

SANTA ANNA NEWS

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"He Profits Most Who Serves Best"

JAKE MCCREARY OF ROCKWOOD DIED HERE LAST WEEK

Jake McCreary, 28, a good citizen of the Rockwood community, died at the Sealy Hospital Wednesday evening of last week, after making a hard fight with all the odds against him. Jake was the youngest son of a pioneer family in this county, and was a good citizen. His remains were prepared and carried to Rockwood, where interment was made, following funeral services conducted at the Baptist church, of which he was a member. The pastor was assisted in the funeral service by Rev. Sidney F. Martin of this city. Deceased leaves a wife and three small children, besides a mother and several brothers and sisters. We extend sympathy to the bereaved.

NOTICE

Christmas Charity Funds

Knowing that such funds are so badly needed just now, and feeling that it is our duty as much as anyone else to create such funds, may we ask that every person of this town and community who feels like they would like to help in the good cause of making it possible for Santa Claus to call on the poor and more unfortunate people of our town and community, to cooperate with us in raising such funds, and mail your checks or donations as early as possible; also report such charitable cases that you know are greatly in need. We want every business and civic organization in the town to cooperate with us and feel that it is their duty and their charity funds.

We hope that every church and organization of the town will appoint a committee of one to meet with us and make this a one unit charity fund whereby all donations may be distributed equally among the needy people of our town. Mr. Gregg has turned the columns of his paper over to us in this move, and expects to publish all donations to this cause, whether it be a personal donation or an organization. So the people who receive help from this fund may know who helped make it possible.

Remember just a few more days until Christmas, and there are people now in our midst that are facing starvation. So get your donations and committees to us as soon as possible. Mail all checks and donations and report all charitable cases to

MRS. J. O. MARTIN
MRS. D. J. JOHNSON

NOTICE

Owing to my continued illness, it is necessary that I get my accounts arranged. Those who owe me would confer a great favor by calling at my residence and making a settlement by cash or a note.

DR. W. F. HOLLAND

Miss Vera Hanky spent last week-end in Coleman with friends.

WHY SHOULD WE TERRACE OUR LANDS?

The conservation of the soils of our hillside and sloping fields should be one of our most important problems. Nearly all of our fields are subject to rapid erosion causing a great loss of water, soil and plant food.

The purpose of terracing is to save our soil and plant food as well as to keep a greater part of the rainfall upon the land. Let us consider whether we will let our best soil go with our washing rains or hold this water on the soil. Terracing will not cure all of our farm ills, but it is a good starting point.

Let us get together and talk things over. Call by the school or see me on the streets. We are here to serve. Give us a chance by showing your interest in our program.—N. H. Gottwold.

NO FIRE WORKS PERMITTED IN FIRE LIMITS

Part of Ordinance No. 19 in Regard to Shooting Fire Works in Fire Limits

Any person who shall explode, fire or set off or cause to be fired, exploded or set off any fire cracker, roman candle, anvil, torpedo, or other combustible package of any kind within the fire limits of this city as described above shall be fined in any sum not less than one dollar nor more than twenty five dollars.

The above is a part of Ordinance No. 19 on the statute books of Santa Anna, and the same will be enforced to its full extent.

50-2c J. M. Martin, City Marshal.

Mrs. T. R. Sealy was hostess on Tuesday afternoon to the Mission Study Class. The subject of the lesson was the Moslem Religion. The lesson was led by Mrs. Frank Turner. A very interesting discussion of the lesson in its various phases was participated in by the class. Rev. Seba Kirkpatrick was present and made some valuable and interesting comments on the lesson.

Mr. R. H. Moore, photographer of Coleman, was doing some photographing in the city first of the week for the Santa Anna News special advertising campaign to begin January 1st. Due to the holiday trade being in full swing at this time, we will not bother about the inside views until after Christmas. At an early date in January, we will arrange to have all the other photographs made, and run the special page advertisement continuously for thirty weeks.

Your attention is directed to the advertisements in this issue of the News. Santa Anna merchants have specially prepared for your holiday shopping and the advertisements will tell you where reasonable merchandise can be purchased at reasonable prices.

GOOD WILL ADVERTISING

The Santa Anna News has just received copy of One Hundred Good Will Advertisements, suitable for every kind of business, and we expect to show them to each business house in town during the next week. These advertisements are for special use during the Yuletide season, and the next two issues of the Santa Anna News will be featured with good will advertising. Christmas and New Year Greetings in the most glowing and golden tones we have ever read are woven into each advertisement. If, for any reason, we fail to call upon you, will you come to the News office and make your selection?

Why should an advertiser not use one of these Good Will pages, or half pages, quarters or some size, to send out an unselfish message at this particular season of the year? He calls upon the public constantly for its patronage, why not then send a message of good cheer, glad tidings, good wishes, coupled with an expression of appreciation.

Early Edition Next Week

Our next issue will be dated Friday, December 24, but it is our intention to get the paper printed and mailed out not later than Wednesday. No copy will be received for our next issue later than Tuesday, and if you can get it to us earlier please do so. We expect to begin on our next week's issue just as soon as this issue is off the press, and if you can furnish your copy this week it will most certainly be appreciated.

THE FORCE.

Latest News From The Court House

Marriage License Issued:

Mr. John Tabor and Miss Mattie Walker.
Mr. W. B. Laws and Miss Ruby Lee Copeland.
Mr. D. M. Summers and Miss Ruby Josey.
Mr. Ward C. Evans and Miss Minnie Vardeman.

Births Reported:

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Laughlin, Trickham, boy.
John W. Shamblin, Rockwood, girl.
L. Storms, Buffalo Gap, girl.
N. P. Moore, Coleman, girl.
G. H. Click, Santa Anna, boy.
Byron G. Brown, Santa Anna, girl.
J. O. West, Coleman, boy.
M. N. Roberts, Coleman, girl.
L. L. Buck, Coleman, boy.
Howard Walker, Coleman, boy.
Oscar B. Kitchen, Coleman, boy.

Warranty Deeds Filed:

L. E. Page, et al. to Viola Page, 56 acres of S. S. Tompkins Survey No. 328, 24.5 acres of W. M. Miller Survey No. 100, \$2000.00.
I. Williamson, et al. to Roy McFarland, an undivided 1-2 of 1-3 interest in Blocks Nos. 5 and 18, of subdivision of north part of J. A. H. Cleveland Survey No. 495, \$380.00.
W. H. Thate, et al. to W. R. Roberts, undivided 2-3 interest in Lots Nos. 1 and 2 in Block No. 19, town of Burkett; \$2336.00.
Mrs. Beulah Bragg to R. L. England, 50x100 feet out of Block No. 12, of Phillips Addition to Coleman; \$1.
Earnest Groves to Sam McCrary, an undivided 1-10 interest in a part of John Bowers Survey No. 48; \$250.
M. K. Witt to Noah Orr, being 56x125 feet out of south part of Lot No. 2, in Block No. 42, original town of Coleman; \$2250.00.

Oil and Gas Leases:

Mary Louise Mason, et al. to L. M. Shadbolt, 1675 acres of J. A. Sylvester Survey No. 288, H. A. Turner Survey No. 82, and Robert Wilson Survey No. 334; \$1.00.
J. C. Dibrell, to G. P. Midham, 98.7 acres out of E. T. R. Co., Section No. 88; \$1.00.
G. S. Evans to Roxana Petroleum Corporation, 100 acres of John Gray Survey; \$10.00.
C. L. Mills, et al. to G. B. Palmer, 50 acres out of John Martin Survey No. 782; \$1.00.
C. E. Pennington to F. L. Sawyer, 142.7 acres out of Block No. 4, subdivision of S. B. Mixon Survey No. 628; \$1.00.
Maude Williams, to F. L. Sawyer, 100 acres out of Samuel B. Mixon Survey No. 628; \$1.00.
Denver F. Tweedle to F. L. Sawyer, 100 acres of land out of Blocks Nos. 1 and 6, of subdivision of S. B. Mixon Survey No. 628; \$1.00.
E. S. Cox, to The Prairie Oil & Gas Co., 80 acres of land out of west 1-2 of N. W. 1-4 of Section No. 30, H. T. &

B. R. R. Co., \$1000.00

Tholl Oil Co. to Monroe Production Co., 286.7 acres of land out of Subdivision Blocks Nos. 11, 12, of the M. Martinez Survey No. 751; \$6,000.
J. O. Brooks to W. M. Ross, 40 acres of a 60 acre tract out of H. E. & W. T. R. Co. Survey No. 3; \$500.00.
C. L. Curry to Selby Oil & Gas Co., 114 acres out of Holden Rhodes Survey No. 631; \$10.00.
R. L. Duggins, et al. to M. Turner, West 1-2 of N. E. 1-4 of Section No. 27, G. H. & H. R. Co. Survey Block No. 1; \$10.00.
S. N. Mulanax to M. Turner, 68 acres out of S. E. corner of Block No. 7, subdivision of P. O. Ranch; \$10.00.
Tom Landrum to M. Turner, West 400 acres of Section No. 65, G. H. & H. R. Co. Survey Block No. 1; \$1000.00.
R. E. L. Culp to M. Turner, East 81.3 acres of G. H. & H. R. Co. Survey, Section No. 27; \$10.00.
C. V. Evans to M. Turner, 640 acres out of S. E. 1-4 of Sec. 62, C. D. Cleveland Survey, and Northwest 1-4 of Section No. 26, G. P. Cleveland Survey; \$10.00.
R. L. Duggins to M. Turner, 83.3 acres of Section No. 27 G. H. & H. R. Co.; \$10.00.

Special Day at Baptist Church Sunday Orphans Home Day

Sunday school begins at 9:45. Don't miss Sunday school Sunday.

Preaching service at 11 o'clock—by pastor.

Sunbeams meets at 11 o'clock.
Choir meets Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m. Will arrange for the Christmas music.

The B. Y. P. U.'s will meet at 6 p. m.

Evening worship at 7 p. m. You will want to be at the Baptist church Sunday evening.

Other announcements Sunday relative to the Christmas tree and other Christmas services.

Special call for the Orphans Home—Love Offering. Don't forget to bring your love offering. A Christmas offering for the Orphans Home. It is well to remember what our Savior said—"In as much as ye did it not unto the least of these ye did it not unto me."

We are expecting you Sunday to come in full force and bring your friends and neighbors with you. You are always WELCOME.
Sidney F. Martin, pastor.

A letter from H. J. Loyd, written in Waco, December 8, states he is coming to Santa Anna some time during this month. Mr. Loyd states further in his letter that he has been a regular reader of the Santa Anna News since it was published by the Huberts, and expect to continue to read it as long as he lives. At one time Mr. Loyd knew every citizen in Santa Anna. It is our understanding Mr. Loyd owns a good farm a few miles east of town.

JAS. L. SMART AND FAMILY LEFT THIS WEEK FOR DeKALB

Rev. Jas. L. Smart and family left this week for DeKalb, Texas, where Rev. Smart has accepted a recent call to the pastorate of the Baptist church of that city. Rev. Smart and family moved to this county about one year ago. He was elected County Missionary for the Coleman County Baptist Association, and he has done a faithful service during the year. We regret to lose Rev. Smart and family, but commend them to the good people where they are going, and hope for them the success they so richly deserve. His resignation was accepted at a call meeting of the county board in Coleman last Saturday.

Mrs. G. W. Teagle gave a very pretty birthday party on Saturday afternoon in honor of her daughter, Ernestine's ninth birthday. The house was beautifully decorated throughout with red and green. After several games had been played the little people were ushered into the dining room. The dining table was very artistic in its decorations. In the center was a beautiful cake with nine red candles. Extending from the lamp shade were red streamers which each guest was required to pull and get a package. After cake and punch had been served each guest was presented with a tiny rose shaped basket of red and green filled with mints. The following guests registered: Virginia Circle, Kathleen and Gladys Creamer, Lavada May, Bess Inez Shield, Reba Boardman, Christine Buse, Frances Merritt, Miss Florence Niell and Mrs. J. T. Overby.

Next Sunday is Orphans Home Day at the Baptist church, and all will have an opportunity to make a free will offering to help bring Christmas cheer to the orphans. Read the church announcement in this issue of the News. Other churches will also receive offerings for Orphans Homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Schoolcraft of Hawley, Tex., and Miss LaVerne Dennis, who is attending school in Abilene, were here visiting friends and attending to business this week.

The Sealy Ambulance was called to R. W. Phillips Monday night and brought in his daughter, Miss Jane, who had an emergency operation later on in the night for appendicitis.

Mrs. G. A. Shockley returned Tuesday from Dallas where she went to purchase a line of new spring coats and dresses.

Mrs. W. R. Kelley was called to Brownwood Monday, on the account of the death of a sister-in-law.

John Ryan of Comanche visited in this city Sunday.

JAS. T. SMITH DIED AFTER SEVERAL DAYS ILLNESS

James Thomas Smith, 75, died at his home in the west part of town Tuesday morning of this week, after lingering for several days between life and death, in which the latter finally won. Mr. Smith was born in Attala, Miss., Sept. 10, 1851. He came to Bell County, Texas in 1892, and lived there for several years. He moved to Coleman county in 1904, and has made his home in Santa Anna most all the time since. He was married to Miss Abigail Guess in July, 1873. Ten children were born to this union, nine of whom survive him; six of them being present at the funeral. Deceased became a Christian in 1878, and united with the Primitive Baptist church. He was an ordained deacon and fully consecrated his life to his faith. A great consolation to him was, he lived to see his children all become Christians. His remains were buried in the local cemetery Wednesday afternoon, following funeral services at the First Baptist church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Sidney F. Martin, who was assisted by Elder Morgan or Keelen, Texas. Mr. Smith was a good man and a good citizen. Many good deeds are found to his credit and an error grieved him more than any one else concerned. The News extends sympathy to the bereaved.

Mrs. W. R. Kelley was hostess on Friday afternoon to the Self Culture Club. A very interesting lesson on Hawthorne and Kipling was recited with Mrs. P. P. Bond as leader. Mrs. Bond gave an interesting biographical sketch of Bret Harte and Mrs. Frank Turner gave a splendid talk on Hawthorne's writings. Miss Rosemary Bowman told the story of Lady Eleanora's Mantle and the Minister's Black Veil in a very clear and charming manner. Mrs. Gay gave an excellent reading from "The Luck of the Roaring Camp." Those present were Mesdames R. C. Gay, Frank Turner, Tom Hay, P. P. Bond, Ross Kelley, W. R. Kelley, Cecil Grantham, Hopper, S. L. Weaver, and Misses Grace Pleasant, Rosemary Bowman, Cody Wallace. The next meeting will be with Miss Ruby Harper.

T. J. Lancaster of Whon, J. Fox Gasey from out on route 2, and Chas. Haynes of Trickham, were among the good subscribers to call this week and renew for the Santa Anna News and Fort Worth Star-Telegram. Last week we had J. Tom Newman, J. R. Pease and Mrs. J. H. Dixon, the latter being of Rockwood. Remember, you can save 45 cents by subscribing for the two together.

Friday Mts. Dec. 17
Family Nite
Any Family 50c
QUEEN THEATRE

We All Agree---

- That—**TOMORROW** is a word too often used in framing an excuse.
- That—**SEEDS** never grow until planted.
- That—**DOLLARS** do not increase unless they are set to earning interest.
- That—**TO WAIT** for the ship to come in may result in a big disappointment.
- That—**PUTTING AWAY** a portion of your income as soon as you receive it is the only safe way to keep it.
- That—**POSTPONING** starting an account until you have a large sum may result in never having one.
- That—**YOUR SURPLUS** will grow faster here than in your pocket.
- This is just enough to get what we are driving at

The
State National Bank



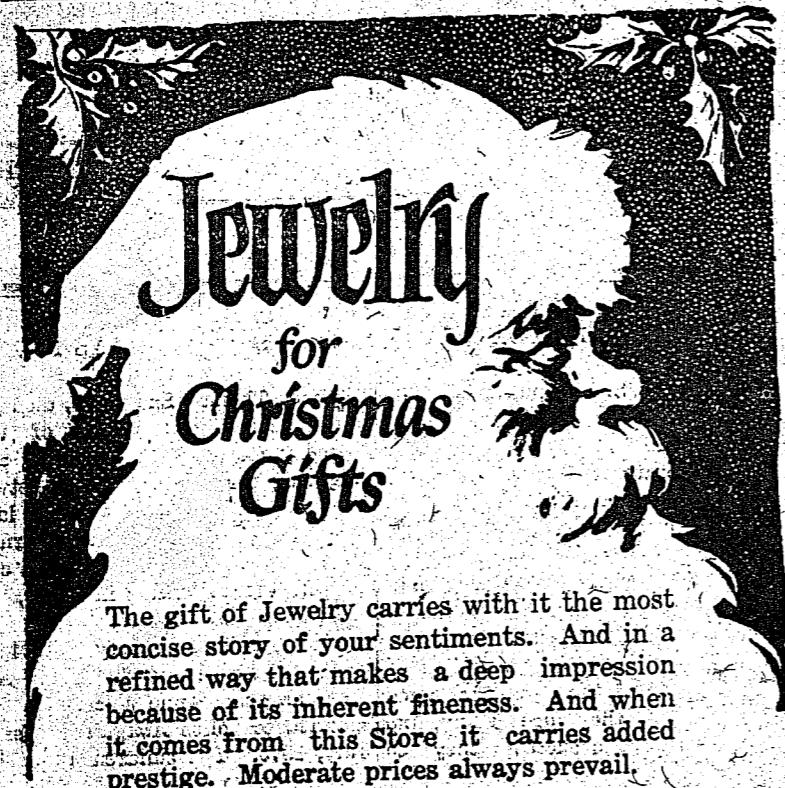
A Real Service AT YOUR COMMAND

A Good Bank
In a
Good Town
In a
Good County

In this bank you will find a competent financial service offered you. It is service based on proven business principles and sound banking policies. We invite your business on the basis of a greater capacity to serve helpfully and soundly.

