

THE GOLDTHWAITE EAGLE

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\$10,612 State Aid Approved For County

State Supervisor P. L. Stone Completes Inspection of All Mills County Schools

P. L. Stone, rural school supervisor for the state board of education, has completed his work in Mills county and has recommended that \$10,612.00 state aid be disbursed to the 21 schools eligible for aid in the county. Mullin with \$1158 and Goldthwaite with \$150 top the list, and the schools at Pompey Creek and Head with \$173 and 152, respectively, will secure the smallest sums. In some of the schools certain changes were recommended by Mr. Stone.

In addition to the amount allotted for salaries, Mullin will get \$162 and Big Valley will get \$240 for transportation and Big Valley, Center City and Prairie will each receive \$70 for industrial training.

The total state aid recommended each school is as follows:

Mullin	\$1158
Goldthwaite	1150
Big Valley	908
Star	653
Center City	651
Pompey Mountain	614
Prairie	601
Ebony	547
Mount Olive	515
Center Point	450
Wash Board	400
Pecan Wells	400
Trigger Mountain	384
Bennett	361
Midway	352
Ridge	302
Pleasant Grove	295
Lake Merritt	254
Pompey Creek	173
Head	152

Total \$10,612

The total approved last year was \$13,800, but this was reduced on account of Goldthwaite not receiving the full amount allotted.

This year the state is paying on a six month school basis, as compared with 6½ months last year.

A LOVELY SHOWER

An outstanding social event of the past week was Miss Anna Gene Johnson's miscellaneous shower for Miss Bernadine Rudd, a popular bride-elect of the holiday season.

The guests assembled at the Johnson home at 2:30 Saturday afternoon and engaged in a spirited game of bridge. One unusual feature of the affair was the fact that the high score was given for her. Two attractive silhouette plaques were awarded for first prize. Miss Myra Nell Johnson received the consolation prize.

After the games several tea guests arrived and a delicious salad course was served. The large table tray which served the honoree's table was centered with a miniature Christmas tree. A tiny scroll was found in the branches of this tree which read: "No presents will you find on me but just look under the other tree."

On the library table stood a large tree elaborately decorated and surrounding it was a mound of artificial grass which was removed and there under the tree was a real "shower" of packages. As each one was unwrapped exclamations of admiration were heard. A lovely assortment of gifts was received by the honoree. Holly and chrysanthemums were used for decorations throughout the reception suite.

Miss Johnson was assisted in entertaining by her mother, Mrs. H. B. Johnson, and also by Mrs. R. H. Mayfield, Mrs. Wallace Stroud and Miss Leota Simpson.

PLENTY OF RAIN

Everybody can kick about we've had plenty.

Beer Bill Passed By Lower House

By a vote of 230 to 165 the House of Representatives at Washington voted Wednesday to legalize 3.2 beer. The bill was passed after a bitter fight in which Congressman Blanton of Texas led the dry forces. The vote was not as strongly wet as the vote for repeal on the opening day of Congress when the vote stood 272 for repeal to 144 against.

Texas congressmen who followed the lead of Speaker Garner in voting wet the first time have evidently heard from home. Included in the forty-odd votes that changed from wet to dry were Representatives Briggs, Jones, Lanham, Rayburn, and Summers all of Texas. Paired, but opposed to it, were Johnson and Williams, both of whom had voted for repeal.

The next step is up to the senate. If it passes a bill, it is almost certain to differ from the house bill enough to require a conference by a committee from both houses, and a new vote in each. If a beer bill is finally passed by both houses, it will then be up to the president to decide whether he will approve it or veto it. If he should veto it, that will kill it for this session of Congress as it is impossible for the wets to muster the required two-thirds majority in both houses to pass it over a veto.

Beer will still be outlawed in Texas by the state constitution regardless of any action that Congress may take.

FARM HOME BURNED

Roy Tyson's home on the J. D. Priddy farm in Bulls Springs community, burned at an early hour Tuesday morning and only a portion of the family belongings were saved. Occurring at a time when the family was in bed made it impossible to check the blaze or save all of the furniture and clothing. There was no insurance on the house or contents and the blaze is supposed to have been caused by a defective flue.

BOOMER RESUMED

The Pompey Mountain school faculty and student body resumed the publication of the Mountain Boomer this week and it is to be issued each month during the school. It is a very interesting school paper and has the distinction of being the only publication of its kind, in that no other rural school issues a paper in a community where there is not a single business house. The Pompey Mountain school is one of the best in the county and the community is one of the most progressive to be found anywhere.

HOLIDAY VACATION

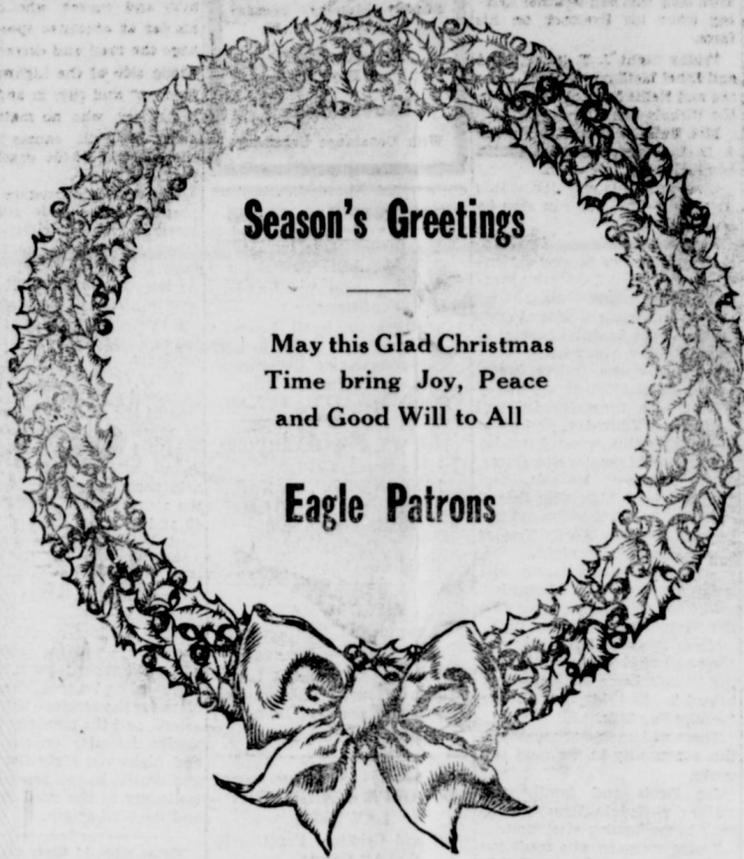
Owing to the rapid increase in the number of cases of flu and other causes of illness, we thought it best to dismiss school Monday of this week. This we hope will not only decrease the number of cases of flu, but will also decrease the number of failures at mid-term. School will begin Monday, Jan. 2, 1933.

We wish to extend to our patrons and friends a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

E. D. STRINGER

MARRIAGE LICENSE

County Clerk Porter has issued marriage license to Clebourne Masters of Mullin and Miss Florence Oden of Lake Merritt, A. W. Fesmire, a United States soldier, and Miss Lillian Keith of Star.



Season's Greetings

May this Glad Christmas Time bring Joy, Peace and Good Will to All

Eagle Patrons

HOME-GROWN LEMONS

Mrs. Henry Martin has one of the most wonderful lemon trees to be found anywhere. It bears prolifically and the lemons are from 12 to 14 inches in circumference and weigh a pound and a half. They are not only ornamental, but are equally as good for making lemonade as the smaller fruit. The idea that fruit of this kind can not be successfully grown in the Mills county soil and climate is all wrong, as Mr. Martin has successfully demonstrated for a good many years and the tree continues to grow larger and produces every year.

DELIGHTFUL ENTERTAINMENT

The "Old Family Album," staged Tuesday night at the opera house by the Wesley Workers class of the Methodist Sunday school, was a success from every standpoint. Notwithstanding the disagreeable weather, the house was comfortably filled and the audience thoroughly enjoyed every number. The show was postponed from Thursday night of last week on account of bad weather, but the people were anxious to see it and those who attended the presentation are enthusiastic in their expressions of appreciation. It was a success financially as well as otherwise.

HOUSE BURGLARIZED

The residence of Wayne Reynolds, located near the highway two miles south of Mullin, was burglarized Sunday night and quite a lot of the household belongings, including a phonograph, was taken, but it was all recovered by the officers and three men were arrested at Lometa and brought to Goldthwaite and jailed, charged with the burglary. They gave their names as R. R. Roberts, Oklahoma; C. D. Baker, Kansas; W. E. Bay, Oklahoma. They were granted bail by Judge Rahl in the sum of \$750, but up to the time of the Eagle's going to press they were still in jail.

County Community News

NORTH BENNETT

North Bennett people say Christmas gift and a happy New Year to the rest of the communities represented in the Eagle.

There has been a right smart sickness in our community during the bad days, but most every one seems to be feeling better at this writing.

