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Great Savings For Taxpayers Now Promised

LUBBOCK Provided with the lowest tax rate for a city its size in Texas, members of the City Commission Thursday voted to reduce the 1932 city tax levy to fifty cents. The reduction is approximately fifty per cent, the 1931 rate being ninety-five cents.

The action was the culmination of several months of efforts on the part of the city officials to reduce expenditures and curtail the city's budget for the coming year so that a substantial saving would be effected for the taxpayers. Consideration of the reduction closed in a called meeting of the commission at 3:30 Thursday in which the forty-five-cent slash was adopted unanimously.

Means Big Saving
The reduction will mean an approximate saving of \$120,000 to the city taxpayers. Concrete example of the saving to be effected, Mayor Clements pointed out that where a man was paying \$28.50 taxes on a house valued at \$3,000 in 1931, he will only be forced to pay \$15 under the 1932 rate.

Final setting of the rate for 1932 will be made during the coming spring and commissioners indicated that a still further reduction might be made at that time.

The 1932 levy will be on present valuations.

With the final setting of the rate, the tax levy of Lubbock will have been reduced approximately 60 per cent in the past two years. The commission announced a reduction of from \$1.25 to ninety-five cents on the 1931 taxes over the 1930 assessments.

The reduction is the most radical tax slash reported in Texas this year. "It's our Christmas present to city taxpayers," Mayor J. J. Clements said following the vote of the commission. "We realize conditions are not what they used to be and as we have had a very good year financially as far as the city is concerned, we feel that the citizens are entitled to the benefits."

No Two-Mill Tax

The commissioners pointed out that the final settings of the rate hinged upon the collection of 1931 and delinquent taxes before April of 1932, at which time the new rate will be decided upon.

The new rate calls for only enough money to care for the interest and sinking fund of the city's bonded indebtedness. The new levy will not include a two-mill tax which has furnished the Lubbock Board of City Development with operating expenses, the B. C. D. directors having notified the commissioners that through a reduction in their budget and curtailment of expenditures, they would have sufficient funds on hand, including the 1931 tax receipts, to pay their way through two years.

The B. C. D. directors in a resolution passed Thursday morning asked the city not to levy the tax for their funds. This cut approximately fifteen cents from the total and made possible the further reduction by the city.

Surplus Established
Reduction of the rate was made possible through the establishment of a surplus in city funds, brought about mainly through profits on the city light and water department, it was reported in the meeting. Estimated profits in the future will more than take care of the expenses of other city departments, the commissioners were informed.

Other business transacted during the meeting Thursday included an expression of thanks for the co-operation shown the city during the past year by the state insurance commission; voting payment of all city salaries on December 24 instead of December 31 and the authorizing of the payment of \$500 to the City-County Welfare association.

Besides Mayor Clements and City Manager W. H. Rodgers, those present were: John Roach, D. N. Leaverton, George Benson, and John F. Bacon. City Attorney E. L. Klett also attended the session.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldrup spent the week end with the latter's brother, Dr. W. E. Payne.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffie Hartman are to spend Christmas Day in Lubbock with Mrs. Hartman's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Pilkinton.

Annual Ex-Students Banquet Saturday

The Annual Ex-Student's Banquet will be held at the Club House on Saturday, December 26. The plates will be 75 cents each.

A special invitation is extended to all ex-students. We are especially anxious to see some new friends, and urge that the last year students attend. Any student who has attended Slaton High School and who is no longer an attendant is eligible to come and is invited.

Slaton High School is as much that student's school as it is the school of the ex-students.

All you loyal Slaton ex-students come and have a good time with your old friends.

Horseback Riding Popular Sport

LUBBOCK, Texas.—Horseback riding has become a popular sport for women at Texas Technological College this year. How to mount and dismount, the right way to hold the reins and handle the horse, the different gaits and the way to change from one to another, are some of the things the young women are learning under the instruction of Miss Zella Riegel and Miss Johnny Gilkerson of the physical education department.

Besides the students who desire credit, about fifteen faculty women and young matrons are attending the classes. There are two one-hour meetings each week.

Horses are furnished by the Western Riding Academy, managed by Miss Virginia Wester, a freshman at the college, who drove a string of fifteen horses from her father's ranch in New Mexico to pay her college expenses.

Plans are being made for an advanced class in riding for the winter or spring term, for which hurdling will be one of the attractions.

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Tournament to be Held in Lubbock

LUBBOCK, Texas.—The new \$650,000 High School here will be headquarters for the first annual invitation boy's basketball tournament here January 22 and 23. Swede McMurry, head coach of Lubbock High School basketball has announced.

The games will be played in the high school gymnasium, which is the last word as far as a modern gymnasium is concerned. Adequate seating space for spectators is provided in the new gymnasium, as well as dressing quarters, an official court and excellent hardwood floor.

Gold basketballs will be awarded to the eight best players of the team winning the tournament. Silver basketballs will be awarded to eight members of the team that takes second honors.

Besides these prizes, other trophies will be awarded, the one with the most freckles, the best player of the entire tournament, the one with the best athletic physical build, the tallest, and the shortest athletes will all get appropriate prizes, McMurry has announced.

Entries should be mailed direct to McMurry in care of the Lubbock High School and team in Texas, New Mexico, or the U. S. A. at large, are invited, McMurry says.

Loren Cullar Seriously Hurt

Loren Cullar, a member of the 1930 graduating class of Slaton high school was seriously hurt in a car accident at Columbus Texas, while on his way to Houston to go to work. He was hit by a car while crossing a street, last Friday December 18. He is reported to have a broken left hip and severe gashes on his left side, left shoulder and the back of his head. The wounds are very serious and painful but not considered grave. The father, Mr. G. M. Cullar and brother, James, left Sunday afternoon about three o'clock for Columbus. Loren is in a hotel there as there is no Sanitarium. No word has been received from them.

A charter has been issued for a railroad from Del Rio to Sonora.

Tech to try for Adittance in Athletic Contest

LUBBOCK, Texas.—Texas Technological College, seven years old with an enrollment of 2,300 students, ranking third in enrollment in the big state of Texas, may get into an athletic conference in January.

Officials of the college will attend a meeting at Albuquerque, New Mexico, Jan. 9-10, at which time it is possible that the Tech will be admitted to membership in the Border Conference, now composed of the following schools: University of New Mexico, University of Arizona, Temple Teachers, Arizona State Teachers, and New Mexico A. & M. College.

The Tech has a standing appeal to be admitted to the Southwestern Conference. Last year the Texas Conference refused the school admission on the theory that within a year or more, Tech would be too strong, and an effort to organize a West Texas—Eastern New Mexico conference two years ago failed.

With a winning season this year with a sophomore team, Texas Tech has arranged the most difficult schedule for 1932 that any West Texas team ever faced. It follows:

Sept. 17 Abilene Christian College at Lubbock.

Sept. 23 Texas A. & M. College at Amarillo.

Sept. 30 Southern Methodist University at Dallas.

Oct. 15 Attempting to schedule game with Austin College, Trinity University or Southwestern University.

Oct. 21 University of Arizona at Lubbock.

Oct. 28 "B" team of Notre Dame at Lubbock.

Nov. 4 Louisiana Tech. Place either Lubbock or New Orleans.

Nov. 11 Baylor University at Lubbock.

Nov. 18 University of New Mexico at Albuquerque.

Nov. 25 Simmons University at Lubbock.

Stores to Close Christmas Day

The Retail Merchant's Association announced that the local stores will be closed all day Friday December 25. Do not wait until the last minute to do your shopping. Do it now and give the local merchants a chance to have one whole holiday.