THE
FIRST NATIONAL BANK

Santa Anna, Texas

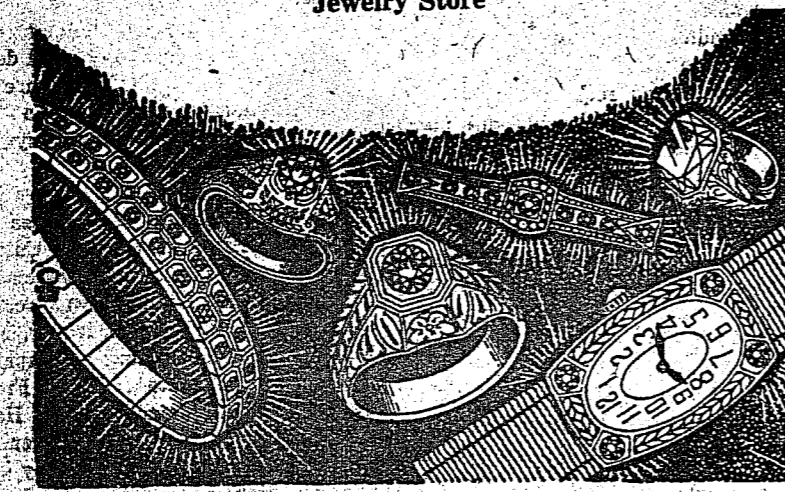


Jewelry for Christmas Gifts

The gift of Jewelry carries with it the most concise story of your sentiments. And in a refined way that makes a deep impression because of its inherent fineness. And when it comes from this Store it carries added prestige. Moderate prices always prevail.

- Wrist Watches \$15.00 to \$55.00
- Diamond Rings \$25.00 to \$200.00
- Diamond Earpins \$14.00 to \$60.00
- Delta Pearls \$5.00 to \$20.00
- Mesh Bags \$4.50 to \$18.00
- Vanities \$2.00 to \$15.00

Mrs. Comer Blue
Jewelry Store



Early Shopping and Santa Anna

Just now the show windows of Santa Anna are shopper's delight; and Santa Claus himself could not improve on the tempting array of samples exhibited as a lure to the still more attractive displays inside. "Shop Early and Mail Early" is the slogan the post office department is posting everywhere. It is a good slogan, particularly in Santa Anna where the merchants have made Christmas shopping so attractive to the eye, so easy on the pocketbook and so pleasing to the most fastidious tastes.

This department has recently been

window shopping in the two larger cities in the vicinity of Santa Anna. And neither did it see more attractive show windows than are to be seen here; and in neither did the inside stock excel that to be found locally, either as to price, selection or quality.

"Shop early and shop in Santa Anna"—then take the postmaster's advice and mail early.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Elder G. B. Sliger of Hylton, Texas, will preach at the Church of Christ Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday. All are invited to attend.



See our collection of Dolls. Large Mamma Dolls—the largest collection in town, priced at a great reduction—\$3.75 values for \$2.25

Special values in cheaper Dolls

Some real bargains in Art Novelty Goods, specially suitable for Christmas gifts, Toilet Sets, Manicure Sets, School Sets, Smoking Sets, Pictures, and many other Art and Novelty items specially priced to sell regardless of profits.

Books and Stationery, Greeting Cards, Perfumes, Shaving and Military Sets

Phillips Drug Store



Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus:—If you don't mind will you please bring me a pencil box like Bess Inez Shields. I would just love to have one. And I would like to have the next book of Uncle Wiggly. I am sure you know what I mean. I am ashamed to ask for another doll, but the last doll that you brought me, its eyes fell out, and the little tongue fell out, and please bring me a baby doll.

Ernestine Thames,
Santa Anna, Texas.

Santa Anna, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a pair of gloves, a little box of dominoes, and a cap gun with caps. I want a little story book too. I want candy, nuts and fruit, and a toy watch.—A true friend,
John Gregg.

Bangs, Texas, Dec. 6th, 1926.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy four years old. I have been a good little boy and I want you to bring me one of these little airplane cars, some candy, nuts, oranges and bananas. Also bring my mother a cedar chest and my daddy a ring.

Lovingly,
William Sheffield, Jr.

Whon, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a big Effanbee doll. I'll love her a lot, I want her to go to sleep and say mama. Bring mother and daddy something nice. I would love lots of oranges and apples. Your loving friend,
Hope Turney.

Santa Anna, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a pair of gloves, a cap gun and caps. A little box of dominoes, candy, nuts, fruits, and a toy watch. I want a story book too. A little friend,
Burt Gregg.

Whon, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl 6 years old. I want you to please bring me a little rocking chair to sit in when I study my lessons. Hoping all good little boys and girls a merry Christmas.

I am lovingly,
Virginia Belle Turney.

Santa Anna, Texas, Dec. 7, 1926.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please come to my house Christmas. Will you bring Mother a nice book? Will you bring Father a tie and a pretty shirt. I want you to bring my sisters something nice too. For myself I want a bed, doll, tricycle, trunk, dresser, two balls, a set of dishes, a wagon, a doll buggy, a chair, sewing machine, a stove, a table, an iron, a box of candy and Christmas decorations. By, By.

Your little friend,
Christine Brannan.

Santa Anna, Texas, Dec. 7, 1926

Dear Santa Claus:

Please come to my house Christmas. Please bring Mother a nice book. Please bring Daddy a tie and a pretty shirt. I want you to bring my sister something nice too. For myself I want a car and a tricycle, candy and fruits.

Your little friend,
Bertrana Newman.

Santa Anna, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a doll, a doll buggy, and a little set of dishes. I want a little toy wrist watch too. I want candy, nuts and fruit.

Lovingly,
Mary Josephine Gregg.

Santa Anna, Texas,
December 14, 1926.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a baby doll and a dresser, a little stove, a story book, and a tall cedar chest, and a box of candy. I want you to bring my sister a wrist watch and a vanity. I want a doll bed and a big bag, and a ring, a string of beads. That is all I want this time. I will write next year. I want some nuts and candy, and apples, and fruit, and don't forget the doll.

With love,
Faye Elizabeth Routh.

Dear Santa Claus:

Will you please bring me a baby doll, a doll buggy, a little purse, and a piano, and please bring little brother some toys. I want some fruit too.

Your little friend,
Modell Stearns
Trickham, Texas

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Christmas Suggestions

While you are doing your Christmas shopping, don't overlook our store. In buying, why not buy some valuable gifts that will be serviceable in the future. Look over the following list and see if there is not something that will fill in well on your list:

FOR HER

- Silk Underwear
- Silk Night Gowns
- Table Linens
- Towels
- Slippers
- Handkerchiefs
- Perfume
- Blankets
- Raincoats
- Hose

FOR HIM

- Hose
- Slippers
- Ties
- Handkerchiefs
- Belts
- Gloves
- Leather Coats
- Bath Robes
- Sweaters
- Lumberjacks

You will find many other useful and valuable articles suitable for Christmas gifts.

Purdy Mercantile Company

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Marshall and Miss Opal Loxson visited in Brownwood Sunday and attended the Seoville meeting.

Out of each 100,000 women, 370 die from dieting, expert estimates, evidently reasoning they are better dead than over weight.

Miss Jettie Kirkpatrick of Coleman visited home folks here last week. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Walker visited in Cross Plains Sunday.

SQUALAMOZABA!

"Beware of the Rush"

In order to stimulate Battery sales we are offering a special for the next two weeks---that means we are going to pay big for old batteries --or anything that resembles a battery, in on a new

Genuine Ford Battery

13 Plates---12 Months Guaranteed

With batteries selling at a low price and getting a big price for the old one you must not miss this

Battery Special

SANTA ANNA MOTOR COMPANY

Toyland

Only a few more days to visit TOYLAND where you will find a good selection of gifts for every one.

Our prices are better than they were last season and our stock more complete.

We call attention to our doll display—the best we have ever had.

Come visit our store.

We Give Gold Bond Stamps

Blue Racket Store

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Cheathan and Dorothy Jane, and Miss Minnie Johnson and Homer Sykes of Ballinger were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Gipson Sunday.

Mesdames D. J. and George Johnson, J. O. Martin, Jerry Simpson, Willie Gipson and Misses Jeanette Johnson and Louise Purdy visited in Brownwood Tuesday.

REMOVAL NOTICE

We now occupy the building formerly occupied by Polk Bros. We extend you a cordial invitation to visit our Confectionery—in a bigger and better place than ever.

Have just received a large shipment of Christmas boxes of Chocolates. Remember everybody likes Candy.

For the man who likes a good cool sweet smoke, you will find our Cigars, Cigarettes, Pipes and Tobaccos his favorite.

All Kinds of Fireworks

TURNER'S CONFECTIONERY

Children Cry for

Fletcher's CASTORIA

MOTHER:—Fletcher's Castoria is especially prepared to relieve Infants in arms and Children all ages of Constipation, Flatulency, Wind Colic and Diarrhea; allaying Feverishness arising therefrom, and, by regulating the Stomach and Bowels, aids the assimilation of Food; giving healthy and natural sleep.

To avoid imitations, always look for the signature of *Dr. J. C. Ayer* and the name *Fletcher's Castoria* on the wrapper.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Santa Anna, Texas, December 14, 1926.
Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me a fountain pen, some candy, apples, oranges and nuts, an air gun and some fire crackers, Roman candles, and be sure to bring them.

D. O. Hawkins.

Whon, Texas
Dear Santa Claus:
I want some good books to read. Please bring "Little Women." I would love a pretty doll too. Please bring my little sisters the things they ask for, and please bring lots of nuts and fruit.

With lots of love,
Bob Turney.

Santa Anna, Texas, December 14, 1926.
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a trombone, Bill Whiskers, tinkler toys, a train, and Santa if you don't think I'm too big a boy I'd like to have a doll. I'm only four years old you know.

Your little boy,
John Bartlett Lamb.

Whon, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
Please come to see baby Christmas. She wants a little doll, I guess, she can't talk so I am guessing. I want a horn to blow real loud when baby cries. I would like a knife and lots of candy and nuts and fruit.

Your friend to the end,
Rex Turney.

Santa Anna, Texas, Dec. 4, 1926.
Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good little girl and I want some pretty things. I am 6 years old. Santa I want a baby doll, trunk, table, bed and buggy. Also I want lots of fruits, nuts and candies.

Your friend,
Stella Pauline Post.

Santa Anna, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a little baby doll. I want a little stove too, bring us all fruits and nuts. I want two story books. Peck's Bad Boy is one book, and Little Prudy's Sister Sue is the other story book. I want a ring for my little finger.

Your little friend,
Frances Gregg.

Santa Anna, Texas, December 12, 1926.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am writing a letter to tell you what I want for Christmas. Santa Claus I have tried to be a good little boy this year. Santa Claus George Thomas will not be here this year and you will have to carry their things to Levelland. Please bring me an electric train and I want the track 15 feet long, and I want it to back up, and I want an erector set, and be sure that it comes in a wood chest. Santa Claus will you bring George a donkey game, and bring little sister a doll, and that is all that I want for this Christmas.

Your little friend,
Bob Pearce.

Santa Anna, Texas, December 13, 1926.
Dear Santa Claus:
Will you bring me a croquet and a scooter with a brake on it. Santa Claus will you bring me a big ball and a top that will go without winding it. Santa Claus will you bring me two story books and two games. Santa Claus will you bring me a toy train and a toy car. Santa Claus will you bring me some handkerchiefs, and a pair of house shoes, and will you bring me a pair of half hose please.

Love to Santa Claus,
Edward Keefer.

And bring me lots of fruits and candies.

Santa Anna, Texas, December 14, 1926.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy three and a half years old. I hope you have lots of toys for I want a tricycle, a car with real lights on it, a gun, a dancing negro to go on my dancing box, a horn and a harp. I guess that will be all this Christmas.

With love, from
Tom Yancy.

Santa Anna, Texas, December 14, 1926.
Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me a doll and some nuts and some apples and some dishes and a tricycle, and a whole lot of play pretties, and a whole lot of story books to read.

With love,
Evelyn Evans.

Santa Anna, Texas, Dec. 13, 1926.
Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to fill the letter for me. I want you to bring me an air gun and a bicycle, and some firecrackers, and this will be all now.

Cone Harris.

Santa Anna, Texas, December 14, 1926.
Dear Santa Claus:
I want an air gun and a football, a box of shots. That is all I want. I am a little boy. I live in Santa Anna. My name is Wyatt Smith.

Love to Santa Claus,
Wyatt Smith.

Santa Anna, Texas, December 14, 1926.
Dear Santa Claus:
Christmas is almost here. Dear Santa I want a doll and a story book, and I want a set of dishes and that will be all.

With love,
Edna Lackey.

Santa Anna, Dec. 14, 1926
Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good boy just part of the time this year, so please send me a tricycle, a ball and bat, and some candy and nuts. I am 5 years old.

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Santa Anna, Texas, December 14.
Dear Santa Claus:
I want a football and an air gun, a story book and I want some candy and some fruit. How do you like the cold? I live on Miss Blanche Boyd's place. I guess I will close.

With love,
J. Q. Wells.

Santa Anna, Texas, Dec. 14, 1926
Dear Santa Claus:
I want an air gun and nuts, apples

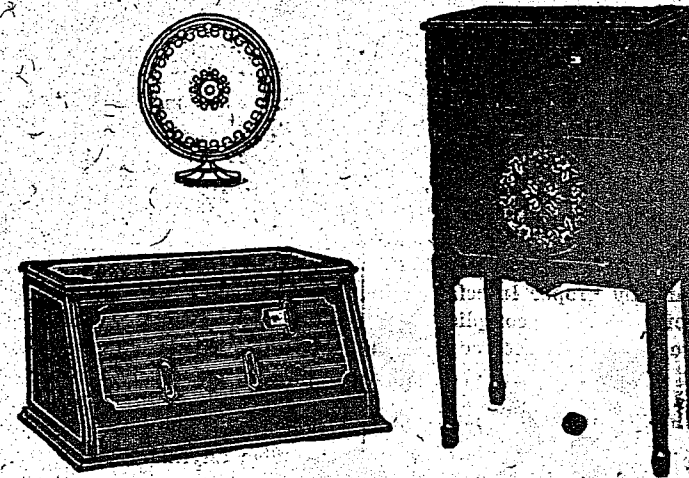
and fruits. I would like to have an erector set and fire works. This is all I want this Christmas.

Roy Pope.
Santa Anna, Texas, Dec. 15, 1926.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a Cedar Chest and a story book, and don't forget the poor little girls and boys.

With love,
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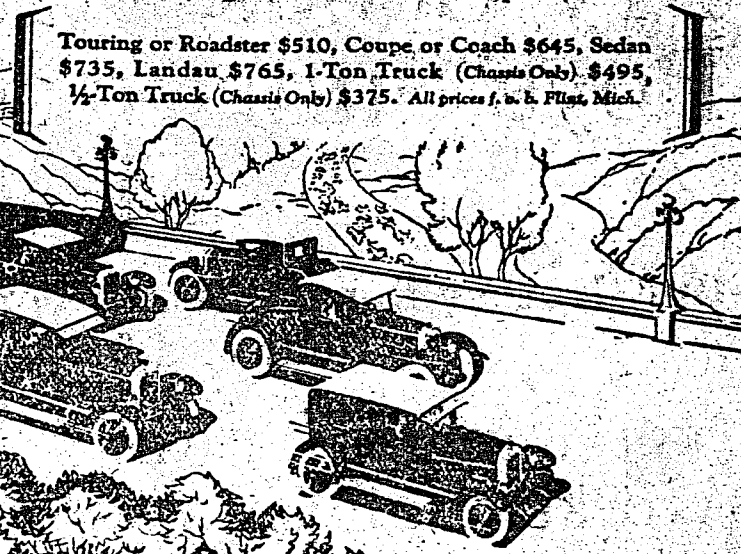
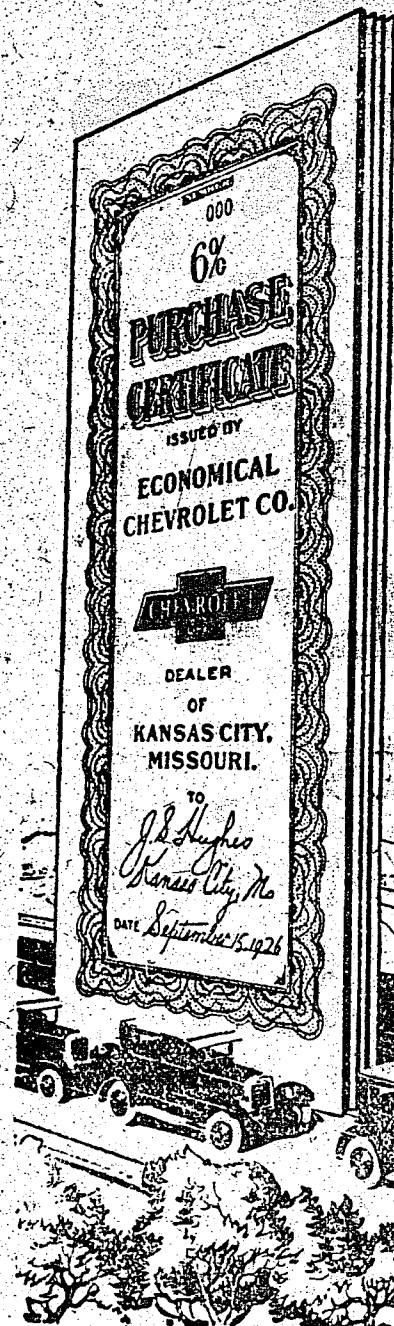
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TEXAS AND TEXANS

(By Will H. Mayes)

Reclaiming Bottom Lands

Owners of overflow valley lands in Texas will be interested in the movement in Lamar and Delta counties to reclaim and put in cultivation about 10,000 acres of bottom lands of the North Sulphur river. These lands, as rich as any valley lands in Texas, have been subject to periodical overflows and have grown up in a vast wilderness of trees and undergrowth, making them practically worthless. The river is to be straightened, and the land to be cleared and made ready for cultivation—a big undertaking, but well worth the cost of the work. There are hundreds of thousands of acres in Texas which could be converted from waste lands into profitable farms by straightening the streams and by proper leveeing. Individual effort can accomplish little in this work, but district cooperation can work marvels.