Pete Geeslin, who has been seriously sick for some time is able to be up at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Flatt of near Hamilton were visiting in our community a short while Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Huckaby and children were doing some Christmas shopping in Goldthwaite Saturday.

Mrs. Miles and daughter, Althea, of McGirk were visiting in our community awhile Sunday.

Mrs. Bachelor and daughter, Lula, also Mr. and Mrs. Ben Nix and daughter, Sarah Beth, attended the singing convention at Blanket Sunday.

RIDGE

The P. T. A. sponsored a play and a box supper at the school house Friday night. The boxes brought \$30.00. Everyone was real pleased with the way the boxes sold. The money will be used to improve the school grounds.

Tickets were sold for the kitchen boxes and Faye Massey held the ticket that won the first box. Mrs. May Meeks got the other.

The P. T. A. offered 75c to the school pupil who got the most articles to go in the kitchen boxes. Roby Cummings, Elvis Hollis and Lee Ola Kelso entered the contest. Roby got 53, Elvis got 40 and Lee Ola got 67.

Zelda Kelso returned home last Tuesday from Indian Gap, where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Howington, for several weeks.

Mrs. Edmondson, Lois Miller, Mrs. Cummings and children, Ruby and Roby, attended church at Ebony Sunday morning. Several from here attended church there Sunday night.

Bro. Renfro preached for us Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

There will be a Christmas tree at the school house Friday evening for the school children.

SOUTH BENNETT

There were thirty-one present at Sunday school Sunday and a good lesson reported from each class. We decided we would not have Sunday school next Sunday, as so many are planning to visit other places, but we will have it New Year's Sunday.

Singing Sunday night was fine. We changed our singing from night to the afternoon, so let's all be there in the afternoon of the first Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Simpson and children, Dan Covington and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Moore and Misses Norton and Piper and Bill Jones visited in the Dick Griffin home Friday night.

Miss Charline Warren spent part of last week visiting Mrs. Floyd Featherston at Kelly.

T. J. Harrison visited B. R. Casbeer one day last week.

Frank Benningfield and Bill Allard visited in the Stacy home Sunday.

Mrs. Anna Jones and Mary Martha visited Misses Nettie and Myrtle Russell Sunday morning.

Boy Scouts Hold Court Of Honor

Tenderfoot and First Class Scouts Receive Awards for Passing Tests Creditably

Monday evening the Goldthwaite Troop of the Boy Scouts held a Council of Honor. Prof. E. D. Stringer presided and conducted the tests. Scout Executive G. N. Quirl of Brownwood assisted him.

Those passing the Tenderfoot tests and receiving the Tenderfoot badge were: Billy Saylor, Omar Harvey, Wallace A. Johnson and Lester Moreland.

First class awards were made to T. Wallace Johnson, Harold Yarborough and Bentley Clements. Harold Yarborough also received three merit badges for successfully passing the tests in life saving, swimming and woodwork.

The Boy Scouts are meeting every Thursday at troop headquarters in the old Coca Cola building on Parker street. James Marberry is Scout Master. Boys over 12 who would like to become scouts are invited to ask any of the twenty members for information.

CENTER POINT PROGRAM

For Sunday night, December 25 Subject—Christmas Lesson.

Leader—Georgia Sparkman. Opening Song: Scripture reading—53rd chapter of Isaiah—Geneva Sparkman. Opening prayer—Mr. Jenkins. Birth of Jesus—Miss Bessie Hutchings. Reading: God's Gift to the World—Ruby French.

The Shepherd Seekers—Eva Falton. Reading: In the Lonely Midnight—Lucille Taylor.

Visit of the Wise Men—Ilene Sheffield. Quartette: Birth of Our King.

Talk on Bethlehem—Johnnie Taylor. Reading: Santa's Ride—Owen Perry Stark.

Message of Bethlehem—Verne French. Reading: The Christ Child Walks On Christmas—Vera Conner.

Message of the Judean Shepherds—Ola Belle Williams. Announcements. Closing prayer—Bro. Sparkman. REPORTER.

SCHOOL CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS

The Goldthwaite public schools were closed for the holidays Monday and the classes will not be resumed until Jan. 2. The closing was a few days earlier than had been intended, because of quite a lot of sickness among the pupils. The extreme bad weather of last week caused many bad colds and several cases of flu developed. The school board took this into consideration, as well as the near approach of the Christmas holidays and decided best to declare a vacation until the first Monday in January. This will give the teachers who live elsewhere an opportunity to go home for Christmas, while those who live here can have the time to make such preparations as they like for the Christmas time.

All things considered, the school board acted wisely and has the approval of everybody interested.

A QUIET WEDDING

Rev. Bates, pastor of the Nazarene church, reports the marriage of Bedford Kuykendall and Miss Pauline Tyson at his home Friday night at 7 o'clock. The couple will continue to make their home in Mills county. The groom is from Moline and the bride grew to womanhood in Goldthwaite. They have many friends who wish them the best of fortune through life.

HOLIDAY ANNOUNCED

The by-laws of the Retail Merchants Association of Goldthwaite say specifically that where Christmas falls on Sunday the following Monday, Dec. 26, is to be observed as a holiday. This is one of the four holidays provided for by the rules of this association. It is, therefore, expected that the business houses will be closed on that day.

W. M. JOHNSTON, Secretary.

M. Y. P. D. PROGRAM

Song: Silent Night, Holy Night. Prayer—Rev. Hammond. Leader—Louise Doggett. Subject: How Big Is Your Christmas?

Scripture reading: Luke 2:8-20—Connie Saylor. Duet—Mary Ellen Trent and Floyce A. Dickerson. Poem—Jack Hall. Benediction—Mrs. Bigham.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

LESS THAN \$100 WILL FEED FAMILY

It doesn't require much cash to feed a family of five properly if the right methods are followed, Miss Lola Blair, nutritionist at A. & M. College declares.

"As in 1932, a family of five can provide its yearly food with the expenditure of less than \$100 in cash if demonstration methods are followed," says Miss Blair. "This requires two dairy cows, a half-acre garden, a half-acre fruit plot, 40 chickens, one 500-pound beef, three hogs and limited quantities of such cereals as corn, wheat, oats, rice and grain sorghums."

"Yearly food requirements for such a family consist of 364 gallons of milk; about 3000 pounds of vegetables equally divided between leafy, starchy, other vegetables (potatoes, corn, etc.), and garden fruits (tomatoes, melons, etc.); at least 1000 pounds of fruit; 1086 pounds of cereals; 234 pounds of fats; 334 pounds of sweets. How to meet these requirements with an abundant variety of choice quality foods obtained with the least effort and the least cash is the object of the farm or ranch food supply demonstration."

MUST FORCE TAX REDUCTION

One of the most encouraging phases of the late campaign was the attitude taken by the majority of candidates for public office toward the cost of government and the need for tax reduction. President-elect Roosevelt has stated that a 25 per cent cut is essential and has pledged his efforts toward achieving that. Those elected with him have echoed his views.

If such a reduction is made it will have an amazingly fine effect on the country—not only in the money that will be saved, but in psychological result. There is no question but what the specter of still higher taxes frightens thousands of investors and shoves money into safe-deposit vaults and tea pots; that it prevents business from going ahead and expanding; that it discourages home building and savings; that, in this time of unemployment, it creates more unemployment, more hardship, more distress.

Every citizen should demand a sound program to lower taxes. We can do this by not asking for expenditures that touch only a small part of the country at the expense of the whole; by taking the broad, rather than the local, view. We can follow up federal reductions by forcing state, county and municipal governments—which are the most expensive of all—and public officials, to observe the example. In short, the time and the opportunity for tax reduction are here—and it must be had.

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Nearly everything in the racket line.—Racket Store.
 J. M. Dalton of Center City, one of the Eagle's appreciated friends made this office a call Monday.
 W. J. Hall of Pleasant Grove was looking after business in the big town the early part of the week.

Try Eagle Want-Ads for the best Results.

Vestus Horton, one of the good men of Caradan community, looked after business in this city Tuesday.

Prof. Warren Duren, principal of Trigger Mountain school, transacted business in the city Saturday.

Joseph Bowles, who is a student in Southwestern University at Georgetown, is at home for the holidays.

Mrs. W. T. Kirby of Big Valley was in the city shopping Saturday and made the Eagle an appreciated call.

S. F. Miller was one of the good men of Pleasant Grove section who transacted business in the city Saturday.

Miss Oma Smith of Mullin was in the city shopping Saturday and made the Eagle office an appreciated call.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Fletcher expect to spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. J. H. Logan, and children in San Antonio.

Mrs. M. J. Leverett of Caradan transacted business in the city Saturday and was a pleasant caller at the Eagle office.

Miss Lillie Martin is expected to arrive from Oklahoma Saturday for a Christmas visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Martin, and other relatives.

Boys' wagons, crawling bugs—Racket Store.

Mrs. Ed Gilliam and little son came in from Austin last week end, to remain until after the holidays in the home of her parents, Judge and Mrs. E. B. Anderson.