Miss Thelma Poteet, city librarian and her brother Norman are spending the Yuletide Season visiting relatives in Temple Texas.

Chamber of Commerce News

By A. J. PAYNE, Secretary

The Xmas Cheer Program that is to be held on the City Park Lawn Thursday and which is being sponsored by the American Legion, will be shown rain or shine wet or dry, Santa will be there. All Committees are working on their programs, and something out of the ordinary will be shown on that night. The Xmas Tree will be worth going to see. The Music is rounding out and will be carried out according to schedule with Solo's Quartets, and Choruses.

Santa will have something for each and all little tots under 14 years of age, to give them that night at the tree, the next morning, the American Legion will distribute all the presents this will be Xmas morning to the poor, and needy.

If you have any thing for the United Charities Organization, please bring it in, as all the money, and more is needed that can be had, we are mighty thankful thus far for all donations of money and clothes that have been donated so far. Remember the place is in the building known as the Utter Building next door to Petty's Plumbing Shop. If you go there and do not find anyone then take what you have and bring it over to the Chamber of Commerce or Retail Merchants Office, and it will be taken care of for you.

There was no auction sale this week, as advertised last week, on account of the bad roads and some did not know of it. So there will be an Auction Sale next week (Tuesday 29th). Clarence Johnson will be there to sell or trade anything you may have, or will bring in. It costs you nothing, so bring in your Horses, Cows, Mules, and Household Goods and sell them if you don't need them, but do send the money.

President John W. Hood, Vice-President, J. H. Brewer, the following Directors of the Chamber of Commerce and Board of City Development, T. A. Worley Jr., Claud F. Anderson, Geo. G. Green, W. H. Smith, E. R. Legg, R. D. Hickman, Abe Kessel, Dr. M. C. Overton, H. G. Sanders, C. A. Bruner, B. E. Clark, C. A. Porter, K. L. Scudder, and Sec'y A. J. Payne, wish you, one and all, a Very, Very Merry Xmas, and a Happy, Prosperous 1932.

Husbands Guests At Christmas Party

Member of the Ruth Wesley Sunday school class of the Methodist church entertained their husbands at the Community clubhouse Thursday night. With a Christmas tree as the center of attraction, presents were given, games played and light refreshments served.

Those attending included: Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Lovett, Mr. and Mrs. Forney Henry, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brewer, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Austin, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Porter, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Payne, Mrs. Dick Odom and Miss Toy Hammett.

Mrs. Porter is president and Mrs. Brewer teacher of the class. Mr. Brewer was awarded a prize of an onion for winning one of the games.

C. R. Baldwin Cut Severely on Neck

C. R. Baldwin, jr, 24, was cut severely on his neck and head late Saturday afternoon at a gin, 14 miles north and east of here, and operator of the gin Saturday night was placed under \$200 bond to appear in county court.

Vaughn E. Wilson, county attorney, who investigated the altercation, late Saturday said a charge probably would be filed against the ginmer. Baldwin suffered from loss of blood.

Cursing is Cited
Differences over amounts paid for ginning by Baldwin led to the affair, the victim said. Baldwin said the attack was unprovoked. The ginmer, 58, resident of this section for 23 years, told Wilson Baldwin cursed him.

Both men agreed in their stories that Baldwin came to the plant and asked to talk to the ginmer about what Baldwin claimed was an excessive charge for ginning his cotton. The older man said that he had his pocket knife in his hand, whetting it, when Baldwin approached him inside the gin. After he had completed his work there, he walked to the gin office and the conversation was resumed, and resulted in the attack.

Baldwin was treated at Lubbock for a gash about seven or eight inches on the left side of his neck and head and for a cut and bruise on the back of his head. While being questioned by Deputy Sheriff R. L. Wicker, Baldwin fainted. The wounds were said by the doctor to be serious but not grave.

INTER-COMMUNITY SINGING

Don't forget that the time for the Four-Community Singing is Sunday, December 27, at the Slaton Club House, at two-thirty P. M. Every one come and bring your friends.

Contestants May Win 100,000 Extra Votes

Big Bonus is Award With Every Total of \$30 in Subscriptions until 6 Saturday Night



Madison Rayburn, son of Rev. James Rayburn, who has been studying Law in Lebanon Tennessee, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents. He met two other brothers, John and Robert, students in Trinity University, in Sweetwater Wednesday.

Mrs. George Marriot returned from Ft. Worth Sunday where she has been doing some Christmas Shopping. Uncle George says that he has enough suspenders and slippers to last through 1932.

Santa Fe entertainment season will soon be here. Uncle George has been advised that there will be one Jan 12 and another Jan. 23. Our employees and families will be glad to hear that the Lucille Elmore Company is to give us an entertainment on the 23. This will be Miss Elmore's fourth appearance in Slaton. On the 12th, The Copes Comedy of five people will entertain us. These plays will all take place at the High School Auditorium. Doors open at 6:30 P. M. and the plays will start at 7 P. M.

On Tuesday, Dec. 16 J. R. Hitecock General Manager of the Western Grand Division, headquarters in Amarillo, and Supt. J. A. Gillies of Slaton Division went to Sweetwater returning with Vice President A. G. Wells enroute from Galveston to Amarillo.

L. E. Butler, General Chairman Shop Crafts Association, with headquarters at Chicago, and Clyde Shealer, Topeka Kansas, was here on Thursday 17, on Company Business. He left for Cleburne 18.

J. M. Nicholson, Master Mechanic Slaton had as his guest Dr. Bishoff assistant surgeon at the Santa Fe Hospital in Topeka Kansas, last week. The two went on a hunting trip down near Sonora and returned all smiles. It was a Buck.

L. P. Ricks and J. T. Mellinger Auditors who have been in Slaton for the past two weeks returned to their home in Amarillo Saturday.

Chas. Walsh General Baggage Agent Amarillo came down Saturday and returned that P. M.

Mrs. O. F. Arthur and daughter Dorothy left Saturday for Pueblo to spend Christmas.

The G. H. M. had to kick in an extra coach Saturday on No. 93 for Galveston on account of the heavy travel.

Rev. Billie Ferguson returned today Wednesday from Dallas where he has been for the past week attending the General Baptist Convention.

Dr. H. F. Miller who is now located in El Paso, came in Tuesday to spend Christmas with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Kessel had as their guest Sunday, L. A. Walkow from Post.

Miss Katie Goodman of Lubbock was a guest in the A. Kessel home Sunday.

Ambitious candidates are making strenuous efforts to get in every possible subscription before 6 Saturday night, for until then bonus of 100,000 extra votes is awarded with every total of \$30 in subscriptions brought in by contestants.

One extra subscription secured this week, instead of next, may be worth a Bed Room Suite to some contestant, for it may decide between the winners of the first and second prizes.

Five Prizes
There are five prizes to be won in this contest, and every one of them is easily within the reach of all the women in the contest. Some of the contestants who have been voted for are still hesitating, thinking some others will devote more time and effort toward getting subscriptions than they can. Few realize that all the others are hesitating for the same reasons themselves.

Vote Coupons at Palace
Each Saturday night at the Palace Theatre 100 votes are issued to each patron at the show. They can vote for any desired candidate within one week from the time the coupon is received, or give the coupon to the contestant to vote for herself.