New Rio Grande Project

Almost every week some new irrigation project is started in Texas, filings being made on the streams in most cases by corporations and individuals who see possibilities that they have been going to waste by failure to use the stream waters. A permit has been granted to a party to irrigate 60,000 acres in Kinney and Maverick counties, the work to begin within 90 days and to be completed in 3 years. It is best for district organizations to be formed and irrigation projects to be financed by the people themselves through bond issues, but the policy of the State is to grant these valuable rights to corporate and private interests where the people do not take the steps to utilize the stream waters. There are scores of localities in Texas that will at some early day find they have been indifferent to their own interests in letting the waters of Texas streams pass out of their control.

Spindletop Again Active

It is strange how oil fields are apparently forgotten for a time and then all at once become more productive than ever. People generally thought that Spindletop oil had about all been discovered. Suddenly the announcement is made that Spindletop operators are bringing in new and richer oil wells. Lately a 9,000 barrel well was brought in there at a depth of 5,100 feet. Most of the oil development in Texas is shallow or semi-shallow. Many oil men say that when the territory is tested throughout the State at the right depths, riches in oil will be found of which Texans have never dreamed. But that will require much capital. So long as the big oil companies can find all the oil they need in shallow pools they will hardly sink wells in many places to the 5,000-foot depth.

West Texas Wins

The West Texas Chamber of Commerce decided that it would help along the falling Philadelphia Sesqui-Centennial by making an exhibit of the resources of that part of the State. Not much was said about it, and not a great number of Texans knew anything about it. But the exhibit attracted much favorable attention at Philadelphia, and easily won a first place in State exhibits and a gold medal. North Carolina, another of the progressive states of the South, won second place, Ohio coming next, and our neighboring state of Arkansas next. Texas can just about accomplish anything in reason that her citizens earnestly set out to do so. The West Texas Chamber of Commerce did a good advertising stunt for Texas and especially for that part of the State.

New Highway Board

The sentiment throughout Texas is almost universal for an entirely new highway board, in thorough sympathy with the incoming administration, and for a board of the best business men obtainable. This board has the distribution and spending of many millions of the taxes of the people of Texas and needs the highest business talent in its membership. Future road building in Texas is going to depend largely on the confidence of Texans in the business ability and integrity of the highway board. Should there be evidence of waste or mismanagement in the building and maintenance of Texas highways after the new administration goes in, there

will be very few bond issues voted and very little support for any kind of taxation for the State roads. Texas can not go forward without making progress in road building and can not afford to make mistakes now in the selection of its highway commissioners.

Road Interest Increases

Already the people are beginning to show that they have confidence that, whatever the blunders of the past may have been, road funds will be judiciously spent in the future. Cameron county is to vote on a \$6,000,000 road bond issue. Floyd county is proposing \$500,000 in bonds. Bond issues are under consideration in many other counties. Eight counties around Houston have a road organization to co-operate in securing good roads for the entire district and, incidentally, to endeavor to get a highway commissioner appointed from that part of the State. Naturally the new commission should be somewhat distributed through the State, but men should be selected who will be above localization and who in all their actions will be governed by the interests of the whole State rather than any section of it.

Hats Off to Holcombe

For the fourth time Oscar F. Holcombe has been elected mayor of Houston. To be mayor of a progressive city like Houston is as responsible a position as being Governor of Texas and requires as much business ability and even more political integrity for local people demand much of local officials. Houston has prospered wonderfully under the Holcombe administrations, and the mayor has had a big share in that prosperity.

Co-Operative Farm Market

The club women of Mitchell county have created and are successfully operating at Colorado, the county site, a farm women's co-operative market at which farm products are sold direct to the consumers. The market is locally handled by the clubs of the city without expense to the farm women and in such a way that the best market prices are obtained for such farm products as butter and eggs, fruits and vegetables. Aside from the financial benefits accruing to the farm women, the co-operative market affords a splendid means of uniting town and country women in a

worthy co-operative effort.

San Marcos Cotton Mill

The San Saba Cotton Mill, work on which begun several years ago and was stopped because of failure of the cotton crop in that locality, has been granted a permit under the Texas blue-sky law to sell \$350,000 of its stock to complete and start the undertaking. The big gingham mill at the neighboring town of New Braunfels is a great success and there is no reason why the San Marcos project should not be equally successful.

Friday Nite, Dec. 17
Family Nite
Any Family 50c
QUEEN THEATRE

**Headache
dizziness**

I HAVE headache once in a while, usually coming from constipation or torpid liver," says Mr. L. A. Morphis, of Pottsville, Ark. "and the very best remedy I have found to correct this condition is Thedford's Black-Draught. It acts quickly and easily, and it just can't be beat."

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SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

The spirit of Christmas is in the air. The very soul of man is saturated with it and from now on until we shall have with us in a few days the night before Christmas when all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse, we should

and will see to it that everything possible is done to make life worth while.

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- HOME MADE DOUGHNUTS
- HOME-MADE CHOCOLATE CAKES
- OUR FAMOUS "GOOD BREAD"
- FRUIT CAKES, IN ANY AMOUNT

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A DISTRESSING DISASTER

Six southern states have been visited by a series of cyclones that took more than eighty lives, injured scores of people and caused a property loss of one and a half million dollars.

Hundreds who were fortunate enough to escape with their lives awoke to find themselves penniless, the savings of a lifetime wiped out in a few seconds.

There is something inexorable about a cyclone that makes it more distressing than any catastrophe befalling a people. It comes without warning; there is no chance to escape its unremitting fury.

Following the devastation of cyclonic winds, the mercy appeal for help is forthcoming, and the people of America are never slow to answer the cry of the unfortunate.

The response in this instance should be quick and decisive. The Red Cross was early on the scene and in its practical way cared for the injured and homeless.

Through the Red Cross, hundreds of thousands of Americans can feel that they are being well represented in every disaster of moment. Reading of the notable achievements of the Red Cross in times of distress should make every person enrolling in the recent roll call for memberships feel proud that they did not dodge their duty.

THE IDEA OF A PANIC CALLS FOR A LAUGH

We don't remember anything about "the crime of '73—we just read about it in 'Coin's Financial School' in the days when the battle for free silver was being waged. But we do remember the panic of Grover Cleveland's last term of office. We remember also Mr. Roosevelt's little panic in 1907, when "Clearing House Certificates" were stylish. We also remember the panic of 1914 and the futile "buy a bale" movement, when Bill Hohenzollern decided to scourge everybody else out of a place in the sun. And we also remember the panic of 1920, when post-war deflation came with a dull, sickening thud. None of these financial disturbances amounted to much, and certainly not very much to those who kept a stiff upper lip and continued to do business under the new adjustments these temporary conditions made necessary.

Why, unless you have a keen and recollecting mind, you can not recall

these panics. They are mere brief spans of local-history that you have to reflect your mind on before you can talk of them. Just think how this country has progressed in every way making for the happiness and prosperity of us all, since those days.

Thirty-two years ago we cursed our own democratic president for "bringing on a panic." These little places of rough financial sledding we have gone over in the last 32 years are not any more in our continual history of material progress and social and intellectual betterment than the slow-down places our high powered automobile will have to make on any stretch of 32 miles of the best highways we have.

In other words, prosperity and progress are normal conditions in Texas. The cotton slump of this year is just a "slow-down" sign that we might have expected—and would have expected, had we used a little more common sense last spring. But already our business car is up to and passing the slow-down sign—and as sure as the sun rises every day, we are picking up speed and getting under way for a stretch of better road in business and agricultural progress than Texas has ever traveled over.—Troupe Bapner.

RIDING TO SCHOOL

Someone remarks that in many towns one will see quite a flock of automobiles about the school buildings at the time the children are dismissed, indicating that many parents bring their children to school in cars. Many high school pupils also are given the use of the family car to drive to and from school. Also many children depend on begging rides.

Some different from the old days when the children would walk a mile or two each way, often more, to and from school.

Some parents of course may live quite a distance from any school house, and there may be a reason for transporting such children. Some may be fearful that their heedless children will be run over at street crossings by reckless drivers. Still it is probably true that the great majority of children will gain physical vigor if they walk to and from school.

It makes an editor feel deucedly poor and hard up when he reads about the prices paid for seats on the Stock exchange and in the United States senate. Recently a Stock exchange



Gay New Frocks for Christmas



To meet the demands of holiday festivities, we have just received a shipment of new spring coats and dresses, very reasonably priced.

All Fall Coats and Dresses at one half price.

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Do your Christmas shopping today.

Pay up your honest debts if at all possible. If you can't pay them, don't avoid the man you owe but go to him and tell him you can't pay just now. Lots of people may not be able to pay all they owe but they will do the best they can. The people in Santa Anna are going to get through all right and none of our citizens should go hungry or cold. Do the very best you can and have confidence in yourself.

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seat sold for \$158,000, and it looks as if that was a very small sum, compared to the reported price of a seat in the United States senate which is now being checked up on to determine

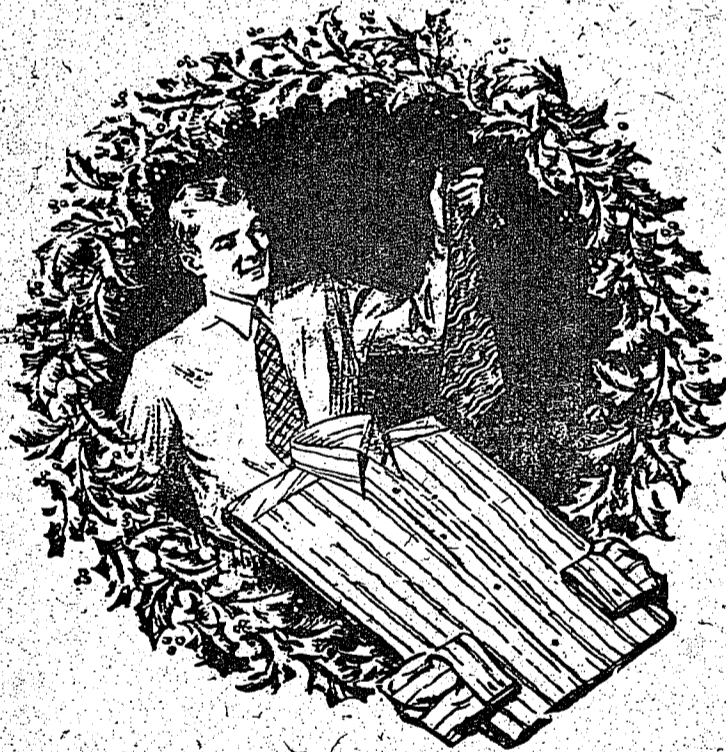
the exact total. Anyhow, and evidently, those seats are not so easy as the editor's chair.

Do your Christmas shopping now.

Gift Suggestions

For Her

- Dress Pattern in Gift Box
- Pair Slippers
- Wool Shawls
- Hand Painted Handkerchiefs
- Silk Hosiery
- Kid Gloves
- Wool Gloves
- Japanese Komonos
- Japanese Luncheon Sets
- Traveling Bags
- Leather and Novelty Hand Bags
- Rayon Bed Spreads
- Linen Table Sets
- Linen Table Cloth
- Wash Cloth Sets
- Turkish Bath Sets
- Bath Mats
- Japanese Purses
- Tapestry Pillow Tops
- Wool Caps
- Boudoir Caps
- Ivory Nail File
- Powder Box
- Vanity Case
- Soap Box
- Manicure Sets
- Candle Stick Sets
- Amber Pin Trays
- Ivory Bob Combs
- Powder Puff Sets
- Linen Handkerchiefs
- Blankets
- Linen Luncheon Sets
- Cut Flower Vases
- Japanese Vase
- Shoe Tree Sets
- Clothes Brushes
- House Slippers
- Linen Hem-Stitched Towels
- Guest Towels
- Raincoats
- Book Ends
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Men's Hercules All Wool Sweaters

Heavy Rope Knit, val. up to \$9.—this week, choice \$6.45

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- Silk Scarfs
- Silver Belt Buckles
- Fancy Leather Belts
- Blanket Robes
- Silk Lounging Robes
- Radio Jacquets
- Bath Towel Sets
- Wool Sweaters
- Book Ends
- Raincoats
- Soap Box
- Scarf Pins
- Cuff Links
- Emblem Belt Buckles
- Pocket Knives
- Desk Clocks
- Silk Pajamas
- Flannel Pajamas
- Fountain Pens
- Dress Trousers
- Wool Sweater Crickets
- Men's Suit with two pair trousers
- Florsheim Shoes
- Lace Boots
- Boys' Slippers
- Imperial Shirts
- Dress Hats and Caps
- House Slippers
- Traveling Bags
- Auto Suit Case
- Gladstone Bags
- Brief Cases
- Safety Razors
- Silk and Wool Sox
- Silk Hosiery
- Suspenders in Holly Box
- Silk Hose Supporters
- Initial Handkerchiefs
- Linen Handkerchiefs
- Kid Dress Gloves
- Lined Driving Gloves

WHAT'S DOING IN WEST TEXAS

(By West Texas C. of C.)

Quanah—The Hardeman County Poultry Show to be held December 21, 22 and 23 is getting good publicity through efforts of C. G. Willie, secretary of the local chamber of commerce. Each week Willie mails out circulars interestingly illustrated with drawings made by himself. The work is prepared on a plain memograph.

Sierra Blanca—E. H. Whitehead, Publicity Manager, and B. M. Whiteker, Exhibit Manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, were here this week on the first round of a service tour which is to cover towns in the Big Bend Country. Whitehead will get materials for feature stories to be published in "West Texas Today," magazine of the West Texas organization. Towns included in the tour are: El Paso, Alpine, Marfa, Del Rio, Fredericksburg and Mason.

Plainview—A new addition to the Missouri Hotel here to cost \$5,200 has been planned by its proprietor. It consists of ten rooms of brick and tile construction. The improvement program will make the Missouri Hotel a first rate structure, fire-proof throughout.

Fort Stockton—Business men of the town have co-operated with the Commissioners Court in securing improvement of a stretch of road here leading from the old White-Baker headquarters ranch gate through the ranch to the Yates all well. The road connects with the Old Spanish Trail.

Stamford—The Christmas issue of "West Texas Today," official organ of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, will be devoted largely to chambers of commerce affiliated with the organization. Resumes of work during 1926 and plans for 1927 will feature the number.

Tulia—A Booster Club whose membership is composed of country correspondents of the local paper was organized here recently, and it is thought to be the first organization of its kind in the state. Perfection of the club and complete election of officers will be made December 20.

Midland—To the West Texas Chamber of Commerce goes the credit of Midland's recent attainment in securing an ice plant, according to Paul T. Vickers, secretary of the chamber of commerce. For two years, Vickers

and the Midland organization waged a campaign to get an ice factory for their town. Several weeks ago, aid of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce was solicited and when contract was signed in November with the Morgan Utilities, Inc., its representative said his company was attracted to Midland by publicity released through the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

Shamrock—Three-quarters of a mile of new concrete sidewalk for Shamrock will be laid here as result of a campaign inaugurated by the local chamber of commerce. The pavement will extend from the business section on Main Street to the high school building.

THE MESSAGE OF CHRISTMAS

To the Citizenry of West Texas:

The message of Christmas is just as vital today as when it was brought to us two thousand years ago; vital because founded on the divine, eternal law of life—the law of service. Prompted by the holy life of Him who lived but to serve, there is given to us a perfect illustration of this great law as a guide through the checkered pathways of human life.

He who would really live must be useful. "He that loseth his life for my sake shall find it" was the great message of the Christ, and it is proven to us in a thousand different ways. It is a truth which, like a golden thread, runs through all the good and beautiful literature of the earth's nations. It is an axiom verified in the lives of countless thousands and a motto set forth by many of the world's greatest institutions.

The West Texas Chamber of Commerce is an organization of service. Its one aim is to be of help and inspiration to the citizenry of this portion of the great state of Texas. It would form a bond of human brotherhood, linking together the ties of kindred interests and cementing more closely the mutual welfare of all realizing that the greatest material accomplishments are made possible only through a large increase of the moral and social relations of life.