Mrs. S. R. Logan, whose home is on route No. 3, was an appreciated caller at the Eagle office last week end. Her family will be located on route No. 1, north of the city.

The Christmas rates for subscriptions to the daily papers will only extend to the last of this month. Some do not run past Christmas day, others continue through the holidays. Better investigate.

Ray Duren and Misses May and Catherine Duren were visitors to this city from Mullin last Saturday and made the Eagle an appreciated call. The ladies are teachers in Pompey Mountain school and assisted in preparing the copy for this week's issue of the Boomer.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Curtis of San Benito passed through the city last Saturday en route to Brownwood and made a pleasant call at the Eagle office. Mr. Curtis is editor of the paper at San Benito and also owns another paper at Harlingen, in the Rio Grande valley. He was engaged in the publishing business in Brownwood for several years and has a lot of friends throughout this section.

Christmas goods—nice line—Racket Store.

The Eagle editor has been named as one of the judges of a bathing revue at San Benito on Jan. 13, and feels he is especially well qualified for the very pleasant duty, since he has had the pleasure of attending many such revues at Lake Merritt. However, he anticipates considerable difficulty in finding any of the contestants worthy of first place in pulchritude, after having viewed the exhibitions at the local bathing beach.

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ROCK SPRINGS

"Christmas gift to all"
 Sunday was a very disagreeable day. We had thirteen at Sunday school Sunday morning and twenty-six at B. Y. P. U. Sunday night. The program was well rendered.

Next Sunday is Christmas day, as we all know, and it is our singing afternoon, too. We are going to have a short program and then lots of good singing. We want to invite Lake Merritt, Trigger Mountain, Center City, Priddy and Big Valley. Of course Center Point will be present. We always expect them.

I wonder if everyone noticed Bro. Ivins didn't write last week. I hope he is well and able to fill his place in our church next week.

Monday afternoon Mrs. Eula Nickols' home was opened to the bride-elect, Miss Fay Ellis, with a miscellaneous shower. The wedding will be during the holidays. They received many nice gifts. The lucky young man is Richard Soders of San Saba. They will make their home on the Ellis farm next year. We wish for this young couple a long and happy life.

News came Monday that one of our past citizens, Mr. Finas Lane, had passed away. He was visiting one of his daughters in New Mexico, when he died. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved.

I told you week before last about the Bodkin hog at town. Well, that hog now lives in Claud Smith's hog pen at Rock Springs. Last week was more hog killing weather. Jack Frost has almost decided to stay, seems like. The snow helped to put a season in the ground, which was needed. Some will sow oats in a few days.

Loy Long and family and M. C. Morris and wife from Goldthwaite spent the day Sunday at Landy Ellis'.

A few of the young folks enjoyed a party at Marvin Spinks' Saturday night at Rabbit Ridge.

I wish to extend my sympathy to the Driskill children in the loss of their dear mother. Our loss, but heaven's gain.

Mrs. Homer Doggett and daughter spent the week end in the Nickols home in town.

J. T. Robertson and wife and son dined with Mrs. Zona Robertson and Robert Robertson and family in Big Valley Sunday.

Woody Traylor and family and Mrs. Eula Nickols called in J. M. Traylor's home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Jay Hicks has been in town caring for her mother, Mrs. Weems, who has been sick.

Louie Ponder and Marvin Spinks and family from Rabbit Ridge attended B. Y. P. U. Sunday night.

Fay Ellis spent Saturday night and Sunday with the Traylor girls.

Shirley Nickols ate dinner Sunday in the Spinks home at Rabbit Ridge, and Mr. Spinks came home with him and they joined Herbert Cooke, J. T. Stark and

James Nickols in the goat roping contest. James, the trader, claimed he was the quickest on horse and also on foot.

This community wishes to extend its deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. George Bohannon, in the loss of Mrs. Bohannon's father, Mr. Tom Cox, who died last Friday afternoon.

It keeps Bob Phillips from town busy this bad weather looking after his livestock on his farm.

Friday night J. T. Stark, Fred and Ethel McClary, Herbert, Horace and Nellie D. Cooke visited in the Nickols home.

Mrs. Eula Nickols called in the J. D. Dewbre and Claud Smith homes Friday afternoon.

Claud Smith is real sick at this writing. We hope he can soon be well.

Joe Davis and family, Fred McClary and Shirley Nickols sat until bedtime with J. C. Stark's family Saturday night.

John Roberts and wife attended Mrs. John Driskill's funeral at town Sunday afternoon. They also called in the McClary home.

Miss Ethel McClary ate turkey dinner with Clem Howard and family last Thursday.

Oscar Gatlin spent Saturday night with his mother in town.

Mrs. Homer Doggett and daughter and Mrs. Nickols and boys and Jack Robertson sat until bedtime with Woody Traylor and family Monday night.

J. D. Dewbre and family had business in Brownwood Saturday.

Jack Robertson ate supper with the Nickols boys Monday night.

Mmes. Pence and daughter and Long and son from town dined in the Nickols home Monday. They helped in the bride-elect shower for Miss Fay Ellis.

There will be lots of moving in this community in the next two weeks.

Joe Davis and family and mother visited in Henry Simpson's home Sunday afternoon.

I hope everyone who reads our good paper has a Merry Christmas and a better year than the past has been. Mr. Editor you sure are liked by lots of pecan growers. I am sure you appreciated them. I hope you and your wife have a good Christmas.

BUSY BEE.

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AUTO DRIVER—
LOOK AT YOURSELF
 It is time the automobile driver took a good look at himself. Personal traits and characteristics are as much to blame for our appalling highway death rate as are incompetence and ignorance. The driver who passes on hills and curves, who operates his car at excessive speeds, who hogs the road and drives on the wrong side of the highway, who "weaves" and cuts in and out, is the driver, who no matter how great his skill, causes a large share of the 35,000 deaths each year.

The most encouraging sign at present is the wide public interest in highway safety—an interest which has grown amazingly the last year or two. Traffic laws are being studied. Surveys of accident statistics are being made. There is less theorizing and more dealing with honest facts.

Every state should have laws in accord with modern conditions. One of the most necessary steps is more drastic supervision of youthful drivers—it has been found that drivers under 20 have a 39 per cent worse record than the average, while those between 40 and 50 have a record 29 per cent better than the average. Automobiles should be periodically inspected in the matter of brakes, steering, lights, etc. Examinations of applicants for drivers' licenses should be conducted with extreme care.

The automobile death rate can and must be lowered. There is no place for the reckless, the incompetent, and the mentally or physically defective on our streets and highways. Sixty-five thousand deaths in two years is mute testimony to the need for quick and decisive action.

Those who do their Christmas shopping early will have cause to be glad. This also applies to those who mail their Christmas remembrances early.

The Eagle is offering a special rate of \$1 for the remainder of December, after which the subscription rate will be \$1.50. This rate will be accepted during this month for renewals as well as new subscriptions.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS!
 What gift is more appropriate, more practical, than a telephone? Something that can be used twenty-four hours out of every day — something that recalls the giver's thoughtfulness each time it is used.
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BEAUTY in the HOME



Photo courtesy Scranton Lace Co.
Quaint Colonial Bedspread

THE decorative note in a sleeping room is more often than not set by the design, color and material of the bedspread, which should be carefully correct in its agreement with the general design and feeling of the room. Bedrooms furnished in French, English, modernistic, or any other style, each require bedspreads in keeping with the colors and furnishings of the rest of the room.
 Pictured above, is a room furnished in a Colonial spirit and made doubly attractive by a lovely bedspread. It is what is known as a Burgundy spread with a quaint Colonial flower motif on a field of red and white checks. The weave is a pleasing one combining rayon and wool.

HOLIDAY OFFERS

For the holidays the Eagle can offer special inducements for combination subscriptions

Houston Chronicle	Fort Worth Star Telegram
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Total regular price \$5.50	Total regular price \$5.69
Both one year \$5.00	Both one year \$5.25
Dallas Semi-Weekly Farm News	San Antonio Light
Regular price \$1.00	Daily and Sunday \$6.50
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GAMBLING BY MAIL

Since the stock market crash of '29, and despite stringent monitory conditions, more gambling is going on now than ever before. The post office department reports that there is such a craze for lottery gambling abroad in the land that, despite the fact that mail pertaining to lotteries or games of chance is prohibited, millions of people are indulging in it. Every day finds some new lottery scheme blossoming forth. So far this year 1380 concerns caught using the mails to promote lottery schemes have been barred. No matter from what angle one may look at this type of gambling, and regardless of who is promoting it, there should not be one penny invested in it. If there ever was a time when the money in the hands of local people was needed for legitimate purposes, that this is now. Encouraging frauds that the government is trying to stamp out is

in itself an act of disloyalty. Trying to get something for a little of nothing is as foolish now as it has ever been. The mails coming into this and every other section are now flooded with these lottery schemes, and more people than you would expect are biting at them. If any of it reaches you, be a good citizen and turn it over to your postmaster instead of trying to beat the game. In that way you'll not be out of pocket and you'll be helping to save a lot of other dupes the money they need far more than these schemes need it. But whatever you do with this mail lottery literature — don't squander a single penny in answering it. — Greenfield Gazette.

