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CITY PAVING BOND ELECTION CARRIES

SITE SECURED FOR NEW MEMPHIS HOTEL

SITE SECURED AND PLANS MADE TO BUILD UP-TO-DATE LARGE HOTEL IN THIS CITY

Plans have been formulated for immediate procedure on the erection of a new and modern, 45 room hotel which is to be built on the site now located by Thompson Bros., Hardware company, according to information received this week by the Democrat.

LOCAL POULTRY SHOW TO BE HELD JANUARY 14-15-16

About twelve members of the Hall County District Poultry association met in regular session in the Chamber of Commerce office, December 15, to make final arrangements for the forth-coming poultry show to be held January 14, 15, and 16.

DEMOCRAT TO BE ISSUED TUESDAY

Advertisers will find that next week's issue, being printed Tuesday, will reach all the people in plenty of time to be read and all the advertisements looked over and selection of Gifts made before Christmas.

MAJORITY CITIZENS FAVOR ISSUING BONDS TO PAVE FORTY OR MORE BLOCKS

PROSPECTS FOR 50,000 BALE CROP IN HALL COUNTY

Authentic figures of the number of bales ginned in Hall county to December 1 is 40,240 bales. And the gins are still running, making it more than probable, from the present rate of ginning, there will be more than 50,000 bales ginned in Hall county from this year's crop.

The election last Tuesday carried 144 to 28 in favor of issuing bonds for the purpose of paving streets of Memphis. This gives a splendid majority and shows that Memphis citizens are awake to the needs of more paving and also shows a progressive spirit.

It is believed that the \$50,000 bond issue will take care of the city's part of at least 40 blocks of paving, which will be mostly in the residence section of the city.

The petition upon which the election was ordered called for paving down Sixth and Eighth streets; west on Main street to 14th, then north two blocks, then east to 10th street from Main north to the railroad; and some business blocks and alleys.

Forty blocks of paving added to that already paved will make approximately 60 blocks in Memphis.

Miles and miles of sidewalks and this new paving will indeed make Memphis one of the leading towns in Northwest Texas.

The City Council will complete the necessary plans at the earliest possible time for the issuing of bonds. Several bonding company representatives have been in the city negotiating for the purchase of the bonds and as soon as they are issued and disposed of the paving work will be started.

FARM BUREAU ELECTS OFFICERS FOR NEW YEAR

The Hall County Farm Bureau met in regular session last Saturday and elected the following officers for 1926: W. Murdock, of Plaska, president; Frank Cox, Estelline, vice-president; C. F. Stout, Memphis, secretary-treasurer; directors—M. M. Lewis, Plaska, J. T. Dennis, Lakeview, W. A. Caldwell, Estelline; Joe Weatherly, Parnell; Delegates to State Convention—M. M. Lewis, W. E. Murdock, and J. A. Creager.

A very fine spirit of co-operation was shown by all, reports Secretary Stout, and they are all well pleased with the year's work and look forward to a better one next year.

The field man, Mr. Kayser, signed up three new five-year contracts during the meeting, and one of the signers was a man who produced more than 100 bales of cotton this year.

The big producers are fast learning the need of joining hands with the little one to get better prices for all, continued Mr. Stout. "The Hall County Farm Bureau stands for fair prices," is the invitation given out by C. F. Stout, and in addition extends the wishes of the season for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all.

OIL PROSPECTS LOOKING BRIGHT FOR TURKEY

Elmer Turner of Turkey, was a visitor in Memphis Tuesday and gave the following information in regard to the oil prospects and the well being put down near Turkey. He states that on Monday night of this week the well was down between 900 and 1000 feet and several promising indications had shown up during the progress of the work. A gas pocket causing quite a little stir among the workmen and the citizenship was in the early part of the week that caused the drillers to proceed more cautiously. From reports the log of the well is very similar to the old Crayola well, drilled near the present well, some four years ago. At the time this well was abandoned it was generally believed that pay sand had been reached. The progress of the present well will be watched with keen interest, not only by the citizenship of Turkey, but by those of the entire this section. If a large gas well could be brought in, it would be of much more benefit to Turkey than an oil well.

M'DONALD BIRCH PROGRAM WELL ATTENDED HERE

The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Methodist church presented McDonald Birch, celebrated magician, in an act of artistic magic, at the high school auditorium Tuesday night. This was proclaimed by those who were fortunate enough to be present, as being one of the best entertainments of the season for Memphis.

The magical performance was of the higher type and a truly marvelous show. Many mystic novelties were performed which kept the audience guessing and most of them are still guessing as to "how in the world does he do it?"

Memphis has been fortunate lately in procuring acts of the better class and all of which have enjoyed a nice patronage.

PRESBYTERIAN CHOIR TO GIVE XMAS CANTATA

In keeping with the season, the Presbyterian choir, under the direction of Mrs. Elmer S. Shelley, will present a Christmas cantata at the vesper service on Sunday evening at 6 o'clock. The cantata is "The Bright and Morning Star," by Ira B. Wilson and is a beautiful sermon song.

At the morning service there will be special music by the choir and the pastor will preach on the theme "A Journey to Bethlehem."

A cordial invitation is extended to all who wish to attend these services and a warm welcome awaits you, is the message left by Rev. C. E. Richter, pastor.

GREENE DRY GOODS STORE AGAIN VISITED BY THIEVES ON LAST SUNDAY NIGHT

SHOPLIFTERS AT WORK IN CITY; MANY CAUGHT

Friday afternoon while shopping in the Memphis Mercantile Company store, a negro woman, accompanied by a negro man, who acted as lookout, took a \$27.00 dress and left the store. The alleged theft was discovered shortly afterward and reported to the officers. Saturday afternoon, she had the nerve to return to the store, not realizing she was under suspicion. The manager of the store immediately escorted her to the sheriff's office and then to the county attorney's office where she was closely questioned and finally acknowledged her guilt. Upon promise of return of the dress, she was released after paying a fine of \$1.00 and a day in jail.

Several other local business houses have been infested with shop lifters and police have apprehended many of these in the past few days.

For the second time in the past few weeks the Green Dry Goods store has been robbed. On Sunday night entrance was gained to the store by breaking out the back glass door and lifting the cross bar. This was practically the same way entrance was gained the first time the store was entered. Clothing, hat, shoes, gloves and several other articles were taken but later recovered together with a nice hand bag which had been taken also. The cash drawer had been pilfered of \$12.85.

The night watchman passed by the rear door and discovered it open. He telephoned to Mr. Moses, who hurried to the store and with two officers made a thorough search of the place but could locate no one. Upon investigating the back alley, the hand bag containing \$145 worth of merchandise was discovered hid in the corner between two buildings.

It is thought the thief was hiding in the alley when the night watchman discovered the door open and the thief decided to return later for the loot.

LOCAL COUPLE CELEBRATE 40TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Gillis celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary last Wednesday, December 16. A great dinner was spread for the family and friends, and an enjoyable hour was spent. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pritchett, of Wichita Falls, were present at the occasion. Mrs. Pritchett is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gillis.

Justice and Mrs. Gillis have been living in Memphis for the past 24 years, and made a host of friends who wish for them at least 40 more returns of the day. They have made fine citizens who have helped in the making of a better and a greater community.

CARS STOLEN AT SCHOOL HOUSE TUESDAY NIGHT

Two cars, belonging to Memphis citizens, were stolen from the high school building Tuesday night while the owners were attending the program there by McDonald Birch, both of which were recovered the same night only a few blocks from their original parking place.

A Chrysler roadster, belonging to John Lofland, was taken and later found about mid-night three blocks west of the school on Main street. The car had been driven until the gas supply was exhausted and abandoned at this location.

The other car was a Buick, which was the property of J. H. Bounds, of the county tax collector's office. The Bounds car was also found a short distance from the school with a casing blown out on a rear wheel.

It is thought some of the local boys "borrowed" the car to take a joy ride, and probably intended returning them before the performance closed, but owing to the mishaps, abandoned the cars where their trouble occurred.

WAREHOUSE TO BE ERRECTED BY MEMPHIS HDWE.

The Memphis Hardware and Improvement company has purchased two business lots fronting on Noel street from J. D. Browder and have begun the erection of a 50x50 foot, one-story brick and tile warehouse on the north end of the lots. This annex will be quite an addition to the business and will relieve the congestion now in their place of business. They contemplate, at a later date, to extend the building to front on Noel street and enlarge the present business.

SIX-ROOM ANNEX ADDED TO LOCAL SANITARIUM

The Memphis Hospital is being enlarged by the addition of a two-story annex on the north side of the present building. The lower floor of this annex will be used as operating and laboratory rooms, and the upper floor will be used for x-ray and bed rooms, making a six room addition to an already up-to-date hospital where numerous patients are cared for during the year.

WHALEY FAIRWELL SERMON HEARD BY MANY SUNDAY

The union services at the Baptist church last Sunday night, occasioned by departure of Rev. Chas. T. Whaley and family, was largely attended by a congregation composed of the various denominations of the city. The services were very impressive and the choir supplemented by a splendid orchestra rendered some excellent numbers. The vast audience listened attentively to the affecting words of all the pastors and the farewell sermon by Rev. Whaley.

Things Seen Here and There

Certain Memphis citizen who did not know how much a dose of salts would be.

Sign reading like this: "For Sale, hens and two roosters, ALL LAYING."

Couple of our young hopefuls training two of the chorus girls the Gem Theatre on the street during noon hour.

Mother whose heart was yearning for her small son who was lost in the great throng of Christmasers one day the past week.

White looking woman alight the train Sunday morning and a big buck negro. It later developed that she was a "high yaller."

High school student who was thought to have had "Foot and Mouth Disease" on whom the story told that his girl's mother made daughter rinse her mouth with a acid solution.

OTHER DRUG STORE TO OPEN IN MEMPHIS; WILL OCCUPY MASONIC BUILDING

According to information received in the Democrat this week, Memphis will soon have another new up-to-date drug store, which will occupy space in the Masonic building lately in rear of the Cross Roads store and will front south on the location of the Stone & Sons store.

Mr. Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Thompson, who has been student of Las Vegas, N. M., the past few years, is the founder of the establishment and, according to statements, will conduct a strict-pharmacy with cold drinks in connection.

entire equipment and stock of new and one of the latest found in stores of the larger city. An experienced and registered pharmacist has been employed to take the pharmaceutical department and will render efficient and courteous service to patrons, according to Mr. Thompson.

of a fountain of the newest design with 100 per cent refrigerator will be installed, where cold sandwiches and light lunches served.

Thompson advises that the store will be open for business January 10, 1926.

F. Murphy who has been living in the McQueen place, four miles north of Memphis for the past few years was a caller in Memphis Saturday and informed the Democrat that his crops were all gathered and he was making preparations to go to the Billy Morrison place near Newlin, where he will make a crop the coming year.

L. Lewis, living ten miles south of Memphis, "Will have about ten more bales of cotton. He has been very busy the past few weeks gathering my feed. Will have a lot of feed to run me another week and will have some to sell."

C. Vandevanter, living south of Memphis. "About all the cotton is in my neighborhood. Some of the late cotton will make bolls. I am going to begin plowing my land next week and put it in good shape next crop."

R. Gill, two miles south of Lakeview was in Memphis Saturday: "I have about five bales of bolls. Will break about even if the grade of cotton does not go down."

P. Moore, Newlin: "Am swapping dollars as long as I have my gun pulled. Price so low, cannot be a thing. Have about three to gather."

W. Sigler: "Have not lost any hens since placing the German dog in my back yard."

F. Cope: "Made a good crop the price was too low. About gathering."

W. Craver: "I will go fishing anyone but Sid Christian."

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RECORD BREAKING PRICE SLASHING SALE!

Sale Starts Friday, Dec. 18, and Lasts Until January 1st

The Sale you have been waiting for. Come! This Sale will be the Bargain Surprise of your life—Just when you need the goods. We don't wait until the season is past. We give you prices competition cannot meet. If you don't believe it come and see. We will prove everyword with cold facts you cannot deny

BOOTS, \$4.98
Men's \$8 Work Boots
retanned leather and
double wear soles
This Sale..... **\$4.98**

MEN'S \$1.75
SWEATERS 98c
In grey, or tan, warm
and heavy, most all
sizes **98c**

25c OUTING 20c
Yard-wide, extra
Heavy, light or dark
Colors yard..... **20c**

OUTING, 14c
Heavy 27 inch outing
in all colors, all new
stock, yard **14c**

BLANKETS \$2.48
\$3.50 Heavy, double
Blankets, size 66x80
This Sale **\$2.48**

LEATHER COATS
\$12.50 Leather Coats
This sale ... **\$10.48**
\$10.50 Leather Coats
This sale **\$8.75**

WOOL SOX
Men's Heavy Wool
Sox in dark colors
per pair **21c**

GINGHAM 13c
15c and 20c gingham
stripes and checks all
new stock, yard ... **13c**

MILLINERY
One lot up to \$3 **98c**
One lot to \$4.50 **1.48**
One lot to \$7 ... **1.98**

DOMESTIC 10c
Bleached or brown
yard-wide domestic
the yard **10c**



Look Here Men!