"Whosoever will be greatest among you shall be your minister; and whosoever of you will be chiefest shall be the servant of all; for, even the Son of man came not to be minister-

ed unto but to minister." These were the words of the Christ 1,926 years ago, and every time since that the sweet story of Christmas has been told and his life of sincere service has been repeated unto the world. So, in this spirit of worthy devotion to a noble cause, the West Texas Chamber of Commerce would be a servant toward greater accomplishment in life and more extended benefit to the citizenry of this territory to the end that the West may be a better place in which to live.

Hearts of officials of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce go out in sincerest appreciation to all fellow citizens who seek to emulate this great law of service, and to those laudable efforts and endeavors that have contributed so largely during the past year toward the success of the organization, the greatest in its history. It is the sincere wish of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce that the Season may bring to each in its membership the greatest of blessings; and that the New Year may increase for each desire and opportunity for service, so that all may keep His Christmas and be joyful that He came once long ago with the message that stirs every heart and increases longings for greater achievement among fellowmen.—From the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

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Just what you need for Christmas dinner

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Lovely gift in beautiful Christmas box

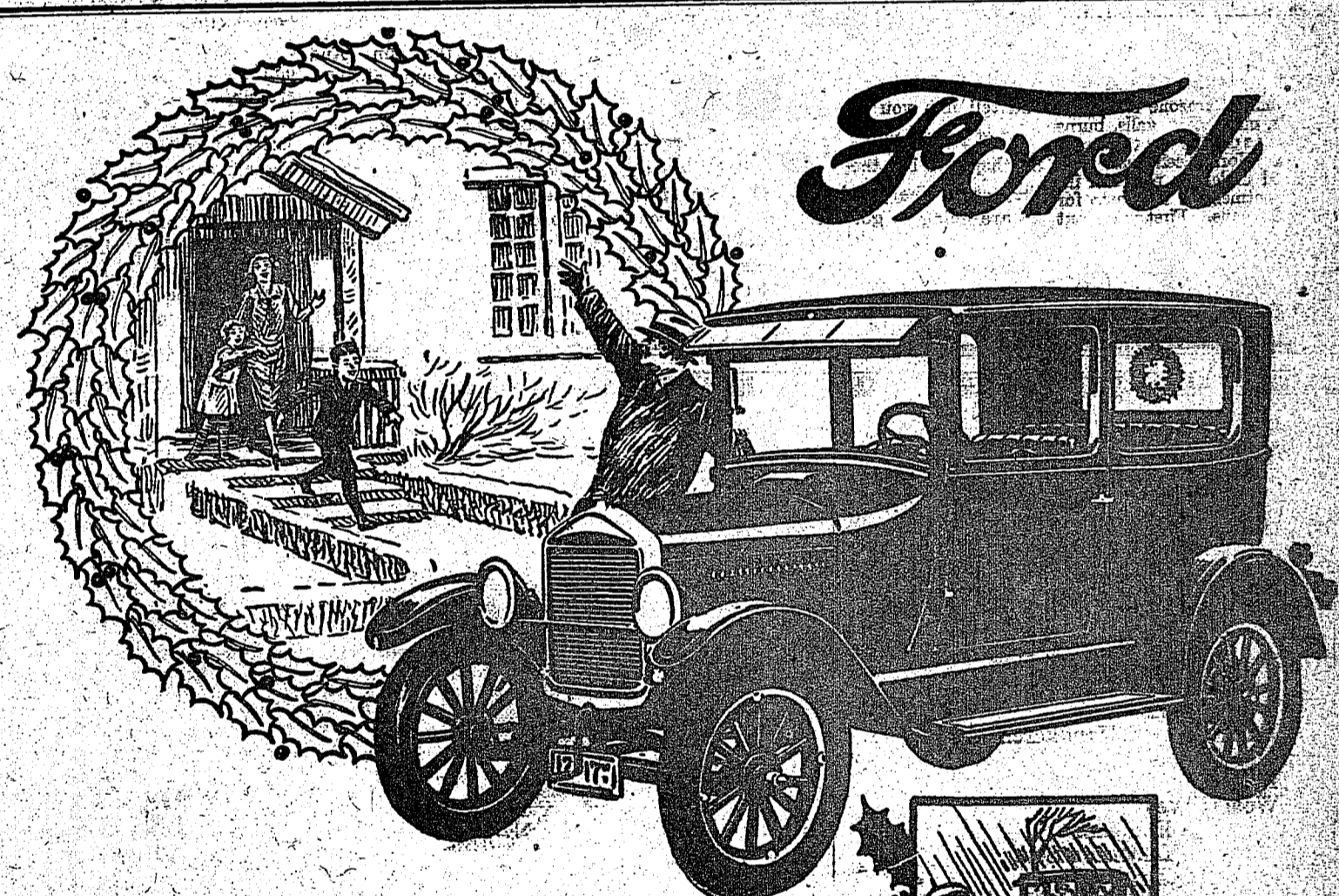
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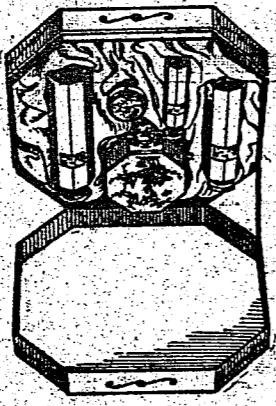
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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

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God's call for man—Calvin Campbell.
God's call for money—Mike Spears.
My Stewardship—Linnie South.
The Stewardship—Joy Hines.
Offering—Yantis Hines.

Miss Maude Ryan of Rockwood visited relatives here last week.

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Mrs. Ed Sewell is visiting her parents at Lometa, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Mitchell spent several days last week in Dallas.

Mrs. E. W. Bible and daughter Miss Elsie spent Sunday in Comanche.

Mrs. Sam Forehand is visiting his mother in Comanche, who is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Jodie Mathews returned this week from a visit in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Marshall attended the Scoville meeting in Brownwood Sunday night.

Rev. J. M. Burrow was called to Stacy Saturday to preach the funeral of Mrs. C. J. Collier.

Miss Alice Britman of Coleman visited Miss Vera Banks a few days last week.

W. B. Mills and family have returned from a visit with relatives at Tatum.

T. M. Evans and W. H. Waler have just returned from a trip to the Rio Grande Valley.

Ralph Mills of Lometa spent the week-end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Mills.

Mrs. Jess Womack of Cross Plains had an operation at the hospital Saturday.

Mrs. Dink Holland of Waldrip is taking treatment at the Sealy hospital.

Miss Nora Parrot of Fort Worth is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. F. Holland.

Mrs. W. J. Long of San Antonio is here this week looking after business and visiting friends.

James L. Moore of Fisk returned to his home Sunday after taking a few days treatment at the Sealy Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Williams and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Simpson visited in Coleman Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Reynolds of Richland Springs visited in this city last week-end.

W. C. Ford and Jerry Simpson have returned from a hunting trip near Mason.

Jess Kirkpatrick of Waldrip visited in this city Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Arnold and James and Miss Maggie Mills visited in Gainesville part of last week.

Mrs. R. D. Kirkpatrick returned to her home in Millersview Sunday after an extended visit here.

Miss Inez Marshall of Cross Cut visited home folks here last week-end.

Mrs. Frank Crum left Friday for Belton in response to a message of the illness of her father in that city.

Friday Nite, Dec. 17
Family Nite
Any Family 50c
QUEEN THEATRE

First Christian Church

We were pleased to have so many visitors present last Lord's Day. We are expecting a great day next Sunday, as it is the day we are to devote to the special services for the aged and orphans. A program is being arranged for this occasion.

Bible school at the usual hour. All be on time.

There were 17 in the Bible class for men last Sunday, and 16 in the class for women. We are hoping for a larger number. All men are urged to come and bring some other man.

Preaching at the morning hour. Come for this service if you have to miss the Bible school. Attend both if possible.

At 7 p. m. the special program will be put on. We hope to have a full house at this time. Come and let us make this a great service.

A. L. Oder, minister.

Resolution of Respect

Whereas the Supreme Ruler has taken from our Camp Sov. S. H. Phillips, whose fraternal counsel was for many years of valued assistance;

And whereas, in the passing of this worthy Sovereign our society loses a good and faithful member; the community a loyal citizen, and his family a kind and generous husband and father;

Therefore, be it resolved that a copy of this resolution be given the Santa Anna News for publication, a copy to the bereaved family, and a copy be placed in the minutes of our camp.

Respectfully submitted,
J. S. Jones
J. J. Gregg
C. E. Holt

Resolutions of Respect

Whereas Almighty God has removed from our midst our brother S. H. Phillips, and whereas Mountain Chapter No. 247, O. E. S. has lost a zealous member, his family a kind and loving companion and father, and the community a good and useful citizen, therefore,

Be it Resolved, that we extend to the bereaved family our sincere sympathy, and while we deeply mourn his untimely death, we can only be comforted by the knowledge that he, like the noble Ruth, was loyal and true and has gone to meet his reward.

And realizing how abruptly our brother was called to his reward, we are prone to say, alas our Past Worth; Patron has seen his star in the east and obeyed the summons.

And that a copy of these resolutions be furnished the family; a copy be recorded on the minutes of the Chapter, and a copy be furnished the Santa Anna News for publication.

Respectfully submitted,
Mr. J. Ed Bartlett
Mrs. Hardy Blue
Mrs. Frank Pearce

Senior B. Y. P. U. Program

Subject—Faith.
Introduction—Johnnie Pearce, leader.
Faith taught by a story—Glenda Ford.
Repentance and faith—Velma Evans.
Scripture stresses faith—Lula Harvey.
The great faith chapter—Vivian Glover.
The kind of faith that saves—Mr. Gayle.

Methodist Church Services

Next Sunday:
The Christmas, Message" will be the pastor's theme at the 11 o'clock hour.

At the evening service there will be an Evangelistic message.

At the closing of the Sunday School hour there will be a special program in the interest of our Methodist Home at Waco. An opportunity will be given for every one to contribute to the fine groups of orphans that our church is caring for.

Bring a friend to church next Sunday.

Seba Kirkpatrick, pastor.

CARD OF THANKS

I want to express my appreciation to my friends who were so kind to me in my recent sorrow and especially to those who were so loyal to Jake in his illness, and to those who grieved with me and my children in our sorrow. May God's richest blessings be upon you. The many floral offerings were a mark of love for him. We thank you.

Mrs. Jake McCreary and Children.

Robert Lavander of Coleman visited relatives here last week-end.

NOTICE

Annual Stockholders Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Stockholders of the State National Bank of Santa Anna, Texas, will be held at the office of said Bank on Tuesday, the 11th day of January, 1927, at 10 o'clock A. M. for the purpose of electing Directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Signed: P. P. Bond, Cashier.

J. J. Rossom of Fry oil field is in the Sealy hospital for treatment.

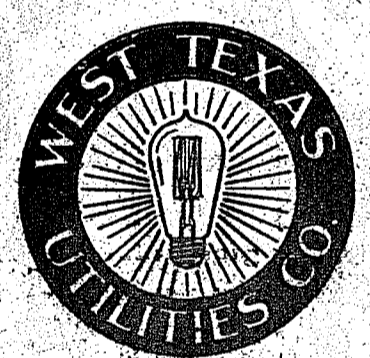
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Queen Theatre

Monday and Tuesday
John Barrymore
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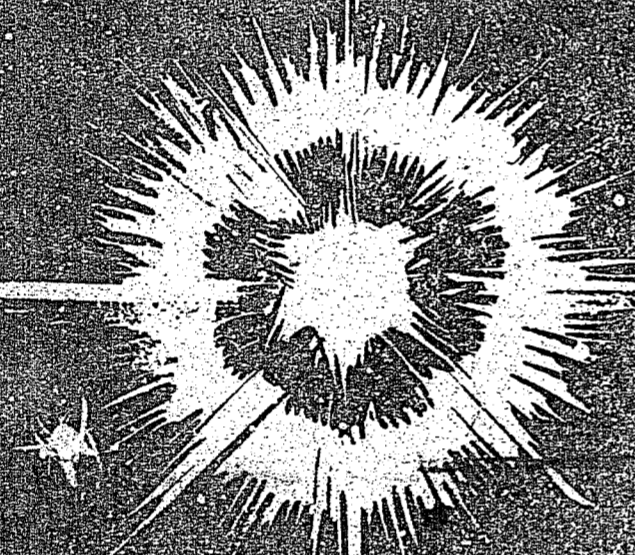
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"HE PROFITS MOST WHO SERVES BEST"

Christmas Greetings



Christmas With the Johnny Rebs

And Their Families
of the Lost Cause
By J. H. LOWRY.

IT IS difficult for us to think of a time when Christmas was not a season of gladness—of music, of mirth and noise. Yet there have been such times, even in our dear old Southland, and one of the times was but little more than sixty years ago. Christmas was indeed a great day in the old South, when there was much wealth, many "mansion houses," and happy, noisy negro slaves to do most of the work. Great were the Christmas celebrations of before-the-war times; but one fateful day the tocsin sounded, and the flower and the chivalry of the Southland rushed from the stores, the shops and the plantations to the defense of home and native land, and then for four years Christmas was a sad and gloomy day for most of those who claimed the Southland as their home—sad for those who were far from home, wrapping their blankets around them at night to dream of far-away loved ones, with no shelter save the starlit canopy of heaven—and sad for those who were left at home, wondering whether fathers, sons, husbands and brothers were dead or living—sad, indeed, for the mothers who nightly gathered their little ones around the hearthstones and in the valleys to pray for the return of those they loved so dearly and needed so much. Christmas Eve did not always mean the coming of good old Santa in those parlor times. There were four anniversaries of the Saviour's birth when few stockings were hung in the Southland, and when fond mothers cried themselves to sleep because there were neither trinkets nor sweets to dazzle the eyes or gladden the hearts of the children. Instead of good old Santa's sleighbells, the howl of the wolf was frequently heard, and instead of cakes and sauces for the Christmas dinner, there was the plainest, coarsest food, and many times not enough of that to appease the hunger of the diners. Grim-visaged war was stalking through the land, scattering a baptism of blood and death, and the glad notes of "Peace on Earth, Good Will Among Men," were never heard. Cruel war had mangled the body of good old Santa, and the roar of musketry and cannon had hushed the sweet refrain chanted by the angelic choir to the Judean shepherds.

A Snow Battle.

But few of the boys who went forth to battle for native land under the Bonnie Blue Flag while the bands played "Dixie" or "My Maryland," remain to tell the story of those awful days. But few of the good women who wiped tears from their eyes and bade husbands, sons or brothers go forth to fight, and perhaps to die, for Southern ideals are yet in the land of the living. Most of them have their names carved on the tomb, but a few of the grand, lofty souls who lived and toiled for the honor and glory of the South are yet upon Time's side of the great river, and though their sunken cheeks, dim eyes and feeble footsteps bespeak the ravages of time, many of their minds are as clear as a silver bell, and their memory of the times that tried people's souls as fresh and perfect as of the events of yesterday.

"Were you ever in a battle on Christmas day?" I asked an "old boy" who enlisted with a Louisiana regiment soon after the first call was made and fought until the Stars and Bars were forever furled at Appomattox. "No, I never was," he replied. And when I asked what his company and regiment did when Christmas came, his mind went back to the dark days of Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge and other scenes of carnage. "As I remember," he finally said, "Christmas with the soldier boys was the same as any other day. Whatever we were doing we kept on doing; there was no more and no less to eat, no cessation of labor, and nothing to mark the coming or presence of the day." He studied a minute, and then, raising his voice, said, "Oh, yes, I do remember being in a battle on Christmas day. We were in Tennessee when Christmas came; the boys somehow felt a little frolicky. A deep snow was on the ground, and some of the soldiers, being in a playful mood, began snow-balling, which proved a great diversion. Finally two of the Confederate regiments de-

fraternal feeling grew until disorganization was threatened and the officers ordered the soldiers to their trenches." And then the old soldier gave utterance to a truth which has been impressed upon all of us many times: "Somehow it just seemed that Christmas took away our hates and gave us a kinder feeling toward all mankind." Three days after this Christmas-day fraternizing the soldiers of the North and the soldiers of the South were shooting and clubbing each other to death.

A Christmas Service in Camp.

"The most impressive Christmas service I ever attended," said a veteran who is now nearing the age of 90, was in the army in 1864. "The chaplain of our regiment was a lovable Christian man, and he carried his Christianity into the army. One of our officers also was a minister. Our army had fared badly, and it had begun to dawn upon many that our cause was a lost cause. The soldiers were ragged and provisions were scarce. The little news that had been received from home was mostly

men would dwell in peace. This, he declared, was the mission of Jesus Christ to the world, and urged all to put their trust in Him, who was able to save even to the uttermost. It was a sweetly solemn service and there was joy even in the camp of ragged, home-sick soldiers. Of course the poor fellows had nothing to give, but there were warmer hand-clasps, gentler greetings and a more charitable feeling, because of that Christmas service, and the soldiers were far more willing to share their tobacco with their comrades."

A Christmas Tree in the Army.

I remember hearing a veteran I used to know in Tennessee tell of a Christmas tree that was given by his company on Christmas Eve. The soldier boys recalled the Christmas trees at home and concluded to carry out the Christmas tree scheme. While the tree was conceived and carried out in a spirit of fun, it had its pathetic side, because the soldiers had nothing to put on a tree. However, each soldier in the company received a present, duly labeled. Some

received a cartridge, some rocks, some pieces of wood whittled out to resemble something, some a chew of tobacco, and some other things of no more value. The captain received the great present of the occasion, which was the tail of a squirrel that one of the soldiers had killed. There was a big laugh when the captain's name was called out and his present was displayed. It was a poor imitation of a Christmas tree, but it caused many a good laugh and helped pass away the time.