CALL BURCH

When you want a suit, dress or single garment cleaned or pressed. Call Burch and he will please you.

BURGLARIES IN BROWNWOOD

Report of the burglary of the L. A. Skaggs home, 1610 First street, was received at 10:30 Monday morning by the city police department. The report was received from some people who have been taking care of the place in the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Skaggs, Mr. Skaggs being in San Saba and Mrs. Skaggs in a hospital at Temple. The burglary is being investigated by police. Extent of the goods stolen is not known at this time.

An attempt to rob the safe at the Santa Fe railroad ticket office here early Monday morning, was frustrated when a switch crew passing the office frightened away the would-be robber. A porter, "Candy" Bocknight, saw a man running from the building about 4:30 that morning.

Investigation showed that a padlock had been knocked off of a chain which had been around the safe. Police believe the robber hid in the building and was locked up inside when the building was closed. No evidence of breaking in could be found on the outside doors.—Bulletin.

STAR SCHOOL NEWS

(Too late for last week)

Many sighs and frowns are manifest, due to disagreeable weather. Stormy days and difficult examinations are not a very pleasant combination.

Two seventh grade girls, gave some interesting talks on the progress of our country last Friday. That division of the school is doing some work of real help. They are interested in the Christmas program and are making a part of it.

"Of all sad words of tongue or pen."

The saddest are: It might have been—

A pass if we had studied a little more this month. Examinations are now on and some of us are beginning to cram, — yes, cram. But it seems that which we consume does not assimilate. Too bad, but it is too late to be helped very much.

Nelma Stephan, Leroy Harper and Wesley Waddell are having the best reading lesson for the second grade. Leroy says, "The prize is mine." While several others are saying, "I'm not so sure about that."

Among those in the first grade with the highest marks are: Virgie May Soules, Bobbie Jean Moore, L. H. Manning and Raymond Moore.

We are sorry to report that Cloriece Walker has been sick for several days. We hope she will soon recuperate. The first grade was very sorry for Hamilton Henry to leave for his new home, yet we wish him the best of luck at Fairview.

The eighth and ninth grades are getting up a Christmas play. They are not so pleased for they think it is below their dignity to simply be in a Christmas program.

Our boys are planning to win the tournament Friday and Saturday if it stays pretty.

REPORTER.

RABBIT RIDGE

The Rabbit Ridge people are thinking about Christmas. We hope Santa won't pass us by.

Uncle Tony Guynes is visiting with his brother, Will Guynes, for a few weeks.

Mrs. Austin Whitt spent one evening this week with Mrs. Lowe.

Mr. Lowe, Louie Ponder and Mrs. Marvin Spinks went to the singing at Lake Merritt Sunday. Marvin Spinks and Mrs. Lowe were too old to get out, so they stayed at home.

Little Gwendolyn Westerman has been missing school this week. She has chickenpox.

Shirley Nickols spent Sunday with Marvin Spinks.

Louie Ponder is still breaking land. He is a real worker to be such a kid.

Those who played 42 in Marvin Spink's home Saturday night were Mrs. Traylor and children, Mrs. Nickols and James, Miss Fay Ellis, Louie Ponder and two Davie boys, Herbert and Horace Cooke and Hardy McClary.

We are glad to hear that Miss Elsie McDermott has recovered from her appendicitis operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Westerman spent Sunday afternoon with his brother, Dorman.

Mrs. Marvin Spinks went to the wedding shower at Mrs. Nickols'. We all had a fine time and certainly wish Miss Ellis a long and happy life. CROSS EYES

Ashes Trap The "Fire Bug"
Microscopes Reveal The Clues

Two men in plain clothes prowled through the smoking ruins of what an hour before had been a pretentious building. One of them stooped to pick up a piece of charred wood, while the other transferred to a paper some fluffy ash which the wind was scattering. These and other pieces of debris were carried to a laboratory where trained members of the city's arson squad subjected them to a microscopic third degree.

Late that same night, one of the investigators flew to a city 500 miles away where the owner of the building, on a pleasure trip, was preparing to return home.

"I've just heard about the fire," he exclaimed. "How did it start?"

"You know, because you did it," was the reply.

"What do you mean?" demanded the owner. "That fire happened this morning and I've been out of town since yesterday afternoon."

"I'll tell you," replied the investigator. "This morning you were out playing golf and at 11 o'clock you went to the clubhouse, called your store, and as no one was there, you listened until the bell had rung fourteen times. Then you hung up and resumed your game."

"The bell clapper of the phone in your office was tied down with a piece of string you had learned would break on fourteen rings. Just before you hung up the clapper broke loose and struck a nail that discharged a blank cartridge that you had fastened in a wooden block. The flare from the cartridge ignited five gallons of gasoline in a glass bottle, the bottle broke under the heat, and the flaming gasoline spread over the floor and burned up your insured merchandise. Come along with me."

This really happened, says the Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Ten years ago, mechanical contrivances such as clockworks were frequently used to start fires, but the twisted bits of metal remaining were so hard to explain away, that incendiaries have adopted more subtle methods. Inflammable liquids, gases, chemicals, and electricity, coupled with starting devices that practically disintegrate in the flames, are the latest tools of the professional "torch." The arson squad has only one weapon, the microscope, but this is proving to be more than a match for the criminal. The microscope is a practically infallible instrument of detection.

"I'll show you how easy it is," says Paul T. Wolfe, chief of the fire investigation bureau in Los Angeles. "When I go out to investigate a suspicious fire, I first locate the spot where the fire started. You can do this by tracing the cross checks on the burned wood. When wood burns normally, the cross checks on the charcoal have a definite size, but the checks are finer and closer together if some material that burns with a hotter flame than wood is present. We take a small piece of charcoal and make a photomicrograph of its surface. Then we compare this with photomicrographs from the files and that tells us the material or liquid that set the wood on fire."

"Every combustible liquid will leave its own telltale marks on the wood."

"A typical trick in the past was to carry heavy insurance on a stock of expensive goods," says Mr. Wolfe. "Then the fire bug would move the goods out, substitute shoddy material in their place, and start a fire. In that way he could obtain the insurance money and still own the goods. But that is no longer popular, even with fragile furs and feathers. The microscope enables us to differentiate between the burned hair and the skin of an expensive fur and its charred counterfeit."

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The whole art of arson detection is based on the fact that practically every material burns at a different temperature. A gasoline flame, for instance, burns at 1500 degrees Fahrenheit, while burning sugar creates a temperature of only 700 degrees. Each individual flame temperature leaves different microscopic marks on burned wood and on the remains of other burned materials. With a knowledge of the temperature table, and of the effects that each temperature creates, an investigator can tell at a glance exactly what material started a fire.

This knowledge has given the arson squad a direct lead on the fire bugs who employ chemicals to start a fire or to spread the flames. Each chemical leaves its own characteristic mark long after the fire has been extinguished. Even when a gas is used, its identity may be determined.

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NEWS ODDITIES

Buttons are used for money in a Chilean market.

Of 107,792 applications made for drivers' licenses in Paris last year, only 45,269 were granted.

Contrary to popular belief, says a dispatch, noises do not disturb fish, and anglers do not need to keep quiet while fishing.

For the first time in 400 years a nativity play was presented recently in Southwell Cathedral, Nottingham, England.

An eagle with a wing spread of sixteen feet was killed in the Wabash bottom lands recently by three Evansville, Ind., hunters.

Seventy views of Buckingham, England, were embroidered on a bedspread exhibited recently at the Buckinghamshire Women's Institute.

To every purchaser of a suburban plot, a Kansas City real estate firm is giving enough chickens for a start in the poultry business.

Mrs. Carmel Swift, while fishing at Wellfleet, Mass., caught a large sea bass. Inside the bass was a scup. And inside the scup was a still smaller fish.

Mrs. William Dalton of Kirton, England, whose husband lived to 105, recently celebrated her 104th birthday. She has three living daughters, ranging from 78 to 86.

Efforts to recover \$5,000,000 in gold from a Russian warship sunk in Finnish waters in 1919 are expected to be renewed soon, says a dispatch from Stockholm.

Japanese ball players never sass their umpires, according to Andy Peterson, Willamette University pitcher, who recently returned to Salem, Ore., after barnstorming tour of the orient.

Mexicans who defended Vera Cruz at the time of the American occupation, 1914, have been declared 'favorite sons of the state,' in the first decree issued by Vasquez Vela, new governor.

To stop complaints against poor pens at postoffices, British postal officials have adopted one of the stainless steel, recently perfected after years of experiment.

A Times Square, New York City subway crowd was amused by watching a man solemnly deposit a nickel in the turnstile in order to make an exit. Thus paying double fare.

Wool is being accepted as legal tender by a Roseburg, Ore., haberdashery from debtors who advised the management they were unable to pay their debts in cash. The wool is to be stored and converted into cash at a later date.

