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North Plains Agricultural Association Is Organized Here—Want Experimental Station

The North Plains Agricultural association came into being at Spearman on last Friday afternoon, December 19, at a meeting held at the Legion hall of this city. The meeting was attended by representatives from practically all of the north plains counties, there being about 50 delegates in attendance.

Delegates were here from Texas, Dalhart, Amarillo, Dumas, Pecos, Perryton, Lipscomb and several rural communities. The main object for which this meeting was held was for the purpose of discussing ways and means by which an agricultural experimental station may be located on the north plains. Nothing was said or intimated at the meeting in regard to the exact location of the school. All that was desired, according to the delegates who made their appearance at the meeting Friday, is that the school be located north of the Canadian river in the great north plains wheat belt, and that the matter of wheat raising be made the principal subject of investigation and research, for the present time, at least.

W. W. Merritt Will Head C. of C. Next Year

At a meeting of the newly elected board of directors of the Spearman chamber of commerce held on Thursday night of last week, W. W. Merritt was elected president of that body for the year 1931. He will take over the duties incumbent upon that very important position at a general meeting of the C. of C. to be held early in January. Mr. Merritt is an experienced chamber of commerce man and civic leader. He will continue the good work of the local chamber of commerce so ably directed during the past year by his predecessor, C. A. Gibner, who will take Mr. Merritt's place on the board of directors.

At Thursday night's meeting R. M. Glogston was elected vice president and W. W. Merritt secretary. Mr. Glogston is the chamber of commerce man for the next year.

The chamber of commerce will enter the new year with a heavy schedule which will include greater service for the town and community. A continued forward movement for Spearman, enlargement of the city's trade territory and a more intensive advertising campaign for the town and Hansford county will be listed among the chief projects for 1931, state the leaders.

Death of I. E. Cameron

The death of I. E. Cameron on last Thursday afternoon came as a great shock to the people of Guymon and Texas County. While they had known that he was seriously ill at the Grace Hospital in Hutchinson, Kansas, where a few days before he had undergone an operation for gall stones, he had been reported as improving, and his friends here believed a strong constitution would pull him thru his illness. However, his heart was affected, and when the death call came, it was quickly answered.

Mr. Cameron came to Guymon twenty-two years ago, and has since won esteem as one of the leading and most efficient bankers of Oklahoma, his counsel in financial matters being sought from many sources. He had grown into the regard of our citizenship to the extent that he seemed to be a part of the business structure, and will be greatly missed by hundreds of friends of the Panhandle country. His ever genial methods of handling the details of his large and successful banking business, his store of information and his splendid vocabulary, were social and instructive assets that won admiration and respect.—Guymon Herald.

Mr. Cameron for several years was owner of the First State Bank of Spearman, and was well known in Hansford County. He sold the First State two years ago to the present owners.

Morse Bank Directors are Elected Will Open Business in January

The majority of the stockholders of the proposed First State Bank of Morse met Tuesday, January 15, in the offices of the Panhandle Lumber company to further the organization of the bank. Most of the stock is signed for and the balance is promised so that the present thought advisable to elect directors for the proposed bank. Upon ballot the following were declared elected, receiving the highest number of votes: E. C. Womble, Roy McNutt, K. R. McNutt, Roscoe Parks, L. C. Edwards, A. E. Henderson, W. H. Fuqua, or somebody selected by him to serve, in case he does not care to be a director.

The management of the proposed bank is therefore in the hands of the directors. It is thought that the directors will likely have a meeting in a short time and elect officers and decide what to be done in regard to a building and when to open the bank. It was the opinion of those present that the bank could be opened some time in January.—Morse Monitor.

Avoid a person who asks questions, for such a man is a talker; nor will open ears keep faithfully the things intrusted to them.—Horace.

Saw Tyler-Amarillo Football Game Sat.

Wm. E. McClellan and Raymond Keith motored down to Fort Worth last Saturday to witness the great football game between the Amarillo Golden Sandstorm and the Tyler Lions. The boys say it was a wonderful game, and attracted football fans from every section of the state.

The Sandstorm lost the state championship to the Lions by a score of 13 to 25.

Legion Cagers Win Initial Tilt

The local Legion basketball team got off to a good start Monday night by downing the fast Borger quintet 24 to 13. All the boys that saw service in Monday's encounter showed up fine and all displayed a stellar brand of work. With this good start the boys appear equal to the stiff schedule that they have arranged for the coming season and the strong reserve squad that is working out regular puts the assumed strength of the Legion team on a par with the best in the country. The next game will be here Monday night, December 29, when the touted five from Panhandle engage the Legion team on the High School court. The bunch from Panhandle have the advantage of a few games and will come here expecting to add another to their credit but the Legion boys say no. What do you think?

Chevrolet Motor Co. Wins High Honors

When the doors open Saturday on the 31st National Automobile Show at Grand Central Palace, New York, the Chevrolet Motor Company will occupy the position of honor on the show floor for the fourth consecutive year.

Each year the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce awards first place at the national automobile shows to that member company doing the largest volume of business during the previous twelve months.

The award is one much coveted within the industry for in addition to the distinction it conveys it also carries with it the right to first choice of exhibition space at the national automobile shows at New York and Chicago.

Back in the days of the four cylinder Chevrolet this honor first fell to the company. Since that time the margin between the leader and the runner-up has measurably widened, even since the change-over from a four to a six.

He that shortens the road to knowledge lengthens his life.—Colton

Lynx Win Three And Lose Two

With the squad split the Lynx boys suffered a let down to Gruver and Stratford Friday night, when Gruver took our boys 10-9 and Stratford 12-2. But the boys came home Saturday, united the squad and trounced the Darrout-zett boys 34-2. The girls with a split squad, won their games from the Stratford and Gruver girls Friday night. The Lynx boys will engage Tybone here on Friday night and the Amarillo Golden Sandstorm on Tuesday and Wednesday nights of next week, in the Lynx gym.

C. E. Campbell, daughter Vera and son Herbert, will spend Christmas day with relatives in and near Texhoma.

NOTICE FOR BIDS

The commissioners court of Hansford county will on the 12th day of January, 1931, receive bids for the sale of the old court house at Hansford, Texas. The commissioners will reserve the right to reject any or all bids thereon.

Texas Louisiana Banquet Employees and Guests

The Oklahoma and Texas divisions of the Texas Louisiana Power Company were banqueted at Perryton Friday night, December 19. The company's employees from Guymon, Hooker, Tyrone, Beaver, Forgan, Higgins, Perryton, Follett, Darroutzett and Spearman were present with a number of guests from each town. They assembled at the beautifully decorated office of the company to examine and ask questions about the electrical appliances and machines on display.

From there everyone went to the Methodist church to the banquet. The tables were decorated as to signify the yuletide spirit.

The program was opened by invocation by Rev. Rife of that city. Then America was sung. After this plates laden with turkey and all trimmings were served.

Several addresses were given following the delicious meal. The welcome address being delivered by Jack Allen, who claimed the honor of being the best looking man present not even excepting Van W. Stewart editor of the Ochiltree County Herald. His address seemed to have gotten over in grand fashion until Senator Hughes remarked that if Jack Allen was a type of beauty he had been deceived all of his life. He also suggested that if beauty were only skin deep, Jack Allen should be skinned.

The address delivered by Senator Wallace G. Hughes of Guymon was one of much interest. The keynote of his address was "Fellowship," but it also touched on the business depression which he claimed is only a matter of theory—that it is in the minds of the people.

Other addresses were given by Mayor Forbers of Perryton, Van Stewart, Bob Gamel, M. M. Couger, accountant of the Company, all of Perryton, and Judge Dixon of Guymon.

The toastmaster of the occasion was R. A. Jackson of Perryton. It takes a sport to make a favorable comment on Senator Hughes' address when he so un-necessarily ridiculed the mustache of this writer.

Cook Hatcheries Offering Free Poultry Service

Leslie Cook, manager of the Cook hatcheries in Spearman, announces this week a free poultry service to the poultry raisers of this section. This service will include culling of flocks and the proper solution of any of the trials and tribulations of poultry raisers by poultry experts, who are licensed under the U. S. uniform plan No. 6. E. B. Phillips, a poultry expert, is here now and his services are free to any poultryman who asks for it. Application should be made at the Cook Hatcheries in south Spearman.

The Cook Hatcheries are also handling the "Famo" line of feeds, manufactured by the Famo Milling Company of St. Joseph, Missouri. Geo. E. Disinger, a representative of this company, was in Spearman Tuesday, talking over the poultry and feed business with Mr. Cook. Mr. Disinger is a successful poultryman of near Hooker, Oklahoma.

Santa Fe Announces New Passenger Fares

Three classes of passenger fares will be sold on the Santa Fe lines beginning January 1st, the railroad announced from its Chicago office. The classification will be an experiment for a period of six months in an effort to stimulate rail travel between Chicago and points west.

The three rail rates will be: tickets at existing fares good in standard sleeping cars on all trains; one-way tourist fares, about twenty per cent less than existing fares and good in tourist sleeping cars, but not in standard sleepers; one-way coach fares, about twenty per cent less than the tourist sleeping car fares, good only in coaches and chair cars.

