.

The readings, vocal solos, and songs by the High School Glee Club and other young ladies of our city, added much to the daily programs.

The Institute adjourned at 12:30 on Friday.

Plant Purebred Seed

Howard county has won out by producing a better grade of cotton than other sections of Texas and much of our cotton sold at a bonus because it was desired for export. It would pay to maintain this record. Plant purebred seed such as is being planted by many of our cotton growers.

Many sections are being penalized because some growers persist in planting a very short staple cotton. It is easy for a county to get a bad name as the producer of an inferior grade of cotton and difficult to win a reputation for producing a desired standard variety. It has taken Howard county several years to win recognition as a producer of fine cotton and we should bend every effort to uphold this reputation.

Spinners want the very best cotton and are willing to pay more for it than an inferior and shorter grade.

In our last issue we printed a statement from Daniel J. Sully, one time cotton king, which should make people think.

He stated that American cotton is deteriorating in staple lengths and staple strength and will soon be in a class with cotton grown in India."

From that you may judge that the movement to improve cotton, such as now in force in Howard county is one of the most worthwhile movements that was ever started.

Big Exhibitors Among Palace Visitors

Ed Rowley and G. Y. Robb of the Robb & Rowley theatre enterprises, having shows in Texas and Oklahoma towns, were here Monday to attend the formal opening of the new Palace theatre.

The two are well known and have many friends in Lubbock, they having operated the Lindsey theatre under lease from J. D. Lindsey, for a period of three years, during which time they were directly interested in the business life of the city.

Robb and Rowley operate three theatres at Sweetwater at this time, and their theatres in all towns throughout Texas and Oklahoma are well patronized.—Lubbock Avalanche.

DAVIS GROCERY

Located on E. Third Street first door E. of Bell's Tin Shop in new building. Now ready to serve you. Will carry full line of Groceries and deliver to all parts of city twice daily. Phone or call for prices. Your business is solicited and will be highly appreciated. Country produce bought and sold. Phone No. 52. J. E. DAVIS. 14-2t

Presbyterian Auxiliary Notes

The December business meeting will be held at the church at three o'clock Monday afternoon, Dec. 29th.

All members are urged to leave the holiday festivities for one hour and come.

The new Egreign Mission Study books will be given out and plans made for the coming of the new pastor.

Thoroughbred White Leghorn pullets and cockerels at \$1.25 each. Heavy layers and big payers. Address LEESDALE FARM, Garden City Route, Big Spring.

Monday was the shortest day of the year but it did not seem so to the clerks who had to work two hours longer on that day, nor to the shoppers who are frantically trying to complete their Christmas shopping.

Valentine Day was in from the McDowell well Monday doing his Christmas shopping.

LATE LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Big Spring, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:

I am going to tell you what brother and I would like to have for Christmas. Brother wants a banjo, wagon, and tinker toys. I want a wagon, tinker toys and a trombone. Please bring us candy, fruits and nuts. We have been good boys.

C. D. and WILLIAM HERRING.
P. S.: We will try to be at the Elks party.

Big Spring, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:

We have been good little girls and I am going to tell you what we want you to bring us. We want a doll buggy, doll house, slippers, candy nuts and fruit. I trust our letter will not be too late.

MILDRED and IRENE HERRING.
P. S.: We will be at the Elks Christmas tree.

Big Spring, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:

After reading all the dandy letters from the kiddies my old heart was touched, you bet, and then to top it all here came that earnest appeal from the forlorn maiden.

My, how I wish that I could fill the bill she presented. While I have all the earmarks of an adorable husband, provided I can find a crazy girl to fall for me, and though I would gladly promise to buy the courthouse and city hall if this would suffice I am afraid to hope, and firmly believe the forlorn maiden would think Santa Claus had played her a scurvy trick should the generous old fellow drop me into her stocking on Christmas morning. Anyway it is no crime for a crusty old bachelor to hope like other folks and I'm "Jake" if the forlorn maid is willing to take a chance.

GEORGE HOPEFUL.

Big Spring, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:

I wish you would bring me an air-gun and a toy trombone, I want it nickel-plated, and bring me a coaster with solid steel wheels and a top airplane. I want it to be blue with red stars on the wings. I want you to bring me a bicycle. I want it to have red wheels, and I guess that is all except some candy, oranges, apples and nuts and bananas. I will be at the Elks Christmas tree.