Dr. A. E. Fuch's watchdog ought to be embarrassed. Three robbers entered the doctor's home at Bunker Hill, Ill., removed the chain from the dog's collar and used it to bind his master. Then they stole \$95 and escaped.

The Somerdale, N. J., fire company, a volunteer outfit, received word there was a fire at the amusement hall of the Meadowbrook farm. It charged up to the scene with bells clanging and siren screaming and the men got ready to put out the fire. Then they discovered the hose had been left behind. The hall burned to the ground.

Texas engineers are in great demand in Mesopotamia because the climate there is the same as in Texas, according to Naim E. Khazzam, Texas A. & M. College student from Bagdad, Khazzam was sent to the United States by his government to learn new ideas and methods in engineering. He expects to work with fifty or more Texans in completing a pipe line through the Syrian Desert.

BAPTIST CHURCH

The annual collection for Buckner Orphans' Home was started last Sunday, and if you did not make a contribution and will do so please stop by the First National Bank and leave your offering. We always get this offering in by the first of January, and be sure and put in yours in the next few days.

This experience of having the flu is not new with us, but it's an experience that we do not welcome. We were thoughtfully and tenderly cared for by the doctor, our friends and the nurse that stays at the parsonage. The last visit the doctor paid us we asked him to have Bill Woody bring us the kind of medicine he always used for flu, and to our surprise Mr. Woody rushed up to see us and left with us a bottle of "Stearns' chill tonic. L. B. Ashley came along next morning and left a bottle of home-grown grape juice that had been in the cellar for many moons. The patient took the chill tonic and the nurse the grape juice and as a result both are doing nicely at this time. However, Raymond Cockrum brought us chicken, buttermilk and a jar of sweet pickles, and we think that he must have put a little of his dad's Santa Claus in the pickles for we have never relished anything more than we did those pickles, and Raymond has a standing invitation to come again. The Athens class always remembers the pastor with good cheer whether sick or well. A host of other friends remembered us in various ways and we express to one and all our deep gratitude.

We were disappointed that we were not able to attend the birthday dinner given by Mayor Bodkin, but we understand that a real feast was served and that all had a lovely time. The Methodist minister has been somewhat indisposed ever since that dinner. You take a preacher that has been living in the Valley, where he has light eats, and drinks out of a canal, and bring him to a Mills county table laden with turkey and all accessories and also where he has to drink out of a bottle, naturally he will have to stay by the fire for some ten days. Anyway, these gentlemen who attended tell this writer that some one around the mayor's home certainly knows how to prepare a delicious meal, and here is hoping that we will be able to attend the next one.

As it is Christmas time, naturally it brings tender memories, anticipated joys, beautiful expressions of love and good will, to take full possession of our hearts. This is a season when songs are more beautiful, friendships dearer and home ties stronger. Of all the times of the year this is the time when the highest thoughts and most unselfish service find expression. I can not adequately express all of the good things I am wishing for you and yours at this glad season, but I do want you to know that I am thinking of you and praying that the sunshine of peace shall flood your soul, and that life's sublimest happiness shall be your portion. Let everyone alike be assured that every token of God's favor upon you will make my own heart rejoice the more.

All services at the Baptist church Sunday, and you are invited to come and bring your friends and relatives who may be visiting you, to worship with us. Our services Sunday morning will be brief assuring everyone that you will be given ample time to get home for your Christmas dinner. If for any reason you can not attend the morning service, attend the night service. By all means every one should at least attend one service during the day.

Affectionately,
PASTOR BAPTIST CHURCH

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

At this our first Christmas in Goldthwaite we wish to thank you for your patronage and to assure you that we will try to serve you still better next year. May Christmas bring you much Happiness

SKAGGS'
Service Station
WEST SIDE SQUARE

CENTER POINT

The sunshine over the week end was surely enjoyed by every one. We had Sunday school Sunday morning and church Sunday afternoon. Bro. Bates, pastor of the Nazarene church at Goldthwaite, did the preaching. We had the privilege of hearing him deliver as fine a sermon as we have had the opportunity to hear for some time. Although there was only a small crowd out, we who were there enjoyed the service and are very glad to have become acquainted with those good folks and invite them back again.

W. C. King spent Saturday night with Clyde and Curtis Taylor.

Kyle Lawson of Duren called on his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. I. Lawson, awhile Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sherfield and girls, Wilma and Ilene, also Miss Ola Belle Williams visited relatives and friends in Mullin Sunday afternoon.

Miss Eva Fallon spent Saturday night and Sunday with Misses Georgia and Geneva Sparkman.

Miss Faye French returned Sunday from Bangs, after several days visit there with relatives.

Pete Phillip left late last Wednesday afternoon for New York City in response to a telegram he received during the earlier part of the day from an uncle who lives there. Pete had been in our community for more than a year and he will certainly be missed during his absence. We surely hope no bad news awaited him upon his arrival there and that he will soon return to Center Point and his many friends here. May success be his.

There will be a Christmas tree at the school house Friday night, as that night suits most of the peoples' plans in the community. The following committees have been appointed:

Tree committee, W. C. King, Woodrow Spinks and Curtis Taylor; decorating committee, Ola Belle Williams, Vera Conner, Wilma and Iylene Sherfield and Ruby French. The committees to receive and deliver presents have not been appointed yet.

Miss Ola Belle Williams visited Mrs. Lawson Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Adams and daughter, Mrs. Terry, visited Mrs. Conner and girls Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Garl Perry have a new boy at their home. The little lad weighed ten pounds.

Otis Hutchings and Craig Weston helped kill hogs for Mrs. Julia Taylor Saturday.

We wish to extend our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. George Bohannon in behalf of their recent sorrow—the death of her father—Mr. Cox of Stamford.

Miss Ola Belle Williams and Ruby French dined with Wilma and Iylene Sherfield Sunday.

Miss Vera Conner and Johnnie Taylor visited Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Smith Sunday.

Miss Inez Spinks is visiting her homefolks for a few days.

Faye French is suffering from a fall she received during the muddy weather.

Miss Julia Dee Fallon spent Thursday night with Geneva Sparkman.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Conner and family visited Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hallford Sunday.

A special League program is prepared for Sunday night. We will have our election of new officers to begin real work on the new year.

Miss Adeline Spinks dined with the Sparkman girls Sunday.

Dorothea King has been sick for the past few days.

Julia Dee Fallon visited Geneva Sparkman Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Smith spent Friday with her mother, Mrs. Florence Conner.

We are glad to have Mr. Johnson and family in our community. They have moved to Mr. Mahan's place.

Earl Davis and family are moving to Mullin this week.

Mrs. Adams had relatives visiting her Sunday night.

Cleve Perry moved from our community to South Bennett this week.

Mrs. Nat King left Monday for Hood county to spend the Christmas holidays with her father.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Braswell and son and Mrs. Ethyl Metz and daughters, Bernice and Christine, spent Sunday in the L. W. French home.

Wishing for the Eagle and its many readers a happy Christmas and success all through the New Year. BO-PEEP.

EBONY

Bro. Bedford Renfro preached Sunday morning and at night at the Baptist church. He ate dinner with the Allen Lovelace family and preached at Ridge in the afternoon.

Nelson Williams, Billie McNurlan, Charlie Griffin and Hubert Reeves met at the school house Monday and put a new pump in the well. This is very much appreciated by the teachers and pupils.

R. M. Haynes, Allen Lovelace, Miss Alline Lovelace and Miss Pauline Haynes accompanied Bro. Renfro to Ridge Sunday afternoon.

Ben Egger of Regency and daughter, Miss Estelle, and son, R. D., spent Sunday with Lem Egger and family.

J. A. Cawyer, superintendent of the Carlsbad school, spent Saturday night at Ebony. He came to take home with him, "Granny" Dwyer, that she might act as high nurse at the homecoming of little Edna Beth and her mother.

Misses Bernice and Lucille Wilmet and Ralph and Lillard Wilmet, who are attending school at Denton, arrived home Sunday for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Lovelace, Joyce Lovelace, Pauline Haynes, Cleone Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Briley, Miss Ruth Briley, Grace Briley, Miss Vera Rae Reid and Miss Odene Roberts were among the Ebony Christmas shoppers in Brownwood Saturday.

Miss Gilma Crowder visited Lucille Wilmet Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ab Singleton and daughters, Genevieve and Janie, visited Mr. Singleton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Singleton, Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Reeves, Mrs. S. H. Reeves and little Charles Stanley Roberts went to Mullin Sunday afternoon.

We are sorry to learn that Miss Merle Haynes is again on the sick list.

The Parent Teachers Association did not meet Friday night on account of the bad weather, but had a called meeting Monday night. It was decided to have a Christmas tree at the school house Friday, Mrs. P. R. Reid, Mrs. C. H. Griffin, Mrs. Effie Egger and Mrs. Wood Roberts are the committee in charge.

Wood Roberts and W.H. Reeves kindly agreed to get the tree. Mrs. Gus Reynolds and Mack Reynolds visited at the Roy Reynolds home Monday night.