In announcing the experiment the Santa Fe said the plan is to place the cost of railroad travel within the reach of all and that the classification is somewhat in line with that in foreign countries and on ocean travel.

Mr. and Mrs. Berren A. Lyon and Perren J., left Monday morning for Denton, where they will spend the holiday season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Lyon.

Students Hope for Holidays

Many boys and girls of Spearman and vicinity, who are students in different colleges and universities, are arriving at home to spend the holidays. Among the first arrivals were: Erno Maize, Bill Burran, Wesley Jenkins, Monroe Buchanan, W. R. Greever, Mary Wilbanks and Matilde Reimer, from Texas Tech at Lubbock; Sibyl Bailey from Simmons University at Abilene; Harrell Collard from John Tarlton and John Neilson from A. & M.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS BEHAVIOR EVER THUS

No holiday finds so many good boys and girls as does Christmas. On Christmas morning all the homes are filled with little saints. Johnnie has been getting in the wood and doing his chores for the last month without being told. Willie has had good lessons every day and hasn't been kept in after school during the entire month. There has been no trouble in getting the boys to go to Sunday school. For some time they have been getting out of bed in the morning at the first call and their table manners have greatly improved.

As soon as breakfast is over Salie has her apron on and her sleeves rolled up, ready to wash the dishes. Marie insists that she be allowed to dry them. They hurry through with the dishes so that they will have time to sweep the house before school time.

Papa is well kissed and hugged before he starts for the office in the morning and all the children are at the gate to meet him when he gets home in the evening. Santa seems to be helping the children greatly.—William L. Gaston.

There is nothing in the world more unseemly than an aged baby.—Martial.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wilmett and the children left this Wednesday morning for Colorado Springs, where they will spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Meek returned on Friday of last week from Hot Springs, New Mexico, where they spent the past three weeks.

Welfare Association Permanent Organization

A meeting of the Spearman Welfare Association was held on Friday night of last week, at which time the temporary organization was made permanent by the election of Rev. H. A. Nichols as permanent chairman and Miss Vera Campbell permanent secretary-treasurer.

This organization, an outgrowth of a discussion of the probable needs of the poor and needy of the town and community held at a meeting of the Lions Club on Tuesday, December 9, is now functioning in first class order, and several donations have already been made. A systematic canvass of the town and community is being made, that there may be no needy ones overlooked. A business meeting of the Association was held at the chamber of commerce offices on Monday night, at which time the future activities of the organization were discussed and several committees made reports. The sale of the little red tags on last Saturday by the Boy Scouts was quite successful, the scouts turning in over \$30 to the fund. Another of these sales is planned for today, Wednesday.

The officers and those most active in the work of the Spearman Welfare Association wish to again call the attention of the public to the fact that this work is for every organization, church, club, society, lodge, auxiliary, etc., in the town. It is thought that much more effective work may be done and more good accomplished by all working in cooperation, as in this way the work will not overlap. One person may do the work of three or four, where this cooperation is lacking.

Those interested again wish to call the attention of the public to the fact that all needy cases should be reported to Rev. Nichols or to any member of the association. The homes reported will be visited at once and the needs of the family or single individuals ascertained and attended to. Everyone should take a great pleasure in assisting with this great work at this time—Christmas, the time of giving.

The perfect way of avoiding grade crossing accidents is to abolish grade crossings.—Collier's Weekly.

Lady Employes of Texas-Louisiana Co. Meet at Perryton

The Women's committee of the organization of the lady employes of the Texas-Louisiana Power and Light Company, Panhandle District, met Friday, December 19, at the home of Mrs. Bryan at Perryton, Texas, with the chairman, Mrs. Swingle, presiding.

Mrs. Collins of Spearman gave an interesting and helpful discussion of heating the home by electricity. Mrs. Couger of Perryton gave an unusually delightful and instructive talk on White Magic.

A letter, complimenting the Panhandle Women's Committee and sending Christmas Greetings, from Mr. Whitcower, commercial manager at Fort Worth, was read by the chairman.

Mrs. Whippo composed the music and Mrs. Key the words to a song which was adopted at this meeting as a company song. The Committee decided to wait until the next meeting to adopt a yell.

In an interesting contest on familiar advertisements, Mrs. Couger proved to be the best observer. Delicious refreshments were served to sixteen members by the hostess.

Tyler Lions Defeat Amarillo Sandstorm

FORT WORTH, TEX., Dec. 20.—Out from the piny woods of east Texas came a fighting band of Tyler Lions today to quell Amarillo's Golden Sandstorm, 25 to 12, and win the 1930 high school football championship of the largest state. An estimated crowd of 17,000 witnessed the schoolboy classic, almost filling Texas Christian University's new stadium.

Rounds rattled all season, the plucky, well balanced machine of Coach George Foltz proved itself a worthy champion by coming back to score three touchdowns in the second half after the powerful Amarillo eleven had led, 13 to 6, at the intermission. There was no doubt which was the most alert, more efficient unit for the day. The Sandstorm bow itself out in scoring its two touchdowns in the second period and thereafter was no match for the scrapping boys from Smith county.

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Santa Claus himself, however, doesn't visit every country. He sends helpers to some of them. Sometimes, too, Santa Claus answers to a different name.

Santa Originated in Holland

He originated in Holland, hundreds of years ago, under the name of St. Nicholas. He didn't wait until Christmas Eve to come, but appeared on Dec. 5. Therefore he is expected on that night every year, and the day is called St. Nicholas Day.

St. Nicholas rides a snow white horse down the narrow Dutch streets. Wherever he sees a wooden shoe outside the door of a house he enters. That shoe is a sign that a little boy or girl lives there. St. Nicholas scatters toys and candy, from the sack on his shoulder, over the floor, and then rides on to the next house.

In France the children await Le Pere Noel, as their Santa Claus is called, to come on Christmas Eve. Those who have misbehaved are frightened. For with Le Pere Noel travels Father Whipper, who has a long gray beard and a frown. Father Whipper follows Le Pere Noel down every chimney and leaves a switch for each child who has disobeyed during the year.

Santa's Brother Helps

Santa Claus sends his twin brother to Sweden and Norway. Father Christmas, as the brother is called, looks very much like Santa. He doesn't leave any gifts until the children have sung their Christmas carols for him.

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doors are left open, for children believe that perhaps the Christ Child, searching for shelter, may come to their homes. There is always food on the table for him. Santa Claus also comes to Ireland with gifts for stockings.

In Poland, it is believed that at the hour of Christ's birth all the animals are granted the power to talk as human beings. All presents for Polish children are left at their churches.

The Kolyada, a girl dressed in white, who has always driven her sled from house to house on Christmas Eve in Russia, is banned now. The new government has decided that Santa Claus and Christmas trees, too, must stay out of the country.

In Other Lands

Christmas is called "Karacsony" in Hungary, and shoes are left on the doorsteps. If a child has been good he finds sugar in his, but if he has been bad, he will find switches.

St. Mikulas, who travels through Bohemia, is accompanied by an angel and a devil. The devil knows the naughty children and urges Saint Mikulas to give them swiftness for presents but the angel coaxes him to give them toys if they will promise to be better.

Hagois Vasilis, also known as Saint Basil, corresponds to Santa Claus in Greece, and delivers toys.

The Spaniards children place tufts of straw and hay near their shoes when they start to church Christmas morning. While they are gone Santa Claus stops long enough to leave his toys and let the reindeer eat the food.

In England Father Christmas comes down the chimney with a sack of toys.

Santa Claus has many names and many helpers, but no matter who comes on the gift-bringing mission the same joyful spirit is back of it all.



This is how Santa Claus is pictured by American children. In other lands it is Santa's "brother" or "wife" who brings gifts to deserving children.

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WE ARE SINCERELY THANKFUL FOR YOUR PATRONAGE DURING 1930 AND EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT WE MAY SERVE YOU DURING THE COMING YEAR

Gratitude with Greetings

It is gratifying at the end of a year which has gone pleasantly by to have so many friends and patrons to thank for the success of our business and the growth of its usefulness in the community.

And we take much pleasure in wishing to you, one and all, a Christmas season that shall be filled with the best of the good things of life.

WORKING WITH LIFE

Together we and our friends and customers have met the problems and promises of the year and have come through them all with a measure of satisfaction to another Yuletide season. It has been our desire to be of real service throughout the year and it is now a pleasure to us to hope and believe that you will with us find new and enlarged joys in the holidays.

And as the new year carries us another space into the work and business of the future we trust that we may co-operate with you and you with us for our mutual profit and the good of our city.

Get the Habit--Trade at

Stone-Merritt and Co.

A GOOD STORE IN A GOOD TOWN

A FRIENDLY WORD TO SAY IS IN OUR THOUGHTS TODAY

And the best way we can say it is from a heart filled with gratitude, for your patronage, for your friendship and for your association.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR

DELON KIRK

BATTERY AND ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES

PHILCO RADIOS

PHONE 141

YULETIDE GREETINGS!

WE WISH to express to you, our old customers, our appreciation of your loyalty. To our new customers, our appreciation of your confidence. To you who are not customers, the hope that we may be of service to you, and to wish you not only a Merry Christmas, but a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Spearman Motor Co.