Christmas Dinner Stolen.

The saddest Christmas story of war times ever related to me was told by a good old mother who was a neighbor of my people in Tennessee. This story I heard when a child, and it was so pathetic that I found it difficult to keep back tears at the time of its recital, and when my mind reverted to it for many days thereafter. The Federals had scoured the country, taking or destroying nearly everything found in the way of eatables. What little the people had they kept hidden from the enemy. Christmas came on, and from various nooks and corners provision was brought forth for the Christmas dinner. The good mother, on account of the day, was more liberal than usual in the preparation of the meal. The very best was brought, and in more liberal quantities than for the every-day dinner. When all had been prepared, and the good mother was ready to call the eager children to the table, and thank God for the blessing bestowed upon her and her dependents, a noise was heard at the door. When the door was opened three soldiers rushed in, seized nearly all the food in sight and departed, leaving the mother broken-hearted and the hungry children in tears. The Christmas dinner in that home was a very poor affair, and the words, "Merry Christmas," a mockery to that poor mother and the little ones she was battling bravely to shield from the wolf of hunger.

A Furlough the Best Christmas Gift.

Christmas was a happy day to a few even in the awful days when our land was torn and bleeding from internecine strife—when many were hungry and many were cold, when many far from home suffered in dirty prison camps from wounds and disease, and when many brave mothers sent their little ones to bed without hope of a visit from good old Santa. The happiest Christmas that many knew was when a kind-hearted officer furloughed a husband and father and permitted him to spend

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"Finally two of the Confederate regiments decided to have a snow battle."

cided to have a snow battle. A line was formed, with the regiments just a good throwing distance apart. An agreement was entered into that nothing but snow should be thrown; that no bats, bones or other hard substances be wrapped in the snow balls. Soon the very air was filled with snow. First one regiment, then the other, would be forced back a few yards, only to rally and make a new charge. It was great fun for a time, but the desire for victory was too strong, turning the good humor of the beginning into bitterness, and finally the agreement to throw only snow was violated by all. The throwers wrapped rocks and bones in their snowballs, and many of the fighters were knocked down and left the scene with bloody heads. So bitter did the fight become that the officers had to stop it, which was by no means an easy thing to do."

Speaking of the events of that Christmas warmed up the memory of another veteran, and he recalled what took place on another Christmas day. "The Federals and the Confederates were very close together—within easy speaking distance. Both armies had been in many fights, had seen comrades fall from the enemy's bullets; some who were in line had received wounds, and naturally they hated each other with a hatred about as bitter as the human breast can carry. But on Christmas day a better feeling came into the hearts of the fighters. The Confeds and Yanks began talking from line to line. They gave each other tobacco and coffee and played poker in the open space between the lines. The

bad news. It seemed that continued hardships had hardened the hearts of the soldiers, and many who had been good members of the church at home had fallen into the use of bitter profanity. The chaplain read as his Scripture lesson the account of the birth of Jesus, and the officer who was a minister led a fervent prayer, praying especially for the folks at home, the fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters and children. Then all joined in singing the fine old hymn, 'How Firm a Foundation.' It seemed that the last verse of this hymn, ending with the words, 'I'll never, no never, no never forsake,' gave the men new hearts, and despair was turned into hope. The Chaplain preached a great sermon, using as his text the Scripture, 'And the people shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks, and man shall war against man no more.' He pictured the cruelties and the hardships of war, its horrors and its waste, then turned hopefully to his text and pictured the time when men should know each other better—when the world would accept the teachings of the Nazarene and all

many a good laugh and helped pass away the time.

A Wet Wagon.

An ex-Confederate who passed to his reward some years ago told of a rather hilarious Christmas spent in camp. The company had made a raid on the Yankees and captured, among other things, a wagon. When the wagon was rolled in one of the soldiers noticed that there was a large iron pipe under the bed. Further investigation revealed the fact that there was a faucet on the pipe. The faucet was opened and lo, a red liquid flowed. The senses of sight and taste revealed the fact that the liquid was whiskey of a good grade. Buckets were brought and the contents of the pipe emptied into them. There was a drink for all who wished, and some drank more than was good for them. But it was a hilarious Christmas—very unexpected and novel—made so by the appearance of John Barleycorn.

Hardships at Home.

The hardships endured by the soldiers, especially during the latter part

Texas' Big Turkey Crop Now Ready For the Annual Yuletide Feast

By M. K. WYATT

THIS is the season of the year when the thrifty farmers of Texas are taking great droves of bronze and red and white and black turkeys to nearby places of market for sale and preparation for the holiday trade, when at every turn the sound of "gobble-gobble" greets the ear, when the very air is permeated with the resonant odor of roasting turkey and the kingly barn-yard bird is in every stage of being made ready for the Christmas feast.

The State of Texas aspires to become one of the world's greatest turkey markets, and with this end in view the several county agents of the various counties throughout the State, are encouraging farmers to increase their flocks of turkeys. Not for the unique fame attending such distinction, but for the possible profit attached to raising turkeys on a big, commercial scale.

Not alone may the raising of turkeys be made profitable from the standpoint of direct sale of the birds, but indirectly their value to the farmer can hardly be estimated, since turkeys possess an insatiable appetite for grasshoppers, and grasshoppers are the bane of a farmer's life, for they denude and lay waste to his fields of growing crops. So, the county agent says, "Instead of furnishing crops to fatten grasshoppers, why not use the grasshoppers to fatten turkeys?"

Turkey-Raising on Big Scale.

In many sections of Texas farmers have already established themselves as raisers of turkeys on a big scale and many of their names are familiar to buyers of this great American bird. Every year turkey buyers invade these farms

and buy up the entire flocks for the Thanksgiving and Christmas markets.

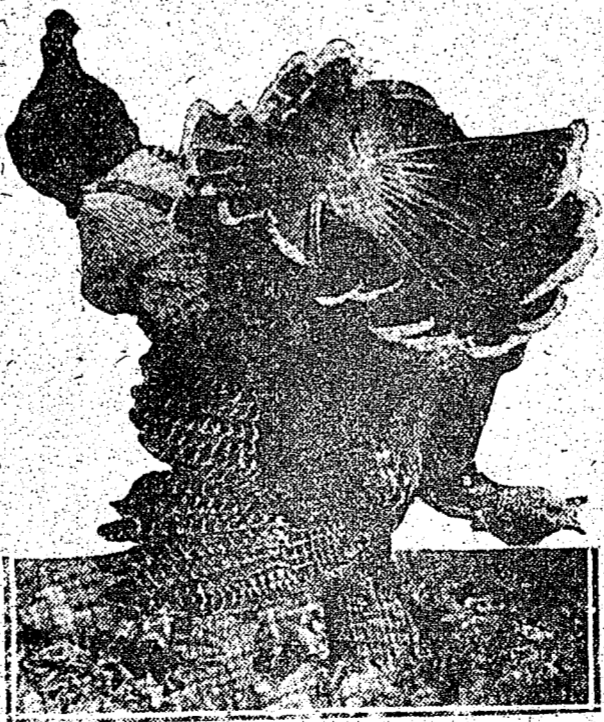
There are logical reasons why Texas should become a great commercial turkey market: Big farms, consisting of hundreds of acres of land, furnish ample range that is so necessary in successfully maturing the birds. There is sufficient woodland on most Texas farms to give them shade and secret hiding places for making their nests, for turkeys, unlike the more domesticated chickens, like to go long distances from habitation and lay their eggs where human foot is not in the habit of treading.

Because of this wild spirit dominant in turkeys, there is a fascination about raising the fowl not to be found in chicken raising. The young of the turkey is much harder to raise to maturity than we chickens. They must be carefully fed, else the death rate will mount up high. A farmer who will devote a part of his time and the necessary attention to the raising of turkeys will have a side line that cannot fail to help him over in those years when cotton prices are low and general farm crops not so profitable.

No true American can vision a Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner without the stately presence of this princely bird, which has contributed more than any other one factor to the success of these two American anniversaries. Since the days of our Pilgrim Fathers thoughts of Christmas invariably conjure up tables weighted with roast fowls, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pies and the many other tempting viands.

Turkey Once Wild and Undomesticated.

There was a time, however, when the turkey, wild and undomesticated, furnished the pioneer family with its only Christmas dinner. Grandfather nearly always went out on a clear, cold night, shortly before Christmas day, after having previously located a wild turkey roost, and with his trusty



shotgun brought down from the highest limb in the tree the finest and largest gobbler to be found in all of the woods. Carrying the monster bird on his shoulder, he would come staggering into the big, roughly-built kitchen where grandmother and

other members of the family sat around the chimney-fire, knitting and darning, or else piecing together scraps of the tiniest bit of cloth into that much prized quilt that today is an heirloom of pioneering times in many Texas homes.

And grandfather was proud of his shot. To sally forth with his hunting equipment and search the woods in quest of wild game, to spot his favorite bird's roosting place and at the opportune time take accurate aim and with one shot of his gun lay the giant bird struggling at his feet, imparted a thrill that comes of conquest, and marked, perhaps, the most eventful occurrence that took place during the entire year in the life of that household.

In these modern days the thrill comes not to the consumer in the sport of killing his bird, but to the Texas farmer, who has wisely watched his flock, grown his feed and sensed the satisfaction that lies in the feel of a nice-sized bank roll, paid to him as the result of his honest toil.

On the other hand, there are numbers of Texas families who will not have turkey on their tables this year, choosing rather the spring hen. The alert farmer is ready also to supply this demand. For the past few years poultry culture has been gaining steadily until today, there is scarcely a county in the State that does not boast a big, commercial hatchery and often two and three.

About the first thing the progressive farmer of Texas does these days is to build modern poultry houses as the first unit to improving his farm. His

flocks of pure bred poultry range from 100 to 1,000, and standardization of the birds is coming about rapidly. White Leghorns being the favorite breed for egg production and S. C. Reds, Barred Rocks and White Wyandottes, chosen for early fryers.

County Agents Expect 100 Per-Cent Increase.

The county agents believe that the poultry business, including the raising of turkeys, will increase 100 per cent in the next five years over the present industry on the average farm. The soil in all parts of Texas, they declare, is ideal for raising fowls of all kinds. The birds require a warm, dry climate with plenty of sunshine, and in this respect Texas climate is second only to California.

The paved highway system of the State is another factor in favor of raising all kinds of domestic fowls for the market. With good roads reaching into every section of the country, it will be an easy matter to ship the surplus stock at all seasons of the year.

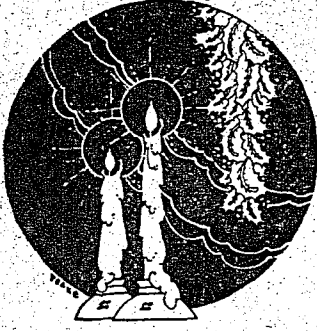
So, with the farmers and the farmers' wives working throughout the year and the farm agents and home demonstration agents assisting and encouraging them in every way, it is expected that every family in Texas, who wants roast turkey for the Christmas holidays, will be supplied from the hatcheries and barn-yards of the Texas farmers. The outside world looks to Texas, Oklahoma and Missouri to produce the great bulk of turkeys for the Christmas day dinners this year and not to New England, as is generally believed.

CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS THE GREATEST GIFT

By J. H. LOWRY

"Christmas gift!"

These were among the first words in the vocabulary of every child in the long ago. We all learned them soon after we learned to lip the enigmatically "Mamma and papa."



Not only did we learn to speak the words early in life, but to be opportune and diplomatic in their utterance. A victory was won if you said them first, but a contest was lost if a friend caught you unawares and said them before you could.

Children got up early in the morning to "get the Christmas Gift" of friends and companions. They hid behind doors and beds, and lay in ambush in many ways when neighbors were coming in, in order to make a surprise attack and say the magic words to others before others could hurl the words at them.

And why? Because according to the custom of the time if one "got your Christmas Gift" you must make him or her a gift of some character, and the children were more anxious to receive a gift than to make one. They had not learned the great and important lesson of life, taught by the Author and Giver of Christmas, that it is "more blessed to give than to receive."

And I am wondering, as the glad season draws near, if we have learned the great lesson. Judging others by myself, I fear we have not. So far as giving at Christmas time is concerned, I am sure we have. We receive a greater thrill and find more pleasure and happiness in remembering friends at this time than in being remembered by them, and nothing that we receive, be its value great or small, touches as much joy into our hearts as the trinkets or substantial gifts we bestow upon the needy and friendless. It is a time when we live with our better selves, when our nobler and better passions burgeon and bloom, and for a little while our hearts conquer and rule over selfishness.

But unfortunately, the heaven-born, Christ-given doctrine that it is more blessed to give than to receive lingers only for a few days. While our minds and affections are centered upon Him who gave all for us, He lives in us and enables us to trample under foot for a time our baser passions; but soon the

day with its hallowed memories and associations, and its better ideals and holier thoughts and desires pass away and the great doctrine which was heeded for a time, blessing us so richly, is forgotten. Engrossed again by the world and its busy scenes and its mad rushes, we become once more Peters and Johns contending with each other as to who should be greatest, and Judases complaining over the precious ointments wasted upon our Lord, or perhaps selling Him for silver.

"Christmas comes but once a year," and more's the pity. It does a great work in tendering our hearts and changing our viewpoints, but its stay is too short. We observe a great event, the anniversary of a great gift, and even a day with the Giver transforms us almost into His image. But, having observed the day, we enter again upon the routine, the cruel concatenation which kills our ideals and our dreams, that puts Christmas away for a year and enthrones self for twelve long months.

Men have always been prone to deify the material things connected with the earthly stay and work of the Galileean. We bow in lavish homage before a cross. We hold, as sacred waters of the Jordan and branches from the cedars of Lebanon. Thousands perished while following Peter the Hermit and Godfrey of Boulogne over rough mountains and across countless rivers in a foolish effort to capture His tomb. If the hammer He swung or the table He made in the shop at Nazareth were offered for sale princely sums would be paid for them. We observe the day of His birth and count as holy the day upon which He arose from the grave, but the observance of events and days is of little value unless it touches into our lives and hearts that which made the day or event worthy of observance. Any observance of Christmas is a failure and a mockery that does not cause the observant to stop and think of the great gift made by Him the anniversary of whose birth is celebrated, and of the doctrines He taught.

Most of us are Christlike at Christmas time. We cease to be Old Scrooges and become Old Scrooge's nephews for a season. The frowns upon our lips curl into smiles, our purse-strings loosen, we have time for a romp with the children and their pranks and noise-making cease to annoy us; we forget our failures and disappointments; we become

concerned over those about us, wish them well and try to make them happy. To make us so Jesus Christ came into the world, but oh, how it must tear His heart to see us putting His teaching into practice only two or three days in a year.

Like most of you, I frequently wonder why man's feeling toward and interest in man cannot be all the year as it is at Christmas time. The doctrine that it is more blessed to give than to receive was given to the world nearly two thousand years ago. We have tried it, a few times, for a short season, and found it true. The happiest seasons we have ever known were Christmas seasons, and for this we know the reason. It was not because of gifts that were received, or of material possessions. It was because we accepted for a time the teaching of the Nazarene and put it into practice. It was because we forgot self, ceased to inquire who should be greatest, fell out of line in greed's mad rush, forgot our envyings and jealousies, and really tried to contribute to the happiness and well-being of those about us. Having tested the doctrine of unselfishness and found it true, why did we abandon it so soon and return to the passions and ways that befriended us not? Is it possible that after two thousand years of Christianity our hearts and lives are susceptible to Christian development only for a day or a week? Is selfishness so firmly entrenched in our hearts that in two thousand years it can not be routed by the sermon on the mount, the golden rule and the sweet story of the cross?

Sometimes I am prone to believe that we have made too much of Christmas as an event. Truly it was the world's greatest event when the magazines of the skies burst upon the hills of old Judea, announcing the birth, in Bethlehem's manger, of the Savior of men, but of His birth He never talked. His gift to the world was a life, a death, a doctrine, a resurrection, a perfect law of liberty, a perfect law of conduct for men, and eternal life. And I fear that in our observance of the great day we have too lightly stressed the gift He made to men. We make it a day of reunions, of fellowship, of gladness and feasting, which is well, for surely we should rejoice and be glad, but when the reunions and the feasting have passed, Christmas is over, leaving only the memories of social joys. How permanently helpful if we at this season of

gift-giving among friends and delightful fellowship, would meditate upon and talk of the gifts He made. The day on which He was born was indeed a great day, but the life He lived was greater than His birth in Bethlehem's manger. It was glorious when the evening star held its radiant torch over the hallowed scene of His birth, but more glorious when He opened the eyes of the blind, unstopped the ears of the deaf, gave strength to the limbs of the palsied, and finally triumphed over death, hell and the grave when He came forth from the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea.