DeWitt Reeves is quite sick at this writing. Pneumonia is feared. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Love left early one morning with a load of household goods. They are moving on a farm near Ranger. They expect to return to spend Christmas here, then will leave for their new home shortly afterward.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Orr went to Woodland Heights Friday. They report a new granddaughter at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Fowler Early.

We are expecting the inspector at our school this week.

WHO WILL PAY?

Who will pay the taxes after all property has been confiscated and all capital has at last found its way into the coffers of the government?

The optimistic answer is that it will never happen. Probably it won't. But we are coming closer to it than we realize. In some middle western states more than 50 per cent of the farms have been foreclosed and are being worked by lessees not owners. In some cities it is cheaper to tear a good building down than to allow it to stand—because taxes on the structure are greater than the income it produces. In other cases it is cheaper to close a factory—because, under present conditions, returns are not great enough to meet the tax bill and the other running expenses.

It is very easy to advocate soaking the rich to help the poor. But over-taxation of capital is the surest way to produce distress, unemployment, depression. When people are afraid to invest their money in producing enterprises, because of fear of increasing taxation, the country faces a crisis from unemployment and actual confiscation of capital and jobs by taxation.

The Congress now in session must deal with an unbalanced budget. The next Congress will have the same identical problem. Unless expenditures are reduced, there will come a time when there will not be enough taxpayers to meet government's high cost.—Exchange.

Special Prices On Cleaning and Pressing For School Children

It has been the custom of the National Cleaners and Dyers all over the country to make Special Prices during the holidays for School Children. Beginning today and continuing all next week we will clean and press two garments for the price of one. Take advantage of this special price and have the little kiddies' Sweaters and Coats all fixed up nice when they return to school. These prices apply to teachers also.

We wish for you a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year

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May the true friendship and good cheer of Christmas time remain with you throughout all the coming year, and may good fortune and contentment prove a blessing to your home.

THE First National Bank

In Goldthwaite

Merry Christmas AND Happy New Year

As Friend to Friend, we welcome this opportunity to wish for you and yours a joyful Christmas and a New Year filled with good health, happiness and prosperity

Santa will be at our store Saturday evening—bring the kids and let us have a good time together.

Fruits and candies and all other Xmas goodies priced especially low for this week end.

Long & Berry

THE ECONOMY STORE
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We sincerely extend to all our many friends and acquaintances of this city and surrounding community a very Hearty Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Mullin News

From the Enterprise

CHRISTMAS TREE PROGRAM

For Saturday night, Dec. 24, at the First Baptist church.

Program

Invocation—Bro. L. D. Brown.
Song: Joy to the World—Choir.
Scripture—Bro. Allison.
Reading—Alleen Farmer.
Solo—Mrs. L. L. Wilson
Reading—Theda Fae Daniel.
Song: Little Town of Bethlehem—Choir.
Reading—Barbara June Casey.
Chorus—By the little people.
Welcome to Santa Claus—Mr. R. H. Patterson.
Benediction—Gilbert Chancellor.

HOME BURGLARIZED

Sunday afternoon the home of Wayne Reynolds was entered while Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds were away and a watch, victrola, bill fold and a small amount of money was stolen.

Upon their return they missed the articles and Mr. Reynolds called on City Marshal Hancock.

Three men in a Chrysler roadster were suspicious and they were trailed to Goldthwaite, where they had traded off the watch. They were then trailed toward Lometa but were not located until Monday, when they drove into Lometa and were arrested by Deputy Sheriff Hill and City Marshal Pickens. They have been transferred to the county jail in Goldthwaite. Justice of the Peace Rahl has placed their bonds at \$750 each, but at last report no effort had been made by them to make bond. They gave their names as R. R. Rayhodes, C. D. Baker and W. E. Boey, all of Oklahoma.

MRS. HOLLAND DEAD

Mrs. Sarah Burleson Holland died at her home five miles west of Mullin Wednesday night.

She had suffered a stroke of four hours earlier and had been in bed for possibly a year. Mrs. Holland came to her old home here a few months ago, hoping the change would be beneficial to her health.

She was a devoted Christian, wife and mother, and leaves besides the grief-stricken husband, a grown daughter and son, also a sister, Mrs. J. A. Holland, and two brothers, Ezia Burleson of Hico and Will Burleson of Mullin. Elder E. P. McNeill officiated at the funeral services Thursday. Interment was at Oakview cemetery in Mullin.

THE GRIM REAPER CALLS

PAT McHENRY

P. M. Henry, aged 61, died at his home Tuesday night at ten o'clock. He had been in a very serious condition for several weeks and in declining health for the past year. He had been a resident of this section for the greater part of his life and was a member of the Baptist church.

Mr. Henry was first married to Miss Jessie Clark and seven children were born: Dot, Harrison, Sam, and era. About eight years ago, Mr. Henry and Mrs. May Tyson were married and a little son, Bobby, and the devoted wife, also two brothers survive. All the children were present at the time of his death and all that loving hands could do was done, but love can not stay the hand of death.

Interment was at Duren Wednesday, Rev. L. J. Vann officiating.

W. R. HODGES DEAD

Wiley R. Hodges died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hodges, in the Duren community December 16, after a long illness. He had been reared in Mills county and spent the greater part of his life here, where he made many friends who mourn his loss.

He leaves a father, mother, five brothers and four sisters. All were in attendance at his funeral, except one brother, who is in California.

His remains were laid to rest in the Duren cemetery Saturday afternoon, Rev. L. J. Vann conducting the funeral services.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Majors, Dec. 7, a boy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Garland Perry on Dec. 10, a boy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Chambers on Dec. 14, a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. Claud Nesmith on Dec. 15, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Jones announce the arrival of an eight pound girl in their home on Dec. 19.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Priddy have received the announcement of the arrival of a baby girl in their home.

Miss Pat Weston came home Saturday from San Angelo, where she is a student in college there. Miss Pat is on her Christmas vacation and her many friends are delighted to see her again and have her at home for awhile.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Moore and son of Albany are here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Buchanan, and other relatives. Mrs. Moore has had a very severe attack of heart trouble since she came and is confined to her bed.

C. Hancock and daughter, Miss Leta, while on their way home from Trickham Friday night on the bad roads, had the misfortune of having their car skid into a ditch and help had to be called from Brownwood to get the car on terra firma again.

Old timers here will regret to hear of the death of Mrs. John Driskill in Zephyr Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. D. F. Petty. Interment was at Goldthwaite Sunday. Mrs. Driskill and her late husband, John Driskill, resided in this section a long time ago and have many friends here.

Mrs. S. E. Hudson and Mrs. Joe-
kel of San Saba were called to the bedside of their sister, Mrs. C. R. Wilson, during the past week. But we are glad to report Mrs. Wilson considerably improved and her sisters have returned to their homes.

Mrs. John Massey happened to a very painful accident one day recently, when she fainted sitting by the open fire place, and one foot extended too near the coals of the fire and was burned badly, though the hose on the foot was not scorched.

Christmas Greetings

We take this method to extend to one and all our most hearty greetings. At this season of the year we are all drawn closer together in fellowship and as neighbors. So let's all smile together and hope for a Prosperous New Year to everybody!

Highway Garage

You are always welcome. Business appreciated—Large or Small.



May your Christmas this year prove so happy that you will remember it with pleasure throughout the coming year. We appreciate your patronage and promise to continue our best efforts in always making it a pleasure for you to trade with us.

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Little's

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

May you and yours realize all the joys of this Yuletide

Only 2 shopping days left. There is no time left for delay. But everything is ready here to help you in your last minute gift selection.

It is with pleasure we acknowledge the many compliments we have received on the quality and completeness of our gift department.

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- Shirts
- Handkerchief Sets
- Tie Racks
- Suspenders
- Belt Sets by Pioneer
- Pajamas
- Sox by Interwoven
- Scarfs
- Gloves
- Suits
- Shoes
- Underwear Blend Suits
- Sweaters
- Hats, by Mallory and Stetson
- Caps
- Corduroy Jackets
- Riding Pants
- Bootees
- Robes
- Traveling Bags
- Suede Leather Jackets



FOR FEMININE ENJOYMENT

- Suede Jackets
- Table Linens
- Towel Sets
- Sheets
- Pillow Cases
- Wall Pictures
- Lingerie
- Pajamas
- Hosiery—Hummingbird and Rollins.
- Gloves
- Bath Sets
- Bags and Purses
- Handkerchief Sets
- Dresses
- Sport Coats
- Sweaters
- Wash Cloths
- Draperies
- Bed Spreads
- Robes
- Scarfs



And many other attractive and practical items that will fulfill the Spirit of Giving.

In these lists you will find "the very thing" for everyone on your gift list. Something beautiful and useful, smart and thrifty, sure to be welcome every time.

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Beautiful Bed Room
Suites. Complete for — **\$34.75**

Living Room Suites
3 handsome overstuffed
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GIVING AT CHRISTMAS

Two groups of men journeyed to a lowly manger in a stable in Bethlehem that first Christmas week nearly two thousand years ago.