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Cause of Lawlessness

What are the causes of our present lawless conditions? There are many causes. Some are more important than others. I shall name a few outstanding ones as given by some of our people who have given a great deal of study to this subject. These are: Lack of discipline in the home. Lack of cooperation among the parents creating an atmosphere of respect for law and decency.

The wrong kind of news in many of our newspapers. Too many of the wrong kind of moving pictures.

Too much attention to dogma and too little emphasis on righteousness in many of our churches.

Too many divorces. Too much ritual and too little constructive work for betterment in some of our fraternal organizations and injudicious measures advocated by others.

Too much maudlin sentiment for criminals. Unwillingness on the part of good citizens to serve on juries.

Too short a term of office for most of our elective officers. Too much probation and too many suspended sentences.

A spacious system of ethics subscribed to by many men in the legal profession, and by that is meant the theory that a lawyer may take advantage of what is referred to as every trick of the trade, to free a man who he knows is guilty of the most horrible crime. Irrational use of the plea of insanity.

Finally, in spite of the high character of attainments, the eminence, of the majority of the men in the legal profession, the failure in multitudinous instances of our efforts to properly and efficiently administer justice.

The term courts as used here does not mean just our judges. It refers to our entire system of judicial procedure. This indictment of court procedure is not my own; it comes from men who are pre-eminent in the legal profession.—Exchange

BACK TO THE RAILS

If the railroads are to be saved to the nation there must be a growing appreciation on the part of the public that these institutions must receive a greater share of public support, and in times of prosperity allowed to retain a greater proportion of their income in order that they might be prepared for the lean years.

The greatest menace to the railroads are the freight trucks, which take away one of the most profitable sources of road income.

In a great many states there is

a movement on the part of the state government to put a stop to the destruction of public highways by these carriers of freight. There is no excuse for these freight trains operated for private profit on the state maintained highways. There would of course be no objection, but on the contrary there would be encouragement, if a freight trucking company followed the example of the railroads—bought its own right of way, built its own highway, and ran its own trucks over this route for its own profit.

But when the highways are used in the nature of a state subsidy by a private company, hauling freight for hire in competition to the railroads, it is the duty of the state to call a halt. Not only are the railroads being hurt by this sort of competition, but the roads, which the motorists built for their own use, are being damaged, and the operation of these big trucks, with their long trailers, are a constant menace to the lives of motorists.

A little vision goes a long way -- too much vision has wrecked more men than too little.

None of us objects to flattery provided we are the object of it.

The struggle for existence is the most interesting part of existing.

A Merry Christmas Everbody

May all good cheer, good health and happiness come to you and yours this Merry Yuletide Season.

BO YOUR FRIENDS "MERRY CHRISTMAS" BY TELEPHONE ON CHRISTMAS MORNING

The Western Telephone Corporation of Texas

FRED LUSK, Local Manager; LEONE YELL, Chief Operator CLEO GILL, Day Operator; ALTHA GROVES, Night Operator CHLOE GILL, Relief Operator

FINDS COPPER IN BIG BASIN

Rich Deposits Discovered in Enormous Volcanic Crater South of Mineola

Ashland, December 12.—For several months S. A. Giles, research man, has been prospecting in "Big Basin" which is located south of Mineola. His activities have been shrouded in mystery and he has steadfastly refused to give out any statements to the press. Recently he lifted the veil from his mystery, if such it be, and invited newspaper men of the Southwest to visit his laboratory, which is located at the foot of the hills on the north side of the basin.

He has leased the ranch which belongs to the J. C. Smith estate, that is, he has an option on the mineral rights on this body of land for which he has contracted to pay \$40 per acre which is more than it would be valued at as this type of land is usually valued in this section of the Southwest. For some weeks Mr. Giles has been making tests from the volcanic deposits which rise on all sides of the basin. He says from these tests he has checked more than one million tons of copper baring ore, and these tests cover only a small part of his holdings. This ore is found in the surface so that no mining is necessary; it lies there ready to be scooped up and put in the smelter.

According to Mr. Giles his tests recover more than one hundred pounds of commercial copper ore, he says, but it is a different formation than any that has been worked. Heretofore it has been termed an insoluble ore. Each minute deposit of this copper is included in a shell of silica composition that would not allow the copper to be recovered by the ordinary methods of recovering copper from what he terms secondary ore. This ore, he says, is in the original state just as it came from the bowels of the earth during volcanic eruption and why it is termed an original copper ore. Secondary ore is that which has been dissolved in water, perhaps salt water, and then deposited in fissures and crevices in the tephra in a state which made it easy to recover by methods which have been commonly used in smelting copper ore.

Mr. Giles says the Big Basin is an enormous volcanic crater and is the source of the vast beds of volcanic deposits which he has traced as far southeast as Enid, Oklahoma. He tells an interesting story of how he happened to discover the Big Basin. For some time he had been working in the Benton shales in the northern part of the state. Later he became interested in vast volcanic ash beds in this section of the country and began to make tests in northern Oklahoma, and then in the red deposits in Barber county. It was here that he discovered that the farther west he came the richer his tests showed in the copper content of the ore. So it was that he came on to Comanche county and then to Clark county. When he saw the Big Basin crater he was convinced that it was the source of all the copper bearing ore he had been testing in the counties to the east. He at once made plans to make more extensive research here than he had in the counties east with the result that he found ore that is very much richer than he had ever hoped to find.

He takes the red or the gray deposits, grinds them finer than wheat flour, mixes them with fluxes according to his own formula, putting one-half ounce ore and one-half ounce flux into a miniature crucible. This crucible is then heated in a coke forge until it is quite hot and then with an acetylene torch it is reduced by a white heat to a liquid form and then rolled around in the crucible under force of the flame until the metal is separated and collected in the bottom of the crucible. Great care has to be used not to heat too long or too intense for in a moment if too much heat, metal they are trying to recover may be thrown off in gas formation. If the test is successful when the melted ore is cooled and cracked open, a "button" of metal is found. This button of metal contains iron, copper and some other metals. It is from these tests that Giles com-

putes the copper content per ton, and he says he has made many of them that exceeds one hundred pounds per ton. Many of these metal buttons have been sent to assayers and the computation is based on their analysis reports.

In these heat tests, Mr. Giles is assisted by Mr. Thomas Warwick of Medicine Lodge who is said to be one of the most skilled metal workers in the country. Mr. Warwick is an Englishman who came to Medicine Lodge over forty years ago and worked out the formulas for the cement and plasters at the time that industry was established in Barber county. For some time he has been working at intervals with Mr. Giles in making tests of the method which Giles claims he has discovered in his twenty years of research along his line. After the heat tests were made, Mr. Giles took the newspaper men over the hills bordering the crater and showed them that the very hills themselves were composed of the ore he was testing.

Fails To Get Up Page Ad

A young man came in last week and undertook to get up a page ad for the merchants here, but we presume that he failed in the undertaking as he has not been around lately. He came in and got our prices on a page ad and intimated that he wished us to give him an endorsement as he was the son of an editor who is now deceased. We informed him that was strictly against our rules; if he got up the ad it would be on his own merits and without mentioning us in the arrangements except to say it was intended for the Herald.

From what we could get from his proposed copy, it was some-

thing on the order of the Bu-Bale movement, which is now of three months behind the order things, as that movement is mentioned now so rarely, and cotton season is almost over, on the Plains. He acknowledged us that he was about all in financially and had his old mother support—and she was with him. This, of course, touched our hearts as we believe the young man honest, but this did not and will incline us to be disloyal to the merchants here who have stood by us in good and bad times, just simply couldn't see nothing in his proposition, and told him in a nice way.

A lady was here from Plainville this week who first announced she liked our town and thought she would move here after a little more investigation. She finally divulged that she was soliciting "other" church calendar. We formed her that another lady had beat her to it by about two weeks and we doubted that she would be able to get another, as most merchants here preferred the paper route in advertising, and we about fed up on special advertising. We have not seen her since up to the time this has been written. However, we gave her prizes on the work she wanted and treated her nicely, as we always try to treat the ladies.—Terry County Herald.

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AS THE HAPPY YULETIDE APPROACHES

We wish for you and yours a full measure of the season's choicest delights. May your Christmas be filled with happiness and your New Year be one of prosperity, health and all things good.

Keith's Plumbing and Sheet Metal

We Wish You A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

Again we greet the Christmas Season. We have witnessed the passing of another year—Not the best in our history to be sure, but, thanks to the loyal support of good friends such as yourselves, a successful year nevertheless.

We, as an organization—and as the individuals who compose it, have much to be thankful for. And it is to you whose good will has contributed to our success that we are truly indebted this Christmas time.

We only wish it were possible for each one of us to grasp you warmly by the hand, look you squarely in the eye and say "Thank You for your good will—your loyal support—your hearty cooperation—for everything that you have done for us."