It was a wonderful gift when He opened the eyes of the man blind from birth and exposed to his eager gaze a beautiful world—a world with crystal rivers rolling over golden sands, a world of mountains wearing eternal coronets of snow, a world of sunlit splendors by day and astral glories by night. It showed that He sympathizes with the unfortunate, that He is a God of light, that He hates darkness and gloom, and that He would have those who trust Him enjoy the beautiful and the true. It was a great gift when He said to the man who had been paralyzed from birth, "arise and walk." It showed that He is a God of strength and activity, and that His great heart beats with compassion for the helpless. It was a great gift when He healed the dumb man and opened his ears to the cadence of song and the music of the spheres. It was a great gift when He raised Lazarus from the dead, showing His power over death and the grave. But even these wonderful gifts were not sufficient to show the height, the depth and the breadth of His love for mankind. Sin still sat enthroned over the lives of men, and the grave was yet dark and dismal. Man was lost. He was a wanderer without hope, plodding his weary way to a grave over which no plus ultra was written, and a greater gift must yet be made. And so He, who could have called twelve legions of angels from the courts of glory to His defense, submitted to arrest, to a mock trial, and went to Calvary's rugged cross, there to die an ignominious death and give His life a ransom for you and me, and then to break the seals of the grave and bring life and immortality to light.

This was the great gift. Without it how poor the world would be. But for this gift what an awful thing life would be—a bubble dancing down a troubled stream, only to be swallowed up by

death's dark sea. And how dark, how dismal the grave! How inconsolable the grief, how bitter the tears as we stand beside the rigid clay of a loved one. He whose anniversary we observe at Christmas time left the courts of glory, the companionship of the Father and the angels of light and came to earth, to be mocked, spat upon, to have a cruel crown of thorns pressed down upon His brow. He rejoiced with those who rejoiced, He wept with those who wept; He went about doing good. To the sorrowing He gave a word of cheer and a song of hope; to the lame He gave strength of limb, to the blind He gave sight. He was the great center to which the sorrowing, the lonely, the friendless, the destitute appealed for sympathy, love and aid, and none ever appealed in vain. He kissed tears from the eyes and death-dew from the brow. And then, when He had taught man how to live with man on earth, He opened unto him the pearly gates of the jasper-walled city of God by shedding His innocent blood. And so He taught us the great lesson of life, the Christmas message, that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

And may He teach us anew, as we enter into the great season, the blessedness of giving. Not a lesson for the day, but a lesson for life. Not merely to give trinkets in token of remembrance, not necessarily to give money, which we may not even possess, but to give kindness, gentleness, a friendly interest, an unselfish love, and in memory and honor of Him, who gave so much to us, to contribute to the betterment of the world and the happiness of mankind.

Prophets of old foretold, and poets of latter days have sung of a golden age. It is to be an age when fraternal love, rather than cruel competition, shall rule the world. An age when all men shall brothers be, when men shall be full-statured and far-seeing, each yielding honey in the life-cups of his fellows. This golden age has not dawned, but in our Christmas day we see its first flashes of purple on the eastern horizon. Thinking of Christ, of His teaching, of His gift to the world, we become more Christlike and God lives in us for a time, making us more sympathetic, more charitable and more tolerant. May Christmas linger with us longer than ever before, and sing more sweetly than we have ever heard the glad refrain chanted by the angelic hosts in old Judea: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Among Men."

The First Christmas Celebrated in the New World in 1492

THE first Christmas celebrated in the New World was in 1492, only a little more than two months after Columbus discovered our country. It was an eventful day for the explorer and his men who were compelled to labor vainly in an effort to save the flagship, the Santa Maria, which had been beached on Christmas eve. Finding their efforts futile, they took what they could from the vessel, carrying it on board the Nina. As this vessel was too small to carry all those who had been on board the larger ship, some were left behind in a fort, that in honor of the season was called Le Navidad, the nativity.

Before this Columbus had anchored in a harbor of Haiti, to which he gave the name of a saint whose day falls on Dec. 6, and who, in the minds of the children, is inseparably connected with Christmas day—Saint Nicholas. And the harbor on the west coast of Haiti still bears the name of the Christmas saint.

Christmas was observed in some form or another thereafter, but a most important celebration in the history of our country was the first Christmas here of the Pilgrim fathers. The Mayflower

landed at Plymouth on Dec. 21, 1620, just a few days before Christmas, but Christmas day brought no thought of revelry or gaiety to the Christian immigrants. The first Christmas day found them with no houses built and no shelter from the icy winds, as the day before was Sunday and no hands were allowed to labor or disturb the sanctity of the Sabbath.

On Christmas day, however, the swinging of axes; the felling of trees and the clearing of ground occupied their entire time. When the second Christmas came there had arrived in the meantime another ship, and of this colony, William Bradford, the sternest of Puritans, was governor. He formally outlawed Christmas, as the Puritans of England had done when they assumed control of Parliament. The enactment of the General Court of Massachusetts ran, "who is found observing by abstinence from labor, feasting or in any other way, shall pay for every offense

five shillings." More than a century passed before the gradual growth of Episcopal influence in Massachusetts and this association with official power, when the colony fell under the direct control of the crown brought about some relaxation of the anti-Christmas sentiment of the Puritans.

In the early settlements of Jamestown, Christmas was venerated, and even in the midst of the perils which confronted the pioneers, they gave themselves over to a full enjoyment of the day.

In the days when George Washington was still known principally as a prosperous planter, the great manor houses along the shores of the James, the York, the Rappahannock and the Potomac presented at Christmas such sights as the

hospitable roof-tree under which the entire family and their dependents, black and white, were assembled. There was a big roast turkey at the head of the table,

the apartments were decked with evergreens, and this Virginia Christmas was also characteristic of the celebrations in the Carolinas, Georgia and Maryland.

The most notable Christmas day of the Revolutionary period was in 1776 when Washington crossed the Delaware:

"On Christmas day in seventy-six,
Our ragged troops with bayonets fixed
From Trenton marched away;
The Delaware see! The boats below
The light obscured by hail and snow!
But no signs of dismay."

Nine hundred prisoners made a very good Christmas for fighting men, and although to the American troops Christmas day of 1776 was brightened by a victory, that of 1777 was the most gloomy one of the period with the half-starved and half-clad army struggling

to pass the most momentous of American days at Valley Forge.

Thirteen years afterwards witnessed the first Christmas under the new republic. The first Christmas of the first President of the United States was a session of simple enjoyment amidst a happy population. In the morning the President went to church and in the evening Mrs. Washington held a reception.

It was in New York, or rather New Amsterdam, that Santa Claus made his first American appearance in something like the garb and manner now familiar to all of us. From the Netherlands, the Knickerbockers brought with them the Christmas of love and sympathy in religion of comradeship among neighbors and of festivity in the family.

At the present time Americans generally seem to apportion the day thus: Church in the morning, dinner in the afternoon, and amusements in the evening. The Christmas dinners concentrate the scattered members of families, who meet together to break bread in social harmony, and exchange those home sentiments that cement the happiness of kindred, and every year the day is more generally observed.

Christmas Among the Darkies on the Old Plantation

CHRISTMAS on the old plantation! Other days might be great, but this day has a joy, a gladness all its own. Sugar-making time is done, the holidays begin. From now till New Year's Day hard work will be forgotten and the "white folks" and the "hands," big and little, will don their best clothes and just wander around having a good time.



"Yes, sir, Christmas is here again. Big frost last night. But it can't hurt the cane now." The sugar house, so recently a hive of industry, is still and silent now. The fields that rustled and groaned under a sheen of green and gold through the long summer and hazy autumn, lie wide and desolate, stripped and bare. The

seed cane is bedded in windrows and the "top" and "trash" of the garnered crop cover the wide spaces, hiding the naked rows and "middles" with colors of faded glory.

"How many hogsheads did we make dis year, boss? A hundred and fifty? sho' you gwinter gib me a Christmas gif' on the strength of dat. We jes' nacherly laid it over dem folks on the Bend plantation. Thanky, boss. Hope you and de missus hab a good Christmas. Calline, what yer a watchin' me fer? Yer ain't gwine 't get none of dis dollar. Yer a holdin' yer head mighty high. Bet you's goin' up to de big house an jes' git fed up on all dem fancy ructions and won't be no livin' wid yer. Thanky, boss, dese here wimmen sure is a miracle."

Christmas on the old plantation? The boys are ranging the fields, thickets, cane brakes and woods, shooting birds, chasing rabbits, followed by every mongrel, yellow, white and brindled dog

from the "quarters." Dozens of little negroes join in the chase, while white and black yell in chorus, just glad with the full, exuberant overflow of life.

"We's gwinter hab 'tater pone and roast shoat fer our dinner; what you all gwine hab?"

The white boy no doubt would be fed to repletion with turkey, cranberries, cakes and pies galore; yet he always forgot all these when Sam gave his menu. For things from the "quarters" were so much better, and many gentle old "mammies" had often satisfied his ravenous hunger. A bit of smoked mackerel from the broad fireplace of Aunt Liza Jane's cabin was sweeter to the boy than sardine sandwiches from the home table.

Christmas on the old plantation! Homely rhymes from the old negro men: "Christmas comes but once er year." Guns waking echoes in the woods and swamps "back of the fields," fireworks, rockets, Roman candles, splitting

stumps with charges of gunpowder, burnt fingers and powder-speckled faces, but who cares?—it's Christmas time!

"Sandy Claus is er comin'." Tin horses, tin wagons, pasteboard monkeys, dolls, tops, marbles—"My dem aggies and chinsie!" How the children shout, laugh and chatter as the treasures, rich and rare to them, are shaken and poured from the stockings while "maw" and "paw" look on with glistening eyes and hearts filled with music.

Oh, Angel of the Hearthstone, keep in memory's jeweled casket these recollections of bygone years.

Christmas feasting—Aunt Mandy is cooking the Christmas dinner in the spacious kitchen. "Sam, you triflin' rascal, you come right here and help me pick dis turkey and dese chickens. Tain't no use callatin' erbout it. Come right 'long. Hang up dem rabbits and patiges. You an' dat white boy done been traipsin' all over dis plantation all de mornin'."

You ain't got no sense, nohow, follerin' white chilluns like dat."

The white boy, loyal to his faithful henchman, spoke: "But, Aunt Mandy, just look at the game I and Sam brought in."

"Go on 'way from here, chile, you jes' nacherly spile all de black chilluns on de place. I ain't got no time to fool wid dat truck now. Sam, you git ter work."

The child lingers near, pretending now and then to help Sam, for the fragrant perfume of gingerbread baking is irresistible.

The old plantation has passed into history. New ways of making sugar are here. The wise old negro men and the "mammies" are enfolded in the bosom of the old plantation. A new race has appeared on the scene, yet sometimes the "white chile" meets Sam and clasps his rugged black hands, while their eyes glisten and hearts beat high with memories of years ago.

A Review of the Passing Year in Texas

By W. N. BEARD

If you are pessimistic as to general business conditions in Texas just now and will but study what this State has produced during the year of 1926, you will have greater faith and be better sold on Texas than ever before in your life. Of course, there is a large cotton crop and a drop in prices below cost of producing the staple, but other crops are so large this year that they more than offset the loss sustained by cotton. Government estimates of the total value of Texas farm crops this year are \$901,312,000, against \$799,330,000 last year, a gain over last year of \$101,982,000. In addition to farm crop values, Texas farmers and land owners will have received \$260,000,000 this year from oil bonuses, oil leases, and oil and gas royalties.

Texas farms and ranches also produced in 1926 approximately \$275,000,000 worth of livestock and livestock products which includes a wool clip of 25,304,000 pounds and 8,900,000 pounds of mohair. This does not include approximately \$75,000,000 in poultry and poultry products. It is believed that the dressed turkey shipments out of Texas this season will be at least 16,000 cars.

From the foregoing figures (and it is to the interest of every man and woman in Texas to study them closely), it is evident that Texas, as a whole, is not so bad off economically. Our "hard times" are due, in a measure, to our own state of mind, our own pessimistic attitude. While it is true there has been a slowdown to business activity in all cotton towns in the State, yet, in financial returns, Texas has fared better this year than last year.

Increased Production.

For four years the growers of cotton have been doing just what other producers do when business is profitable—increasing production. They have increased the acreage steadily over the entire United States from 30,000,000 acres in 1921 to 47,000,000 acres in 1926. The average price from 1921 to 1925 was slightly over 20c per pound. The consumption of American cotton during these four years has been around an average of 14,000,000 to 15,000,000 bales per year. Therefore, when we raised over 18,000,000 bales of cotton, which the government reports say we have this year, we got into trouble.

But the temporary trouble caused by overproduction of cotton will pass, as it has in the past. Out of evil sometimes comes good. The present situation will lead to greater diversification of crops

and to a policy which always has been sound to the core—that of living more at home and the keeping of a cow or two, a few hogs and a small flock of chickens. A wise move was recently made by a landlord of Taylor, Texas, who purchased a milk cow for each one of his tenant farmers and who also is helping them to get a start in chicken and hog raising. This is an example that should be followed by other landlords throughout the State. No landlord can hardly prosper unless his tenants prosper.

Cotton is a basic crop, and will ever be so. The world will consume a greater amount of cotton this year because of the low price. These simple facts are worth considering in the discussion of our broader agricultural situation. A basic commodity cannot, in the very nature of things, long remain below cost of production. Men who make a careful study of the cotton market and foreign and domestic consumption of raw cotton are agreed on one thing, however, and that is, there can be no advance in cotton prices of any consequence without a substantial reduction in next year's cotton acreage.

Undertone of Confidence.

But with all the pessimism that has followed the sag in cotton, it is encouraging to note the undertone of confidence that prevails among the financial leaders of the State. Frank Kell, Wichita Falls capitalist, says: "Financial conditions in Texas are not at all alarming or even depressing. Large grain crops and a satisfactory price for livestock have created a healthy financial condition."

W. S. Farish, president of the Humble Oil and Refining Co., is quoted as follows: "No \$100,000,000 loss from any cause can hurt Texas long or badly. The major oil companies this year are paying to land owners in this State \$260,000,000 in actual cash as clear profits on their land. These oil companies are turning loose this year in Texas for leases, royalties, bonuses and labor the sum of \$557,500,000."

I. H. Kempner, Galveston banker and leading cotton factor of the State, made this statement recently: "The varied resources of Texas serve to prevent any financial depression, though the Texas farmer will pay a heavy penalty for the uneconomic and unwarranted increase of cotton acreage by the entire South."

Building Activities.

A good barometer to business condi-

tions in Texas is the building activity. Construction of buildings of all kinds is running ahead of last year. Comparative data, compiled by the F. W. Dodge Corporation of Dallas and New York, shows that building contracts awarded in Texas from January 1 to November 1, 1926, amounted to \$201,810,000, as compared with \$157,271,000 from January 1 to November 1, last year. This firm also states that it is safe to estimate building contracts for November and December of this year 15 per cent ahead of the same months last year. From the total of \$201,810,000 there was spent \$490,600 for educational buildings, \$507,000 for religious and memorial buildings, \$1,157,400 for public buildings, public works and public utilities.

TEXAS CROP FIGURES FOR 1925-1926

1926	1925
(From Government Estimates)	(From Crops and Market published by U. S. Department of Agriculture)
Cotton	\$379,250,000
Corn	29,490,000
Kaffir	23,450,000
Oats	8,454,000
Wheat	10,156,000
Barley	1,782,000
Rye	672,000
Rice	9,012,000
Hay	12,278,000
Peanuts	1,219,000
Sweet Potatoes	8,707,000
Potatoes	3,397,000
Sorghum	1,326,000
Syrup	238,000
Broom Corn	2,625,000
Peaches	222,000
Apples	308,564,000
Other crops	
Total	\$799,330,000

In addition to crop valuations, \$557,500,000 will be paid this year by major oil companies in Texas for leases, royalties, bonuses and labor in the oil fields, according to a statement by W. S. Farish, president of the Humble Oil & Refining Company.

and \$7,811,800 for residential buildings. The last item is an outstanding feature. A State that spends nearly eight million dollars in ten months for the building of homes is not only fairly prosperous, but is laying a foundation for greater future moral and material growth and advancement.

Crude and Refined Oil.

Within a very few years there has developed in Texas an industry that has assumed a commanding lead. It is the production and refining of crude oil. The value of oil and its by-products now about equals the value of the Texas cotton crop. Our crude oil production is around 600,000 barrels per day. Texas has passed both California and Oklahoma in production of oil. These two

States have been the leading oil States for many years. And what astounds is the fact that this great flow of wealth in the form of liquid gold seems inexhaustible and destined to further enrich Texas and make it the dominant oil center of the world.

A most convincing proof of the stability of the oil business in Texas was recently vouchsafed by the decision of three major companies to build additional pipe lines into the Panhandle of Texas. These lines will cost millions of dollars and would not be built were it not believed that the permanency of the field justified the investment.

Government reports of oil transported from leases in the State during the past nine months, shows a production of 109,369,000 barrels, with an indicated production for the entire year of 1926 of 169,000,000 barrels, which is about 25,000,000 more barrels than were produced last year.

With the development now under way and the indicated development for 1927, it is a foregone conclusion that Texas will produce even more oil in 1927 than was produced in 1926; although the year of 1926 will go on record as one of the greatest years in Texas oil field development. Discovery wells in remote territory have been many and the success of the wildcatter has been phenomenal. From Red river to the Rio Grande river and from El Paso to Texarkana there has been more or less activity in leases, royalties and actual drilling of wells. It seems the oil map of Texas is not confined to any one section especially, but spreads out in every direction until now it almost covers the entire State.

State's Health Record Good.

A silver lining to our financial troubles is the State's health record for 1926. During the year there has been no serious outbreak of contagious disease—no flu epidemic—although there has been a few cases of flu here and there. One of our Texas cities—Fort Worth—has taken first place during 1926 as the healthiest city in the United States. Nearly all of our cities and towns have co-operated with health boards in maintaining sanitation and in enforcing health ordinances.