BOW THEY STAND
Beatrice Garland 50,100
Mrs. H. Purkey 48,600
Mrs. Dan Cummings 45,000
Irene Evans 41,300
Mrs. Jeffie Hartman 38,000
Katherine Wendell 30,850
Mrs. Oval Cannon 30,500

People Buy Practical Gifts This Christmas

Demand for the practical in Christmas gifts this year is indicated by the specially designed cartons of cigarettes that have been placed on the market by leading manufacturers. Cigarettes are always welcome to both men and women smokers and at the same time selecting them as gifts solves the old Christmas question: Where can I find a present that I am sure will suit my friends and will be useful and yet will not be too expensive? Smoking habits in this country have changed and cigarettes are now popular smoke because, as authorities in the industry point out, modern methods of manufacture such as the toasting process including the use of ultra violet rays have been introduced to remove certain harsh irritation and coughing. Cigarette manufacturers are ever on the alert to provide the best possible product for the public and this accounts for the new notched-tab cellophane package which keeps the cigarettes fresh regardless of climatic changes. For the special Christmas package a cardboard cover appropriately decorated with Christmas designs has been prepared to slip over the carton. This cover not only gives a Yuletide touch but affords added protection for mailing purposes, a protection that is necessary at this time of the year because of the great burden of mail that floods the post offices of the country.

NOTICE; TAX PAYERS
During the month of January Mr. and Mrs. Paul Foutz will collect State and County taxes and register cars. Their office will be located in the west entrance to the city hall, the license plates that was used last year. License plates for cars will be the same price that they were last year, while transfers will be 25 cents instead of \$1.00.

No. 3
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Fill in the name of someone you would like to see win one of The Slatonite's Five Prizes and forward it to the Contest Manager, or drop it in the Ballot Box in The Slatonite's office.
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Second Prize.....\$100
Third Prize.....\$75
Fourth Prize.....\$50
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All rules and details of this contest are in the issue of Popular Mechanics Magazine now on sale. Buy a copy at any newsstand or consult one at your library. You do not have to be a regular reader.

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LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Oval Cannon spent Monday and Tuesday in Amarillo.

Miss Mary Harmonson of Lubbock Sanitarium is visiting Mrs. John H. Allen.

Miss Maude Dean is spending the holidays with her sister in Tulla.

Mr. and Mrs. Efford McCrary of Post will spend Christmas Day with friends in Slaton.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hoover have moved back to Slaton from Clovis New Mexico.

Arnold Alcorn and sister Flora and Estelleta spent Monday night with an uncle, D. F. Alcorn in Tahoka.

Miss Jimmie Watson who is teaching near Quanna is spending the holidays with her father, O. N. Alcorn.

Ramond Dunn, a student in Tech, is spending Christmas with his mother Mrs. O. N. Alcorn.

Mrs. Joe Walker, who is still in Lubbock Sanitarium, is slowly improving.

Miss Eunice McDonald is spending the Christmas holidays with friends and relatives in Ft. Worth.

Milton Sanders, teacher in West Ward, is spending the holidays in Canyon.

Mrs. Bulter and son, David, left Sunday to spend Christmas with relatives in Pecos.

C. R. Burrough of Canyon is in Slaton looking after business interest this week.

Miss Lois Stallings, teacher at Pampa, is spending Christmas with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bruner visited Mrs. Joe Walker in Lubbock Monday morning.

Mrs. Lee Green is visiting her daughter in Houston this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Brannon and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Payne will spend the Christmas holidays in Amarillo.

Zeph Forgeson and family of Lubbock spent Sunday in Slaton.

R. Q. Mabry of Mineral Wells is

visiting in the home of his son, R. L. Mabry. Messers Mabry were in Hereford on business.

Mrs. R. E. Martin of Palestine will spend Christmas with her brother Judge D. E. Kemp and family.

A. V. Head of Galveston and sister Miss Lessie Head, a teacher in the public schools, will spend Christmas at Stephenville with relatives.

Floyd B. Olsen, governor of Minnesota, worked as a boy selling newspapers and shining shoes.

Mr. Charles A. Guy and wife visited Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Roderick. They will go from here to Tulsa Oklahoma to visit Mr. Guy's parents.

Mrs. G. H. Levy and son Gilder, also of Lubbock visited here Sunday.

Mrs. C. L. Suit returned home Saturday from Mercy Hospital, where she has been for some time.

Mrs. Hattie Singer of Roswell New Mexico is spending Christmas with her sister Mrs. H. T. Newby.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Pember and daughter are here visiting from Austin.

Lorene McClintock, a student in S. M. U. at Dallas, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents here.

The federal office of education says that there is one lawyer to every 500 people in the United States.

Miss Josephine Adams, a sophomore in Texas Woman's College, will also spend the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. S. H. Adams.

Miss Josephine is vice-president of the Korosopian Literary society, treasurer of the Thespian Club, a member of the Drum Corps, the Hughes West Texas Club, the Woman's Athletic Association, the Y. W. C. A., the Koro championship Hockey team; assistant Business manager of the Handout, and is a resident of Ann Waggoner Hall.

Miss Francis Adams, who is an instructor in Dramatic Art in Texas Woman's College, Fort Worth Texas, will spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. S. H. Adams.

Miss Adams is sponsor of the Korosopian Literary society and the Thespian club.

REGISTRATION DATES
LUBBOCK Texas, - The winter term at Texas Technological College will open January 4. One day only will be given to registration, and January 9 has been set as the last day when students may register without special permission of the dean.

Great Britain is building a 73,000 ton ocean liner to be completed in 1932.

During 1930 electric service was extended to about 90,000 farms throughout the nation—the greatest annual increase on record.

America's sweet tooth is catered to by the sale of 12 pounds of candy a person annually.

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST
Service for Slnlay, November 29.
Bible Study—9:45 a. m.
Preaching and worship 11 a. m.
Subject: "The Christian's Relation to Human Government."
Young People's meeting—6:30 p. m.
Preaching—7:30 p. m.
Subject: "Timothy as an Example"

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WEDNESDAY STUDY CLUB
Mrs. R. C. Ayres was hostess to The Wednesday Study Club on Dec. 16 at her home 325 11th. St.

The house was gay with Christmas decorations and the Christmas spirit was carried out by members responding to roll-call with stories of Old Christmas Customs.

Mrs. Bechtel was leader for the afternoon and the following interesting program was given:

The Weavers...Leader.
The absence of dramatic form in The Weavers...Mrs. Gillies.

The Sunken Bell... Mrs. Taylor.
Mrs. Ayres served plum-pudding coffee as a delightful finish to the afternoon. The next meeting will be on January 6, with Mrs. S. A. Peavy. Mrs. Harvey Austin will be leader.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCHES
"Is the Universe, including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?" was the subject of the lesson-sermon in all Churches of Christ Scientist, Sunday, December 20.

"Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the work of thy hands," was the golden text, from Psalms 102:25.

The following from the Bible (Hebrews 11:3) was one of the passages included in the service: "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not of things which do appear."

Included in the lesson-sermon was also the following citation from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy (p.547):

"The true theory of the universe, including man, is not in material history but in spiritual development. Inspired thought relinquishes a material, sensual, and mortal theory of the universe, and adopts the spiritual and immortal."

JUNIOR HIGH CHRISTMAS TREE
Junior High School, composed of the fifth and sixth grades, had a Christmas tree and program Friday afternoon at three o'clock, sponsored by the following teachers; Messers Jenkins and Sanders, Mrs. Killian, and Misses Sealy and Marrs.

Old Santa Claus was present and the kiddies received many nice gifts.

Mexico City ranked itself with the cities of the world having more than 1,000,000 people by extending boundaries to include parts of four adjacent villages.

The prescription-filling capacity of American drug stores has been estimated by a department of commerce expert to be more than 10 times as great as the demand.