What have you been paying for J. P. SMITH, HANAN and SELZ oxfords? We know \$8.50 to \$16.00. Buy here now.. Choice all good styles, Black Brown, or Tan for only **\$3.69**

HOSE 10c
Ladies' Black Hose
long as they last **10c**

CHILDREN'S SHOES 98c
One lot shoes and
slippers values to \$3
pair **98c**

UNDERWEAR
One lot boy's heavy
underwear, per gar-
ment **25c**

MEN'S SOX 10c
Men's Heavy Grey or
tan hose pair ... **10c**

HEAVY WORK SHIRTS
One lot men's wool
mixed shirts ... **\$1.48**

DRESS SHIRTS
Closing out all dress
Shirts without collar
\$1.50 to \$2.50 val **75c**

WORK PANTS 1.69
Men's dark color,
Work Pants, value to
\$2.25 **\$1.69**

DRESS BOOTS
One lot Men's tan
and chocolate color
16-inch bootees **\$6.45**

DUCK 18c
To close out all duck
Buy all you need, per
yard **18c**

COMFORTS
at Cost
Any comfort in stock
at Actual Cost

EXTRA!
Four Yards 32-inch Dress Gingham for 5 cents. Friday morning at 9 a. m. we will sell 20, four yard dress patterns to the first 20 ladies buying \$1.00 or more merchandise for five cents. Come early and get yours

Women's and Children's Coats
One lot Children's \$6.50 to \$9.00 Coats this sale **3.95**
One lot Girls' \$10.00 to \$12.50 Coats this sale **6.48**
One lot Women's \$12.50 to \$15.00 Coats this sale **8.75**

Silk Dresses ONE-FOURTH OFF
Silk Dresses, entire line **ONE FOURTH OFF**
One lot Women's Wool Dresses, values \$10 to \$18 **6.95**

Suit Cases \$1.25
Large Size Black or Tan Suit Cases long as they last, this sale..... **1.25**

Half Price
Buy Remnants Now!
Pay 1/2 Price marked

Men's Suits
One lot Men's Suits \$15 to \$18 value this sale **8.98**
One lot Men's Suits value \$18 to \$22 this sale **10.85**
One lot Men's Suits values to \$29.00 this sale **12.48**

Boys' Clothing less than 1/2 PRICE
this sale **1/2 PRICE**
HALF PRICE ON ALL BOYS' SHORT PANTS

Men's Hat Sale
We place our entire stocks of Hats on Sale. This includes every brand carried. Come and buy a hat at prices you cannot equal anywhere.

Boys' Caps 25c
\$1.00 Boys' Caps, 50c to 75c Hats and Caps, this sale..... **25c**

Toys
We are showing the most complete line of Popular Priced Toys in Memphis. Santa finds it easy to pick Toys suitable for every child, and even for Mother or Dad at Prices far below regular price.
SEE OUR DISPLAY OF DOLLS AND MECHANICAL TOYS

Memphis Mercantile Co.

"MEMPHIS' CHEAPEST STORE"

Memphis,

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CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

eris any man at this season
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SUPPER AT
DIAN CREEK
HUGE SUCCESS

ex supper and auction sale
a Creek was quite a suc-
ceeds from the sale
\$115 which will be used to
a piano for the school. We
ank everyone who took part
specially do we thank the
men of Memphis. Also
Denison and Mr. Jim Bass
our auctioneers.

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ated articles for our sale:
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Guinn Grocery, one can of
and one broom, \$1.65.
Aleman, one pint honey, 40c.
russer and Joseph, one pair
\$1.50.
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nd Draper, sack sugar, \$1.75
amous, one pair silk hose,
ohen, at Famous, two ging-
es patterns, \$2.25.
and Fonville, aluminum
tc.
Wiggly, one sack flour,
Tin Shop, one coal scuttle,
ed Store, one sack Chick-
er, \$2.25.

Mr. Hale, one box candy, \$1.25
Memphis Hardware and Imp. Co.,
cedar bucket, \$1.80.
Hamilton Variety Store, one alum-
inum roaster, \$1.25.
Draper and Ross, one bushel ap-
ples, \$1.75.
DeBerry Grocery, one sack flour,
\$2.85.
Baldwin Dry Goods Co., one pair
blankets, \$3.00.
R. H. Wherry, one alarm clock,
\$1.50.
Proctor and Co. one percolator,
\$1.25.
Barnes Grocery Co., one sack flour
\$2.85.
Cross Dry Goodst store, one Nav-
ajo blanket, \$5.00.
Thompson Hardware Co., one tea
kettle, \$1.25.
C. R. Webster, 50c.
Vallance Bros., one can coffee,
\$1.39.
Ross Meat Market, two boxes bac-
con, \$1.20.
Meacham Drug Co., bottle toilet
water, \$2.50.
Neel Grocery, one can coffee, \$2.
Leverett-Williams Drug Co., one
box candy, \$2.00.
Rubes Cafe, cake, \$1.50.
Ross Tailor shop, one pair sox, \$1.
Horton & Alexander, tie, \$1.25
Tomlinson Drug Co., box candy,
\$1.50.
Harrison-Clower, roaster, \$1.25.
A. Womack Grocery, one can pre-
serves one fruit cake, \$2.50.
Crawford Grocery, sack sugar, one
can coffee, \$1.50.
Iten Cracker Co., two boxes crack-
ers, 30 cents.
Jones Filling Station, two pies, 50c
Davis Buick Co., ten gallons gas,
\$2.10.
Fain & Co., one pair blankets,
\$2.95.
White Rose Cafe, 3 pies, \$1.05.
McKelvy & Read, one traveling
bag, \$4.75.
Wood Bros., one pair towels, \$1.
Clark Drug Co., one box choco-
lates, \$1.50.
Ward & Bass Grocery, one sack
sugar, \$1.75.
J. K. Gibson & Sons, one Anco
Timer, \$2.50.
King Furniture Co., two pictures,
\$6.00.
Parker Motor Co., one motor met-
ter, \$4.00.
Greene Dry Goods Co., one pair
blankets, \$5.00.
Everybody's Store, Ladies' sweat-
er, \$5.00.
Arnold & Gardner, one strip bac-
con, \$2.50.
Moore Hardware Co., one roaster,
\$3.50.
Memphis Music Store, five Edison
records, \$5.00.
Charlie Gowan, can coffee, 55c.
Stone & Lang, one ladies Dress,
\$7.95.
Gerlach Garage, inner tube, \$2.50.
Memphis Democrat, circulars,
\$1.50.

CHRISTMAS
STOCKINGS

DAINTY little stockings
Hanging in a row,
Blue and gray and scarlet;
In the firelight glow.

Curly-pated sleepers
Safely tucked in bed;
Dreams of wondrous toy-shops
Dancing through each head.

Father Christmas creeping,
Plans with tender care,
How to give each dreamer
Just an equal share.

Funny little stockings
Hanging in a row,
Stuffed with sweet surprises,
Down from top to toe.

Skates, and balls, and trumpets,
Dishes, tops and drums,
Books and dolls and candies,
Nuts and sugar-plums.

Little sleepers waking;
Bless me, what a noise!
Wish you merry Christmas,
Happy girls and boys.

So Time Doth Move
Father and mother never know how
old-fashioned they are until son and
daughter come home from college for
the Christmas holidays.

Having purchased the McCool
Transfer Co. business I will ap-
preciate your calling me. Sam Goodman
Phone 500. 23-1c.

Get Asbestoline roof paint at iCty
Feed Store. 18-1f

Sometimes a girl's ideal is shat-
tered, but oftener he is just plain
broke.

Statistics on drug store sales
show a steady increase in demand
for sandwiches, soda water, electric
appliances and hardware.

Sales of the National Cash Reg-
ister company in October exceeded
\$4,000,000, the third largest month
in the company's history.

The recent rise in the stock market
added one billion dollars to the val-
ue of eleven leading motor com-
panies' stock.

Your Christmas Shopping

Will be a pleasure, if you shop at this store, where you
will find a complete selection of gifts for mn, womn,
and children. You will find special reductions on prac-
tically our entire stock, and you will be able to buy
more presents for less money when you buy here.

A few of the many gift suggestions:

- | For Men | For Women | For Children |
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| Handkerchiefs | Novelty Purses | Dolls |
| Ties | Hand Bags | Purses |
| Sox | Handkerchiefs | Stockings |
| Belts | Silk Underwear | Shoes |
| Hats | House Slippers | Drsees |
| Caps | Hose | Coats |
| Suits | Hats | Sweaters |
| Shoes | Drsees | |
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Better Quality
More Goods
Less Price

The Famous

Better Quality
More Goods
Less Price

M. N. COHEN, Prop.



Casey Ginger Girls
At Gem Theatre
Friday and Saturday

Complete change of program both nights. 14 People—New Songs—Good Comed-
ians—Pretty Girls. Regular feature pictures and comedies.—Matinee Daily.

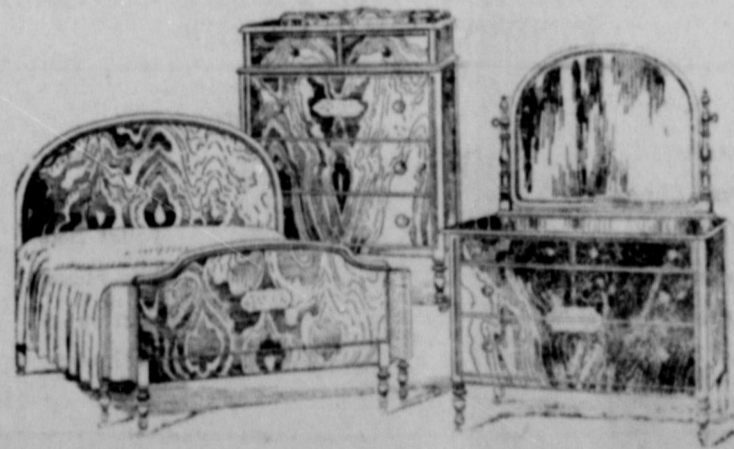
Prices: Kids, 25c; Adults 50c.

NEXT WEEK—TOM COFER Musical Revue return engagement. Complete change
each day, with Big Pictures.

In The House of Good Gifts

SUGGESTIONS:

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| any Pillows | Junior Floor Lamps |
| Rugs | Bridge Lamps |
| Carpets | Telephone Stands |
| Dining Room Furniture | Spinnet Desks |
| Breakfast Room Furniture | Smoking Cabinets |
| Buffet | Smoking Stands |
| Extension Table | Living Room Furniture |
| Mirrors | Bed Room Furniture |
| Candlesticks | Davenport |



SUGGESTIONS:

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| Fireside Chairs | Children's Rockers |
| Royal Easy Chair | Children's High Chairs |
| End Table | Rockers of all Kinds |
| Console Table | Steel Ranges |
| Library Tables | Kitchen Cabinets |
| Card Tables | Kitchen Stools |
| Chinaware | Kitchen Tables |
| Glassware | Parlor Furnaces |
| Silverware | |
| Aluminum | |
| Percolators | |
- We Deliver when and Where you say

MOORE Hardware & Furniture Company

The Memphis Democrat
Wells & Wells, Owners

J. Claude Wells, Editor and Manager

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OFFICE TELEPHONE NO. 15

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Outside Hall County, per year...\$2.00

SEVERAL RECITALS HELD DURING THE WEEK

The past week has been one of recitals for our city, there having been four during this time, presented by local talent and pupils of Memphis expression and music classes by their respective directors. All of these were held in the high school auditorium.

The first of these was that of the classes of Mrs. Mary Robertson, piano, and Miss Griggs, teacher of expression in the Memphis high school, which was given last Friday night.

Mrs. Bill Howard presented her pupils in music Monday night at the school auditorium in a recital of music.

The third of these was a musical recital also, by pupils of Mrs. Conley Ward, held, Tuesday night at 7 o'clock, in which about twenty pupils participated and included several numbers of exceptional merit.

Wednesday, Dec., 16, the fourth of these recitals was presented by the classes of Mrs. Margaret Garrett Morgan, music and Miss George Cooper, expression and was well received by a large and appreciative audience.

MEETING NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Hall County Sweet Potato curing plant Monday, Dec., 21, at 2 p. m. at court house. All stockholders are urged to be present.

Rev. R. V. Tooley was in Vernon today. He is visiting his son, Oscar Tooley at Tolbert. Rev. Tooley has been given the Newlin charge for the coming year and is moving to that place. The minister stated he had a great year at Sylvester and during the summer held some of the best revivals he ever had.—Vernon Times.

J. H. Brumley and family came in Friday from Corpus Christi, Tex., where they have been living for several months. They still have a hankering for Memphis and Hall county that brings them back whenever they leave. Mr. Brumley said his clothes were made of cotton and that he was afraid the boll weevil would get active in that section and he was going to move back to Memphis while moving was good.

Reading the ads of the Memphis merchants in this issue of the Democrat is like getting a letter from home with a nice check enclosed. Every ad has something of importance to Christmas shoppers and the prices made on this seasonable merchandise is very attractive. Look over these ads and you are sure to find something you want and you will know where to get it.

Sloan Baker, general agent of the United Fidelity Life Insurance company in this district, returned last week from attending the annual agency convention held at Dallas, December 4 and 5. Mr. Baker reports one of the most enthusiastic conventions his company has ever held. At this convention, Mr. Baker had an opportunity to talk with men from all over Texas, and returns with the assurance that this particular section is in just as good, if not better, shape than any district in the state.

Get Asbestoline roof paint at ICty Feed Store. 18-1f

KIL KARE KLUB IS ENTERTAINED WEDNESDAY

Mrs. Ray Goodson was hostess to the Kil Kare Klub, Wednesday evening of last week. The home was suggestive of Christmas, with its many red and green decorations.

Five games of bridge were played. The club then went into a short business meeting at which time plans were made for the many Christmas parties to be held during the holidays.

Lovely refreshments were served to Misses Virginia Thompson, Esther Pearl Thompson, Verna Crump, Bess Duke and Gladys Merritt of Dahart. Messrs. Carl Denny, Harry Delaney, O. V. Alexander and Mmes. and Messrs. Pete Clower, John Deaver, W. B. Baldwin, Frank Fore and Allan Grundy.

WOMAN'S CULTURE CLUB HAS XMAS PROGRAM

The Woman's Culture met in regular session Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 16, 1924, with Mrs. L. M. Hicks, hostess. A splendid program in keeping with Christmas was rendered as follows:

Roll Call—Response: A familiar picture founded upon the Bible story of the Nativity.

Reading—The greatest Christmas story in all literature—Mrs. Kuhn.

Greatest Christmas poem ever written—Mrs. S. B. Foxhall.

Interpretation—"Holy Night" the greatest Christmas picture—Mrs. Dickey.

"The Christmas Catechism"—Mrs. Howard.