All areas in Texas that have been under quarantine for the past few years because of the prevalence and indications of hoof and mouth disease among cattle were released Nov. 22 in a proclamation signed by Governor Ferguson and members of the Livestock Sanitary

Commission. Anthrax, another fatal disease of cattle, and which is highly dangerous to human beings, practically has been cleared from the State. Veterinarians who have been fighting this disease, report there are still a few premises that need to be watched, but that the disease is wiped out so far as endangering the livestock industry of the State.

Texas was, indeed, fortunate in getting rid of the hoof and mouth disease without greater loss to cattle and without greater loss to business. California, several years ago, was almost ruined by this disease. Business in that State was at a standstill during the hoof and mouth epidemic, which ravaged livestock for nearly two years.

A Progressive Year.

In this review of the passing year it is impossible to tell of all the achievements of 1926. To do so would require many times the space herewith available. I would like to tell of the developments in mine, forest and field of our great State of Texas—of potash explorations and the explorations of other valuable minerals; of hardwoods from Texas forests that are now being turned into beautiful furniture by our own Texas furniture factories; of products from soils that are as rich as any in the world; of breeders of livestock who are building thoroughbred herds; of breeders of poultry who have been chiefly instrumental in doing away with so much scrub stock; of horticulturist who are working wonders in orchard development and who have caused Texas to lead in many varieties of fine fruits and fine pecans.

This and much more I should like to write about. But it is to be hoped I have said enough to demonstrate that 1926 has been a progressive and an abundant year in Texas—a year that we should not look back upon with vain regrets; a year undoubtedly that will bring home to us many valuable lessons for our well-being.

As the New Year dawns and the shadows of the old year linger, our hearts cannot be unmindful or ungrateful to God's blessings. Even though all our dreams did not come true, or all our pockets fill with gold, yet we have much for which to be thankful. The glad Christmas time is here—a season for loving deeds, kind words and gentle thoughts—a time to make others happy, to be of good cheer, and to look forward to the future with faith, hope, courage and confidence.

Christmas Day in the Holy Land

Where the Little Town of Bethlehem Lies in "Deep and Dreamless Sleep"

THIS is the time—this Christmas season—when they all go back to the land where Christmas began. Americans, bustling across three thousand miles of sea; Europeans; wise men of the East; others to whom the Grotto of the Nativity is only a figure of history and not a shrine.

For although the Christian religion is now an occidental faith, the cradle of Christianity draws adherents of every belief. To the vast majority of civilized humanity, Christian, Jewish and Moslem, the religious associations of Palestine predominate over the interest of any other place in the world, and now, as at all ages, pilgrims flock to its holy places.

Christianity, however, is responsible for the development of the cult of sacred places and none is held more holy than the Grotto on the eastern part of the mountainous ridge that runs southward from Jerusalem where the little town of Bethlehem still lies in "deep and dreamless sleep" on these winter nights.

The basilica which stands above it was erected nearly sixteen hundred years ago by the Emperor Constantine. It was restored and added to by the Emperor Justinian and later was surrounded by three great convents, built by the Greek, Latin and Armenian churches.

It was years later, when wars were raging in the Holy Land, that the sufferings of the Christians and desecration of their buildings created indignation through the West. Peter the Hermit, a native of Picardy, once a soldier, fanned this indignation into fury. After a pilgrimage to Bethlehem, he returned to Europe and preached the duty of the Church to rescue the holy places from the infidel. Under his leadership a motley crowd of crusaders set out, in 1096, for Palestine.

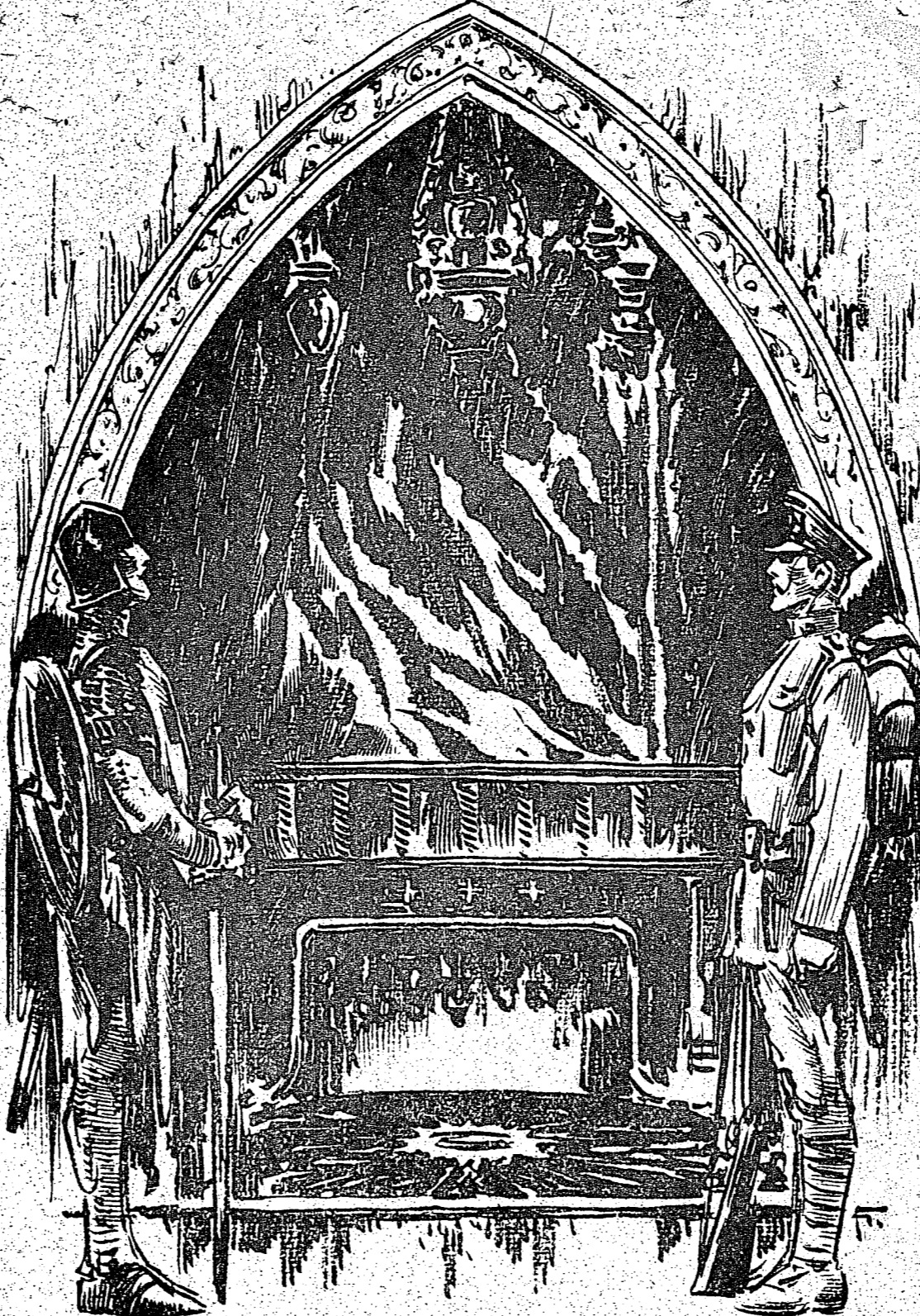
Thus the crusades began and lasted two hundred years. The crusaders captured the Grotto of the Nativity in the eleventh century. But in 1850 another war raged because of it when a dispute arose between France and Russia concerning the possession of the key to the chief door of the basilica and the right to place a silver star with the arms of France in the Grotto. France was victorious, but the disappointment of Russia was the cause of the Crimean war.

And even now soldiers—British soldiers—guard the shrine which stands where a manger was, more than nine-

teen centuries ago. They stand at attention, while sanctuary lights play upon the splendor of a place that once was a stable; warlike figures where "peace on earth" was born.

Pilgrims, Protestants and Catholic alike, kneel there, and remember the story of the first Christmas. The journey of a peasant family from Nazareth; the little town—even now the population is but 8,000—crowded by the influx of taxpayers; the inn turning them away, and lodging taken meekly in a stable. They fancy the shepherds trembling before their vision on the hillside beyond the town, and the great star, pausing in its journey across the heavens, to shine above that lowly place.

Other sacred associations, however, are drawing all classes of men and women to the Holy Land. The Jewish



Where Christ Was Born. The Grotto, Marking the Traditional Site of the Holy Manger at Bethlehem, Under the Basilica, Which Was Erected Over It by the Emperor Constantine Sixteen Hundred Years Ago.

people, who more so now than ever before in the history of the world, are coming to accept Christ as a great leader of men, centralize their ideas in Jerusalem.

The same associations are those of the Moslems, whose religion has so strangely absorbed the prophets and traditions of the older faiths.

So they all are going back at this season of good-will to man—people of all nations and all creeds—to participate in the Christmas, in the land where Christmas began!

WORLD'S FIRST RELIGION.

The Christmas tree, for example, is a survival of what possibly was the world's first religion, that of tree worship, touched with the story of the Crucifixion and the Death upon the Cross—the joyous symbol of the divine birth becoming also the tree upon which He died.

The electric lights, glass tops, tinsel and candy canes symbolize the belief that on Christmas day all trees burst into bloom; use of the somber evergreens is in part due to the fact that the ancients associated them especially with tragedy.

CHRISTMAS IN ROME A RELIGIOUS FESTIVAL.

Christmas is a religious festival in Italy, when all the churches and cathedrals hold their most beautiful services. In the Church of Santa Maria Maggiore (Saint Mary the Greater) in Rome is preserved the sacred Presepe, or manger, which the worshipers there believe to be the manger in which the Christ Child was laid on the morning of His birth. It is exhibited to the throng of pilgrims on every Christmas Eve. At another of the great Roman churches it is the custom for two or three little boys to deliver sermons on Christmas Day, in commemoration of Christ's discourses to the doctors in the temple.

"MERRY CHRISTMAS!"

Centuries ago, an infant Christ-child was born in a lowly manger. Wise men came long distances to bring it gifts, even though it was only a baby, and a baby born in wretched poverty, at that. Since then we have celebrated Christmas by giving presents to one another. It is fine to receive lots of presents. But it is so much finer to give them. Boys and girls aren't expected to give costly things. It is the spirit of giving that counts.

And even if it is only a smile, and a cheerily-spoken "Merry Christmas," it will do a lot to spread joy—and make you feel a lot better, too.

WHEN CHRISTMAS WAS PAGAN.

Long, long before Christ was born or even prophesied, December 25 was celebrated as the winter solstice of the sun. Great pagan festivities honored what was supposed to be the procession of the source of light around the earth. The two weeks before Christmas and Twelfth Night represent the conflict between the old idolatry and the new religion, between the pagan and the Christian worlds, when Pan and all his hosts made their last stand against the teachings of Christ. Thus many of our ancient Christmas customs are half pagan in their origin.

Christmas Gifts With Fluff and Puff

"Oh! What pretty, dainty things we can make this year," Puss said to me the other day.

Yes, but we must get busy and have them all ready to wrap as soon as possible," I answered.

Here are the things we made: First, a pair of adorable dolls called "Mitzi" and "Ritzi," that are the rage in Paris now. They were for a friend who loves to decorate her car in the latest fad. The bodies are cut on simple design for head, arms and legs. The back and front are sewed together and they are stuffed with cotton, sawdust or rags. A funny face is painted on. They are dressed in pajama coat and pants. In line with the popular fad of black and white they are dressed in all white with large black buttons or reverse colors. Long, bushy fringed collars and stocking caps complete the doll.



A clever and unique powder box and puff cover is made in the following way: Sew together 3 yards of dainty pink or blue 3/4-inch wide ribbon. Draw in to fit around the outside of a tea-ball tin box, forming a ruffle at the top and bottom. Sew a gold lace frill 1/2-yard long under the lower ruffle. To make the cover, sew 1/2 yard of gold lace around a buckram disc 3 inches in diameter. Decorate the top with a rose or other artificial flower. For the handle, cover a slender stock of desired length with a shirred ribbon and sew one end under the top flower. Tack a powder puff under the disc.

Dainty garters are always a lovely gift for a lovely lady. So we made many different designs. It takes about twelve inches of rubber for each garter. One pretty design for covering is to choose two different colored ribbons, using one color for the inside and the other for the outside. If you wish to have a ruffle at the top and bottom it is necessary to select ribbon together, being sure to leave ample room to run the rubber through. Decorate with ribbon flowers or the dainty hand-painted buttons so much in vogue. Another pretty design is to select a ribbon a trifle wider than the rubber and then a narrow ribbon of harmonizing color and have hemstitched onto the wider one for a ruffle at top and bottom. There are many others, too, that I am sure you can design yourself.

A dainty and pretty pin cushion is so easy to make. All stores carry a supply ready to be dressed. By sewing a dainty lace edge to a two-inch ribbon and combining two or three rows, sewing together where lace and ribbon meet, you will have an unusual dress. Gather around the waist and decorate in front with a tiny flower corsage.



Another gift welcomed by every girl or woman is a satchel bag. We made a novel one like this. Sew two pieces of three-inch ribbon 2 1/2 or 4 inches long together with a piece of cotton the same size which has been generously sprinkled with sachet on the inside. Bind with a narrow ribbon of the same color but of a deeper shade, and have hemstitched if you desire. Make three of these the same size and of the same color of different shades. It is lovely to use a different scent of sachet for each packet of the three. When they are all finished, tie together with a ribbon the same as the binding and decorate with a little bouquet.

We made an adorable flower vase out of an old olive bottle by covering with silver net. Place a buckram disc 3 inches in diameter on the bottom of the bottle, fastening them together by sewing through the silver lace. Sew puffing around the mouth of the bottle, using 1/2 yard of narrow ribbon. Also use 1/2 yard of the same ribbon to sew puffing on inner and outer edge of disc. Fasten a spray of flowers to cover where lace comes together.

There are so many adorable pillows this year, and we had such a wide choice, it was very hard to choose which was the prettiest. One we made was a heart shape. We gathered yards and yards of pretty ribbon, which we stitched on the pillow, that had been previously covered, starting at the outer edge and following the shape, worked to the inside. It is best to pin on first and then sew—you can judge the placing of the ribbon better. In the center we chose a pretty artificial flower of harmonizing shades. We also made one that was oblong and for the top we wove two harmonizing shades of ribbon, 2 inches wide, together, making it look like a checkerboard. We tacked it here and there to

hold the squares together. We used a satin back and a ruffle of ribbon for the outer edge. If you have a knack for painting, you could make one with a painted figure in the center of a heart-shaped pillow and finished with a ruffle on the outside, or an oblong or square shape with dainty flowers in the corners and a ruffle or not, just as you choose. Ruffles may be made of lace or ribbon.

A very unusual candy box we made with ribbon and flowers. We selected a small tin box and enameled it with green paint. After this was thoroughly dry, we ruffled several yards of one-inch ribbon just a little. Then, with a ruler laid across the top from every direction, we dotted off a little space, starting from the outer edge, just a little under an inch wide. We worked toward the center, marking spaces of the same width. After we had made these all around the box, we connected them with a fine line to make circles. On these lines we put a thin line of liquid glue.

Then we put our ribbon around and around the top, pressing the ribbon on with our fingers. Be sure and start each row in the same line, gluing the ends together. When it is all on, finish in the center with a flower and let a spray cover the joined ends. If you would like it better, cover the box completely with a satin foundation (use a square or oblong box), and then decorate with ruffled ribbon, glued on.

Puss and I are happy with our little gifts and anticipate a very Merry Christmas time.

Christmas With the Johnny Rebs

(Continued from Page 2.)

The Christmas season with his family. Never was man happier than when he hurried home, through bottoms and over hills to loved ones from whom he had been parted so long, and never was there a greater Christmas gift to wife or children than when husband and father unexpectedly opened the door of his little home on Christmas Eve or Christmas day. Many soldiers who were furloughed walked all day and far into the night, with feet sore and bleeding, in order to make a Christmas gift, of his presence, to those who were dearer to him than his own life.

But there was one to whom the anticipated joys of a furlough, like the apples of the Dead sea, turned to ashes on the lips. He was a relative of mine. His regiment was encamped about fifty miles from his home. He was not feeling well, and as Christmas was only a few days in the future, he was given a parole and permitted to go home and remain there until fit for service. Though feeling very badly, the hopes of spending Christmas at home revived his spirits and gave new strength to his body. Joyfully he began the journey homeward, riding when a ride could be had, and walking when there was no other means of travel. But before reaching home the disease which had been preying upon his frame came to full flower, and he developed a genuine case of smallpox. This malady was far more dreaded and much more fatal than now, and its appearance threw an entire community into a frenzy of excitement and fear. Though he was in sight of his home, for which his heart had long yearned, it would not do to hazard the lives of his loved ones by taking the awful malady to them. His condition became known and an immune conducted him to a cabin, where he was nursed and fed until the disease disappeared.

The gray line of the Confederacy is now a very thin line. Only a few of those who fought under Lee, Jackson and Bragg are with us, and only a few of the heroines who kept watch over the homes and children while husbands, brothers and sons bared their breasts to bayonets, shot and shell in defense of their native land remain. Their memory of the Christmas times of the early sixties is not a pleasant retrospection, but their heroism and sacrifices make golden the pages of the Southland's history. Christmas is with us again; the last Christmas that many of these heroines and heroines will spend on earth. And may it be as joyful and as peaceful as their war-time days were stormy and heart-rending.