Sincerely yours,
R. V. JONES JR.

Big Spring, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy 7 years old and I want you to bring me a box of caps and a gun, and a little car. Some candy, apples and oranges. I am a good boy. A Merry Christmas to Santa.

LOYD PRATHER.

Big Spring, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl 9 years old. I want you to please bring me a doll buggy. I have kept my doll, so I can get a buggy for her this Christmas and I also want some candy, oranges and apples. I will try to be at your party at Elks Hall.

I thank you dear Santa.

EVELYN BOSTICK.

Big Spring, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a baby boy 3 years old. I wish you would bring me some candy, apples, oranges, a little red wagon and a horn. A Merry Christmas to Santa.

BILLY CARROL BOSTICK

Big Spring, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy 7 years old. I will tell you what I want you to bring me. I want a little wagon and a ball and a gun. Please do bring me a little gun and some caps for it and a ball. I am a good boy.

EUGENE BOSTICK.

P. S.: I will try to be at your Christmas party at Elks Hall

Big Spring, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy 5 years old. I wish you would bring me a little red wagon and a horn, and some candy and apples. I will try to be at your Christmas party at Elks Hall.

A Merry Christmas to Santa.

BUSTER BOSTICK.

Big Spring, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:

I will drop you a few lines to let you know I will be at the Elks Christmas tree. Please have me and my sisters and brothers a package. Our names are Audrie, Grace, Harris and Dorris Young. I will close for this time. With best wishes to the Elks and three cheers for Santa Claus.

MARION YOUNG.

Big Spring, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a wrist watch, a white gold one. I want you to do your best in giving me what I want. I'll be at the Elks Christmas party. Thanks.

MARY ALICE WILKE.

J. M. Metcalf will spend the Christmas vacation in Stanton.

Merry
Christmas

CHRISTMAS Morning! The baby gurgles with delight over the silver Christmas tree. Sister's eyes sparkle and dance as she draws from the tissue paper a golden haired doll. Dad smiles with delight. Mother wipes away a tear of happiness from her eyes as she smiles at the beaming faces.

The great silent store looks on and smiles happily. Such is the joy of service.

Albert M. Fisher Co.

BIG SPRING, TEXAS

Citation by Publication

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Howard County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Josie Sisson by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 32nd Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 32nd Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Howard County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Big Spring, on the 1st Monday in February A. D. 1925, the same being the 2nd day of February A. D. 1925, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 22 day of December A. D. 1924 in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 978, wherein D. F. Sisson is Plaintiff, and Josie Sisson is Defendant, and said petition alleging three years wilful abandonment by defendant and asking for divorce on that account.

Herein fail not but have before said Court, at its aforesaid regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Big Spring, Texas, this 22 day of December A. D. 1924.

(Seal) J. L. PRICHARD, Clerk.
District Court, Howard County, Texas.

Selling denatured alcohol to those who imagine they cannot get along without whiskey is leaving a trail of death in New York City. Thirty-five deaths have taken place there this month due to alcohol poisoning. Twenty-four persons suffering from this poisoning are being brought to the hospitals daily. Efforts to locate the fiends selling this death dealing poison are being made.

Roger and Adolphus Gallenore arrived Saturday night from Galveston to spend Christmas with home-folks.



EVERY CHILD IN HOWARD COUNTY BETWEEN THE AGES OF 5 AND 13 IS INVITED TO ATTEND THE PARTY AT THE R. & R. LYRIC THEATRE CHRISTMAS MORNING. JACKIE COOGAN IN "LONG LIVE THE KING" WILL BE PRESENTED AFTER WHICH THE LITTLE FAIR WILL MARCH TO ELKS HALL WHERE EVERY CHILD WILL BE GIVEN A CHRISTMAS PACKAGE. SHOW AT LYRIC BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 9:00 A. M.

John Leatherwood is here from New Mexico to spend Christmas with his mother and other relatives.

Mrs. H. T. Sifton and daughter of Lockney, Texas, arrived Wednesday morning to spend the Christmas holidays with her sisters, Mesdames C. W. Davis and Joe B. Neal.

L. J. Robb returned here from a business trip to San Angelo, brought one of the latest roadsters here for Dr. G. E. ...

Miss Nora Harding ... neyday from San Angelo ... Christmas with her parents. Mrs. J. B. Harding.