The house as beautifully decorated, carrying out the Yuletide festivities. A miniature Christmas tree laden with a package for each of the guests made an attractive feature of the dining room and gave thrills of pleasure. A buffet luncheon was served in individual Christmas boxes, with each delicious helping made into a Christmas package. The social hour was one of continuous joy with the spirit of peace and good will prevailing.

W. M. S. MEETS AT HOME OF MRS. SAM FOXHALL

The Baptist W. M. S. met Monday at the home of Mrs. Sam Foxhall, in a combined business and social meeting. After a splendid program, led by Mrs. Grundy, the ladies who attended the convention each gave a report of the proceedings of the convention.

Delicious refreshments were served to over fifty ladies, by Mesdames Foxhall, Thornton, Howard, C. Z. Stidham, Drusilla Williams, Jackson, Geo. Moore. The next meeting will be Dec., 28, in separate divisions.

A Detroit hotel insures its guests against accident for 48 hours after departure.

DAUGHTERS OF WESLEY

The Daughters of Wesley class of the First Methodist church met at the home of Mrs. S. E. Ross last Thursday afternoon, with Mesdames J. E. Norman, S. E. Ross and Hal McGee as hostesses.

Decorations suggestive of the Christmas season were used in the house and on the dainty refreshment plates. After a short program the regular business session was held.

A delicious salad course was served after which the guests were invited into an adjoining room to the "post-office" where packages from "Polyannas" were received. After admiring the lovely gifts the donors were revealed and names for another Polyanna game were drawn.

The class adjourned to meet with Mrs. Robert Cummings January 7, 1925.

TO OUR FRIENDS AND MEMBERS

We take this means of thanking you for your hearty co-operation in loading our poultry car. We were well pleased and hope to be of assistance to you later. Don't get in too great hurry to sell your hens in January wait for the Farm Bureau Poultry car.

HALL COUNTY FARM BUREAU
C. F. Stout, Secy.

NOTICE AUTOMOBILE OWNERS

I have a letter from the State Highway Department requesting me to advise the car owners that 1924 license numbers should be on their cars by January 1, as the Attorney General says the law should be enforced, and the law says nothing about DAYS OF GRACE. 25-2tc
W. H. SMITH, Tax Collector

What My Neighbors Say

Is of Interest to Memphis Folks.

When one has had the misfortune to suffer from backache, headaches, dizziness, urinary disorders and other kidney ills—and has found relief from all this sickness and suffering, that person's advice is of untold value to friends and neighbors. The following case is only one of many thousands, but is that of a Memphis resident. Who could ask for a better example?

Mrs. T. A. Prater, E. Main street, says: "My back was sore and lame and ached. When I stooped I got dizzy and felt weak. I was also troubled with headaches and my kidneys were weak and acted irregularly. Doan's relieved me." (Statement given April 17, 1919).

On February 21, 1924, Mrs. Prater added: "I gladly confirm my previous statement of Doan's. Any time I have used them they have rid me of the attack."

60c at all dealers. Foster-Millburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

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We have a nice line of Christmas Accessories

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- Foot Feeds
- Wind Shield Cleaners
- Radiator Caps
- Motor Meters
- Horns
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- Heaters
- Petal Pants
- Parking Lights
- Water Pumps

FOR OTHER CARS

- Gear Shift Illuminated Balls
- Radiator Caps
- Cigarette Lighters
- Flash Lights
- Air Gauges
- Tires and Tubes
- Motor Meters
- Motor Meter Emblems
- Tire Locks

Pumps, Jacks, Mud Chains, etc., will make Useful Christmas Gifts

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WANTS CHICKENS

The Baptists have had a call from Dr. Hal Buckner, of the Buckner Orphan's Home, asking for a coop of chickens for Christmas. All that will give one or more hens, either in town or country please send them to Mrs. J. R. Stidham, one block south of the high school building, by Monday, December 21st.

Mrs. Galbraith, of Amarillo was in Memphis, Tuesday, enroute to Wellington, where she went to be with her son-in-law, Dr. D. D. Cross, who is confined in the hospital after an operation, in that city.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church will hold a Bazaar at McKelvy & Read Furniture Company's store Friday, Dec., 18. The ladies of the city are invited to come and look over their line of gift goods.

ORDER OF THE RAINBOW

The Order of the Rainbow for Girls will meet Tuesday, December 22, at 6:30 in regular session. All Eastern Stars and Masons are cordially invited.

Margaret Milam, W. A.
Maurine, Thompson, Sec'y.

W. O. C. CLUB ENTERTAINMENT

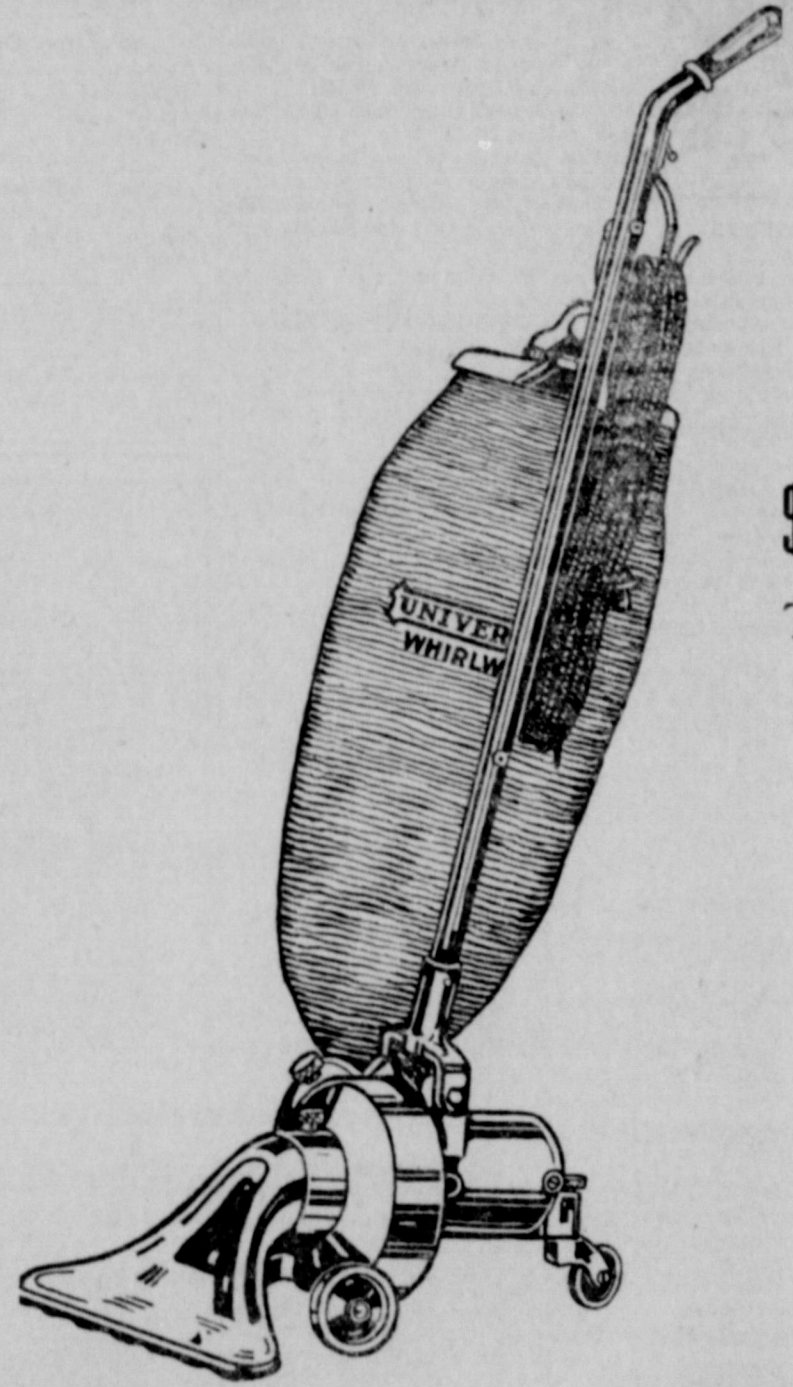
The W. O. C. Club met at the home of Miss Clare Francis on Saturday afternoon at 2:30. Members present were: Irish Drake, Annie Rene Montgomery, Mary Winston Montgomery. Members were favored with dolls.

Miss Catherine Easterling gave enjoyable reading and Miss Annie Rene Montgomery rendered a beautiful selection at the piano. A salad course was served after the social hour.

Holiday Suggestion

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- Top Coat
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- Pajamas
- Hand Bag
- Hose
- Shirts

- Wool Scarfs
- Belts
- Suspenders
- Cap
- Hat
- Gloves

- Bootees
- House Shoes
- Cuff Links
- Supporters
- Sweaters
- Ties



For Her

- Silk Underwear
- Gloves
- Toilet Sets
- Silk Hose
- Garters
- Stationery

- Table Scarfs
- Silk Bedspreads
- Furs
- Fitted Bags
- Bath Sets
- Purse
- Towels
- Bath Mats
- Silk Pillow
- Compacts
- Table Linen
- Beads

- Box Handkerchiefs
- Bath Robes

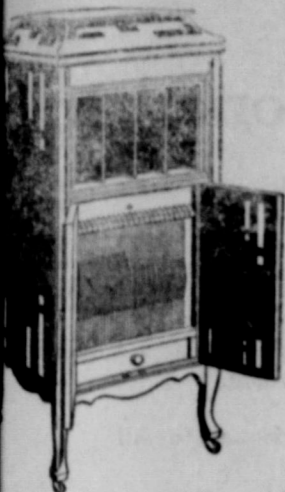
- Handkerchiefs
- Rubber Aprons

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Bandbox Mystery
Is Easily Solved

Cherished Christmas Things
Bring Back Sweet Memo-
ries of the Past.

By CHRISTOPHER G. HAZARD

SHE came out of the
five and ten cent
store with a great
number of pack-
ages and hastened
home to put them
in the bandbox.
Then she finished
the doll's dress,
put it on the doll, and put the doll
in the bandbox. Then she took the
doll out of the bandbox and added a
red sash to its dress and put it back
into the bandbox. Then she put a
label on the bandbox, which said
"Not to be opened until Christmas."
Then she took all the things out of
the bandbox undid each package and
tied it up again, put a different hat on
the doll, and replaced everything in
the bandbox, tying down the cover.
Then she took a walk, stopping at this
store and that, until her arms were
full of bundles again and she had to
go home with them. Then she took
the doll and all the other things out
of the bandbox again, just like a mag-
ician, when he gets so much out of
a hat, and put a new and splendid
young lady in the doll's place and a
lot of young lady things about her.
Then she put the little doll and all the
little doll things back into the band-
box and tied on the cover, and put
the label on again, and wrapped the
bandbox up in Christmas paper, and
put the bandbox away in the closet.
Then she went to the closet and got
out the bandbox, and looked into it
once more, to see if everything was
all right, and wrapped it up again,
and put the label on the outside of the
wrapper this time, and added another
label which told the bandbox where
to go on Christmas morning. Then
she took down a picture of a dear

little girl from the mantel and another
of a lovely young lady and looked
long and lovingly at them, while a
tear fell upon the young lady's face.
Then anyone could see what it had
all been about, and how she who had
no child and no young lady that
Christmas time was bringing back
sweet memories and sending out new
joys with the mysterious bandbox.
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Athletic Toys

Athletic toys are nowadays accept-
able to both boys and girls. They
want a tricycle or a bicycle, good roller
skates, good baseball bats, balls and
gloves, a tennis racket that is not
merely a toy imitation of the real
thing, fishing and camping outfits, a
croquet set, a big toy automobile, a
movie outfit or magic lantern, elec-
trical apparatus and the dozen and
one scientific toys that teach most in-
terestingly the rudiments of exact
sciences while affording entertainment
and a possibility of the development
of skill.—George Newell Moran.

The First Stocking

The Christmas stocking custom is
said to have sprung from the legend
that St. Nicholas, the boys' patron
saint, climbed on a roof during one
of his philanthropic trips and dropped
a purse down a chimney; and the
purse fell into a stocking hanging up
to dry.

Christmas Bells

I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men
—Longfellow.

Family washing is decreasing in
volume and laundries all over the
country are increasing in number
and amount of trade.

Frequent
Bilious Attacks

"I suffered with severe bil-
ious attacks that came on two
or three times each month,"
says Mr. J. P. Nevins, of
Lawrenceburg, Ky. "I would
get nauseated. I would have
dizziness and couldn't work.
I would take pills until I was
worn-out with them. I didn't
seem to get relief."
"A neighbor told me of

BLACK-DRAUGHT

Liver Medicine

and I began its use. I never
have found so much relief
as it gave me. I would not
be without it for anything. It
seemed to cleanse my whole
system and made me feel like
new. I would take a few
doses—get rid of the bile and
have my usual clear head,
feel full of pep, and could do
twice the work."
Bilious attacks are "sea-
sonal" with many people.
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Sparkle
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Gallon Cherries	\$1.15
Gallon Catsup	.85
Gallon Peaches, Solid pack	.70
Gallon Loganberries, solid pack	.75
2 1/2 Gold Bar Bartlett Peaches	.35
2 1/2 Gold Bar Yellow Cling Peaches	.30
2 1/2 Wapco Kraut	.15
No. 2 Jackson Kraut, 2 cans	.25
No. 10 White Swan Syrup	.85
2 1/2 Green Gage Plums	.25
3 pounds Wapco Coffee	1.35
3 pounds Breakfast Delight Coffee	1.60
Extra Fancy Peaberry Coffee, per pound	.45
10 pounds Pure Extracted Honey	1.65
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Envelopes, 2 packages for	.15

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Christmas Spirit as an Interlude

Young Executive Would Not Make Some Happy and Others Sad.

By JUSTIN WENTWOOD
THE great hall of the penitentiary was brightly lit by electricity. Holly was wreathed along the walls. There was roast beef and plum pudding and two cigars for every inmate—for the warden was a believer in modern methods of penology. And the men were falling in.