SALES?
Sales are all that count today, and sales gotten by printed matter are lowest in cost.
Slatonite



"You'll Like This, I Betcha" — By Albert T. Reid



Santa Claus Letters

Dear Santy:
We are two little girls and have tried to be good. I (Inez) am 3 years old, and I (Jean) am 2 years old. We want a doll, a doll-buggy, a set of dishes, a wagon, and some story-books. Please remember all the other boys and girls.

Love
Inez and Jean Purkey

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a pair of booties, a football, an airplane, a play horse, a wagon, a pair of boxing gloves, a top and a string for it, also lots of fruit candy and nuts, and please don't forget all the other little children.

Howard Carruth

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good little girl all the year and will you please bring me some clothes for my big doll. I want some shoes and stockings a sweater and tam and rubber pants for her. I want a table and chairs and some dishes, an A-B-C slate, also candy, fruit and nuts. Be sure to bring all the other little boys and girls some toys.

Your Little Friend,
Virginia Louise Johnson

Dear Santa Claus:
As you already know that it is almost time for you to come around and see all the good little boys and girls, I am going to tell you what I want you to bring me. I would like to have a little red wagon a little train, a pair of rubber boots, and a little

baby doll. I know it is for a girl but I want it anyway.

Your always,
Billie Kelly

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a set of dishes and a table and two chairs and some candy.

Laura Belle Tucker

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a doll and a doll bed and some candy.

Billie Jean Tucker

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy seven years old. I have a little brother four years old. I want an engine and some cars and a transformer and track for my electric train that you brought me last Christmas.

Your Little Friend,
F. L. Willis Jr.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl three years old. Please bring me a sleepy doll a little red wagon and a tricycle. Please don't forget all other little children.

Your friend,
Betty Lorene Jenkins

Forest and field fires in California during the first eight months of 1931 caused more than three times the damage recorded for the entire preceding year.

Merry Christmas

It is with real pleasure that we extend our best wishes for your Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

And at the same time may we thank you for your co-operation during the past year.

The helpful spirit which you have shown has and will continue to inspire us to do our best to keep your gas service good.

West Texas Gas Co.

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May Your Happiness Be Unmarred--

It is our wish that nothing will happen to disturb your happiness during this gald Christmas Season and that you will take with you into the New Year a liberal proction of the joys of this season.

Permit us express to each of you our thanks for your patronage of the past. We sincerely trust that you will feel we have merited a continuation of your favors.

PIGGLY WIGGLY

WE WISH YOU A MERRY XMAS

and

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The only easy thing in easy pay-

ments is in contracting them.

One thing that deters us from

writing poetry about hard times is

that we have a mortal fear it would-

n't be poetry.

Foolish spending brought on the

depression and now some say lack of

it prolongs the depression. Oh, well!

And now that we have strated

about the depression we had, as well

go on with the subject, because, try

as we may, we cannot get away from

it.

Someone says that a dollar will

buy much these days. Maybe so, and

if we had a dollar we would find out

that fact for ourselves.

Nor do we know when this depres-

sion will end, but we feel certain

that we are two years nearer the end

than we were two years ago.

And if the average man is able to

live through this depression, recollec-

tion of it in after years will rob

thoughts of going to jail of all their

terrors.

We, like you, have been watching

and waiting for the prosperity which

is said to be just around the corner,

but we have about decided that may-

be we have been standing at the wrong

corner.

Now that all of us have been for

two years in a position where we

did not know what to do, or when to

do it, or which way to turn, we are

in excellent position to appreciate

the position of politician as he ap-

proaches another election year.

Before we got wise to the racket,

we blowed in many a nickel foolishly

which we now wish we had, all be-

cause some sharper shouted at us

at the world hates a stingy man.

Over production of crime seems to

have no depression whatever on the

dupness of crime, and maybe for that

reason our Legislature made growing

cotton a crime.

To make our position clear, it isn't

intallment buying that hurts the un-

wise purchases, for that usually gives

him pleasure. It is installment pay-

ing that usually plays havoc with the

average family. Intallment buying is

generally a species of over-buying,

a mortgage on your future, an invita-

tion for the wolf to visit your doors.

Try for a time going on strictly a cash

basis, and see how quickly improve-

ment comes.

We have yet to see a broke man

who always spent less than he made

and never spent what he made before

he made it. Therefore, pay as you

go, and if you can't pay then just don't

go.

If you have both cash and credit,

and must give up one or the other,

by all means let it be the cash that

goes, and keep your credit. Once

your cash is gone you can work and

earn more, but once your credit is

gone you will be in one terrible pickle.

When you use credit it is so easy to

abuse it, and once it is gone it is

mighty hard ever to get it back

again. The only way in which this

advice will cost you anything is in

your failure to observe and follow it.

And considering the amount of

wholesome advice you get in this

column each week, and will continue

to get each week in the future, the

biggest bargain we know of, and the

best investment you can make, is a

subscription to this paper. Money thus

spent is an investment, not an ex-

pende.

Count Herman Keyserling says

"The Machine Kills." Yes, especially

not likely ease you regret and re-
morse in the future ought alone to en-
gage your attention; as to all other
things, we pass on to you the advice of
Zoraster: "When you doubt, abstain!"

A man died the other day and left
some \$238,000,000 to his heirs, so
probably we shall hear no more com-
plaints from them about this depres-
sion. We were not one of said heirs,
which confirms the suspicion we have
harbored a long time, that when the
upward trend came it would not start
with us.

We recall the day of childhood. No
sooner had we been taught how to
talk than they began urging us to be
quiet, and admonishing us that child-
ren should be seen and not heard.
Nevertheless, the ambition has grown
with most of us to be both seen and
heard. Probably the average man's
advice to the rest of the world would
be, "Watch me!" and "Listen to
me!"

Hoover's program to raise taxes
will probably be answered by the
American people next year by lowering
Mr. Hoover. His program is the most
sweeping tax increase measure ever
known to peace times. Maybe, after
all, the only way this country will
ever get relief from burdensome tax-
ation is to have another war. The
wisest solution, however, would be to
elect a Democrat.

And should the financier's should-
er seem cold when turned to you just
remember it is probably because his
assets are frozen.

A Minneapolis lady is to be pro-
secuted for perjuring herself in order
to get to serve on a jury. And just
think how many men, there and here
and everywhere else, who escape pro-
secution for committing prejury in
order to avoid jury service.

You can well recall that back in
1927 this country was wondering
whether Herbert Hoover was a Dem-
ocrat or a Republican. There were
so many admirable and desirable
traits about the man that lots of us
thought surely he must be a Demo-
crat. And maybe he is. Just look how
many democratic votes he had to get
in order to be elected.

President Hoover in his recent
message to Congress says the first
step is to reestablish confidence. That
is an awfully big job, because con-
fidence once lost can seldom ever be
regained again, either by him who
trusts or by him who betrays.

And the President further said to
Congress and to all of us: "Our peo-
ple have a right to a banking system
in which their deposits shall be safe-
guarded and the flow of credit less
subject to storms." Wonderfully true!
And tragically true that we have no
such banking system. And lamentably
true that we, the American people,
who so much boast of our efficiency
and ability in the art of self govern-
ment, do not seem to possess sense
enough to create such banking system
as will adequately safeguard deposits.
We do, however, have hundreds of
thousands of laws that seek (very
foolishly and unwisely and futilely)
to regulate petty and insignificant
details of conduct.