Humble shepherds made up the other group. Simple, honest, working men whose lonely vigils with their flocks by night had given them the opportunity of being the first to hear the glorious news of the Messiah's birth.

Thus from His very birth, Christ appealed both to the most noble and most intellectual of men and to the humble shepherds as well. There is the same universality in the appeal of Christmas to our hearts today.

Christmas does not deserve to be degraded to a commercial exchange of gifts, a fate that a few years ago seemed destined to overtake it.

This year much of this materialism has vanished. There is more sincerity in the friendly handclasp and the wish of a "Merry Christmas."

Those who, like Herod, are too hard of heart to hear the angel voices, too short-sighted to see the gleaming of the star, are unfortunate indeed.

The child who never learns the happiness of sharing with others will never know the full meaning of Christmas.

It was by toiling that the shepherds came to hear the angel voices. It was by trusting that the wise men found the secret of the star.

HONEST DEBTS

No less an economic authority than Col. Leonard P. Ayres of Cleveland has suggested that some method must be found for bringing the value of the dollar today closer to the value of the dollar which was loaned a few years ago.

He finds that his labor is worth less than it was four years ago. He finds that if he is a farmer, bring less than half as much now as they did then, and there is no possible way for him to earn the money to pay his debts by putting in the same amount of time.

In other words the man who borrowed a thousand dollars then must pay the equivalent in value now of two or three thousand dollars when he borrowed them.

The most common plan offered for removing this disparity is to inflate the currency so that prices will go up and a man can sell a yearling or a bale of cotton or a farm for the same number of dollars that a similar yearling, bale of cotton, or farm would have brought four or five years ago.

Unsatisfactory as the situation is, it is beginning to become more and more clear that the only way out is to buckle down and pay low priced debts with high priced dollars.

NO FISHERMAN

In an irate letter to a Dallas newspaper a subscriber complains bitterly about the time wasted by successful candidates in going fishing.

It may or may not ease the ruffled feelings of the citizen to learn that most of this fishing and hunting on the part of office holders is a joke.

It is all a part of our popular American sport of make-believe. To state plainly that a new office-holder is seriously engaged in preparing himself to fill the office creditably is lacking in romance and American dash.

There may be some able statesmen who, like Grover Cleveland, really like to fish. But for every one of them, there are a hundred who merely crave a little relaxation from official duties or are seeking publicity by blindly following the lead of some earlier office-holding fisherman.

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS



"They Presented unto Him Gifts"

THE REALM OF SCIENCE Keeping Up With Texas SODIUM PLANT

Invisible glass for store show windows, for use in front of paintings in art galleries and for other places where protection is necessary, but must be unnoticeable, was described by a British architect, Robert Howden, at a recent meeting of the Royal Society of Arts in London.

Work is scheduled to start soon on a sodium sulphate plant to cost about \$350,000, which will be erected on the edge of Soda lake in Ward county, 13 miles south of Monahans.

Discovery of a strange little fly that apparently bridges the evolutionary gap between two great insect families is announced by the Smithsonian Institution.

The "seven-year itch" is just a myth, says Dr. Charles F. Pabst, chief dermatologist of Greenpoint hospital. He claims the disease can be cured in seven days under proper medical care.

HEALTH HINT

VIBRATION DISEASE

A new "vibration disease," developed by British workmen who continually use strongly vibrating tools such as the air hammer used to rivet iron or to dig up street pavements, has been studied by the distinguished British heart specialist, Sir Thomas Lewis.

is that the continual vibration acts in some unknown way on the linings of the tiny blood vessels so that the arteries contract abnormally and restrict the blood supply.

What Other Editors Have to Say

SHAKESPEARE WAS RIGHT

The following editorial, written by Randolph Fort of the Mill-edgeville (Ga.) Times, won the E. H. Dean award for the best editorial of the year in the Georgia Press.

"Depression" — So terrifying has the connotation of this word become that the mere mention of it sends an involuntary shudder up the spine of the average individual. It implies suffering—hunger, want, mental stress.

Can there be anything good in this insidious condition? Shakespeare had one of his characters say: "Sweet are the uses of adversity, which like the toad, ugly and venomous, wears yet a precious jewel in its head."

Another writer is credited with a statement which, paraphrased, reads: "There is so much good in the worst of things."

Surely Depression is adversity, surely it ranks high among the worst of things. Where, then, is the good in it?

Surprisingly enough, the good may be found, even though it be for the most part of intangible quality. Truly it may be seen and felt in the interpretation that is now being given such words as "humanity," "friendliness," and "tolerance."

During these times of stress, mightily affecting the morale of the people, the human equation has been more and more apparent. So many are in the same predicament that sympathy has become almost universal.

For some months newspapers that have been carrying stories discouraging in nature have carried other stories of a more exalted sort. Note the midwestern merchant who canceled thousands of dollars' worth of debts because his patrons were unable to meet their obligations.

These are the things that really count.

There are even more tangible benefits derived from this Depression thing. Statistics show that people are in better health; having less to spend, they buy less of rich foods and harmful beverages. Young students just out of schools think that they have been treated badly by being forced to struggle for a place and success at such a time; but on the other hand, such experiences are wonderful training for the young life that lies ahead.

Then, too, cities have taken advantages of the unemployment situations to make, at low cost, the civic improvements not hitherto deemed feasible.

The average citizen, also, hoping for better times, has taken a greater interest in governmental affairs, has pondered the statements of candidates for public office, and has learned for himself the problems of political issues.

True, expenses have been cut by everybody, but supposed necessities have been relegated to the realm of luxuries, have become almost an unknown quantity.

Yet there has been more of home life, of comradeship, of love.

The Depression, like a strict, conscientious instructor, has taught a severe lesson, one that will not soon be forgotten. These drastic times have demonstrated that the best attitude to adopt toward depression is an admiration of the Coue-Pollyanna doctrine that things are always getting better and better and the theory of a certain writer that "Everything in life is bad, and if everything were changed, it would be only for the worse."

The American people have been remarkably courageous during the last three years. There have been but few instances of utter despair. Their bravery is

A MILL GIRL

TO ROCKEFELLER

One of the most deadly criticisms of John D. Rockefeller, Jr.'s pronouncement in favor of repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment came from an indignant little lady whose girlhood was spent in one of the wet textile towns of New England.

"Mr. Rockefeller," said she, "lives on a street that is absolutely protected against anything that would make it unsafe, unsanitary or unpleasant, for him or any member of his family. He runs no danger of living next door to a rum shop. But there are thousands of poor people who remember as I do how they had to live in poor streets with saloons—rum holes' was their common name—at every crossing. There were foul places within and without. Decent women could not pass them without having their sensibilities insulted. They were a temptation to the men and boys, and their presence was a menace to childhood. Yet they were lawful places of business, licensed by the state to prey upon its citizens."

"If Mr. Rockefeller had ever lived next door to a rum shop, he would be more careful about lifting the ban of outlawry upon such places. That is what we must expect if his theory of naked repeal is accepted."

This is a case in which the mill girl's opinion discounts the millionaire's.—New York Christian Advocate.

AN IDEAL TEACHER

How is one to paint a word picture of the ideal teacher? He should be intelligent, but not pedantic, dignified but not pompous, firm but not intolerant. He should be young enough to remember his boyhood, but old enough to have put aside childish things. With all his scholarship, he should be aware that it would be a sad world if all his pupils were trained to be teachers—like himself. He should not be ashamed to possess or disclose his ideals, but should temper them with practicality. He should be able, outside his ballroom, to mix with other people on even terms, without self-consciousness, superciliousness or timidity. He should maintain at all costs his patience, his sympathy, and his sense of humor. If, in addition, he has energy and optimism, he should be qualified to secure and hold a position, and leave behind him a place in the memories of alumni. It will make little difference where such a man functions, whether in a gorgeous lecture hall or in an ancient classroom, with the desks carved by generations of undergraduates. He may never get a medal or an honorary degree, but his spirit will remain alive long after his body rests in the local cemetery.—Claude M. Fuess, in the Atlantic Monthly.

about to be rewarded at last; present indications are that America's lean years are soon to be supplanted by welcome years of plenty. If this prophecy be true, this so-called reckless country will profit by the lessons learned, and advance, by conservative steps, to a position of eminence heretofore not attained by any nation in the history of the world.

Shakespeare, after all was right.

REAPPORTIONMENT

The constitution provides that a federal census must be taken every 10 years and further, in an amendment, that "representatives shall be apportioned among the several states according to their respective numbers."

Some authorities interpret this as a mandate requiring congress apportionment every decade, but this is debatable. It is a fact that for 130 years Congress did make a new distribution after each federal census, which would seem to make it a custom. However, the 1920 enumeration was ignored, chiefly because certain states were reluctant to lose representation at Washington due to population decreases. Therefore, from 1911 to 1931 the ratio was based on the 1910 census, i.e., one representative to every 211,877 of population (aliens included.) Following the 1930 census congress felt impelled to remedy the situation and agreed to apportion on the new count, but voted to keep the House membership at 435, the change becoming effective March 4, 1931.