They came in with the prison step, and their faces brightened as they saw the good cheer. They sat down, and for an hour they forgot their sorrows.

They knew that in a myriad of homes families were celebrating. Many of them had wives and children who must pass this and many more Christmases without them. This gave an added poignancy to the dinner. And there was a note of sadness beneath the merrymaking.

The chief guard moved up and down the lines of tables. "Hear the governor's comin' to see you, boys," he said.

The whisper ran round the room. Not a heart but beat the faster for the news. The governor was a young man—not far beyond thirty.

The last governor of the state had been spectacular in his methods. He had made a point of setting prisoners free on public holidays. Two Christmases before he had descended on the penitentiary and announced a whole sheaf of pardons. It had left happiness and bitterness behind it, that visit of the late governor's. And he had been an old bachelor. The new governor was young, married—he would take pity on them.

So Stoneman, the old forger, with five years yet to serve, heard the news with emotion. Surely he had served his time, paid all the punishment that the law could fairly ask of him.

And Richards, the murderer, who had done seventeen years and was now an old man—surely he was ripe for remission.

And Benson, the financier, who would have looked down upon the why, it was his associate, not he who had wrecked the bank, and he had served two whole years out of seven. Surely the governor would announce his pardon!

And the boy Johnson, who had killed his brute of a stepfather, and got thirty years for it—he had been in the pen since he was seventeen and was now twenty-five. Was his life to slip away, slip away within those walls? Wouldn't the governor give him a chance?

So thought five hundred of the inmates, and gradually the suspense stilled their voices, and they hardly spoke. And the meal drew to a close.

Then quick steps were heard outside. The warden entered: "Boys, the governor's come to see you!"

They rose to their feet. "Three cheers for Governor Browne," yelled somebody. And they cheered with a will. The governor smiled and nodded. They were sizing him up. Why, he was only a kid, this governor. A kid anybody could make do anything he wanted him to.

"Go on with your dinner," said the governor, and he remained chatting with the chief warden and some of



He Spoke of the Spirit of Christmas as an Interlude.

the guards. At last he turned toward the men. A deathly silence fell. Now it was coming. Who would be taken? Who could be left?

He began to speak in an informal way. There was none of the flourish and grandeur of the former governor. He spoke of the spirit of Christmas as an interlude in the interactions of life, a little resting place in the struggle for existence. He spoke of the responsibilities of citizenship. There were many there who would look with a keener sense upon these responsibilities when they had their citizens' rights restored to them.

"Now it's coming," thought each and all of them.

And he wished them all a happy Christmas.

And he was gone. And—nothing said. Not a man pardoned.

They sat there stupefied. And suddenly there came to them an understanding of what was in the governor's mind. He would not bring the sense of triumph, of rivalry, into that meeting. He would not make some happy and others sad. That was the Christmas spirit—that interlude. . . . debased of them.

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2—33x4½	Federal Wiscona Cords	20.00
2—32x4	Federal Blue Pennant Cords	23.75
1—33x4	Federal Blue Pennant Cord	24.50
2—32x4	Federal Heavy Duty Cords	26.25
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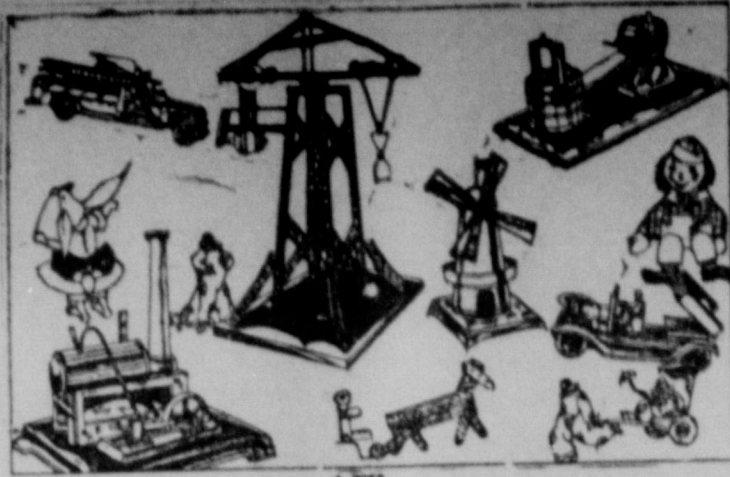
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Fork and Spoon set, community plate, spoon and fork, one set in nursery rhyme box.

\$1.00



For the Baby

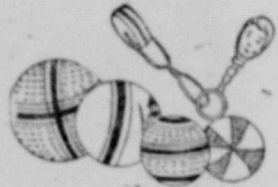
Baby is going to need a present too, and one of them should be a rattler.

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A really wonderful doll. Bye-Lo-Baby is by far the most appealing doll offered to American children for a decade. It has an irresistible charm and gladdens the heart of both mother and child. A tag with the signature of Grace Story Putnam will be on each Bye-Lo-Baby doll—look for it, none are genuine without it. It comes in five sizes, 13 1-4 to 20 1-2 inches—price \$2.95 to \$8.95

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Folds up when not in use. Black enameled steel frame covered in colored leatherette.

49c

Fordsons

Made just like Henry Ford's famous tractor, and strong enough to withstand months of play.

59c

Pedal Bike

Rubber tired, strong heavy steel frame, complete with bell.

\$2.59

Red Painted Chairs and Rockers

Comfortable and good looking

69c

Fancy Box Paper

Large fancy boxes of good quality paper, in white and beautiful tints.

15c to 35s

Holly Wrapping Paper

It costs so little yet will make your gift so nice

5c

FAIN &

TASTY SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS TABLE

Go to these stores and load your baskets full of Christmas delicacies and have food for the Holidays that the entire family will enjoy to the utmost.

"EAT AND BE MERRY"—YOU KNOW IT IS PART OF THE YULETIDE SPIRIT



Select Poultry

FOR A DELIGHTFUL CHRISTMAS DINNER!

Mother will be delighted with the ease and success she has in preparing our select, fresh and tender Poultry.

And the Children—watching her "baste it" or getting a peek at it while it's in the oven—will hardly be able to wait until Dad says "Pass your plates!" Then—Watch Everybody Eat!

Memphis Produce Company

PHONE 278

Save Money

ON YOUR GROCERIES

Buy Your Order Of Christmas Groceries here and get the choicest selections of fresh, fruits, nuts and vegetables at the lowest prices, considering quality.

Phone us your Christmas order and we will deliver it to you promptly.

W. B. DeBerry Grocery Store

PHONE 37



GOODIES FOR YOUR Christmas Table

"EAT AND BE MERRY"—you know it is part of the Yuletide spirit—so you'll have to extend yourself a little in arraying the Christmas table.

Fresh fruits and vegetables in ample abundance, all quality brands of package goods.

J. D. Guinn Grocery

PHONE 113

SOUTH SIDE SQUARE



PIGGLY WIGGLY

wishes its patrons a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We have saved you money in 1925—Let us do the same for 1926.

PIGGLY WIGGLY

PHONE 249



Christmas Cakes

Add a finishing touch of festivity to your well arranged Christmas table - - with one of our delightfully tasty, special holiday Cakes! Dainty and cleverly iced in attractive designs - - light and fluffily baked of the purest ingredients - - you'll find them a rare treat!

Fruit Cake 65c per pound

City Bakery

PHONE 142



YOU'LL ENJOY OUR Christmas Dinner

We will serve a special Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings from 11 a. m. till 2 p. m.

PRICE 65c PER PLATE

—MENU—

- Baked Turkey
- Fruit Cocktail
- Oyster Dressing
- Cranberry Sauce
- Baked Young Hen Berman Asprize
- Baked Loin of Pig
- Candied Apples
- Shrimp Salad
- Cream Peas
- Snowflake Potatoes
- Roman Sauce
- Fruit Cake
- Coffee
- Tea
- Milk

Rube's Cafe

PHONE 346



TEMPTING—FRESH

Vegetables

Every hostess likes to have her guests remark about "how good this is" and "how good that tastes." See that the folks say that about whatever Vegetables you serve as part of your big Christmas dinner. Order it from

Hogland Mercantile Co.

PHONE 281



Step Forward—Folks

The "inner-man" craves happiness on Christmas, too. That is, when you sit down to the big holiday feast—you would enjoy a couple of healthy helpings from one of our CHOICE ROASTS.

Arnold & Gardner Meat Market

We will have a fresh supply of Special Cuts for Christmas.

PHONES 160—280

Oh, See What Santa Brought



WILSON STAMP TO BE ISSUED

The die proof of the new Woodrow Wilson 17-cent stamp was completed recently by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and Postmaster General New, announced that work will be rushed to have the first issue placed on sale Dec. 28, birthdate of the war president.

They will be sold on that date only at Staunton, Va., the former home and birthplace of Woodrow Wilson, Princeton, N. J., his last home before coming to the White House, New York, headquarters of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation and at the National Capital.

The new stamp is to be printed in bank note black ink and will

bear what is understood to be the favorite portrait of Wilson, approved by his widow and Norman Davis, president of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation.

Get Asbestoline roof paint at iCty Feed Store. 18-1f

Orange Salad

Cut five thin-skinned sour oranges in very thin slices, and slice in quarters. Marinate with a dressing made by mixing one-third cupful olive oil, one and one-half tablespoonfuls each lemon juice and vinegar, one-third teaspoonful salt, one-fourth teaspoonful paprika, and a few grains mustard. Serve on a bed of watercress. Garnish with one-fourth cupful plumped seedless raisins.

He Found It Paid to Read All Ads

Lester Had Set His Heart on Giving Peggy a Desk for Christmas.

By KATHERINE EDELMAN

LESTER KINSLEY walked out of the store with a disappointed look upon his usually cheerful face. The sum of money that he had in his pocket was not enough to buy the Christmas gift that he wanted for Peggy. And his heart had been so set on giving her a spinet desk. True, he could let part of the payment price extend over Christmas, but Lester had made it a point to pay cash for his purchases, and the thought of breaking this rule was repugnant to him, much as he wanted to buy the desk. He would have to content himself in buying something else.

But during the days that followed he could not shake off the thought of the desk. He knew that there were many other gifts he could get with the sum that he had—gifts that would probably be just as good—but somehow when it came to looking at them he always hesitated. The spinet desk loomed before in mental vision as the only and desirable gift for Peggy. He had added a few more dollars to his fund, but he was yet short of the price, and Christmas was only two days away. He must get something today!

It had always been a habit of Lester's to read his morning paper with care. Now, before he left the house for the day he scanned it over, page by page, advertisements as well as news. Suddenly he started from his chair. The same-make of spinet desk that he had looked at was advertised at another store for a price that was now within his reach. This was in a smaller store in a less pretentious street. "Such luck!" Lester Kinsley whispered to himself.

So, after all, he had the happiness of giving Peggy the Christmas gift that he thought would please her most—and it did.

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Dr. Howard A. Kelly, of Baltimore predicts that delicate electric needles that part the tissues before they touch them will soon replace many of the scalpels now used by surgeons.

EDISON ARTISTS PLEASE QUANAH; HERE FRIDAY

The large Methodist church was filled with music lovers last night eager to hear the singing of Miss Helen Davis and the piano music of Victor Young.

They were not disappointed, both being great artists of pleasing personalities, and it was with regret that the vast audience perceived that the entertainment lasted no longer.

Miss Davis sang in a subdued voice most of the time, the machine accompanying her having been borrowed from a Quanah home, and

while such singing is hard, she apparently sang with ease her voice going as high as A and holding it with no apparent effort. Not one in a million singers can accomplish this feat.

Part of the time it was difficult to tell whether one was hearing the record or the voice of Miss Davis, and only the movement of her lips indicated the difference.

It was a great treat to hear these virtuoso, and those present last night were, fortunate indeed. —Quanah Tribune Chief.

Having purchased the McCool Transfer Co. business I will appreciate your calling me. Sam Goodman. Phone 500. 23-1c.

CHRISTMAS PHOTO

SHE had her picture taken for her family for Christmas and on Christmas Eve had hung it, framed, upon the wall. Her young man came to call, and when she was but half-looking, took the picture from off the wall, for his possession.

Was she angry? Not a bit of it. It was so wonderful to think he would even steal her photograph! — Mary Graham Bonner.

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WHY WORRY

About your Christmas Dinner? Of course everyone will have their chicken or turkey. We have the Fruit Cakes and Hostess Layer Cakes, Fruits, Nuts and Mayonnaise Dressing for your Salad, Cranberries, Lettuce, Dill, Sour and Sweet Pickles in bulk. Sweet Pickle Peaches and don't forget about the TEA GARDEN Preserves, they will add much to your Christmas Dinner.

WISHING EACH OF YOU A MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS AND ALL THESE GOOD THINGS TO EAT

A. Womack's Grocery

Phones 600 and 262

Gifts for Everybody

The selection of gifts for your own family and for friends becomes a real pleasure at this store. We have assembled from many sources the best items for gift giving, and now they await your approval in a display that aids you in choosing quickly and wisely the things you wish to give.



These Items Will Suggest Many Desirable Gifts

FOR WOMEN

Silk Underwear, Silk Negligees, Bath Robes, Bed Room Slippers, Hand Bags, Fancy Gloves, Fancy Towel Sets, Bed Room and Dining Room Linen, Silk Hose and Fancy Handkerchiefs in Holiday Boxes.

For Father or Brother Here's Gifts Aplenty



Bath Robes, House Slippers, Warm Gloves, Fancy Pajamas, Sweaters and Sport Coats, Ties, Shirts, Mufflers, Fancy Sox and Handkerchiefs in Holiday boxes, Bill Folds, in Hand Tooled Leather and a complete line of Luggage.

Check over your own list with these items and undoubtedly you will make many changes, for these articles are splendid values at the prices we have them marked

GIFTS THAT ARE TIMELY AND ACCEPTABLE—LOW IN PRICE

Masonic Bldg.

Cross Dry Goods Store

Memphis Texas

New Arrivals in Spring Coats and Millinery

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A Tremendous Price Reduction

On January 7th, 1926, Dodge Brothers Incorporated will announce a tremendous reduction in the prices of their complete line of Motor Cars.