Americans every year spend money
totalling billions—billions—of dollars
for the enactment of laws (lots of
them foolish and unnecessary) and to
pay officers (many of them dishonest
and incompetent and inexperienced)
to enforce those laws. Then we, the
dear people, ignore the laws and the
officers. And that is Americanism
running true to form.

And if you think the depression is
not over, maybe that is because you
did not attend the Abilene-Lubbock
football game at Lubbock two weeks
ago, when 7,000 thought proper to
pay transportation charges and ad-
mission fee for a holiday. The same
scene has been enacted all over the
country many times this fall. It was
a splendid scene—no sign whatever
that there is or ever was a depression.
We saw the game and forgot all about
any darned old depression, but next
day a merchant presented his bill and
wanted to collect a long past due
account—then, you bet, we suddenly
remembered that the most terrible
depression in history was squarely
upon us, and the merchant did not
collect!

Nations are pretty much like in-
dividuals. When nation's course and
conduct toward another nation is so
unreasonable that it can give no good
reason therefor it then objects to
being reasoned with, and begins to
look for excuses, and to avoid the
friendly conference table. Nations and
individuals can and will reason their
differences with each other only when
both have an honest and sincere de-

sire to know the truth, be guided by
the facts, and anxious to do the right
thing.

As another election year approach-
es, it is well to remember that a
politician will always gladly give you
his excuses for his actions and his
position on public questions, but if
you wish to know what his real rea-
sons are, and his actual position is,
you must be a mind reader.

If we judge aright, the young and
rising generation so greatly admire
George Washington they think they
can win laurels in staging a revolu-
tionary war of their own for inde-
pendence. And independence is a fine
thing, provided it is not of what sort
which causes you to try to get what
belongs to the other fellow, and to
tread upon the other fellow's rights.

An unsophisticated editor asks why
people crave drink. Some do, of course,
because they are thirsty, but lots of
others crave it mainly because it is
against the law.

The idea of mashed potatoes was
probably invented by some resource-
ful mother who in times like these
had nine children to feed and only
four potatoes she was obliged to
divide equally among them.

We know exactly when the next
world war will be staged. It will be
when two or three great nations in-
sist on having peace only on condition
of each having it on its own terms.
And each nation will once again im-
pose on us the old bunk that the war
was forced on it and that it is only
seeking to defend itself. All wars
are defensive wars, so this and each
nation declares, when telling its own
story about it, but each nation is the
aggressor when its story is told by
its opponent.

A short time ago a resolution was
offered in a Methodist convention re-
solving that Germany was guiltless
of causing the World War. It is too
bad that resolution failed to be adop-
ed, because that is such an easy and
convenient way, you know, of estab-
lishing or disproving a fact. Those
little things called facts, you will bear
in mind, are so amenable to one-half
of one percent slop is intoxicating, or
that cause and effect, and supply
and demand, shall not longer operate.
It is a neat way we have here in
America, in conventions, in Congress,
in state legislatures, and even with
and among ourselves, of dealing with
facts and solving troublesome prob-
lems. "Be it resolved!" Presto! The
thing is done! It's one way we have
of systematically deluding our-
selves.

CHRISTMAS

Today is Christmas. What does it
mean to you? What does it mean to
the world? How far has the true ob-
ject and purpose of the celebration
of Christmas departed from the
original?

Thanksgiving, another annual day,
is celebrated only in America, but
Christmas is celebrated throughout
that part of the world called Chris-
tian. The original and central idea in
the inauguration of Thanksgiving
Day was gratitude and the offering
of thanks for the enjoyment of mater-
ial and spiritual blessings, and for a
continuation of life itself.

But little of the original idea of
Thanksgiving Day remains. Rather,
it is about all lost and forgotten, and
the day is given over to inordinate
gorging and football. There may be
still extant gratitude and sincere
thanksgiving, but if so, external evi-
dence of it is lacking.

The central idea of Christmas is
"Peace on earth; good will toward
men." Peace and good will presuppose
understanding among men, a love of
truth, an ambition to be fair and just,
an abhorrence of prejudice and in-
tolerance. Is it not a travesty on
Christmas that these things are so
signally and lamentably lacking, of
all things, among Christians and
among Christian nations?

Have we departed from and for-
gotten the real lesson that Christmas
should bring to us? Have we not let
it degenerate into an orgy of foolish
spending, gorging, and entirely too
little reflection upon the blessings
which flow from peace, external and
internal, and good will toward men?
Are we not as critical of, and as pre-
judiced against, and as intolerant of,
those about us during the Yuletide as
we are at all other times? If peace
and good will ruled in our hearts at
Christmas time, would it not make it
a "Merry Christmas" indeed? And if
the real Christmas spirit of peace and
good will ruled in our hearts at all
times, as it should, would it not make
this a wonderfully better world, and

you a happier and better contented
man and woman?

This is Christmas Day. How many
unkind and ungenerous thoughts have
entered your mind today about your
neighbor? Have you today, as you did
through so many of the yesterdays,
and will through so many of the to-
morrow, gossiped idly, slanderously
and ungenerously about your neigh-
bors? Have you, by your thoughts,
words and conduct, on this Christmas
Day, tacitly invited your neighbors
to harbor ungenerous, unkind and
slandrous thoughts about you, and to
engage in harmful gossip about you?
Would you have them think kindly
and nobly of and about you? Can you
blame any but yourself if your
thoughts, attitude and words are re-
flected back to you—if evil is return-
ed to you for evil dealt by you?

"Whatsoever ye would that others
should unto you, do ye also unto
them!" That comprehends the true
Christmas spirit. Today we celebrate
Christmas—just one day. May the

Morgan Items

Well we are still very wet and
muddy, in these parts.

Our school will dismiss on Wednes-
day for Xmas, and will start again
on Monday Dec. 28.

Miss Killian visited her brother
and wife Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Killian
of Slaton, Saturday.

Miss Clarice Hull spent the week-
end with her parents Mr. and Mrs.
Hull at Tahoka.

The little Baby of Mr. and Mrs.
Clay Johnson is sick.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Pear. Visited Mr.
and Mrs. B. T. Ussery at Woodrow
on Monday night.

Christmas spirit pervade our minds
and hearts not only on this day, but
through all the days!

MRS. O. T. WEAVER HOSTESS

The Fidelis Matrons class met in
the home of Mrs. O. T. Weaver Fri-
day night December 18, in regular
business and social session. Mrs. W.
H. Weaver played the role of Santa
Claus and distributed gifts from a
lovely decorated Christmas tree.

Members present were Messers
John Jenkins, W. M. Davis, Hammer
Dawson, R. M. Champion, C. D. Child-
ress, Jeffie Hartman, Bill Johnston,
Oscar Killian, Fred Stephens, J. B.
Huckaby, C. C. Young, Abernathy,
and G. W. Bounds.

Visitors were Messers Vilas Tudor
and B. Fred Meador.

CHURCH OF CHRIST NOTES

Services for Sunday, December 27.
Bible Study 9:45 A. M.
Preaching and Worship ..11: A. M.
Subject: "The Most Excellent Way"
Young People Meeting ..6:30 P. M.
Preaching 7:30 P. M.
Subject: "Apostasy".
----- Alberl Smith, Minister

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MERCHANDISING

An earnest gentleman called at my office with a "message." He said that this is the time for me to write and induce somebody to publish some full-page advertisement on Merchandising.

The attention of all executives is now focused on the subject, he said. If we could only get them to "think straight" it would "clarify the whole business situation" and start the "return of prosperity."

I asked him what he meant by merchandising. He hemmed and hawed, and finally remarked: "Why, you know, merchandising; everybody knows what you mean by merchandising."