WOMBLE HARDWARE COMPANY

SPEARMAN and MORSE

Pickwick Greyhound Trip to California

Boarding a "Greyhound" in Amarillo at three o'clock p. m. we arrived in El Paso at five-thirty next morning. This bus was very early filled with a fine class of people from New York and Ohio. The second division being put on in Amarillo. These Greyhounds are very large, holding about twenty passengers. They are comfortable and easy riding, having upholstered reclining chairs. The front chairs are preferable as one can get a view in all directions. A person has a good chance to view the country they pass through in a bus as in their private cars. The buses stop for meals near restaurants and no one is left, as the driver checks up passenger list before closing doors. Also five or ten minutes are given out every two hours, where one can walk about and get cold drinks or whatever one chooses. One wishes to make a continuous journey without stopovers, they can arrive in Los Angeles forty-nine hours after leaving Amarillo, a distance of thirteen hundred and thirty-three miles, via El Paso. We left El Paso at seven a. m. and through Las Cruces, Lordsburg and Deming where very little can be seen but cacti through the part of the country. At Sanford, cotton is grown quite extensively and a few palms may be seen which is quite a relief to the eyes. Villages of Indian tepees are near the cotton fields, as the Indian labor is employed in picking. These tepees are very unique. Poles are set in circular form and trimmed to a height of about six feet. The upper limbs are bent and woven together forming a close framework which is covered with long grass, and warmth then a top covering tent cloth. Globe, Arizona, was our next stop, where we took supper. It seemed to be a thriving little city. From here we began a mountain climb winding around between mountains. When we came to Coolidge Dam we saw a beautiful sight, with its many steps to guide the tourist, in view of the dam and its beautiful surroundings. The road is hewn out of the mountainsides and the dam can be seen in passing, but at this point the bus stopped and the driver permits all passengers to get out while he explains to them that this dam is the most modern in the country, being built of concrete, in one shape with the locks between the cones. This appears to be a very small dam, but they

claim the floods can not destroy it. The drive is mountainous from here on until we reach Phoenix, where we spent the night. Next morning at eight ten we left en route to El Centro. For miles around Phoenix one can see fine fields of lettuce, cauliflower, alfalfa and cotton, all being irrigated from Roosevelt dam, which is north of Phoenix. We crossed the Gila river, which also has a small dam, and we followed the irrigation ditch for miles. Coming into the desert again we found it covered with black lava rocks where it appeared nothing could be made to grow. At Aztec, a place of one building, we stopped for dinner. Truly a small place, but a large dinner; in fact one of the best meals on the entire route. There are several small towns through here, and low mountains, then comes the real sand desert through which the highway is well paved. Arriving at Yuma, on line between Arizona and California, all baggage was inspected. Holtville is a real oasis in the desert, where there is thirteen thousand acres of lettuce about ready to harvest. Asparagus and other vegetables are also in abundance. We arrived in El Centro at four p. m., stayed over night at the California Hotel, slept on the second floor, sixty-four feet below sea level. Left El Centro at eight twenty a. m. and soon came in sight of the Salton Sea, which is forty-six miles long, twenty-six miles wide, thirty-six feet deep and is two hundred fifty feet below sea level. We are told where the salt sea now is, was once a great salt mine, and in 1904 the Colorado river overflowed, sweeping down over this desert, filling the salt mine, which is now called the Salton Sea. South from the highway is a range of mountains on the side of which is plainly shown the high water line at its flood tide. Oasis, a little town near the west end of the Salton Sea, is two hundred sixty feet below sea level, while Banning, seventy five miles northwest, on our highway, is twenty-six hundred fifty feet above sea level. From this on the towns were seemingly close together, on either side of the highway could be seen groves of oranges, grape fruit and lemons, while all kinds of fruits, vegetables and nuts were displayed along the roadside to tempt the tourist, and indeed they are tempting to one who sees only a very few in the grocery stores back home. We arrived in Central Station, Los Angeles, at four p. m. without even a puncture (I mean the bus, of course). Securing a cab we were driven out to my sister's

rooms, left our baggage and went house hunting, securing an apartment at 1601 Park Avenue, where all our Spearman friends will find us, if we are home. Next writing we will tell of California and some of the wonderful drives we have made and sights seen. Since our arrival on November 25 the weather has been beautiful, excepting one rainy day and a few cloudy days. MRS. A. E. TOWNSEND.

FIRE DESTROYS NEW AIRPLANE

Minnesota Aviator Enroute To Lubbock Loses Plane In Flames Here On Wednesday Morning A Curtis Robin airplane owned and piloted by H. V. Rathbun, Detroit Lake, Minn., was totally destroyed by fire on Wednesday morning on the field near the city sewer disposal plant. Rathbun was enroute to Lubbock and had stopped here late Tuesday afternoon to stay overnight. He had gone to the field early Wednesday morning to check the plane over, preparatory to taking off for his destination. Rathbun stated that he had washed the engine off with gasoline, and when he gave the propeller a half turn, the plant burst into flames. His only theory, as the magneto had never been turned on, is that a wrench lying on top of the motor fell, hitting some metal part, causing a spark which ignited the gasoline.—Ochiltree County Herald.

THE STORY OF KRAUT

Saur kraut and printers ink make a very funny combination. But it has proven to be a valuable one. Not so very long ago kraut was just a lot of cabbage ground into shreds and put through an old method of fermentation. Then someone looked a little closer and found that kraut is one of the greatest health foods on earth. Doctors began to recommend both kraut and the juice of kraut, and big packing concerns began to can it. They also saw the possibility of

advertising it—not as something that was merely good to eat, but as the greatest strength and body builder that can be taken from the soil. The advertising hits the spot. More kraut and still more kraut was needed to meet the increasing demand. Today it can be purchased in cans, at any grocery store in the land—and it is purchased by millions of people where before only thousands at it. Kraut, a lowly son of the vegetable family, has become an aristocrat. Could there be any better example of the power of printer's ink?—The Earth.

GAY CHRISTMAS THRILL THE GREATEST OF ALL

The love in our hearts toward our fellow men; the happy, expectant, gay eagerness of children and their joyous, merry voices; the pure, white, soft beauty of snow; the deeply refreshing aroma of the forests which for a brief period we bring into our homes; the cheer of the home fireplace; the bringing together of members of the family; the gayety and the enthusiasm of Christmas shoppers; the stores, decorated and looking their best in holiday attire; the cordial, heartfelt greetings which are extended to us and which we extend to others; the renewing of old-time friendships by the sending of a bright Christmas card; the generosity in our souls toward all; the carols which ring out at the Christmas spirit of a devout worship; the bright significant stars twinkling down from the heavens above, the simplicity and the beauty of the Christmas season; all form a part of the great Christmas thrill. There is no thrill in the world like unto it!—Mary Graham Bonner.

It's always a tragedy when circumstances prevent a man from expressing the best that is in him. It's getting mighty expensive for a husband to take an interest in modern household devices.

Building Better Cars Prices Are Lower

How extensively automobile prices are receding in the face of constantly improving quality is aptly illustrated by a comparison of prices of the new 1931 Chevrolet six as against prices in 1928 when the old four cylinder car was being built. Following the extensive reductions at the time the 1931 line was announced, the six today ranges from \$475 to \$650 for the nine different passenger models, while the four cylinder car at the time of the change from a four to a six ranged from \$495 to \$715 for seven body types. In other words, the six with its two extra cylinders is priced lower throughout the line—except for the phaeton, which is built primarily for the overseas market—than was the smaller, less economical and less refined car.

A model-by-model price comparison reveals that every model popular in the domestic market is at least \$20 lower today than was the corresponding four cylinder model, and that the price differential varies as much as \$120 in favor of the new 1931 sport coupe which replaced the old four-cylinder sport cabriolet in the 1928 line. The 1931 roadster, at \$475, is \$20 lower than the roadster in the 1928 line. The coach, now \$545, is \$40 lower, and the present six-cylinder standard coupe lists at \$535, or \$60 less than its four-cylinder prototype of two years ago. At the top of the four-cylinder price range stood the convertible landau, priced at \$715, while today the special sedan is

Light Company Reduces Rates For City Use

The Southwest Public Service Co. has reduced the rate to the city on street lights and for pumping water, according to W. E. Bogan, city secretary. The new rate for whiteway lamps is \$5 per month against the former rate of \$6. There are 20 whiteway lamps, affecting a saving of \$20 per month on these lamps. The rate on the 30 ordinary street lights has been reduced from \$3.75 to \$2.75, affecting another saving of \$30 per month. The pumping rate has been reduced from 3 1/2¢ per KWH to 2 1/2¢ cents. The whole reduction will amount to about \$1,000 per year saving, over the former rate. No announcement has been made as to reduction in commercial or domestic rates.—McLean News.

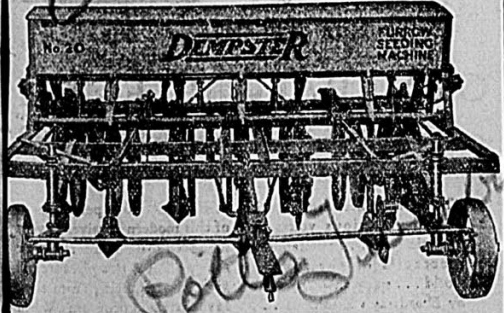
Rich in Meaning To All Mankind

CHRISTMAS IS FULL of hallowed associations of fond memories of golden deeds of warm hearts of glowing hospitable hearthstones May all its richness, and feeling and fondness be yours this year, next year and the years to come. We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

R. L. McCLELLAN GRAIN CO. Gruver : Bernstein : Spearman : Morse

PROTECTS Your SEED your CROPS your PROFITS

The Dempster Special Lister-Type Furrow-Molding Machine is one of the most amazing developments in grain drill history—a boon to profitable farming—saves seed—assists germination—conserves moisture—assures bigger yields. Average increase in profit on fifty acres paid for machine on farms where authentic comparative tests were made this year.