These reductions will apply on all cars bought after midnight December 15th, 1925.

When the new prices are made known on January 7th the full amount of the reductions will be immediately refunded to all purchasers since December 15th.

These revolutionary reductions are made possible by a recently completed ten million dollar expansion program--new buildings and equipment that will nearly double the capacity of Dodge Brothers factories in 1926.

There is no change in the policy upon which Dodge Brothers established their leadership eleven years ago--the policy of constant improvement without yearly models.

Allen-Figh Motor Company

Main and Seventh

Memphis, Texas



HAD we the power-- this world could not hold all the Gifts we would shower upon you. But, anyhow, remember--we're wishing you the Greatest and Happiest Christmas you've ever had!

Veta Electric Co.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Have Your Bath Rooms Prepared by
ANGUS HUCKABY PLUMBING SHOP
All Work Guaranteed
Day and Night Phone **596**


**GARNETT'S FILLING STATION
OPENS FOR BUSINESS**

Our new filling station at 10th and Main is now open with a full line of tires and accessories, American Products of Gas and Oils. We have the exclusive right on Diamond Casings. Vulcanizing work at all times.

We continue doing Radiator Work in the new location. Will appreciate your business.

G. W. GARNETT, Manager
GARNETT'S FILLING STATION

COAL Winter's Chilly Blasts



Are coming. Now is the time, before the hand of Winter closes down over your home. Order your supply of Lump and Nut Coal Today, then you will be ready to sit in comfort these Long Winter evenings.

Phone your order at Once. Phone No. 11.

J. C. Wooldridge Lumber Company

Glad To See You



Just any time. Consider our front door wide open--step right in and be greeted by the courteous welcome all officials of this bank are eager to extend to you.

We are here to be of financial service to you. To give confidential, friendly advice on any problem that has to do with money, be it on investments, loans, or opening new accounts. Come in and get acquainted.

Citizens State Bank

Cherub Serves as Santa's Assistant
Task Is to Aid Merry Old Kris During His Christmas Rush.

By CHRISTOPHER G. HAZARD

HE LOOKED like a Cupid or a cherub, without any particular business on earth, but he was assistant to that merry genius who has so much business at Christmas time that he doesn't know what to do. His task was to trudge about with bundles in the interest of happy sights and greetings. Mr. Inkworthy's printer made a mistake when he said that the boy came from a "fondling" asylum, but the word fitted his mission if it did fail to point out his source. Inkworthy's proofreader was as incorrigible an errorist as old Mr. Suit, the tailor, who told Doctor Pillsbury, when he complained that one leg of his pantaloons was creased in front while the other was creased on the side, that pantaloons would sometimes work that way.

"Are your hands sticky?" said the Cherub to small Sarah, as he pulled a doll out of his pack. "Not quite," said the young mother, as she pressed the new daughter to her heart. In the other room was a real baby, who was crying for even more than he was worth. "He wants some mamma," explained his sister, and forthwith the messenger summoned her. She was really glad to see him again, for it was he who had given her the deepest wish of her heart the Christmas before when he brought the crying youngster to her house. It was a child that the world needed on Christmas day. God knew that. Sarah had remarked on that occasion, "God is almost as good as Marfa," alluding to the character of her nurse.

His visit to Mr. Flint pleased the Cherub, for he purposed to bleed him. Having no relatives, the old man had thought that he would escape, but he was eventually argued and wheedled out of three gifts, a crutch for rheu-



His Visit to Mr. Flint Pleased the Cherub.

matic Tom Foley, a cane for his father and a bundle of clothes for his wife. Mrs. Foley found the bundle full of change, hightum for best, tightum for second best, and scrub for rainy days. She was delighted. At the next house the Cherub was cross-examined by the three-year-old mistress of a manse. Everybody else was out for the moment, so that the young learner had an unhindered chance to increase her stock of wisdom. The conversation was as follows:

Mistress: "What's in the can?"
The Cherub: "That's white paint."
"What you goin' to do wif it?"
"I'm going to put it on the wall."
"How are you goin' to put it on?"
"With a brush."
"Why are you goin' to pit the paint on the wall?"
"To make it all nice and clean and white?"
"When are you goin' to do it?"
"Tomorrow."
"Is that the paint?"
"Yes."
"Is it white paint?"
"Yes."
"Where's the wall?"
"Over there."
"Are you goin' to pit it on a wall?"
"Yes."
"So it will be nice and clean and white?"
"Yes."

At this point the Cherub produced a jumping jack and bestowed it upon the inquisitive infant, but as a new hall of questions began with "What's that for?" and as evening drew on, he concluded to call it a day's work and retreated.

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DECORATIONS

CH RISTMAS decorations! How faithful they are. The same old things used year, and always adding to the gaiety with a never-grow-old spirit about them!—Mary Graham Bonner.

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Order your Christmas Fruit cake early at City Bakery for 65c per pound. 24-3c

"Betcha Dere is a Santa Claus"



Alice's Christmas With Her Parents

Happy to Pay First Installment of Her Debt of Gratitude.

By ELEANOR E. KING

AJERK, and the train came to a full stop. "West Chicago," bellowed the conductor. The young girl who sat facing the source of noise made a queer face. Without thinking, her hands went up to her ears to shut out the sound. The conductor noticed it, giving a surly half grin as he turned away. The train again on its way, the continual click of the wheels quickened Alice's thoughts.

"Getting quite near home?" came a voice above the whirl of the speeding train. Alice looked up into the face of the conductor. "Yes; my but it seems good." "Let me see, your ticket was from Colorado, wasn't it?" "Quite so. I have spent almost a year and a half out in that country, now." Alice paused and drew a deep breath. "I have come back home for Christmas."

"O, I see," returned her attentive listener. "A case of the return of the prodigal daughter. I take it."

"No, to tell the truth, I am the improvident art supervisor; only daughter of a family in moderate circumstances, returning home for the holidays."

Three o'clock Christmas day found Alice and her happy family together with their relatives seated at a turkey dinner. The maid was clearing the table for the dessert course when Alice, standing beside her father's chair, began:

"I came home especially for the purpose of seeing my folks of course, but most of all to present, in person, this little envelope. It represents the first installment of a series to be paid by me, in gratitude for the sacrifices on my folks' part and the joys on my part of my college and art career. Father and mother, it makes it one of my happiest Christmases to be able to do this."

Alice's father and mother together opened the envelope. The expressions, as seen by Alice as they read the contents, first registered curiosity, surprise, eagerness, then alarm.

"Alice, child! A thousand dollars! Why, dear, we never thought of such a thing as you paying us back. Why child—"

"That is just the fun of it," laughed Alice as she hugged them both—"I knew you didn't."

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Cream of Chestnut Soup


Peel and blanch one quart of large chestnuts. Cook for one-half hour and rub through a sieve. Add one quart of white stock and a little chopped parsley. Blend one tablespoonful of flour with one of butter. Add to the soup, stirring it briskly. Put through the sieve again and serve with croutons of fried bread.

CHRIST'S MASS

THE original form of Christmas, says an authority, was "Christ's mass," and no additional possessive was used when writing of the eve of Christ's mass, Christ's mass eve. The possessive was gradually elided and the word shortened to Christmas, and hence Christmas Eve. A close parallel is criss-cross pattern, which by the same process is a pattern of Christ's crosses, the possessive being entirely lost through the centuries.

"We Shall Keep Faith"
United Fidelity Life Insurance Co.
Sloan Baker, District Representative

HOME GIFTS



With Christmas only a few days off, one's thoughts are turned to the gift problem. Any article in our store will make an acceptable gift and the wide assortment with prevailing prices will make your selections easier. Visit our store. Make your Christmas selections from the following list:

- Living Room Suites
- Bed Room Suites
- Rugs, both large and small
- Assortment of Rockers
- Dining Room Suites
- Kitchen Sets
- Lamps
- Cigar Sets, etc.

McKELVY & REED
QUALITY FURNITURE
WEST SIDE OF SQUARE MEMPHIS, TEXAS



AUTO ACCESSORIES

Will make splendid, substantial Christmas Gifts. Accessories are something all automobile owners will buy whenever he feels he can add to the completeness of his car. Hence, as gifts they're sure to satisfy. We have any of these articles in stock. Come and see them.

We wish our patrons a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

Gerlach Bros. Garage
Phone 565

Telephone Service

Everybody who thinks, knows that the development of a city or a community is greatly enhanced by the Quick Communication with the outside world. And a big per cent of the business transacted within the city is by telephone. Therefore, we are making preparations as fast as possible to make the telephone a real pleasure as well as a necessity in every business and home in this section.

We Wish For Everybody a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year

Memphis Telephone Co.
T. A. SINGER, Manager.

November 28, 1925



Just Arrived With
Load of 'Em

ANY TOYS FOR BIG BROTHER, FOR LITTLE SISTER
THE OLD. TOYS FOR OUTDOOR SPORTS—TOYS
THAT INSTRUCT IN BUILDING—DOLLS THAT SAY
THE MOST DESIRE. TOYS THAT WILL BE ENJOYED

Can see the thousands of fascinating toys
new ones, too, waiting to find delighted

Christmas Presents



Toy Telephone
Just like a real telephone, with mouth piece, receiver and bell, take down the receiver and it says "Hello." \$1.39

Novelty Bags
Combination of leather and crinkled childrens bags, fitted with mirrors, 25c

Aluminum Tea Set
"The mothers" colator, sugar bowl, creamer, cups, two saucers, two spoons. 98c

China Tea Sets
These beautiful toy tea sets are all nicely decorated, come and see them. 15c

Turkish Bath Sets
Consisting of bath towel, face towel and wash rag, in all favorite colors. \$1.25

Lightning All Steel Scooter
Red enameled, all steel heavy throughout, disc wheels, rubber tires, priced low \$1.95

Doll Buggies
Nell will like her baby buggy to go with the doll that you are going to buy here. \$2.98

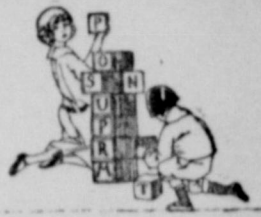
Doll Bed
Blue enameled metal folding bed with mattress and pillows. 25c



A Doll for Every Girl

Every little girl whether two or ten years old wants a doll. And we have enough in our department stores for every girl in the county. And there are all kinds of dolls.

Come Get Your Pick



Blocks

All children like blocks, there is something fascinating about them. 5c and 50c



Doll Furniture

And of course your daughter must have a set of doll furniture. 25c

Doll Buggies



Nell will like her baby buggy to go with the doll that you are going to buy here. \$2.98

Drums



Every real boy wants a drum and your boy is a real boy. Get him the drum now at low prices.



Tool Chest

A tool chest is just the thing big brother wants most. 98c to \$6.50



Electric Irons

An electric iron will be a gift that will be useful long after Christmas has past. \$3.95

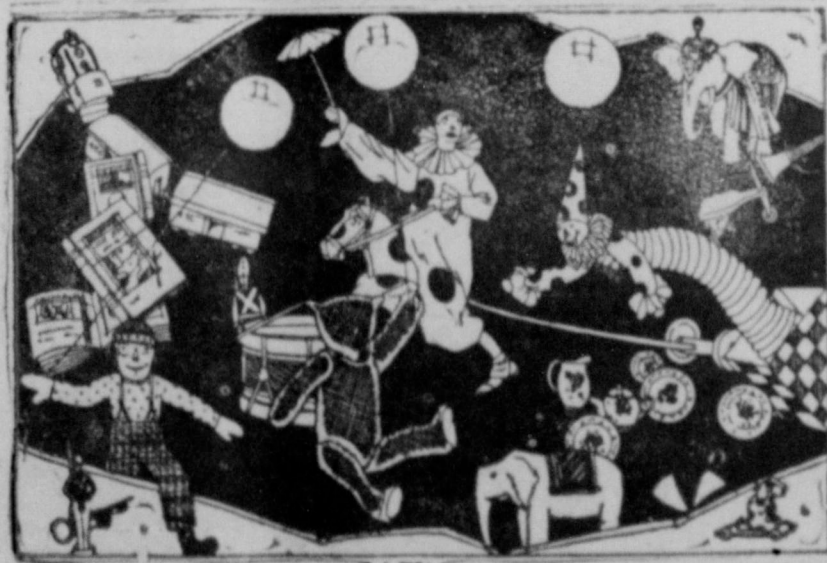
Horns Harps



A horn or a french harp will satisfy your boys desire for noise and music. 5c, 10c, 15c

Street Cars

A running street car or train will make your children open their eyes with joy on Christmas day. 15c



Still More Toys

This doesn't begin to tell of all the toys. There are stacks and stacks more. In fact you will think this is the place where Santa fills his pack when you come here to pick out the gifts.

Shop Today

5c - 10c - 25c - \$1
DEPARTMENT STORE

FOR MOTHER

- China Tea Set
- Aluminum Ware
- Set of Dishes
- Heavy Turkish Towels
- Art Picture

FOR FATHER

- Shaving Set
- Smoking Set
- Pocket Knife
- Men's Silk Sox
- Men's Wool Shirts

FOR BROTHER

- Football, genuine leather
- Daisy Air Rifles
- Rubber Tired Tricycle
- Leather Baseball Gloves
- All Wool Sweater

FOR SISTER

- Big Mama Doll
- Kiddies Boxed Handkerchiefs
- Ornamented Bed Lights
- Pair Silk Hose
- Silk Underwear

FOR HER

- Social Stationery
- Vanity Case
- Fancy Boxed Handkerchiefs
- Colonial Lady Boudoir Lamps
- Fancy Powder Boxes

FOR HIM

- Fancy Silk Ties
- Men's Initial Handkerchiefs
- Cigarette Case
- Pocket Ben Watch
- Ash Tray



**Look inside and see the many
Wonderful Toys and Christ-
mas Presents that are
being offered at low
prices at**



Her Dream of Christmas



Estimate on Brick, Tile or Frame Turn Key Work a Specialty
J. M. HACKNEY
 CONTRACTOR "The Home Builder"
 P. O. Box No. 103. MEMPHIS, TEXAS

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 Wichita Falls, & Abilene, Texas
A Good Position—a big salary is what counts on the road to success. We quickly train you for a good position in a bank, wholesale house, mercantile establishment, and the like, and we position for you. Coupon will bring SPECIAL information. Mail it today.
 Address.