THE GIFT OF PEACE:—Peace, I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.—John 14:27.



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RECONCILE THY GIFT:—Therefore, if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. Matt. 5:23-24.

JESUS IN GALILEE:—And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. Matt. 4:23.

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Home-Coming Days

MERRY CHRISTMAS! Texas people and people everywhere exclaim to each other as they meet at this season of the year, coming from distant points to gather once more about the home altar. For, on Christmas day the people pause in their hurried affairs that they may enjoy the one day out of three hundred and sixty-five in companionship with their families and loved ones.

Christmas day is "home-coming" day. From our earliest memories it is associated with the gladdest recollections of happy times entwined around the home circle, with members of the family present to partake of the merriment. Our first mental picture dates back to a cone-shaped evergreen tree, with decorations of spangles and brightly lighted candles, loaded with toys. Since infancy we have been seeing these trees or pictures of them and ever the word "Christmas" associated with them.

Revives Old Memories.

Christmas day has a history all its own, a history which runs through a whole nation of people and their lives. We cannot afford to lose reverence for ancestral memories. What a power there lies hidden in the word, "Christmas," to revive old memories of past days—memories of a home now broken, but united again as those of the family scattered, perhaps over a vast area, come together again this Christmas to the old homestead.

These homecoming days are mystical days—days laden with sweet thoughts and happy anticipations. There has already begun a lot of bustling about, getting ready to make the home-coming trip, and if you get tuned in on the right wave length you will hear whisperings of "Don't tell now," "This gift is for mother," "Be sure and put in father's present," and similar exciting phrase-words, always urging secrecy and confined exclusively to the family circle.

If Christmas brings snowy weather, it will serve to enhance the holiday spirit. It is seldom in Texas that members of the family Christmas party are conveyed to the home where celebrations are scheduled to take place, in sleighs and particularly noticeable has been the passing of the sleighs drawn by prancing horses that shook the bells as they trotted through the highways, speeding through the snowdrifts, up and down hill, over bridges spanning ice-bound streams and along the edge of marshes out of which a startled rabbit would now and then dart. Perhaps the modern auto-sled will still bring family parties into Northern homes, but in sunny Texas there will be other modes of modern travel to bring homecoming parties together.

For the Feast Draws Near.

Many relatives have already gathered and the home-coming has been completed weeks ahead. In advance all plans have been laid for the big celebration. The homes have begun to take on a hustle and bustle that characterize them at no other time than the Christmas season. The plumpest turkey in the home flock, or more likely on the home market, has been selected and shut away

from its fellows to be made plumper as the day for feasting draws near.

The linen to grace the Christmas dinner has been freshly laundered and the house decorated with holly wreaths, mistletoe and Christmas evergreens. Soon will come the greatest of all days—the day before Christmas! Can anyone ever forget it who has been privileged to know its joys? Mother is the hostess as she directs affairs of the entire household, each fitting into the scheme of things like a cog in the proverbial wheel.

There is the cookie jar to fill, the chicken salad to make, cranberries to prepare, the turkey to stuff and set away in a cold place to await in state the coming of tomorrow. Popcorn balls will probably be made, likewise candy, while all through the house will be the delightful aroma that emanates at this season alone from the kitchen door, a conglomeration of scents capable of enticing the most jaded of appetites and preparing the way for a rare and delectable feast.

The day itself may dawn chill, but if clouds do hover over the skies all is bright within and everybody happy and ready for the festivities of the occasion. Every outside sound brings those already gathered to attention, awaiting the last home-comer. And then, such hurrying and hurrying! Greetings are effusive as wraps are removed and laid aside. Visitors make themselves "right at home," while the youngsters tip-toe and listen to learn what additional gifts have been brought.

The Spirit That Predominates.

Mothers and fathers, if they are yet here to grace the occasion, smile a welcome to denote another day of pleasantries and to mark another event in memories' history. The day brings, as do all such days, its changes—its pleasures, its joys, its sorrows, its losses and afflictions, but back of it all there lies the predominant spirit of the Christmas season, the spirit which at this season, is warmer, gentler, kinder, than at any other season of the year.

From our earliest youth our minds have been so saturated with the idea of gladness and joy at Christmas time that it is just as impossible to escape the Christmas thought that the season is one of gaiety, mirth and good deeds, as it is to evade any one of our daily habits. Happy childhood! Happy Christmas time! Is there one who would rob us of cold reason and unsympathetic feeling of this delightful illusion? The love of friends and kindred draw us to the home-coming circle, where we banish prosaic days and mix and mingle in joy, in gladness, in vivacity and magic and mystery.

Christmas takes us to the kingdom of home life. It means father and mother—the family—the forgetting of sorrows and cares; it means old days renewed; it means the gathering just for a home-coming and over each home is hanging the invisible, but heartfelt message, "Peace on earth, good will among men."

The same old Christmas, possibly, but always different. The family's all there. The love of generations of men and women is there. The sons of men, the seers of the earth, saw no finer vision than this one. Home-coming ties renewed; all dwelling together in happiness, peace, love, co-operation and harmony.

Christmas Games

One of the difficulties of the people who spend Christmas properly, and do not miss out the old-time party, is the provision of something new in the way of games. The charm of many of the old amusements, of course, never dies, and chief among them is snap-dragon, with its merry fun and innocent grabbing after the fiery fruit, and often the traditional blind man's buff, or the singing of quaint and tuneful carols. Acting appeals to many, and so does the impromptu charade or the prepared little play, often the work of the children; or, failing this, recitations and music—something, at any rate, in which all can take part either as performers or audience. When all these are tired of, however, here are one or two which will make the minutes speed by merrily enough.

THE CIRCLE OF MYSTERY.

Great fun can be got from the circle of mystery. Let the guests join hands in a circle. A, on her right hand, whispers into B's ear an article; in the ear of C, who is on her left hand, an adjective. B then whispers a noun to A; and to

D, on her right hand, a conjunction. Each player whispers a part of the speech to those who stand right and left of her. Then all the words are repeated and summed up by A in the following order:

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| Article. | Verb. |
| Adjective. | Adverb. |
| Noun. | Interjection. |
| Conjunction. | Preposition. |
| Pronoun. | |
- The words gathered together may make some absurd sentences.

PLUM PUDDING IN ENGLAND.

In England, the plum pudding is the great Christmas dish. This used to be the boar's head, till civilization appeared to dislike boars' heads. In "Marmion" Sir Walter Scott enumerates the boar's head crowned with bay and rosemary, the sirloin steak, the plum pudding, the Christmas pie and the several different kinds of ale as being the make-up of the Christmas dinner of the day.

The English plum pudding is usually made in an oblong shape, to commemorate the manger in which Christ was laid.

SELF-DENIAL.

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737 ACRES, \$20 acre. Half open, 1,000, 200 head of oak, poplar, beech, etc. Two miles station. Splendid oil prospects available. **Geological Bulletin**, Vicksburg, Miss; recent. **OWNERS**, Box 455, Vicksburg, Miss.

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MINNESOTA—157-acre dairy farm, near Austin, prime, reasonable, good terms. **Box 86**, Forest Lake, Minn.

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WANTED—TRADE black land farm well improved, 30 minutes from Corsicana, containing four hundred acres lightly encumbered. Unimproved, 250 acres, situated in best Louisiana territory, black pecan land, two residences, four black land, 200 acres, splendid residence, 300 acres, 100 head of live stock, 200 head of hogs, 200 head of cattle. Will lend money to refinance mortgaged black land farms or make new loans. **W. H. BROWN**, Corsicana, Texas.

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OWNER will exchange small highly improved irrigated fruit, alfalfa and other property for merchandise or income property. **L. MARTIN**, Dexter, N. M.

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SALE OR TRADE—Furniture, fixtures and lease, 40-room hotel and dining room. **PAUL PHILLIPS**, Muskogee, Okla.

FILING STATION—store and sample house, with 5 acres of land, one of the best locations in the State, on Santa Fe Railroad and two main highways. Good clear stock of groceries, fires, tubes, auto accessories and oils. New fireproof building. Will pay for itself in one year. For quick sale, \$5,000, 12 cash, balance 1% per cent. **HARRY LAMMON**, Negra, N. M.

COFFEE and dining room for lease to party who had experience and knowledge in the coffee business; beautiful new counter and other fixtures just installed; all linens, silverware and utensils. Good new, and business is going good; located in a first class hotel. Requires about \$2,000 to start. Any further information, address **HUBER KOHLER**, Beaville, Texas.

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BUFF ROCKS, LILLIAN NELSON, Brighton, Texas.

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For Our Boys and Girls

By AUNT MARY

HERE IS THE SUNSHINE FOR CHRISTMAS.

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"After the two were again in front of the fire Dolly continued, "Annabelle, I have the best plan you ever heard of. You know the other day we were wishing we had something new for Christmas. Well, just now as I was coming to your house, I saw some men putting up the roof on a church was going to feed the poor on Christmas. It made me think that perhaps there are many poor children who will not have a bit of fun for Christmas. So I will tell you what let's do. What do you say to having a party for Shut-Ins at my home? I am sure mother will not care."

"Oh! what a peach of an idea, Doll!" Annabelle cried, jumping up. "Let's go right now and tell our mothers. My mother went over to see your mother just before you came in. If we hurry we can catch them. I am sure."

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THE PRINCE OF PEACE: Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulders; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, the PRINCE OF PEACE.—Isaiah 9:6.

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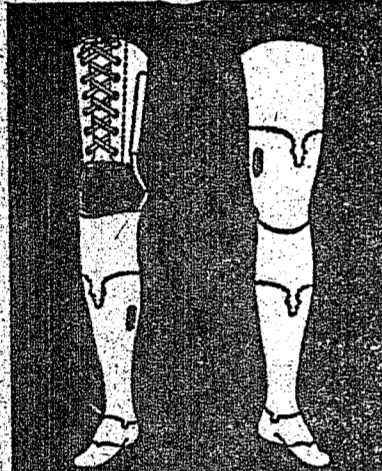
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CHRISTMAS MUSINGS

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Gone are the days of summer—the days when we longed to travel new paths and see new faces. We were gypsies when the warm winds blew; we longed to tramp the winding paths that climbed the mountain sides—or was it the sandy lanes along the shore? Wherever it was, with the first cold breath from the north we turned our wandering footsteps homeward, and our dreams turned to logs burning on the open hearth, and hams in the old smoke house—OUR HOME.

When Christmas is around the corner we are eager, so eager, to cross that familiar threshold; to feel the grip of the friendly handclasp, the warmth of happy hearts, and hear the ring of merry laughter.

This is the time of year when "blood is thicker than water," when like will call to like; when old quarrels and old feuds should be forgotten. This is the time when the old instinct (as old as the race) rises in the heart of mankind and all people long for a home of their own. Not merely a house, but a HOME, where there is love and peace—a refuge at the end of a troubled day. The narrow streets and the wide ones lead not to the open paths of the world; but to HOME, SWEET HOME.

**UNUSUAL DISHES FOR THE HOLIDAYS.
FROM MY MOTHER'S COOK BOOK.**

Here are some very unusual dishes for the holiday season. They are different, they are delicious, they are tried and true. I have taken them from my mother's cook book, tried them, and pass them on to you. I hope you will like them as well as we did and keep the good word going by giving them to a friend. After all, that is the Christmas spirit, is it not? It is the spirit for the whole year round, too, I believe—giving of the best we have. Merry Christmas to you all.

MRS. STUTE.

Potato Brownies.

Pare and cut six potatoes in halves, lengthway. Let them stand in cold water thirty or forty minutes. Dry the potatoes on a soft cloth, dip each piece in melted butter or oil and dust with pepper. Salt and add a tiny bit of powdered sugar. Lay them in a roasting-pan under the meat rack and let them cook in the meat juices, preferably under beef.

Fish Flake Cakes.

Cook in boiling salted water until tender two cups of raw potatoes, cut in quarters. Drain, mash and add one can of fish flakes, two tablespoons butter, or cream sauce, a pinch of pepper and a little hot milk. Beat thoroughly, shape in cakes, dip in flour, and fry in fat of three or four slices of bacon.

Mince Meat Supreme.

Cook together two and a half pounds lean meat and one pound of suet (fat) until tender, and cool in the water in which it was cooked. Grind the meat (should be four cups). Add eight cups of chopped apples, the suet and stock (water over meat), two pounds of seeded raisins, one pound of currants, one pound of dates chopped, one pound of citron (cut fine), one and one-half cups of molasses, one quart of sweet cider, three cups of brown su-

gar, one and one-half cups of white sugar, two and one-half tablespoons of salt, one tablespoon each of allspice and cinnamon, one and one-half teaspoons mace, two teaspoons cloves, one teaspoon pepper, and one nutmeg, grated. Simmer this mixture one and one-half hours and then add the juice of two lemons and two oranges, and one and one-half cup of strawberry preserves.

This may be sealed in sterilized jars before adding the juices of the oranges and lemons, and strawberries, and kept for a long time. Add the last mentioned articles when ready to use. The above recipe will make eighteen pies.

Whipped Cream Pudding.

¼ teaspoon salt.
2 cups cream.
1 level tablespoon gelatine.
¼ cup sugar.
1 teaspoon flavoring.

Soak gelatine in cold water and add enough boiling water to thoroughly melt. Whip the cream until it will "stand," add the sugar and flavoring and stir in thoroughly. Then add the gelatine, a little at a time until all is added, and beat until stiff. Separate into three equal parts and to one add a little vegetable coloring and a few chopped pecans; to the second add a small amount of melted chocolate and a half cup of coconut; to the third add chopped walnuts (or pecans) and several chopped marshmallows. Put in a freezer or coffee can, first the pink or colored layer, then the chocolate, and lastly the white. Pack around this two parts of ice and one part of salt, and let freeze. If a strip of rag dipped in melted paraffin or lard is placed around where lid and vessel meet, it will keep out salt.

This is a very rich and delicious dessert. Serve in slices. It may be necessary to add more ice and salt from time to time to make it perfectly solid. Do not stir or whip while freezing.

Sea Foam Candy.

Cook together 2 cups brown sugar and 1 cup water. When it spins a thread pour slowly, heating all the time, on the stiffly beaten whites of one egg. When thick drop by spoonfuls on buttered plates.

Delicious Drink for Festivals.

Strain one quart of either strawberry, wild grape or cherry juice; add one pint of granulated sugar and let stand in cool place for six hours. Put over a hot fire and let come to a vigorous boil, skim, and drip through a jelly bag. To serve, add four tablespoons of the fruit syrup to a medium glass of crushed ice, then fill the glass with water. You might try combining the juices to suit your taste. They are healthful, delicious and cheap. What more could we want?

**SOME WAYS OF ENTERTAINING AT THE
CHRISTMAS PARTY.**

After the gifts are all examined, and the turkey and all the trimmings have "vanished," there comes a time when it is so nice to have a few ways of entertaining your guests. So I am going to describe a few interesting games and ways of entertaining. These are games that may be enjoyed by both young and old.

There is the feather blowing game, in which there are sodles of fun. The players are divided into two groups. A big basket is placed in the middle of the room. Each player is given a feather. The players are lined up, one group on each side of the room. They toss the feather into the air at a given signal, fold their hands behind them and blow the feather into the basket. If any one unfolds his or her hands, he or she must pay a forfeit to the "starter." Also, a forfeit must be paid if a feather is allowed to touch the floor. The side getting their feathers in the basket first win the prize, which may be a toy feather duster, or something funny.

A very amusing way to choose partners for dinner or cards is to announce that you are going to see they will all have a jolly time, and to insure this you are going to make "perfect fools" of all of them. Then pass around comical hats. Have two baskets of animal crackers, one of each animal in a basket; pass one set to the ladies and one to the men, who then pair off according to the kind of animal they have, that is, a lion lady has the man with a lion cracker for a partner, etc. A contest may be had here by having each guest eat a cracker, and the one that can say "The boy ran around the ragged rock" the fastest gets the prize, which should be a box of animal crackers.

The old, old-fashioned games of animal crackers, to the mule, a ribbon bow on the neck of a painted cat, the ear on a rabbit, never seem to wear out, but find favor and fun at every gathering.

Another old favorite is to have a hole cut in an old sheet, large enough for a person's face to stick through, the guests going behind the sheet in turn, and putting their faces through the hole, making the funniest face possible. Prizes may be given in the form of a toy clown balloon, etc.

Some how the old-fashioned games seem to strike a very responsive cord in the human heart these busy hurrying days. Plan your party or entertainment in advance. Keep your guests busy and your party will be one long to be remembered.

Card games are always a very nice way to spend time, and there are so many interesting games played with cards that you have a wide variety to choose from.

When purchasing your gifts for the Christmas time have a list of the favors you want and purchase them then. This will save time for you in more than one way.

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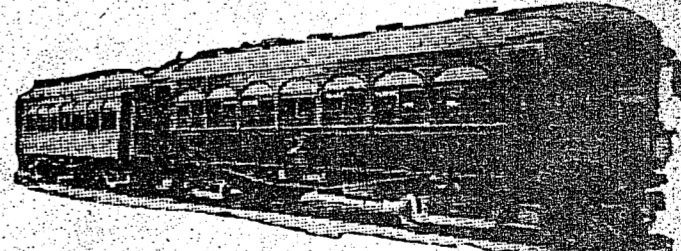


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