R. L. McCLELLAN GRAIN CO, Spearman Come in and See It

A Review of the Year

Recalls to our minds the liberal patronage and good will of a large number of friends and acquaintances whose kindnesses have meant so much to us and our business during the months just past that we want to make a general expression of appreciation of the many favors you have bestowed upon us.

Take from us our heartiest wishes for a most merry Christmas and happy new year.

Continental Oil Co. R. E. LEE, Representative TRIANGLE SERVICE STATION N. L. BECK SERVICE STATION

May the Christmas of 1930 be the best and most enjoyable Christmas you have ever known. May it be the best from every angle for you and your friends and their friends. Let us meet you and greet you in 1930.

Hastings Pharmacy Phone 46 Spearman

IT MAY BE A LITTLE DIFFERENT

To extend a wish like this, but there are so many needs and so many conditions and so many desires that it is difficult to send out a Christmas wish that will meet the varying requirements of all our friends, so we are just WISHING FOR YOU ALL YOU COULD WISH FOR YOURSELF.

Give us the pleasure of seeing you often during the new year and we will endeavor faithfully to demonstrate just how much we appreciate you.

Hill Brothers GROCERY and MARKET Phone 103 We Deliver

FURS WANTED

Will Pay Market Price for Your Furs. Spearman Produce ALBERT JACOBS North Main Street

GLADLY WE WELCOME THE YULETIDE

We welcome again the opportunity to express to you sincere gratitude for the continued evidence of your good will which has made the closing year a good one for us.

We are counting on your friendship and patronage during the year soon to dawn upon us and are preparing to show to you our appreciation in the form of better values and more complete service in every department where we find improvement possible.

In the meantime: Merry Christmas—Happy New Year.

R. W. Morton SALES AND SERVICE

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THE BETHLEHEM INNKEEPER SPEAKS

The inn was full. There was no room.
And yet, of course, I might have made
Arrangement. But the evening gloom
Came on—a man must keep his trade.
The guests were in—they all had paid.

There was no room. The inn was full.
And it had been a busy day;
So many vexing questions pull
A landlord's heart. All cannot say—
The late ones must be turned away.

The inn was full. There was no room.
But certainly I could have done
Something if I had known for whom—
Ah, that my door should be the one
To shut out Mary and her son.

—B. Y. Williams in New York Times.

There are religious demagogues as well as political demagogues. There are church men willing to pull almost any fool stunt to gain notoriety just as there are some politicians that love to bask in the limelight. There are two or three of this tribe in Texas now haranguing the people that care to listen over the radio and on the rostrum, belittling forth their folly to the great detriment of religion and to the denomination with which they affiliate. The man who would undertake to slander and destroy the great educational institution in his efforts to build another is too narrow or too foolish or too malevolent to command the respect and support of any sensible individual. We are hoping that Simmons University prospers greatly, for it is a great west Texas institution, but we also want to see Baylor University prosper, for it is a still greater institution. We want to see all the denominational schools grow and prosper of whatever denomination, for they are all doing a good work. But we also rejoice to see our state institutions flourish. This outcry against evolution is mostly fold-the-roll and demagoguery. It is true that the theory of evolution is being taught in most of the schools, denominational and state. It is being taught in the public schools. It permeates nearly all scientific thought and nearly every text book on scientific subjects. It may be fundamentally wrong, as most of the orthodox church members believe but if we are to destroy every school in which it is taught in some form or to some degree or other, we will have mighty few schools left, even public schools. If we are to bar all text books that teach it, either directly or by inference, nearly all our text books on science will have to be rewritten or revised. Most of the fight that is being made on great educational institutions, state and denominational, on the grounds that they teach evolution is prompted either by hatred, jealousy, or love for notoriety—mostly the latter. Intelligent, God-fearing, humanity-loving people should pay no attention to it.—Lynn County News.

There comes to the Reporter shop each month three of the greatest advertising cut and copy services that can be bought. We keep these on hand at all times for the benefit of our advertising patrons. Last week a man came to Spearman and attempted to sell some business houses an advertising service. The "service" is not worth fifteen cents per year. The service offered business men by the Reporter absolutely free is the best that can be had—compiled by the greatest advertising men of the country. And that is one reason why his gentleman failed to sell his "service." Another reason is that the advertising committee of the chamber of commerce got hot on his heels, so he left town without making a sale. The Reporter begged for years for this fraudulent advertising committee of the local c. of c. and we are mighty glad to know that it is now functioning.

All the pictures of Christmas scenes that we have ran across in the Reporter shop this year are of seemingly well-to-do families. We would like to have one of a child who is confidently expecting Old Santa, but whose Daddy is out of work and in need of something to use for money. This is just to remind you that you should be working with the Spearman Welfare Association. Let there be no disappointed child in Spearman Thursday morning. What did the owl say to the prairie dog? "Dig, brother, dig!"

There still exists in the minds of a fast diminishing few the idea that the way to properly celebrate the Christmas Holiday season is to have a supply of spurious liquors, wines and heavy cigars on hand, for personal use and for the purpose of "treating" friends. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Spearman is indeed fortunate in that there is very little of the hilarious "naky" life here. The citizenship of this town and community celebrate Christmas in a joyful manner by bringing joy to loved ones and to those who, unfortunately, are unable to bring joy and gladness into the lives of their loved ones themselves. There is real joy in giving worth while things to older ones and presents that please to the little tots.

Spearman's program for 1931 should include: New and modern hotel; thirty to fifty blocks of pavement; two or more additional rural mail routes and two or more modern church buildings. These, with the extension of the Santa Fe to Morse, the hard-surfacing of highway No. 117, the building of a new court house and two or more 24-inch gas lines through the county, will make a very good year. Of course we expect to produce an average, if not a little better, wheat crop.

WE MUST KEEP FAITH

To small boys and girls Santa Claus is as much a part of Christmas as the babe in the manger, the three wise men, and the angel who sang the first glad carol.

Childish dreams have a habit of getting broken as the years go on. Somebody else gets the new red wagon on which a little boy had set his heart. The pink beads that would have made a little girl grow starry-eyed hang around another's throat.

But children have secret places in their hearts where a shining belief lives—the belief that on the night before Christmas, from some mysterious land, a generous creator known as Santa Claus will come, bringing the presents that will make them glad. They can forget that their coats are shabby, that there are no jam pots in their cupboards when they think of the gala night.

Every year there are many children who waken in the dawn-light, to grope for stockings. Every year there are many children who bury their heads in the blankets and cry softly because, somehow, again this time, the dream is crushed and the stocking is empty.

If everyone who understands that Santa Claus is merely typical of that Christmas spirit which shares with others would accept his part of the responsibility, there would be no Christmas morning heart-aches.

There are toys enough in the shops and packed away in our attics to make every limp black stocking fat enough to burst. Tears are so unnecessary on Christmas morning.

When we hear of a specific story about a child, our interest is aroused. But when we read that thousands of children are needing our help, we grow indifferent. The number is too large to be personal, we seem to think.

Yet every one of the thousands is an eager-eyed youngster whose heart masses a beat when he thinks that it is almost time for the night of nights, and whose nose is pressed against the plate-glass windows of the stores as he wonders what he will draw from the pack this year.

To disappoint him would be a tragic thing. It would ruin his trust in the Spirit of Christmas which the benevolent old man represented. He wouldn't trust life so far again.

It is to keep a child's heart filled with dreams and his eyes gay with laughter that we bring the gifts for his stocking.—Hutchinson Herald.

UNCLE SAM FINDS BUYERS FOR STRANGE MERCHANDISE

Buyers for the strangest articles of merchandise are found annually by the Post Office Department in its sales of parcels sent by mail and left unclaimed beyond the legal period. Such parcels are periodically sold at auction, and an analysis of the past year's sales made by the Woman's Home Companion, shows that Uncle Sam manages to get a pretty respectable price for most of these commodities poured out of the cornucopias of modern civilization.

Nine pairs of pickled mackerel, however, fetched only a dollar. A woman bought eight whiffletrees and ten martingales for two dollars. Twenty-three pairs of dumbbells brought thirteen dollars. A pushcart peddler paid six hundred and thirty-six dollars for an assortment of false teeth, fountain pens, dresses and other articles "new, soiled and damaged." There were one hundred and sixteen boxes of candles (two dollars), one hundred and forty radio tubes (thirteen dollars), one hundred fraternity pins (nine dollars) four hundred and fifty tubes of toothpaste (four dollars) and so on up to a sealskin coat for one hundred dollars.

SUMMING IT UP

Love has different styles of attack. Some get caught by it like a child's romping on barbed wire. Others get hooked like a steer in a butcher's ice box. Some fall in love the way people fall off a pier, in all their clothes, and unable to swim a stroke.—Collier's Weekly.

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State of Texas,
County of Hansford,

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared Oran Kelly, who having seen duly sworn according to law deposes and says that he is the Editor-Manager of the Spearman Reporter and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 411, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to-wit:

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ORAN KELLY,
Editor-Manager.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23rd day of December, 1930.