MONUMENTS AT A REDUCTION

Wishing to turn my stock of Monuments into cash by January 1, I am offering 25 per cent discount on them from the regular price. This is a genuine reduction in price, and if you are in need of a monument come up at once and make a selection or write and I will call.

CLARENDON MONUMENT WORKS
 J. C. McCARLEY, Prop.
 Office Phone 106 CLARENDON, TEXAS Res. Phone 490

Opened His Purse to Aid the Needy

Generous Man's Contribution Assured Caroline Visit From Santa.

By ALEC TUPPER
LT WAS a chubby girl of five years, who stood before a large store window on the main street, admiring the wonderful toys arranged in the midst of red and green decorations. Every day for two weeks Caroline had appreciated seeing these things, yet she wished so hard for even one toy. Now the day before Christmas, the biting cold of the morning did not drive her away from the spot where her head reached high enough to flatten the red top of her nose on the plate glass, while her eyes dropped very deep to see how it looked in a different shape. There was a hole in each of her mittens, each thumb being drawn in on the palm for warmth, and she gave a hop, first on one foot, then on the other. One toe peeped out of a shoe. Nearly every time Santa pointed automatically to his bag of toys, Caroline laughed so heartily that the plaid coat drawn tightly about her plump waist swelled and nearly lost its two buttons.

And a man had been watching her for some time. He came up to her and asked her what she wanted for Christmas. Caroline answered that mother was very poor this year and perhaps couldn't even buy a Christmas dinner, but she looked kindly at Santa each day now, hoping he would know her very well. The man smiled pleasantly and opened his purse. He loved children and especially such as these. "Here child," he said, "take this and go right home to your mother."

Mrs. Bixby was busy ironing in the basement kitchen, with her little baby in a basket beside her, when Caroline rushed in breathless, holding a bright ten-dollar coin in her reddened, chubby palm, for she kept her mitten off all the way. Wasn't it a happy Christmas for the Bixbys! Caroline said it was from "a man who passed by" and when Mrs. Bixby offered a little Christmas prayer that night, she was reminded of the Christ who did so much good as He passed by—always conscious of the needy in body and spirit. She was sure that the Christ can reflect in this day from those who walk in His path. (© 1925, Western Newspaper Union.)

To Bid the Christ Come In

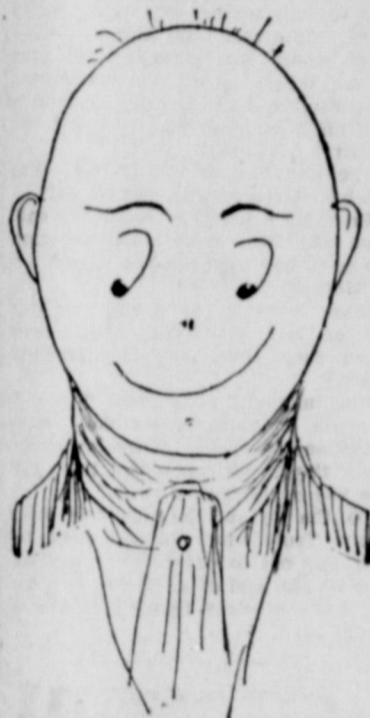
By ABBY M. ROACH
 In Louisville Courier-Journal

THERE is a pretty story. Of medieval birth, That every year the young Child-Christ Comes back again to earth, And wandering through the city, The forest, and the moor, Seeks if perhaps He yet may find A hospitable door.

We sing a song at Christmas Of Life and Love and Mirth, And of our quenchless Faith that Spring Will come again on earth. In the year's darkest season We make the warmest glow, And all our simpler hopes and loves And joys find utterance so.

But when we heap our fires Against the cold or rain, And set our candles or our tree Before the window-pane, There's a still higher meaning, Could we but to it win,— A warm hearth, and a door unlocked, unbarred, To bid the Christ come in.

WHY HE'S HAPPY



This is Andrew World's-All-Right. You cannot make him mad: For if he has not gifts today, He'll think of those he's had! —Martha Banning Thomas.

MARLIN HOT WELLS
 WHERE LIFE GIVING WATERS FLOW
 Come to Marlin, the year-round health resort, for rheumatism, neuritis, stomach trouble and all chronic diseases. Modern up-to-date hotels, clinics and bath houses. Golfing and dancing. Ask your neighbor who has been here or write,
THE MARLIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
 MARLIN, TEXAS



The Gift of Gifts

No gift could possibly be more acceptable, or provide more happiness for both giver and receiver, than the Better Buick.

The cost is small when balanced against the pleasure this better motor car will bring to those you love.

If you are thinking of giving a Better Buick for Christmas, it would be a good idea to make your selection soon. We will have it waiting at your door when the sun comes up, on Christmas morning.

BUICK MOTOR COMPANY, FLINT, MICH.
 Division of General Motors Corporation

Davis Buick Co.
 Memphis, Tex.

Furniture

The Best Gift

For a lasting gift and one that may be enjoyed by every member of the family for many years to come—give Furniture. The excellent quality, the beauty of the finish and the attractiveness of the design as shown by our Furniture makes buying here a pleasure.



Everything in Furniture
 from Front Room to Kitchen
 ---especially suited for Gifts

No matter what you have in mind in the way of Furniture you will find it here, or we can get it for you quickly. Take the time to inspect our displays soon.

Old Santa Claus, himself, will be at our store next Saturday. He wants to meet all of the children and find out what they want for Christmas. He will give away some nice Souvenirs Saturday. Come and get one.

Thompson Bros. Co
 HARDWARE AND FURNITURE



Special
 Sale
 ON

Kelly Springfield Heavy Duty Truck Tires

We are closing out the following sizes of Truck and Passenger Tires at greatly reduced prices during the remainder of December. Come and get them before they are all gone. We will save you money.

Heavy Duty Truck Tires—Passenger Car Types

30x5	30x3
33x5	30x3½
32x4½	31x4
35x5	34x4

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYBODY

Lon Montgomery

Home With Mother on Christmas Day

Children Could Not Be Contented Away From Lonely Parent.

By MARY GRAHAM BONNER.

HER children were no longer children. They were grown up now. That was why they had gone to the city. They had felt there would be more opportunities for them in the city and that they could help her more. Perhaps they were right. Young people had a way of sounding convincing. The animation and vivacity gave conviction to their spirited voices.

She got up and put the kettle on the stove. It was supper time, but she didn't feel hungry. She would have a cup of tea and sit in front of the fire and dream of the other Christmas eves there had been.

That, in a way, she thought, would

make up for her loneliness this Christmas eve. For she was lonely. There was no sense in telling herself that she wasn't, for she couldn't make herself believe that. She had been trying to do so, but had failed.

They couldn't come home for Christmas.



And Dream of Other Christmas Eves There Had Been.

mas. They hadn't enough to spare for the expensive journey.

They would have Christmas together and they would be thinking all day of her to whom they were written. Yes, she knew they would be thinking of her. They were dear, loyal ones, those two children of hers who were now grown up. They had sent her such a lovely Christmas box—more than they could afford, she knew.

And she had sent them little things she thought would please them, things she had made—apples with a real flavor, bedroom slippers for hard city bedroom floors.

How quiet the house was. She had put wreaths in the windows and had lighted all the lights and had put a few twigs of green here and there in the rooms.

The butcher had given her a little piece of mistletoe to hang up and she had hung it up, though it seemed an

ironic touch. How jubilantly her son had kissed her under the mistletoe last Christmas.

"My dainty little sweetheart," he had said.

In the distance she heard the train's whistle. That was the evening train—the second and last of the day. How hollow and mocking it sounded, and how always sounded so gay in the frosty, crisp air.

That was the train they had come back on the year before, for they had come home that first Christmas. They had not found the city so expensive then. Since that time they had made more money, but expenses had gone up and it was agreed that considering they could not get but the day and a half off it was not wise to spend the money.

She went out to get her tea. Did she hear steps outside, and voices?

Probably a neighbor coming to call. How silly she was to hope, now that the train had been in some time—

"Mother! Mother!"

Their voices! She ran from the kitchen into the living room. And there they were, her two precious dears.

"Oh, mother," they cried, "what is the use of living if we don't have Christmas together? If we can afford other things we can afford that, too. We just couldn't stay away."

Oh, the joy and the happiness there was! Truly what did one work for if it was not to enjoy the true blessings of life, and of all blessings what one more precious than Christmas at home?

Not Snowballs

Three cupsful pastry flour, one cupful confectioners' sugar, one-half cupful butter, one-half cupful milk, the whites of six eggs, three teaspoonfuls baking powder.

Cream the butter and add the sugar. Beat for five minutes. Sift the flour and baking powder and add to the former, alternating with milk. Fold in lastly the stiff-beaten whites and steam for thirty minutes. Serve with orange marmalade and whipped cream or with your dessert.

Walnut Caramels

One pound brown sugar, one-half cupful corn syrup, one tablespoonful butter, four tablespoonfuls chocolate one-half pound walnuts. Boil all together until thick when tried in water; then add walnuts. Stir well and pour in buttered dishes; cut in squares when nearly cold.

Mention of Christmas

The first mention of Christmas in literature occurs in the second chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, first verse. That is a simple mention of the birth of Christ. During the first centuries of the Christian era, there was no written record of observance of Christmas.—George Newell Moran.

For Little Children

For little children everywhere. A joyous season still we make; We bring our precious gifts to them. Even for the dear child Jesus' sake.

Remember our motto, A Square Deal, and the highest prices possible for your chickens, eggs and cream. Try us and be convinced. Farmers Produce. 9-ftc

Life insurance companies report a steady increase in volume of business written. New policies exceed \$1,000,000 per month.

POSTED NOTICE

Hunting positively forbidden on my ranch. This means all. G. W. SEXAUER. 24-2p

Detroit employment has reached a new high level, for the tenth consecutive week. The total is now 266,794 persons.



To prove every cat has three tails—No cat has two tails. Every cat has one more tail than no cats. Therefore every cat has three tails. We retail hardware.

Harrison-Clover Hardware Co.
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

20 years in Memphis.

The Present That Had Come to Stay

An Adorable New Baby, Cause for Jack and Jill to Be Happy.

By ETHEL AUGUSTA COOK

JACK and Jill had fewer clothes than their playmates, and fewer toys. Indeed they had less of everything, except happiness. No one, looking into their bright,

merry little faces could doubt that these two children had enough and to spare of happiness. And they were right to be so happy. Children with a mother and father like theirs could hardly be anything else, they told each other. For mother was so beautiful and so gentle; and father was so brave and so strong.

"Bet you won't get such nice things for Christmas as us," boasted Timothy, the boy in the big house next door. "I'm going to get an electric train, track and all."

"And I," his little sister chimed in, "am going to get a great big, big, big doll's house with real curtains in the windows, and a chimney that has real smoke coming into it out of a real stove."

"Bet we'll get something loads better than either of those things," laughed Jill.

"Bet we will, too," echoed Jack.

"What? What?" screamed the children next door.

"How do we know? That's Santa's secret. But you just wait and see."

And the children in the big house next door did wait to see what Jack and Jill's Christmas would bring them almost as eagerly as what their own would. For they had learned by experience that Jack and Jill were of the fortunate of the earth. They always had cause for happiness.

Early Christmas morning they ran over to the little white house and rang the bell. Jack and Jill both came dashing to the door. Their faces were one beam of joy. "Merry Christmas," they cried in one breath. "Oh, it's better even than we dreamed. The best Christmas present ever anybody ever had. Come and see! Come and see!"

The four children started eagerly up the stairs. But Jill stopped suddenly and put her fingers to her lips. "We must steal ever so softly," she whispered. "It's asleep."

So they stole into a room at the end of the upper hall, and tiptoed to a bed where Jack and Jill's beautiful mother lay smiling at them. In a clothes basket on the table at the side of her bed lay the Christmas present—fast asleep. It was an adorable new baby. "It's our very own," Jill whispered. Then she boasted—"Come to stay."

And the children from the big house next door, although they were too proud to say so, knew in their hearts that Jack and Jill did have the Christmas present that was incomparable.

Are you thinking about a Christmas present for the loved one? If so, call at my store and see the beautiful line of jewelry and other articles that will make suitable presents. R. H. Wherry. 23-1c

See the Everbrite Oil Heaters at McKelvy & Reed's. 21-1c

Statistics show that the United States must build over 375,000 new houses every year, more than a thousand a day, to keep pace with the normal growth of population.

Canadian Christmas trees of the United States next year they were admitted free of duty. "sticks of wood in the rough."



Heave Ho!

WE'LL FILL THE FAMILY'S

Christmas Stocking!

Below we list a few of the many toys to be found in our store.

Assorted Tint, linen finish Stationery, per box...35c

Wicker Doll Buggies, assorted colors, Special Price...\$2.98

By-Lo Baby Dolls, Tricycles, all sizes, from \$2.98 to \$4.50

We carry Books by all popular authors at...75c

Christmas Candies per pound...25c

HAMILTON VARIETY STORE

Red Front Store on East Side Square

Clean Up FOR Christmas

SEND US THAT SUIT AND LET US CLEAN AND PRESS IT. WE WILL MAKE IT LOOK LIKE NEW.

WE CALL FOR AND DELIVER
A Merry Christmas is our Wish to All

Guest Tailor Shop

Phone 554

"My! How Darling of Him!"

LIST for those words from the wife on Christmas morn when she finds that you've made Her Gift a beautiful

Silver Dining Service

We know of no better suggestion we could make, for every woman, at some time or other, cherishes possession of beautiful Silverware.