I told him that I had to much conversation on that subject in 1929, but had never heard any one define the term.

"In those boom days it seemed to mean over-selling," I continued. "It meant trying to get barber shops to put in a side line of lawn mowers, urging toilet goods departments to carry ice cream cones, forcing automobile parts into delicatessins."

"It meant pushing up the sales quota twenty-five per cent every year; lying awake nights to think up ways of making people buy more than they need; going out extravagantly to steal the other man's customers. All that sort of high pressure activity was walking around under the banner of 'merchandising' in 1929," I said, "and if, when we speak of 'getting back to normal' we mean getting back to that rush and strain then I am not much interested."

He went away shaking his head, as if I had uttered treason against the

great spirit of American enterprise.

Perhaps he was right; perhaps I am getting old and "unprogressive." But the kind of merchandising problems that I believe our country must face sooner or later are problems like the following:

Why, with so much wealth, are so many men out of work?

Why is our economic machinery so clumsy that men can go hungry in New York while other men are feeding wheat to hogs in Kansas?

Why, with so many labor-saving devices, have we so little leisure?

Why are factories closed when a large percentage of the human race is still barefoot, under-nourished, and wet when it rains?

Why were our parents, who were so much poorer than we, still so much more contented, peaceful and secure?

How can we think more about human beings and less about money? How can we recognize the economics of distribution so that everybody can have more of the good things of life as a result of steady, smooth production?

I cannot answer these questions, but I do believe it is important to get as many men as possible thinking about them.

Even if we have to divert a few minutes from our "merchandising."

While Houston, Tex., firemen were stamping out a grass fire a house ignited by the same fire burned to the ground unnoticed.

A study by the American medical association shows that the average annual income of medical doctors in the United States is \$9,764.

MUSCLE SHOALS

We hope that something will be done by the new Congress to settle the question of what the government is going to do with the great dam and power plant at Muscle Shoals. The Commission appointed by the

President to investigate and recommend has made its report. That report calls for the establishment of a farmer-owned corporation to take over an operate Muscle Shoals for the manufacture of nitrates for fertilizer. That is all right as long as the government itself does not go into the business of competing with private industry. We think that the sooner Muscle Shoals is taken off the government's hand and turned over to some business organization to operate, the better.

We are inclined to doubt whether a strictly farmer-owned corporation can be set up with enough capital to engage in an enterprise of the magnitude proposed. If that can be done, and the management entrusted to experts who know how to run it in competition with the large private concerns which are already engaged in the same line of business, then we

are in favor of the Commission's plan. At any rate, we think it would be a very desirable thing to take Muscle Shoals out of politics by disposing of it as speedily as possible. We have, however, very little hope that the new Congress will take any decisive action in the matter.

AUTOMATIC SIGNAL

By Staff Correspondent

SLATON. —One section of the automatic block signal system which the Santa Fe is installing on the Slaton division this year between Slaton and Snyder, has been nearly completed but is in operation. It is expected the job will be finished late in December or early January.

The section is between Southland and Justiceburg and is about 20 to 25 miles long. The country is very rough and the system was ordered installed because of this condition.

Between Pyron and Sweetwater another section is also nearing completion. It has been put into service. Railroad officials expect to get this work done some time during the next 30 to 60 days.

Good Job Printing at The Slatonite Office.

JOY TO OUR FRIENDS---

As unselfishly as we know how we wish you the best joys of the season.

And we thank you a thousand times for patronage, friendship & your good will.

MANIRE STUDIO

MAY THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Descend upon you and your for a year full of bountiful blessings such as only that Spirit can give—is our wish for you in 1932.

TIGER'S CAFE

Jeffie Hartman Prop.

WE GREET YOU --and-- WE THANK YOU

We send greetings because we want you to have your full share of the season's merriments.

And we thank you because you have helped us to round a good year.

If our wishes for you came true this will be a very happy Christmas and during the days of the NEW YEAR your highest ideals will be realized.

Kessel's Department Store

A. Kessel Mrs. Hennington
Mrs. A. Kessel Mrs. Russell
Mrs. Carl Greer Mr. L. A. Berdine

ALL GOOD CHRISTMAS WISHES

For you and those you want to see made happy.

We thank you most sincerely for patronage of the past and assure you we will be anxious to serve you in 1932.

PAUL OWENS

Jeweler

Optometrist

JUST A FRIENDLY WORD TO SAY-

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR'S DAY

Not only do we wish you this but we wish you many days of happiness and health and contentment for other days.

We are not unmindful of the fact that we owe much to the people who have patronize our business during the past year. And while we have endeavored from day to day to show this appreciation, we gladly embrace this opportunity to thank you again and assure you that we will continue to strive hard to merit your confidence and patronage.

Evans Dry Cleaners

FOR TAILORING THAT FITS AND WEARS WELL
MR. AND MRS. CARL EVANS

WHEN MOST OF US ARE HAPPY

As we shall be at the Merry Christmas time, we do not forget our less cheerful friends and associates—

But lay our plans for a bigger and better, a more useful and more properous NEW YEAR of SERVICE.

Lovett Service Station

Walter Smith — Johnie Collins

We'd Not Feel Right

About it if we should let Christmas pass without extending our patrons cordial Christmas greeting—not alone from ourselves, but from all the people connected with this business. So we wish you the Merriest sort of Christmas and a Happy New Year too.

Hokus Pokus

Our Most Priceless Asset

Our Friends

Some folks say business is one thing and friendship is another. But without friends we would have no joy in doing business.

We claim the friendship of our patrons. We would not have it otherwise.

So, as one friend to another, we send you cordial Christmas Greetings and the wish that 1932 will bring you the things you have long wished for.

SLATON SERVICE STATION

9th & Floyd Sts. O. L. Morrow Mgr.

JOINED BY EVERY EMPLOYEE WE SEND YOU SINCERE, HEARTY-

GREETING AND GOOD WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS

Inspired by the spirit of good-will friendliness of the Christmas season we greet you and give you our thanks for 1931 patronage.

Slaton Baking Co.

PROHIBITION AND POLITICS

Chairman John J. Raskob, of the Democratic National Committee, has asked everybody who contributed to the last Democrat national campaign fund to give him some advice on the question whether or not a change in the prohibition laws should be advocated in the next Democratic national platform.

We don't know what these gentlemen who financed Alfred E. Smith's campaign for the presidency will tell Mr. Raskob. We believe, however, that the farther they are away from the big cities the less likely they are to recommend either the repeal of the eighteenth amendment or the "liberalization" of the Volstead act.

It would be a pity, it seems to us, to have a presidential election complicated by the question of prohibition. Prohibition, as we see it, is not and ought not to be made a partisan issue. It cuts across all party lines, and throws into the political situation an issue which has no bearing upon the vitally important economic questions which are the only sound basis for political action. Mr. Raskob and his friends suggest several alternative programs for consideration. The essence of them all is that the people of the United States and of the several states should have the right to vote directly on constitutional amendments. This seems to be based on the theory that state legislatures, which ratified the eighteenth amendment, and which have ratified all previous amendments to the Constitution, do not truly represent the preponderant opinion of the people of their states. We see no objection to such a referendum, but we think Mr. Raskob would be surprised at the result if his party should commit itself to a referendum on the repeal of the eighteenth amendment and should find itself in a position to submit such a referendum to the people.