(Seal)
MATTIE RUTH RICHARDSON,
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Careful and Expert Beauty Work

Quart permanents \$1 to \$5

Shampoo and Finger Wave 15c

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Mrs. H. L. White PROPRIETOR

Conditions in Southwest Better Than East Says Santa Fe System President

CHICAGO—"The territory served by the Santa Fe railway," stated W. B. Story, president of the Santa Fe Railway company, when asked about conditions in the Santa Fe Southwest, "has experienced the same vicissitudes that has befallen our country in general this year.

"The drought in the summer has curtailed its crops, but much less than the territory further east. Wheat was made before the drought and turned out well, cotton fair, corn from 25 to 50 per cent off, and other crops fair. But with the low prices the monetary returns has been greatly reduced. Citrus fruits brought good prices and with rather small crops produced an excellent return. Oil, mining, lumbering, building, manufacturing, and industry generally have depressed, and our traffic has suffered accordingly. Roughly it has run about 13.5 per cent behind last year, which, it should be remembered was the greatest in our history, but only 6 per cent behind 1928.

"In looking forward we find that winter wheat has had favorable conditions up to the present time and citrus gives promise of a much heavier crop than in the past year. It should be remembered, however, that it is still too early to make any definite forecast as to either of these crops. Commodity prices seem fairly well stabilized and any strengthening of them will be a favorable sign.

"The Santa Fe is engaged in building 350 miles of new lines in Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado and New Mexico, on which we shall do some five million dollars of work this coming year; we have ordered six million dollars worth of new equipment; our addition and betterment program will be about

normal, requiring from twenty to twenty-five million dollars of expenditures; and our maintenance of right-of-ways and structures and equipment will be about normal.

"We feel that the coming year will bring improved conditions, but that recovery will be slow. We hope, however, that a year from now we can record substantial improvement and a bright outlook."

TO MAKE WOMEN'S CLOTHING FROM THE HUMBLE SWEET POTATO

Now the modest and retiring sweet potato begins to assume an important place in industry. Soon women may be wearing clothing containing "just a dash" of sweet potato, as a result of researches by the U. S. Bureau of Standards, reported in the Country Home.

Sweet potatoes, it is shown, contain a material indispensable in weaving. It serves as a protective coating, called sizing and guards the threads from wearing or losing their nap as they rub in the weaving process. Sometimes it is removed with chemicals after the weaving is completed, but it may be retained in the finished product to enrich color, enhance sheen, and produce a textile more agreeable to the touch.

The sweet potato, with a 20 to 25 percent content of this sizing material, offers the South a new economic opportunity as a result of these researches.

EVERYBODY LOVES A BABY

Before the Lindbergh baby was a week old, its parents received several thousand requests for its photograph.—American Magazine.

AMONG OUR ASSETS

We like to count among our assets the only one that money cannot buy, your good will. And so at this holiday season, we extend to you, not only as a customer alone, but as a friend

The Best of Wishes for A Merry Christmas And Happy New Year!

SNIDER PRODUCE

Phone 115 West Spearman

In Cordial Appreciation of the Greatest Asset we have

YOUR GOOD WILL

Hearty Christmas Greetings and a New Year of Prosperity

J. R. Collard

Spearman, Texas

Real Estate : Loans : Insurance

REGULAR PRICES!

Assorted Christmas CANDIES, per lb.	15c	SUGAR 100 Pounds	\$5.50	MCCLES BEST FLOUR Per Hundred	\$2.60
ORANGES Per Dozen	23c	PEACHES 1 Gallon	45c	PILLSBURY FLOUR Per Hundred	\$2.60
CRANBERRIES 2 Quarts	45c	PEARS 1 Gallon	40c	FOLGERS COFFEE 2 1/2 Pound Can	\$1.10

SPEARMAN EQUITY EXCHANGE

Here's Wishing You

A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY, PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

We might write a page and never wish you more.

CITY DRUG

Phone 220 East Side Main

OUR BUSINESS WITH YOU HAS BEEN A REAL PLEASURE

Every business has its ups and downs and its bad days and good days, but with us it seems our patrons have been kind and thoughtful in helping to make every day a bright, cheery day for us. Therefore you may know, good friends, that we mean every word of it when we send you the season's best wishes and the hope that 1931 will bring you a delightful twenty-four hours for every day on the calendar.

Hartley's DEPT STORE

STUDIO LOWBOY—A radio frequency receiver of distinctive classical Italian design. 5 tubes, four of which are screen Dynamic speaker, \$131.60 including complete with tubes.

GIVE THE FAMILY A REAL THRILL!



Let Us Install a

GENERAL ELECTRIC FULL RANGE RADIO

In Your Home for Christmas

The world's finest dance music . . . the glorious voices of operatic stars . . . outstanding spectacles of the sporting world . . . spicy entertainment by Broadway's headliners . . . the thousand and one delights that make up radio's nightly pageant of the air . . . you give them all with life-like fidelity when you give a General Electric FULL RANGE Radio.

How the family will thrill at the marvelous performance of this modern receiver! Every night throughout the year they will enjoy new pleasure and greater satisfaction from their favorite radio programs. When you compare the lasting enjoyment of this modern radio set with the fleeting pleasure of the average present, you will appreciate the wisdom of making this splendid gift to the family this Christmas. Come in and let us talk it over.

You may purchase your General Electric on the Budget Payment Plan



CHURCHES Society and Personal Items

Methodist Church

Services were well attended last Sunday, so repeat the same thing this Sunday. The Sunday school was large—though many faces were missing—at home for the holidays. This is a good sign of growth and interest. The League had a splendid attendance and ended a splendid program. The services for this Sunday are as usual. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. League at 6:15 and preaching service at 7 p. m. We extend to all a hearty welcome to these services, whether member, friend or visitor or stranger within our gates. Sunday is the last church day of this year—why not be present so you can say that you went to church one during the year—make a record by so doing. The pastor will speak on "The Church and Its Place in the Community."

H. A. NICHOLS, Pastor.

At The Baptist Church

The Baptist church of Spearman will begin the good year 1931 in good shape, with splendid interest in all lines of the work. During the year now coming to a close there has been more than 100 additions to the church membership. During the great Crimm revival in November, 100 persons joined the various churches of the city, 50 of whom came into the Baptist church. Thirty-four were baptized at Perryton on Sunday night, December 7, and six others are awaiting baptism.

The church membership is anxiously looking forward to the erection of a new church home during the year 1931. The church and Sunday school has outgrown its present quarters and a new and modern building is planned as the great building project for next year.

The Christmas tree and program will be held at the church on Wednesday night. A nice program will be rendered and a treat is in store for everyone who attends.

Joint Hostesses Give Attractive Yuletide Party

The true Christmas spirit was evident in the entertainment given last Thursday at the home of Mrs. R. W. Huffstutter, when Mrs. J. D. Hester and Mrs. Huffstutter were hostesses to Le Jeudi Bridge club. Draped from the corners of each of the entertaining rooms to the chandeliers in the center were ropes of Christmas decorations from which hung glistening icicles. A small red bell hung from each chandelier and over the center of the archway dividing the rooms, was seen a cheery Christmas greeting. Wreaths of holly hung in the windows and other decorations, suggestive of the Yuletide season, were found attractively arranged about the entertaining suite.

Jolly old St. Nicholas, as a miniature, formed the tallies and, as favors, each guest found at her table, a colorful paper cap, which was worn during the games of bridge. Score favors were awarded to Mrs. E. H. Prewitt and Mrs. W. S. McNabb, after which a dainty refreshment plate was served. Gifts were: Mrs. J. W. Jones,

Mrs. W. S. McNabb, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. C. E. Jones, Mrs. Warren G. McNabb and Mrs. J. W. Merritt. Members attending were: Mesdames Max Lackey, H. L. Dumas, John Duncan, Nelson Kirk, M. D. Jackson, John Lackey, Vester Hill, R. H. Prewitt, S. B. Hale, J. M. Thompson, D. W. Holland, R. W. Morton, Wm. J. Whitson, E. C. Womble, Chas. Chambers, Dawson Nichols and the hostesses.

The next regular meeting of the club will not be held until January 15th, when Mrs. H. L. Dumas and Mrs. Chas. Chambers will act as joint hostesses at the new home of Mrs. Dumas.

On December 31, the members of Le Jeudi club will "ring out the old year and ring in the new" honoring their husbands with a dinner-bridge at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Morton.

Mrs. Cooke and Miss Wilmeth Entertain Bridge Club

The Twelve and One Bridge club was delightfully entertained by Mrs. J. B. Cooke and Miss Juanita Wilmeth, at the home of the former, Thursday evening, December 18th.

Beautiful Christmas decorations made a charming background for the happy affair, and the Yuletide Season was carried out in the talle cards and the uncheon linen.

High score went to Miss Agnes Wilmeth. A delicious two-course luncheon was served at a late hour to the following members and guests: Miss Evelyn Roach, Miss Agnes Wilmeth, Miss Greta Wilbanks, Miss Mary McMurry, Mrs. Bob Taylor, Mrs. C. R. Hazelwood, Miss Lucille Matze, Miss Lois Bailey, Miss Ethel Murphey, Miss Vera Campbell, Miss Beatrice Gibner, Mrs. Pope Gibner, Miss Opal Cline, Miss Bernyce Burran, Miss Gladys Van Burkleo and Miss Reba Barkley.