We offer:

Watches, Clocks, Rings, Cut Glass, Pearls. In fact anything carried in a first-class jewelry store.

DIAMONDS? Yes! we have some more diamonds of best quality. Come and get them!

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R. H. WHERRY

Jeweler

Give Practical Gifts For His Present

We have nice patterns in Shirts, Ties, Hose, Overcoats and Sweaters.

He will appreciate a good Suit, Hat or Shoes
A good selection of Luggage to pick from and nothing could be nicer than a Handbag or Gladstone

Horton & Alexander

PHONE 317

Local and Personal

Ladies Dresses half price. Stone and Lang. 25-1c

The proper time to buy coal seems to have been ten years ago.

Half price dresses at Stone & Lang Store. 25-1c

Phone your orders early for Hostess cakes at Womack's Grocery 25-2

Roy V. Mayes of Frederick, Okla., is spending a few days in Memphis this week.

If in need of a monument, read ad on page six. 23-3p

A. G. (Uncle Jimmy) Powell, was on the sick list this week but is improving.

Christmas and New Year Cards and boxes for everybody at Oren's Jewelry Store. 25-1c

Guy Kircherville and family of Newlin, were shopping in Memphis Saturday.

Stone & Lang half price dresses are wonderful values. 25-1c

King's Fine Christmas Chocolates, 1, 2, 3 and 5 pounds. \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50 per pound. Clark Drug Co. 1t

Harley Cudd and family of Clarendon, spent the week end here with relatives.

25 per cent discount on all Cut Glass during December at Oren's Jewelry Store. 25-1c

D. H. Davenport, merchant of Lakeview, was a business visitor in our city Saturday.

O. N. Hamilton joined the Democrat readers this week and will be a regular reader in future.

King's Fine Christmas Chocolates, 1, 2, 3 and 5 pounds. \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50 per pound. Clark Drug Co. 1t

L. D. Stephenson and Mr. Love of Estelline were callers at the Democrat office Tuesday.

If you have cream to sell try Farmers Produce. 4tfc

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Turnipseed and Mrs. E. C. Johnson were business visitors in Amarillo last Saturday.

King's Fine Christmas Chocolates, 1, 2, 3 and 5 pounds. \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50 per pound. Clark Drug Co. 1t

Mrs. J. L. Kennedy of Hulver, and Mrs. Grover Ewen of Estelline, were visitors in Memphis Saturday.

See the Everbrite Oil Heaters at McKelvy & Reed's. 21-1c

J. P. Rogers, manager of the Denver hotel at Clarendon was a business visitor in Memphis Monday.

Diamonds, Watches, Clocks, Jewelry of all kinds. See me before buying. Oren's Jewelry Store. 25-1c

Don't forget about Tea Garden preserves and Jelly for your Christmas dinner. Womack's Grocery 25-2c

Dr. J. C. Hennen came in from Lone Oak, Thursday afternoon and was in Memphis several days on business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Allen departed Friday from Mangum, Okla., where they will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives.

I have bought candies and fruits for all Christmas trees and will be able to make special prices to everyone on Candies and Fruits. Womack Grocery. 25-2c

Garnett, the Radiator Man, 10th, and Main. 13-1c

John (Booger Red) Rogers of the Lesley neighborhood was in Memphis Monday having some substantial repairs made on his jitney top.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Mann of Vernon, stopped over in Memphis last Thursday night on their way home from a hunting trip in Gray county.

Ask about our wet wash plan. We will wash 14 pounds of clothes for \$1.00; over 14 pounds 7c per pound extra. Quick service—Pullen Home Laundry. Phone 246. 24-4c

Dr. D. C. Hyder departed Saturday night for the Lower Rio Grande Valley where he went to attend to business matters in regard to his ten acre orchard of citrus fruit.

Have several head of young pigs weigh between 130 and 200 pounds will sell on foot or dressed. For further information see A. W. Guill or phone 305 or 449. 25tfc

Bailey Gilmore returned home last week from Temple, where he underwent a serious operation several days ago. Bailey has improved and thinks he will soon be well again.

There will be preaching at Harrell Chapel Sunday. Everybody come.

Several young people from this place attended the singing at Will McQueen's Sunday night.

Joe Bain visited home folks Saturday and Sunday in Clarendon.

Henry Smith is on the sick list this week.

C. L. Bain and family visited at the home of T. J. Kilgore Sunday afternoon.

Jack Fowler and family moved to their new home near Littlefield.

W. H. B. Moore is attending commissioners' court at Childress this week.

Miss Mae McClanahan visited at the home of C. A. Vettee Sunday.

There will be a community Christmas tree at Harrel Chapel. Everybody is invited.

Thrasher Foreman and his mother visited in Floydada Sunday.

Tracy LeCompt has moved to his home on his brother's place.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcum and children returned last week from a visit with relatives in Oklahoma.

Mrs. Anna Longbine and daughter, Verdine, visited Mrs. J. W. Phillips and children a few days last week.

Mrs. E. J. Boykin is again able to be up and about the house.

Rev. L. V. Tooley of Newlin filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

Miss Mary Noel and Miss Irene Ningham spent the week end with the former's parents at Hedley.

Mrs. Lee Wheeler assisted by Mrs. R. P. Billingsley and Mrs. Loyd Phillips, entertained at her home on Thursday afternoon, honoring Mrs. Ellsworth Henderson.

After the guests had all arrived, Mrs. Billingsley conducted a spirited Bible contest in which Mrs. O. A. Davidson won first prize and Mrs. S. G. Hinton the "booby." In the guessing contest, Mrs. J. C. Longbine won first honors and was presented with a tiny rattler by Mrs. Billingsley.

Punch and cake was served to the following guests: Mesdames, Frazier, Phillips, McClendon, Hinton, McAdams, Boykin, Collins, McBride, Wright, and Mrs. O. A. Davidson, Mrs. Cowan, and Mrs. J. C. Longbine of Estelline, Mrs. Anna and Miss Verdine Longbine of Goodnight.

Miss Ruth Leary spent the week end with home folks at Newlin.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Hinton entertained the young folks with a musicale at their home Saturday night.

The Missionary Ladies met with Mrs. W. A. Fraser Monday afternoon. Election of new officers was in order after which Mrs. R. P. Billingsley conducted the Bible study. Delicious refreshments were served to the members.

Plaska Pointers

S. P. Miner, a prominent farmer of the river section, had a new radio receiving set installed last week. The market reports in Mr. Miner's daily paper is now "stale news" when he reads it twelve hours later. The radio, like the automobile, is fast becoming standard equipment for the up-to-date farmer and the cotton buyer will have to be in possession of "inside stuff" if he expects to "put anything over" the farmers of this class.

What's the matter with the farmer? The latest decline in the cotton market did not result in even a single casualty. From pulling bolls many have turned to killing hogs and so far as is noticeable, hard times haven't gained a single recruit for "bolshivism" in the river sector.

The new gin of Womack Bros., at this place has assisted greatly in relieving the crowded ginning condition, having ginned more than 1500 bales to date.

Talk of a railroad for this section does not enthuse some people here.

"Why have trains?" one of these self-sufficient ones asked, "I can haul a larger load in less time on my truck than these old model trains. Use trucks and save the country a coal bill—that's me."

GETTING MARRIED

Lon Montgomery, Chevrolet Distributor, Memphis, Texas, Dear Monty:

I note what you write, Monty, about getting in with another girl to get in right with my girl by making her jealous, but all I get in with is Miss Fortune.

I and my Chevrolet go out with another girl, and after a brief spin she asks me to show her how it works. So I lifts up her hood—I mean the auto's.

"How do the piston rings work?" says she. I couldn't show her without taking things apart, so I take a little piece of wire and bends it and illustrates by working it on her finger. "Oh, Rich," she says as she falls in my arms. "This is so sudden."

There's a thrill, Monty, in owning a Chevrolet. You don't have to get out of it. But can't you write me how to get out of this tangle. You are right about saying it's a most engaging car.

Yours everfastly, Rich Smithwit.

P.S. Will write again next week.

Try Democrat Want-Ads.

METHODIST CHURCH

C. E. Jameson, Pastor. Sunday morning at 11 o'clock the pastor will preach a Christmas sermon, and the choir will sing a special anthem "Awake and Hail the Glorious Morn." You are invited to be present at both the morning and evening services. We are always glad to greet the visitors and will make you feel at home.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Rev. E. T. Miller, of Canadian, will preach at both morning and evening services. Every member is urged to attend these services. Visitors welcome.

SAM J. HAMILTON, Chairman Pulpit Committee.

Subscribe for the Democrat.

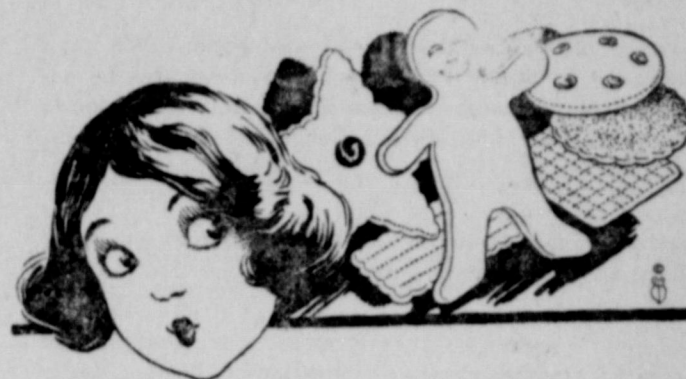
MAIN ST. CHURCH OF CHRIST

A. D. Rogers, Pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m., B. F. Shepherd, superintendent. The last Sunday before Christmas and our Christmas tree. The offering will go to help our 150 children in the Fowler Home, Dallas, have their Christmas. Let each church member come to Sunday school and bring a worthy offering for this real Christmas service.

Preaching, 11 a. m. "What Christmas means to me." Practice for Christmas tree, 3 p.m. A. D. Rogers will preach at Friendship Sunday, 3 p. m. Special Christmas program, Sunday 7 p. m. Christmas tree Thursday, 7 p. m.

For Christmas decorations and flowers, see Hightower Greenhouse, Phone 491. 24-3c

Christmas Goodies



Christmas just wouldn't be Christmas for the little tots without loads of fancy cookies, candies, nuts and fruits of all kinds, amongst the many other good things. We have all of them at our store. All fresh.

Christmas tree committees are especially invited to call and get our price.

Stape and Fancy Groceries, Celery, Lettuce, Etc., Everything necessary for a complete Christmas Dinner.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

WARD & BASS

Pre-Holiday Sale

Remember that our Pre-Holiday Sale is Store-Wide and we can save you money on your Holiday Gifts and your winter needs.

Ladies' Ready-to-Wear

Buy her a new Dress, Coat and Hat for Christmas. Every garment is attractive and priced very low.

Big Sale on Men's and Boys' Clothing

One and two-Pants Suits for Men at Half-Price.

Shoes

Shoes to fit every foot. Our entire shoe department represents great savings in footwear.



Visit our Christmas booth. For your convenience we have our booth supplied with Novelty Gifts for each member of the family. Let us assist you with your Christmas Shopping.

EVERYBODY'S STORE

Stone & Lang's Old Location West Side Square

Advertisement for GIFT SHOP by W. D. ORR, featuring an illustration of a gift box and text: 'Come Get Your Gift Now—Many Choice Selections, all going fast. Gifts of Quality for Young and Old Moderately Priced. Studio open at night for evening shoppers. W. D. ORR STUDIO AND GIFT SHOP Where Service, Quality and Prices Meet MEMPHIS, TEXAS PHONE 30'

Vertical text on the left side of the page, including 'Santa Claus' and 'Sleeps Like Log Eats Anything'.

CHRISTMAS TREES

About the 15th we will have a supply of Christmas Trees, ranging in height from 3 to 12 feet, with limbs proportionately long. These trees will be sold at bargain price. We have gold and silver tinsel and all other decorations, and all kinds of toys to place on the trees.

Proctor & Co. Variety Store
East Side Square Memphis, Texas

EAT MORE

Varieties of Foods that will do you good. We have everything in Staple and Fancy Groceries, also an assortment of vegetables in season, and fruits of all kinds that will be the Housewife's delight at this Christmas time.

Take down your phone and call No. 470 and your order will be at your home in very short time.

While in Memphis make our store your headquarters and make your purchases of Christmas Groceries, Nuts, Candies, Fresh, Crispy Cabbage, Celery, Lettuce, Cranberries, etc.

Webster Bros.

South Side Square

Dial & Draper

HAVE RECEIVED A CARLOAD OF
New Mexican Beans

And will make Special Prices on them during the month of December at \$6.50 per hundred.

Don't forget that we are headquarters for Christmas Candies, Nuts, Oranges, Apples, Grape Fruit, Lemons, Cranberries, Celery, Lettuce, Etc.

Will appreciate a portion of your grocery business December. Phone No. 351.

CALL FOR YOUR TICKETS

DIAL & DRAPER

Christmas in Texas

THEBE K. WARNER

Don't seem possible that Christmas is almost here again. But it is and this is to wish everybody in your whole county the most joyous Christmas in all the years. To the older folks these Christmas days come so close together that it seems we can almost reach back and touch last Christmas Day. But to the children they seem a long ways apart.

What is the meaning of Christmas to a child? What does it mean to you? Did you ever try for one minute to think what this life would be without the thought or Christmas? Suppose we even try to forget the origin and think of Christmas as only a human institution. What does it mean to the whole world? But it is DIVINE. That is what has made it live. That is what has given Christmas its spirit of love and giving. That is why everybody looks forward to Christmas with joy and hope and faith.

Everyone of us feel that if there is anybody in the world who actually loves us they will let us know in some way on Christmas Day. For that is ONE DAY of all the year set apart to express our love for one another. And it is a good thing some great event in the history of the world caused one day to be set apart to remember our friends and to tell our children that we do love them or some of us might never take time to do this. And what a lonely place this earth would be.