We think there is a great deal to be said in favor of the general proposition that there is too much of a tendency to centralizing government at Washington. And, of course, any political organization or group that desires to have a perfect right to advocate and try to put into effect any change in the Constitution which seems desirable to group. But if the purpose of a great national party is to elect its candidate for the presidency, we think it would be just too bad to complicate the issue by putting into the platform, under whatever disguise, a proposal upon which there is so much and such violent difference of opinion as prohibition.

Georgia leads all states in the production of turpentine and rosin, with Florida second.

Iowa's pop corn acreage this year, 33,000, is about 20 per cent lower than last year's.

Slaton Chapter, No. 585
Order of Eastern Star
 Meets every second and fourth Tuesday. Visitors are welcome.
 MRS. FRANK MERRELL, Sec'y.
 MRS. M. A. PEMBER, W. M.

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MILLION DOLLAR BRIDGE

By Staff Correspondent
 SLATON, The Santa Fe's million dollar bridge building program for the former Kansas City, Mexico and Orient railroad, now a part of the Slaton division of the Santa Fe, is almost completed as far as the 1931 program is concerned.

Half a dozen major bridges were scheduled to be built during this year as a part of the Santa Fe's rehabilitation of the Orient. This was for the Texas section, between Altus, Okla., and Alpine and San Angelo. These included two over the Red River south of Altus, one over the Colorado, two over different forks of the Brazos and another over the Pease River.

It is expected here that smaller structures will be built for the 1932 program. This has not been announced by President W. B. Storey.

France campaigns against dirt by consuming 24,000 metric tons of cleaning and scouring powders annually.

The record barge-load of cotton to reach Mobile, Ala., from upstate this year was 2,500 bales.

North Dakota tests have shown that feed cost is about half the total cost of producing milk with the average dairy cow.

DIATHERMY

Literally, it means "heating through," this diathermy form of treatment. The apparatus used in administering is expensive; not many rural physicians nowadays can afford such high-priced stuff, considering almost impossibility of carrying it to widely-scattered bedside patients.

Nevertheless, it is, and has been for some time, a growing, popular method of applying heat in the treatment of localized inflammations. That it will destroy germs by heat that are deeply situated within the body, I seriously doubt. I believe diathermy will greatly accelerate local circulation, hastening the blood through the part affected, and do some good in that way—just how much may not be accurately estimated.

The destruction of diseased tonsils is being brought about by diathermy, thus saving a more or less bloody operation; but it had better not be attempted by the amateur or beginner without competent instruction. The specialist is the only safe man to employ in the electrical extirpation of the tonsil.

My own experience has not been very pleasing in the use of diathermy, much that I regret to say so. I have used it in numberless cases of chronic arthritis; if any improvement was noticeable it was very slight. I used

it in a desperate attempt to relieve pneumonia in an aged patient—and lost; yes; in two cases, without benefit, and where I needed help, oh, so badly.

I believe diathermy to be a very refined, technical, expensive way of applying the simple principle of heat in the treatment of disease. I have yet to be shown that it furnished greater heat inside the diseased member than on the outside. But I am not an authority, mind you; I am just an intelligent, common-sense, family doctor, with thirty-eight years of experience. I do not own a diathermy apparatus, but I work in hospitals where it is available in any instance desired. I sincerely hope it may come to be the standard, acceptor method of obliterating diseased tonsils.

Production of motor fuel in 1930 was recorded by the bureau of mines at 440,728,000 barrels.

Radios were found by the bureau of census to be owned by 57.6 per cent of the families in Massachusetts.

SORE BLEEDING GUMS

Only one bottle **Leto's Pyorrhoea Remedy** is needed to convince anyone. No matter how bad your case, get a bottle, use as directed, and if you are not satisfied druggists will return your money.

Railway Clerks Meeting Postponed

By Staff Correspondent
 SLATON,—Meeting of clerks of the Slaton division of the Santa Fe railroad, scheduled for San Angelo, December 12, was postponed by Chairman F. W. Munford, Lubbock.

Conflict with the Abilene—Lubbock football game in Lubbock the same date, was assigned as the reason for the change. A large number of Slaton employes had planned to attend.

A. R. Tillman, Albuquerque, safety

A fish lived 33 years in a watering tank for horses and cattle at the farm of Noah Baker, Greenville, O., attaining a weight of four pounds.

Wrinkles in paper dials used as clock faces were traced by bureau of standards' scientists to abnormal expansion of the paper in moist air.

Tennessee had 21,851 boys and girls enrolled in crop and livestock projects this year.

supervisor, was to attend.

The next meeting is to be held before December 31, it was said here.

NOTICE TO DEPOSITORS AND CREDITORS
 Of
THE SLATON STATE BANK,
 SLATON, TEXAS

The Slaton State Bank, Slaton, Texas, closed its doors on the 21st day of September, A. D. 1931, and is now being liquidated by me as provided by law. If you have a claim against said bank, you are hereby notified to present the same with legal proof thereof to me at Austin, Texas, within ninety days after the 16th day of October, A. D. 1931.

Form for proof of claim will be mailed to every known creditor, and additional forms can be procured from the office of the Banking Commissioner, Austin, Texas.

JAMES SHAW
 BANKING COMMISSIONER OF TEXAS

Dated at Austin, Texas,
 this 16th day of
 October, A. D. 1931.

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CAMELS are never parched or toasted

THERE is of course a sound reason why the Camel Humidor Pack can deliver to Camel smokers a cigarette that is genuinely fresh.

Camels are made fresh to start with, fresh with natural moisture—blended of the choicest, delicately mild, full-mellow, sun-ripened tobaccos that money can buy.

The full natural goodness of these fine tobaccos is safeguarded at every step in their handling—they are never parched or toasted—the Reynolds method of scientifically applying heat guarantees against that.

That's why we can say with every assurance that

Camels are truly fresh. They're made fresh—not parched or toasted—and then they're kept fresh in the Camel Humidor Pack.

The delights of a genuinely fresh cigarette are so rare and desirable that Camel popularity continues to mount daily to new highs.

Test these delights for yourself—see what true freshness means in cool, slow-burning, delicate mildness—switch to Camels for just one day, then leave them—if you can.

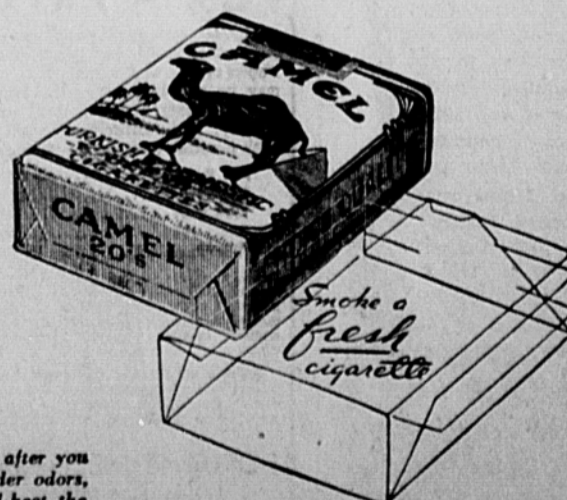
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 CAMEL QUARTER HOUR, Morton Downey, Tony Woods, and Camel Orchestra, direction Jacques Renard, every night except Sunday, Columbia Broadcasting System
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See radio page of local newspaper for time

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Don't remove the moisture-proof wrapping from your package of Camels after you open it. The Camel Humidor Pack is protection against perfume and powder odors, dust and germs. In offices and homes, even in the dry atmosphere of artificial heat, the Camel Humidor Pack can be depended upon to deliver fresh Camels every time

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Classified ad rate, 2c per word for each insertion, payable in advance. The Slatonite can not accept advertising for this column over the telephone, as the rate does not justify the expense of bookkeeping and collecting.