First Christian Church

The minister will preach both morning and evening next Sunday, December 28. Annual business meeting and election of officers at 2:30 p. m. The last Sunday of the year—let's break all our attendance records. We can if all members, families and friends will come. Christmas program was fine and the house was crowded. New class rooms for primary and junior classes available. Interior rearranged. Juniors have class party at church Friday night.

JASPER BOGUE, Minister.

Miss Troas Elliott, teacher of music is visiting her mother in Waxahachie, Texas.

Roy Womble was in Spearman from Morse Monday attending to business matters.

Mrs. Edna Moore and Miss Eulalie Moore of Canyon are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Campfield for the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Collard and the children will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends in Vernon.

Mrs. Lena Crawford, son and daughter Carter and Mildred are spending Christmas at Tulsa with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Johnson of Tyrone attended the Texas-Louisiana Banquet at Perryton Friday night.

A. H. Word, principal of Spearman high school, is spending the Christmas holidays at his home in Bonham, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Giril Kovar and baby came from Strong City, Oklahoma, on Saturday and visited until Monday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Nickens, in east Spearman. Mrs. Kovar is a sister of Mrs. Nickens.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Finley left for Christmas, Texas, to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Cox of Sherman, is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Dennis.

Miss Christine Balentine teacher in the Spearman schools, is spending the holidays at her home near Dublin, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Wolfe are spending Christmas in Dallas and Corpus Christi visiting relatives and friends.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Buster Cator on Friday, December 19, in Spearman, a fine 3-pound daughter.

Mrs. R. E. Butran, daughter and son Bernyce and Bill are leaving Friday morning for Chickasha, Oklahoma, where they will visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Burran over the week end.

Miss Zoe Denman entrained Tuesday at Amarillo for Belton, Texas. Miss Denman has accepted a position as assistant manager in the Loan Fund and Endowment office of Baylor College.

Mrs. J. C. Tuttle, superintendent of the primary department of the Spearman schools is spending the Christmas holidays at her home in Enid, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. T. V. McDaniel and daughter Inez of Hale Center will spend Christmas in the home of Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Nichols.

Herbert Campbell, Dad and Sis are going to spend Christmas on Uncle's farm near Texhoma. (A news item as turned in by Herbert Campbell.)

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Leitner left this Wednesday morning for Elk City, Oklahoma, where they will visit during the holidays with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gerber and the children left this Wednesday morning for Pampa, they being called there by the serious illness of Mrs. Gerber's sister, Mrs. J. E. Elliott.

PAJAMAS TO BE WORN WIDELY NEXT YEAR

The craze for pajamas is growing, rather than passing, according to the latest comments of fashion observers.

More pajamas than ever before will be worn at Palm Beach and other southern resorts this winter. "If a fashion was smart at Biarritz," comment Ethel Holland Little, fashion editor of the Woman's Home Companion, "then you may be sure of it at Florida and California winter places, and you may even depend on it for good style next summer."

All the women at Biarritz this season, Mrs. Little reports, wore pajamas for boating or lounging on the beach.

The styles were simple enough, a pair of red jersey trousers, for instance, over a white bathing suit. Over another bathing suit was worn a nautical outfit of stiff white linen, sailor cap, kerchief and all.

Even the older women took to pajamas—graceful pleated affairs of pastel silk.

During the rest of the day—golf-time and tea time—everybody wore sports frocks. Usually these were as simple as a sleeveless tub silk with a jersey cardigan thrown across the shoulders or a pink shantung trimmed in white. And a white linen jacket costume banded in blue was considered smart for the end of the day.

WANT AND WORK

Reputable beauty experts will tell you that you must not only want to be better-looking, but also work to be.—Woman's Home Companion.

AT HOME

Our greatest orators never open their mouths in the presence of their wives, except in astonishment.—Collier's Weekly.

VALUABLE LIES

Of so much value can a lie be to a detective that the detective often has to help his prisoner tell one.—The American Magazine.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Lee Jenkins visited in Amarillo Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Bennett left this Wednesday morning for Buffalo, Oklahoma, to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Good of Amarillo are spending Christmas in the home of Mrs. Good's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pittman.

Gilbert Wubanks and Bert Snook of Pratt, Kansas, are spending Christmas in their homes in Spearman.

Miss Ethel Deakin is spending the Christmas holidays in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Deakin, nine miles south of Guymon, Oklahoma.

Mrs. C. Q. Chandler and son Anderson Woods, Chandler, of Wichita, Kansas, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Clogston for the past few days.

THAT YOUNGER GENERATION

How can anyone be pessimistic about a "younger generation" whose two most prominent members are Lindbergh and Bobby Jones?—American Magazine.

WHAT NEXT?

A girl student in Kansas has just been awarded her doctor's degree for a two years' investigation and thesis on "The Bacteriological Content of Undershirts."—The Country Home.

APPRECIATION

1930-1931

We desire to express our appreciation to patrons of this business for their loyalty and patronage during the closing year and to assure you that we will appreciate a continuance of your favors.

It will continue to be our aim, desire and ambition to gratify our every wish when you need our services.

Happy, Prosperous New Year to one and all.

Lyric Theatre

SPEARMAN

Greetings and Sincere Good Wishes For a Merry Christmas and Bright New Year

As the year nineteen hundred and thirty is closing we greet you and send sincere good wishes for a Happy and more prosperous New Year. May we serve you better in 1931 than ever before is our aim.

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Our patrons and friends everywhere are in our thoughts today, and as always, in the kindest sort of way. May health, wealth and happiness be yours and 1931 be your best year.

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We Know Not What the New Year Holds

But we do know that it is the beginning of new hopes, new thoughts, new prospects and new determinations to achieve. We hope it will hold for you many opportunities for success and that you will be ready for each of them.

We thank you for all you have meant to this business—not only in patronage but for the good influence you have used among your friends in our behalf.

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SPEARMAN

We Face the New Year

Determined to "Better our Best"

During the past year it was our good fortune to add many new patrons and to more strongly impress our old ones with the advantages we offer in our line. But we look toward the New Year with enthusiasm and a strong determination to make it the best year since we have been in business.

In a sincerity we thank those who made our business possible in 1930 and wish each of you the happiest, best and most prosperous year in 1931 you could possibly wish for yourself.

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WIND REMEMBRANCES AND BEST WISHES

Not only at Christmas time but through all the coming year, our best wishes and kind remembrances will be with you and your house. We shall welcome the opportunity to serve you when possible in 1931.

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Christmas the Miracle Season

By FLORENCE HARRIS WELLS

Let us go back over the centuries that we may see the soft Judean hills flooded with heavenly light; that we may behold the flaming star of the East guiding the three wise men, Melchior with flowing white hair and sweeping snowy beard; Caspar, a beautiful boy, and Balthasar in the prime of life, symbolizing age, youth and middle age, bowing at the cradle in the manger.

They bring from afar their gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh to the King of Kings, as the song of the heavenly chorus of angels on the plains of Bethlehem floods the air. The Master's touch worked strange miracles long ago. But let us now turn a simple dial and again a miracle has been wrought—even here as it was there so long ago.

The room is full of sound. The air is charged with Christmas—always Christmas. Even the word is radiant with holiness. With the voices of the present are mingled those of the past. At Christmas man is at his best. It is the best season of the year. The season of giving and receiving. The season of love reborn. It is the miracle season.

Happiness is in the air. Laughter reigns. In the tongues of all nations voices are raised in greeting. The angels sang out their glad tidings of great joy above the plains of Bethlehem and as often as Christmas comes, the carols, music, bells, voices—all unite in a great singing circle sounding o'er all the world the glad words: A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

ment toward the child who occasions them.
Then, too, there are the antagonisms which arise from the real or fancied resemblance of a child to some relative with whom the parent has unpleasant associations.
Many a boy or girl grows up reminded constantly that he is just like an uncle or an aunt or a grandparent who was a ne'er-do-well.

Perhaps the most common and persistently unrecognized cause of antagonism in the family circle is found in jealousy. One parent is jealous of the attention which the other parent lavishes upon a child.
Brothers and sisters are jealous of each other because of the unequal distribution of affection and attention.

Parents who are not in harmony with each other frequently project their difficulties upon their children, venting their unhappiness and disappointment upon the product of their unsatisfactory union.
To be fully aware of what antagonisms actually exist in the circle of our own home is to be able in some degree to control the situation.

CHRISTMAS STILL MEANS SAME TO YOUNG AND OLD

Uncle Bill did not believe in Christmas. He thought it was just a scheme to make the merchants rich and the people poor. However, he loaded himself down with gifts for all the family and took the train to his sisters to spend Christmas with her and her numerous family. He had been so busy making money it was the first holiday he had taken in many years.

Christmas morning, when they all gathered around the tree, and he saw the children's joy in that beautiful symbol of the spirit of giving, and in the toys which they received, he realized that in spite of the care-worn crowds of Christmas shoppers Christmas still meant to the children what it had meant to him when he was a boy. There was no commercialism in it. And when he saw the older people's joy in the presents he had brought them, he resolved that in the future he would become a parents' Santa Claus, and make Christmas as happy for them as it is for the children.—Harold L. Cook.