But "God is Love." And God is the Father of the Christ Child which was the expression of God's love for the whole world. A Savior in the form of a perfect child, that grew to be a perfect man was God's Christmas gift to all mankind. One of the most beautiful thoughts associated with the Christmas is that it is the celebration of the birth of a BABY. There is nothing in the world so beautiful and that is the human expression of so much hope and so many possibilities as a BABY. It is the one thing which we have all been. That fact makes us all kin. We have everyone of us something in common. No matter how widely our training, our environment, our temptations have separated us in thought, and heart, the fact still is that we were everyone at some time a mere baby.

Another happy result of the Christmas is that it warms up our cold hearts and keeps them warm for weeks and sometimes months before that wonderful day as well as after it. It is such a joy to get ready for Christmas. It is something to look forward to. Not only the "getting" but the "giving." In fact the greater joy of the Christmas time is the giving spirit. If there is a time in the whole year when most of us actually understand the meaning of the words "It is more blessed to give than to receive," it is at Christmas time. This is proven thousands of times every year because it not what we do not receive but what we cannot give that hurts. Isn't that true in your life? And your home?

The only sad thing about Christmas is that we cannot give as our hearts dictate. And how often do our hearts run away with our heads and we actually give more than we should. This has become almost one of the crimes of Christmas. Giving more than we can afford. Giving more expensive than the thought of Christmas means. This is the only danger that threatens the joy of Christmas time. Sometimes people are made to feel poorer than they really are. Sometimes those of us in comfortable circumstances become ungrateful and unappreciative of our greatest blessings because we feel unable to do the BIG things at Christmas time that we want to do. There's where we all need a little more Christmas self-control.

The Home Coming

Another beautiful Christmas custom is the Home Coming habit. When would some folks ever go back to the old home if it were not for the

holiday plan? Isn't it great that Christmas and the New Year are just one week apart? What a happy period at the end of the year. What a good thing to do to gather in the children and spent the last week of the old year together. What a happy plan to start the New Year off with renewed pledges of friendship and kinship and good fellowship. What a good thing for the whole nation as well as Texas to take this last week of the year off to store up happy memories to live and enjoy through the 51 weeks of the busy New Year. This is one of the happiest coincidents of our Christian Calendar. A definite time to take a few days off to renew old acquaintances, rest the weary nerves and take a new lease on life. And did you ever fully appreciate how beautifully the time of year fits our convenience, our business and all nature? Could anybody improve on the time and plan for Christmas and the Yuletide. The plan is perfect because it had a perfect origin.

Christmas in Texas

But there is something unusual in our Texas Christmas Tide. It seems to me there is everything in Texas to make Christmas beautiful. There is every known product to fill our Christmas table. And not only our tables, but the tables of the nation. There will be more Christmas turkeys grace the Nation's Christmas dinner tables than any other bird from any other state. Texas will have her orange blossoms and her snowball decorations. Her mistletoes and her holly. Her garlands of old gray moss and her baskets of home-grown pecans and fruits. Her children's stockings could everyone be filled to overflowing with the oranges and nuts and home made candies of her own glorious Texas. How many of us appreciate all that Texas should mean to us on Christmas? And the NATIVE Christmas trees! Our forests and our cankons are full of native Christmas trees all planted grown and waiting to be used to make our children happy. There is nothing brings so much joy to a house full of children as their very OWN Christmas tree. One they can decorate themselves, and one they can play with until the last sticky pine drops off. And if you would send a little bit of Texas to your far-away friends or if you would like a whiff of some other part of Texas to decorate your home or your Christmas packages, there is a little Mistletoe Merchant at Waxahachie, Texas, who will send you a two-pound box of the purest, freshest, waxy mistletoe for 50 cents and the postage. His name is Harrell Garrett, and he is working for his own Christmas gift—a bicycle. If you want to make one little Texas boy happy on Christmas morning, let him send you a box of Texas beauty or to one of your friends for you and help him be his own Santa Claus. And let us all do our best to make this the most joyful and grateful Christmas Texas has ever had.

What Christmas Means

By Floyd Meredith in Zion's Herald

HAVE you ever wondered why it seems that Santa Claus never grows old? Why, my mother knew him in her dreams— When she was three, he was gay and bold. And that was a very long time ago. Yet Santa's as young as he used to be. It's funny he's never changed, don't you know. But lives right along so happily. My mother says—and she tells the truth— That the reason is plain to see. For Santa Claus is the Spirit of Youth in the hearts of folks, like you and me. And that he goes beaming year on year. Same as the stars above. So that Christmas may mean—say, isn't it queer?— Nothing at all but Love!

CRAWFORD'S Cash Grocery

We are headquarters for all kinds of Christmas Fruits and Candies. We especially invite all Christmas Tree Committees to visit our store. We will give special inducements to make your purchases here.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL

Collie Crawford
South Side Square

The Famous Tea Garden

Preserves and Jellies

We have them in 1lb glasses and 2lb and 5lb cans. Since starting to handle this line of preserves and jellies we have sold out clean several times. All salesmen say it is one of the best. We will have a complete line at all times, so phone in your order.

A Fresh Line of Hostess Cakes.

A. Womack's Grocery
PHONES 262 and 600

60,000 ACRES FAMOUS HALSELL FARMS CO. SOUTH PLAINS LANDS

Open for Sale

This company has sold 100,000 acres of this Farm Land around Amherst. The purchasers have doubled their money in numerous instances.

Come and Select Your Farms. Prices Range from \$20 to \$35 Per Acre ONE-FIFTH CASH—Balance 15 Equal Annual Payments 6 Per Cent Interest

HALSELL FARMS CO.
—Amherst (Lamb County), Texas

T. C. DELANEY, Memphis, Texas for further particulars

MEN'S and BOYS' Gifts

This is a good week to do your Christmas shopping as you have a full line of everything to pick from. There has never been a Christmas that desirable gifts did not run short.

How about a nice Overcoat or Suit, Bath Robe, or Hand Bag, or a beautiful Hickok Beltogram and Buckle for a Mason? We have nice Driving Gloves and House Shoes, Shirts, Scarfs, Silk and Wool Hose. Then there is the Suede Jacket, Lumber Jacks, Bootees, in fact we have anything that is practical for a gift

We have about fifty suits on which we are giving from \$5.00 to \$10 discount.


Ross Clothing Co.
THE MAN'S STORE

E. A. NOLTE ALL KINDS OF **INSURANCE**
 LOANS ON CITY AND FARM PROPERTY
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 Loans made on Amortization Plan for 33 years at 6 per cent
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 Farm and Ranch Loans—The Federal Land Bank Houston.
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 See me for loans on city property—Monthly or Semi-
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 All kinds of Insurance
M. E. McNALLY

Ross Meat Market



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PORK is a delicious meat and it may be cooked in so many
 different ways. Appetizing chops for any meal, a wonderful
 stew or pot roast for dinner. We have almost every meat item
 generally carried in meat markets. Call PHONE NO. 398. We
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**Christmas Day in
 Other Countries**

**Every Land Has Own Way
 of Observing the Glori-
 ous Yuletide.**

EVERY land has its
 Christmas customs
 and superstitions,
 but it is only since
 the Christian era
 that the spirit of
 kindness and good
 will has prevailed
 all over.

The Christmas stocking originated
 in Italy, and the legend goes that good
 old St. Nicholas of Padua is responsi-
 ble for it. He had a habit of going
 about the windows of the poor and
 slyly throwing in a knitted purse of
 money. After a time the purses were
 hung just outside the windows, so that
 he might skip no one. In northern
 Italy it was so cold that a stocking
 was substituted and hung by the chim-
 ney place, and slipping down the chim-
 ney he would put his gift there.

The Russian children fill their shoes
 with hay ten days before Christmas
 and place them outside the door, so
 that St. Nicholas may have food for
 his horse, for this is the time he
 makes the rounds to find where the
 good children live, before going out
 to take the gifts.

The Bulgarians think that the ani-
 mals talk with each other Christmas
 night; the sheep walk in a procession
 about the place, and the bees hum in
 their hives.

In Sweden and Norway, thirteen
 days are given over for the Christmas
 festival and are called "Yule days,"
 or "Tretten Yule." For days the house-
 mother is busy making everything
 spotlessly clean. Boughs from the
 juniper and fir trees are spread upon
 the floor. The family go, in turn, to
 the bake house, which has been made
 warm, and here each takes a good
 wash from head to foot. This is con-
 sidered an important part of the cere-
 monies, for in many cases it is the
 only bath taken until next Yuletide.

The children of today, and of all
 the years to come, will be glad that
 the Roundheads of Oliver Cromwell's
 time, and the Puritans of New Eng-
 land, did not succeed in losing Christ-
 mas off the map, as they tried so hard
 to do. The Bay Colony of Massachu-
 setts did prohibit the making of mince
 pies, for a time, and declared that
 trimming the house with greens was
 a wicked and pagan custom. But we
 have good authority for even this cus-
 tom, for Christ's only day of public
 honor on earth was marked by the

strewing of palm branches before Him,
 the day of His entrance into Jeru-
 salem.

In pagan days the boughs of holly
 and spruce were supposed to be placed
 so that the sprites and fairies might
 have a place to hide, and bring good
 luck to the family. But the Christian
 world has given a spiritual meaning to
 even this custom. The boughs of fir
 and spruce signify the power and love
 of God, which shall flourish as a green
 Yule tree, and live to endless time.

Christmas Cookies

Cream together two cupfuls brown
 sugar and one-half cupful butter.
 Add one-half well-beaten egg, eight
 tablespoonfuls sweet milk, one salt-
 spoonful salt, one-half teaspoonful
 soda dissolved in one-eighth cupful
 boiling water, one teaspoonful cinna-
 mon, two and one-half cupfuls rolled
 oats, two cupfuls flour. Mix all to-
 gether and let stand for an hour, then
 drop a teaspoonful at a time on
 greased tins. Press a fat raisin on
 the top of each and bake in a moder-
 ate oven. This amount makes about
 four dozen cookies.

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OF OLD the Star of Bethlehem
 led wise men to the manger
 cradle of a Child who was to be
 the Savior of the world. Since
 then its light has streamed
 across the ages for man's guid-
 ance, but how often has it failed
 to penetrate the hearts it
 should! How oft have greed,
 and pigishness dulled its fair
 luster in the hearts of men till
 Christmas comes to be a grab-
 bag or a bore!

But the Star still shines in
 the hearts of those who truly
 yearn for "Glory to God in the
 highest, and on earth, peace,
 good will toward men." It still
 beckons to the cradle of low-
 liness, where love is above honors
 and riches. May it enter our
 hearts this Christmastide, and
 leading us away from selfishness,
 point to the fair goal of charity.
 May we forget our pride and
 self, and may the Star of Bethle-
 hem illumine our hearts with grati-
 tude, and joy, and kindness to
 all men. May its beckoning be
 heeded, and lead us as it did the
 sages of the past to the cradle
 of the Christ, the Savior of the
 world.—H. Lucius Cook.
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Personal and Local Paragraphs

Garnett, the Radiator Man, 10th and Main. 13-2c

Mrs. W. Clower is reported ill at her home on Noel street.

If it is in the painting and paper-hanging line see us. Ray and Thompson. 25-1p

Miss Lillie Houston of Childress, was visiting with friends in Memphis Tuesday.

Get Asbestoline roof paint at ICty Feed Store. 18-1f

C. L. Odom of Quitaque, was a business visitor in Memphis Monday afternoon.

If in need of a monument, read ad on page six. 23-3p

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Washburn of Amarillo visited in the Zeb Moore home last week.

See the Everbrite Oil Heaters at McKelvy & Reed's. 21-2c

Lovic Thompson of Dallas came in Sunday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Thompson.

To Christmas Tree Committees: Come in and see us before you buy your Christmas Candies and Fruits. Womack's Grocery. 25-2c

Mrs. Forest Power and daughter, June, departed today for their home at Fort Worth after spending several months in Memphis with her mother, Mrs. B. F. Denny.

Building contracts in New England show a gain. For the last week of October it was nearly 500 per cent over a ten year period.

Mrs. Margaret Browder of Amarillo is in the city at the bedside of her little daughter who is quite ill. Mrs. Browder is also visiting Mrs. Clara Boston while here.

Fruit cakes for Christmas at 65c per pound at City Bakery. 24-3c

Mr. and Mrs. Buzz Walker of Childress are the proud parents of a fine baby boy born at their home Monday. Mrs. Walker will be remembered as one of the popular teachers of the Memphis schools three years ago.

Christmas cakes, and pies of all kinds at City Bakery. 24-3c

Hollis Boren has purchased the J. E. Montgomery residence at 9th and Main streets. He intends to later move the present building to the west part of the lots and build a new commodious home on the corner occupied by the old residence.

If in need of a monument, read ad on page six. 23-3p

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Tarver, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Sloan, and Mrs. S. E. Noel left for El Paso Wednesday. They will spend several days with their daughter and sister, Miss Emma Jo Noel, who is living at that place. The party will make the trip overland.

Garnett, the Radiator Man, 10th and Main. 13-2c

A. G. Powell, who was one of the delegates to the Grand Lodge meeting of the Masons at Waco, had the distinction of bringing home two certificates on work performed in the secret work of the lodges. P. O. Young also was awarded a certificate for Council work.

Cookies, Christmas cakes, pies at City Bakery. 24-3c

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KEYS FOUND—Owner call at Democrat office and get them.

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LOST—Pearl Handle, nickel plated, hand engraved, .38 calibre, six-shooter. \$25 reward for return in good condition. J. A. Merrick, Sheriff 25-2

FOR SALE—Teams, tools, farm for rent. See Memphis Land Co., Memphis, Texas. 24-2c

NURSING—Practical nursing. Mrs. M. Holcombe, East Noel St. 24-2p

FOR SALE—For quick sale, Filling station and garage. L. J. Starkey. 24

FOR SALE—City and country property. Some good buys. See L. J. Starkey. 24-2c

FOR SALE—Cafe for sale, see L. H. Ellis, south side square, Memphis, Texas. .23-tlc.

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