When placing an ad in this column, leave instructions as to the number of issues in which the advertisement is to appear, remitting the regular rate of 2c per word for each issue.

This column has, on a number of occasions, proved justifiable to patrons, and the Slatonite feels justified in conducting it on a strict and fair business basis.

All classified advertisements not paid for at the time of going to press, will be omitted.

Customers will kindly comply with these rules and avoid embarrassment and disappointment.

Lowest, Price of all times—9 x 12 Gold Seal Rugs for \$5.75 at—
HOME FURNITURE CO.

FOR SALE

Single row lister and cultivator \$15.00 each. 70 White leghorn laying hens 75c each. 150 egg incubator \$12.00. 8 ton Maze \$7.00 per ton.
H. W. NEESE,
Wilson, Texas, Route 1.

FOR RENT

Six room modern house. Three block from square. Double garage inside newly refinished. \$15.00 a month.

Furnished apartment for rent. All water, light and gas bills paid by owner. Ideal locations.

Five room modern, furnished house. Meter deposits put up by owner, new furniture.

Modern rent houses from \$5.00 to \$25.00. See

HOFFMAN REALTY AND INSURANCE AGENCY

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS)
COUNTY OF LUBBOCK)

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the 72nd District Court of Lubbock County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 10th day of November, 1931, in favor of Thurber Brick Co., a corporation, and against Joe W. Tate, in the case of Thurber Brick Company against Joe W. Tate, No. 4885 in such court, I did, on the 8th day of December, 1931, at 10 o'clock A. M. levy upon the following described tract and parcel of land situate in the county of Lubbock, State of Texas, as the property of said Joe W. Tate, to-wit: All of Lot No. 7 in Block No. 93 in the Original Town of Slaton, in Lubbock County, Texas, and on the 5th day of January, 1932, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. an said day, at the courthouse door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said Joe W. Tate in and to said property.

Dated at Lubbock, Texas, this 8th day of December, 1931.

WADE HARDY,
Sheriff, Lubbock Count, Texas.
19-3te By Will Earnest, Deputy.

Crowned Corn King



Edward Lux, Waldron, Shelby County, Ind., won the championship of all corn growers at the International Livestock Show in Chicago. He is shown with ten of the ears of white Dent corn that won for him.

Keeping Up With WEST TEXAS

The wheat acreage has been reduced twenty per cent in the Panhandle according to recent estimates.

The Devils River News, Sonora, celebrated its forty-first anniversary recently.

Ten carloads of mohair were shipped from Junction to Kimble County recently.

Llano, Texas, is shipping the largest corn crop in years. Three buyers have shipped a quarter million pounds.

Texas' only glass plant, located at Santa Anna in Coleman County, is to be reorganized. It uses silica from Santa Anna mountain, containing the world's largest deposits.

Lampasas is the market place for twenty-five carloads of pecans grown this year the largest crop on record for the section.

Thirty-five hundred cotton pickers were given jobs through the offices of the United States Labor Bureau at Lamesa this fall.

From four dollars invested is gained

Wins Fortune for \$2



Thelma Hartman, 24, Los Angeles stenographer, won \$50,000 with a \$2 ticket on Pard in the Irish Sweepstakes. The ticket was given her by her "boy friend" a month ago. She intends to keep her job, she says.



WHITTLE FOR A PRIZE

\$1000.00 in cash prizes and one thousand other prizes are offered for examples of skill with a jackknife. Entries may be any kind of model, figure or special carving, requiring skill and ingenuity, made entirely of wood, and with no other tools than a jackknife.

First Prize.....\$250
Second Prize.....\$100
Third Prize.....\$75
Fourth Prize.....\$50
Fifth Prize.....\$25

And there are twenty-five \$25 prizes and fifty of \$10.00 each. In addition, 1000 special prizes will be distributed to all winners of such items and to those receiving honorable mention. In case of tie duplicate prizes will be given.

All rules and details of this contest are in the issue of Popular Mechanics Magazine now on sale. Buy a copy or buy reprinted or download the rules from our library. You do not have to be a regular reader.

POPULAR MECHANICS MAGAZINE
200 East Ontario Street CHICAGO, ILL.

at the movies

An attraction at the Palace Theatre, Thursday & Friday 31. Jan. 1, is without doubt one of the most unusual motion pictures ever shown in this city.

It is "East of Borneo," and for the making of the exterior scenes an expedition from the Universal studios spent six months in the jungles of Sumatra and the Malay Peninsula. The result of this trip brings to the screen a drama told in the world's most exotic setting, and the climax of the picture shows the most awe-inspiring volcanic eruption ever captured by the camera.

The cast of this great picture is headed by Rose Hobart and Charles Bickford, and also includes Georges Renavent, Lupita Tovar, Noble Johnson and hundreds of native Malays.

Don't miss this most remarkable of all screen dramas.

See: A tropical volcano rock the earth with its death-dealing roar!

Deadly pythons—man-eating crocodiles—wild elephants—apes—panthers—1000 jungle threats!

Heartless, savages, idol-worshipping natives of Malay jungles!

Cruel fang and claw of everything that creeps and crawls!

The twisted, tortured natural wonder of a living green hell!

The most hectic trek to civilization ever attempted by a white man and woman!

The most exotic, romantic love-drama ever filmed—actually taken on an expedition to "East of Borneo!"

Major R. A. Laird of the chamber of commerce industrial department points out the wild game fattened on rice has always been esteemed over all other varieties.

The state of Michigan claims the world's largest herd of Holstein-Friesian dairy cattle, owing 1,800 head, distributed among 14 state institutions.

en seed, a Dickens County woman reaped a harvest of two hundred dollars worth of canned vegetables.

Pugilistic Senator



Senator William W. Barbour, of New Jersey, has been appointed to fill out the unexpired term of Senator Morrow. He was an amateur heavyweight ring champion in his youth.

Query Corner

QUESTIONS DEC. 24

What is the National Emblem of Ireland?

Under whose administration was the cornerstone of the Washington monument laid?

Name the first trans-atlantic steam boat.

What kind of stories did Hans Christian Anderson write?

What is the 55th Psalm called?

What great lake was once called the lake of the cat?

Name Noel's three sons.

Name the largest river in Italy.

Who presented the statue of liberty to the U. S.?

What is a pawn broker's sign?

DEC. 18 ANSWERS

Dolly Madison.

Bedloe's Island.

Arabia.

May Flower.

Washington D. C.

Chicago.

David.

Quinine.

Enoch.

March 1.

A new device for salvaging submarines has been patented by a Swedish engineer using folding pontoons built into the hull and inflated mechanically to raise a submersible.

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SLATON

"Talkies That Talk"

JUST A KINDLY GREETING

To wish you Christmas Cheer and health, happiness and prosperity throughout the New Year.

Saturday 26

Hoot Gibson in Wild Horse

Story by Peter B. Kyne

Sunday & Monday

Way Back Home

With

"Seth" Parker of radio fame, and his Jonesport Neighbors.

Tuesday & Wednesday

Homocide Squad

With

Leo Carrillo, Mary Brian

Thursday & Friday

East of Borneo

With

Rose Hobart—Chas. Bickford

Be sure to see the **Midnight Prevue New Years Eve. George Arliss**

The Millionaire

While Christmas Fires Are Burning We'll Be Thinking Of You

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

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

JESS SWINT CHICK GARLAND J.N. WHITE

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"When I was a girl, I suffered periodically with terrible pains in my back and sides. Often I would bend almost double with the intense pain. This would last for hours and I could get no relief.

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