PREFERS JAIL TO DALHART

We wonder what John L. McCarty and other good people of Dalhart think of this. Our opinion is: Dalhart is the better off by this man deciding to remain in jail other than return to that town to work.

A peculiar incident occurred

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ALLER & ALLEN
Attorneys-at-Law
Perryton, Texas

Dr. Powell, Eye, Ear, Nose and throat Specialist, will be in Spearman, at offices of Dr. Gower, on Wednesday, January 14. Glasses fitted and tonsils and adenoids removed.

during a recent session of the district court at Richfield. A man had been convicted of some sort of crime and sentenced to a term of one year in the Morton county jail. The officers had a matter of a parole of this man up before Judge G. L. Light of the district court. In the course of questioning the man informed the judge that he did not want a parole. He said he had a job but it was out of the state and he did not suppose a parole would be granted in that case. Judge Light asked the man where his prospective job was located and he said that it was in Dalhart, Texas, but that he would much prefer to remain in jail in

To Everybody Both Young and Old

Whether you are our patron or not—we want you to be, because our big "family" of satisfied patrons are a real joy to us. So we wish EVERYBODY a Christmas season of true happiness and a New Year with each day crowded full of delightful experiences.

Already we are thinking of plans we intend to put into effect during 1931 that may serve and please you even better than in the past.

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And now that it is Christmas again we take added pleasure in wishing that you may find in the gladsome season an opulence of joy and contentment, such as will make life happier for you all the year.

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May the Christmas Fairies whose particular business it is to bring joy and gladness at this season of the year wave their wands over you and make all your Yuletide dreams come true.

We have been happy in your friendship and romance through the year and we are now happy making for you the best Christmas wishes.

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CHEVROLET Incorporated

Phone Number 29

NEWSPAPER PLANT DESTROYED BY BLAST

Texoma Times Plant Destroyed; Wife of Editor Divine and Printer Killed

(By Albert H. Law)
Mrs. I. D. Divine, wife of the publisher of The Texoma Times, and Burdick Smith, 20, Hemphill, Texas, printer, are dead and I. D. Divine, publisher, is seriously hurt, as a result of an explosion which wrecked the newspaper building between 9:30 and 10 o'clock Wednesday night.

The blast shattered the staunch five-building and leveled two-thirds of it from front back. Mrs. Divine was found about midway the building in sitting posture buried to the shoulders in chunks of tile, cement and splintered wood.

Mr. Devin was setting type at his linotype which probably saved his life as the heavy roof crashed on top of his machine, badly mashing it.

Burdick Smith, the printer, was found pinned between two job presses.

Rocks Town
Buildings over the city quivered from the blast. Folks ran from half homes as window panes rattled and walls shuddered. Huge windows in the Methodist church immediately across the street, broke from the force of the explosion. Windows in a low sheet-iron building, east of the newspaper plant, and about the same distance from it as the church on the west, were not broken although huge tiles were hurled against the structure. Bits of flying glass were trewn more than 100 feet in front of the building as the two big plate glass windows shattered, pattered like buckshot against the pavement and buildings.

Says "I Did It"
"I must have done it," Mrs. Divine told rescuers as they pressed her side in a few moments after the blast. "It happened just as I turned out the gas stove." According to those familiar with the plant, the stove was an original oil heater in which a gas burner had been installed.

Two Theories
Immediately following the explosion the theory was rampant that the building had been bombed. As the excitement subsided lack of a motive for such action forced investigation in another direction.

Lloyd Young went into the plant about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon for handbills for a high school play. "I smelled some kind of gas that just seemed to cut my lungs. I don't know what it was but I'm sure it was gas."

Asked if it was gas fumes or natural gas Mr. Young could not state definitely. He said he was positive it was not lead and gas fumes from a lead melting pot, but something else.

This story gave strength to the theory that a faulty connection in the gas line under the floor had allowed gas to accumulate there and then became ignited in some way when Mrs. Divine turned out the gas stove. Many thought that the natural puff of a gas stove when it is being turned out had sucked the flame in such a way as to ignite the powerful destroyer under the floor.

Further credence is given this theory by the statement of doctors that all three of the persons injured are hurt in the same way as if they had jumped from a third story window stiff-legged. This indicates, they say, that the blast came from beneath.

Gas Line Under Floor
Stories that the gas line was not under the floor were disproved this morning when investigation revealed it entered the building at the northeast corner and continued under the floor except at openings for stoves. The floor is said to be about 8 inches to a foot above the ground and the intervening space claimed to be virtually airtight, which would allow accumulation of gas.

ANTAGONISM
The antagonism which exists between parents and children and between brothers and sisters are not generally admitted, although they are always present in every family in greater or less degree. Children cause their parents inevitable limitations in personal freedom and in the pursuit of pleasure, energy and money. Only a really mature individual is in a position to meet the demands of parenthood without feeling a certain amount of resentment toward the child who occasions them.

THE BIRTHDAY of GOODWILL

Christmas has come generally to be recognized as the official birthday of good will. Everyone, however, tries to be just a little kinder and more thoughtful during the Christmas season. More friendly greetings are spoken, more good wishes made.

In accordance with the spirit of the time and ever mindful of the debt of gratitude we owe to our large number of friends, we take this among other means of telling you and the world at large that we appreciate your friendship and good will, wish for you a most joyful Christmas and invite a share of your favors during the new year.

SPEARMAN CHAMBER of COMMERCE

Phone No. 226 East Side Main

THANK YOU!

Christmas Day is Public Inventory Day—a time to take stock of the bountiful supply of blessings which each one of us has received and enjoyed during the year—the day set aside by all mankind to collectively and individually give thanks and good wishes.

As a nation we have many glorious things to be thankful for, chief among which has been our leadership in the cause of Justice, Democracy and good will to all the people of the world.

As individuals we offer thanks for the great personal blessings of health, prosperity and happiness which we have enjoyed during the year.

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Everything to Eat and Wear
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These are children in Spearman and vicinity who will not have the pleasure of seeing Santa Claus at a public Christmas tree this Christmas. These are the children who will be rescued by the Spearman Welfare Association. Old Santa will visit them anyway, and their faith will not be shattered; hope will not be destroyed.

RAILROAD WORM TURNS

The worm turned recently when the Long Island Railroad baled a motorist into court for running into a locomotive. The driver was fined \$25.—Collier's Weekly.

PERHAPS

Perhaps many more marriages would be successful if we depended a little more on science and a little less on love.—Collier's Weekly.

NOTICE

Those who desire to get information to the Welfare Association of those who need its assistance must sign their names to letters written if they expect the association to render aid, or else the letters written will be disregarded.—Welfare Association.

The world is for the man who is able to put more butter on his bread.

Classified Ads

FOR RENT:—2 furnished rooms, phone 114 or 116.

HELLO GIRLS, I can do your finger waves and curls for you for appointment.
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FOR SALE:—I have lots of good cigars and pipe bundle feed at my farm, ten miles south and two west of Spearman. W. T. Rossen, 222p.

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WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Give us the continued pleasure of greeting you often during 1931. Many thanks to everyone for patronage of the past.

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Satisfaction of Honest Effort to Serve and Please

In the feeling we hold for the Christmas season and all other seasons of the year, but we like to pause at Christmas time and look back over the months that have passed and think of what our friends have meant to us. As we do so we feel a sense of responsibility and a deep and abiding appreciation of your loyalty to us.

In the finest spirit we know we wish this message of appreciation and our very best wishes for your happiness this Christmas and throughout the New Year.

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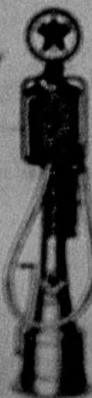
THIS IS JUST TO SAY



We Wish You a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

We hope to see you often during the New Year.

J. L. MASON, Manager
Texaco Service Station
Spearman, Texas



At this season most all of us a somewhat the urge and surge think more seriously of the the things that make it worth. One of the best things, as we Friendship which underlies of other. With an understanding ship, business dealings tend cordial. So at this time we we appreciate your friendship business with which you have wish to extend to you, and to you our sincere good wishes may be your Merriest and the Most Prosperous.

Gregg B...

Spearman

Snow or Sunshine— Both Are Welcome

And we do business at the weather, dealing out worthwhile dering helpful service, dispensing the world to find more business.

We wish to extend to you an acquaintance of our best wishes for the New Year.

Spearman Exchange

Phone 40 Elevator

IN ALL SINCERITY

Again the witchery of Christmas is with us, transforming our common everyday world into a wonderland of merriment, joy, wonderful gifts and a brilliant stream of lights, colors and beautiful decorations.

But the best element of the Yuletide season is the spirit of good will which shines from the faces of everyone as they go about their errands.

Good will is an asset we should treasure every day in the year, and it is a matter of satisfaction to us that we have met with a fair measure of success. The good will of our patrons is the thing we most value at Christmas and at all times in the year. In this spirit we sincerely wish for you and for everyone a most happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Thomas Brothers
Spearman, Texas

May all Happiness Be Yours

The year nineteen hundred and thirty is about friends into history, and we turn our thoughts to made the new year, it is well that we remember in accordance and patrons and wish them all happy large new year and in some measure express means for their patronage in the past. we appreciate for you a of your favors.

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