At first glance it would seem a simple matter to divide 435 seats among 122,729,615 (1930 census) residents of this country. Yet it is really very complicated. In the first place the constitution entitles each state to at least one representative—even little Nevada with her 91,058 population. But the nearly half million residents of the District of Columbia do not count. Living on federal territory as they do, they do not have the right to vote. Thus, 48 from 435 leaves 387 seats to be divided among 48 states of varying sizes and populations. Now enters "major fractions," for the law provides that there shall be one representative for every fraction of 1/2.

The first step is to divide 48 in all. The next step is to divide the population of each state by the following quantities, in succession: 1 1/2, 2 1/4, 3 1/2, etc. The quotients thereby obtained are then arranged in order of size, beginning with the largest and continuing the process until the total number of quotients plus 48 is one greater than the number of representatives (435) to be apportioned. The next step is to divide the population of the several states by a number midway between the last two quotients in the list. The last step is to assign to each state a number of representatives equal to the whole number in the quotient which was obtained for that state by the above division, plus one more representative in the case the quotient contains a major fraction.

All of which boiled down means that the quota under the 1930 census is... every... that number... is more than half... additional representative. If it is less than half the figure the "left over" is disregarded.—Pathfinder.

The meek shall inherit the earth. Considering the mess it's in, you couldn't wish it on anybody else.—Tyler Courier-Times.

The Children's Corner

Dear Boys and Girls:

Here I am back for another Christmas.

I hope all of you have been good little boys and girls and have helped mother with the work and minded daddy.

Most of you have written me letters, and I have read every one of them, but I can't bring everything you ask because I have so many little boys and girls to see Christmas Eve, I'd never get round with my pack if I carried everything to every one of them. But I am not going to forget you, and I know you'll like what I put in your stocking.

—SANTA CLAUS.



NEIGHBORING NEWS

ITEMS FROM LOCAL PAPERS OF TOWNS MENTIONED

Lampasas

At the regular bi-monthly luncheon of the local Lions Club Tuesday, which was held at the high school building, the Lampasas Badger football squad of the past season were guests. The luncheon was served by the home economics department of the high school.

Christmas day being one of the four holidays of the year observed by local business firms, and that day coming on Sunday this year, it was voted unanimously Tuesday morning by the directors of the Chamber of Commerce directors present to recommend closing on Monday, December 26.

The Lions Club of Lampasas is fostering a community Christmas tree which will contain presents of various kinds for poor children on the evening of Dec. 23. This is in addition to the work of the Lampasas Fire Department in providing groceries, as has been their custom for many years.

Tuesday morning R. A. Lindberg started to Bartlett on business. The road was frozen and driving was not any too safe at best. Just this side of Briggs a rear tire blew out while Lindy was going about forty, with the result that his car turned over. A fender was crushed, but Lindy was not hurt, and a young fellow who was with him also escaped injury.

Mrs. Lula Berry received a message Friday from her sister, Mrs. F. C. Wissenbach, in New York that she, her husband and two children would sail that night for Munich, Germany, where the Rev. Mr. Wissenbach will be pastor of an American Episcopal church in Munich. They will be there for five years. Until going to Germany they had made their home in Sheridan, Wyoming.

"manly" beauty of the rather attending the show at the Leroy Tuesday night. This feature was presented by Mrs. Roy Baker for the benefit of the Central Christian church. Liberal applause was accorded every model while they were showing proper ladies' wearing apparel for every occasion. Each of the local men appearing in the show was given the title of "Miss."

Lometa

Mrs. Lawrence Carothers was a business visitor in Lometa Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Westerman of Goldthwaite were visitors here Tuesday.

Jack Kirby, who is teaching at Center City, spent the week end in Lometa. Rev. Joe Benningfield and son, Clebourn, of Pleasant Grove were visitors in the John Porter home Saturday. The children and grandchildren of Mrs. L. R. Gray gathered for her birthday.

Mrs. John Shelton left early Friday morning for Goldthwaite to join her brother, Dan Westerman, who was on his way to attend the funeral of their nephew, Andrew Westerman, of Voca, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Rudd of Goldthwaite announced the approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Bernadine, to S. E. Cloniger of Electra Saturday afternoon, Dec. 10. The marriage was announced to be Dec. 27. Mrs. Lester Weatherly of Lometa was a member of the house party at the announcement tea. — Reporter.

San Saba

The executive committee of the Mid-Texas Educational Association has selected Supt. Noble W. Prentice of Richland Springs as its member from San Saba county.

Hamilton

Closing Saturday afternoon with a good attendance, the Seventh Annual Poultry Show sponsored by the Hamilton County Association was a decided success.

On Sunday afternoon, December 11, Miss Ella Stegemoeller became the bride of Henry Hopper, with Rev. G. C. Senff officiating. The wedding took place in the Lutheran church near Pottsville.

Mrs. Robert L. Steen, who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. C. D. McKinley, and family, other relatives and friends in Hamilton, left last Saturday to return to her home in Goldthwaite.

J. A. Roberts, produce man, slipped and fell on the sidewalk near his home on south Rice avenue, last Wednesday morning. He broke two of the ribs in his right side. He was given surgical attention and kept right on with his business affairs.

To any person who has the slightest sympathy for dogs, the individual who stoops to scatter poison meat is ranked with the lowest most despicable wrongdoers. It is not that some dogs should be done away with, but the method used that arouses the ire of those who have a modicum of sympathy for man's canine friends. Too often the poison does more than is intended and kills innocent dogs and other pets and furthermore, is terribly inhumane.

Death came swiftly to A. O. (Lon) Evans while setting in his family circle at his home in this city on Monday evening, December 12, at 5:45 o'clock. Mr. Evans had suffered at intervals for several years from kidney trouble and resultant complications, but on Monday had seemed unusually well and has assisted in his bakery throughout the day until about four o'clock, when he mentioned that he was not feeling quite so well as he had earlier in the afternoon, and went home about five o'clock. He did not complain, however, and his sudden expiration came as a great shock. — Record-Herald.

Comanche

The Wm. Reese Drug Company was burglarized Tuesday night and about fifty dollars worth of watches were taken.

F. O. Jaye, county attorney, tendered his resignation to the commissioners court Monday and C. C. Hampton, county attorney elect was appointed by that body to fill out the unexpired term.

At a meeting of the commissioners court Tuesday attended by incoming members, arrangements were made and details worked out to begin the survey of highway 36 from Comanche to the Eastland county line at Rising Star.

The cotton receipts for Comanche county had passed the 6000 bale mark on Dec. 1, according to W. M. Stewart, director of the federal census bureau, who said that 6097 bales had been ginned in the county on that date as compared to 6462 on the corresponding date last year. — Chief.

The deadliest enemies of mankind, states a report to the medical research council of Great Britain, are not great beasts such as tigers or harmful insects or even deadly reptiles like cobras or rattlesnakes, but are the tiny, almost invisible bacteria, belonging to the group called hemolytic streptococci. They dissolve the red corpuscles of the human blood. Different varieties of these germs are responsible for erysipelas, scarlet fever, pneumonia, heart disease, etc.

MOST for your MONEY in a good laxative

Theodore's BLACK-DRAUGHT has been highly regarded for a long, long time, but it is better appreciated now than ever before. People are buying everything more carefully today. They count every penny of the cost. In buying Black-Draught, they get the most for their money, in a good, effective, easy-to-take laxative, made of approved medicinal plants, dependable for the relief of ordinary constipation troubles.

25 or more doses of Theodore's Black-Draught in a 25-cent package. For Children, get pleasant-tasting BRUP of Theodore's Black-Draught.

THE Camirror



DICK MANLEY, (Right), is the only American blower in America that produces hand blown Xmas tree ornaments. The bangles are of lead glass heated to 2800 degrees Fahrenheit and then silvered and colored.



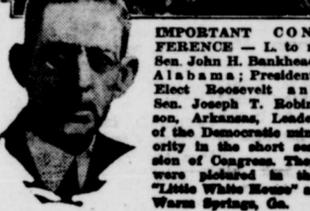
MYSTERY SHIP — Close up of the motor of Capt. Frank Hawks' newly developed 14-cylinder plane with whirl-wind radial engine of 700 h.p. and 2 adjoining rows of 7 cylinders each. Top speed is 250 miles per hour.



THAT FAMOUS YALE FOOTBALL HERO — Lefty Flynn and his talented wife, Nora, one of the Langhorns of Virginia, sister of the original Gibson Girl.



IMPORTANT CONFERENCE — L. to r., Sen. John H. Bankhead, Alabama; President-Elect Roosevelt and Sen. Joseph T. Robinson, Arkansas, leader of the Democratic minority in the short session of Congress. They were pictured in the "Little White House" at Warm Springs, Ga.



FELIX COSTE, noted coffee expert, tells Americans how to make coffee in the morning. Most important in the making is to be sure the grocer drabs grinds it—fine-ground for drip pot, medium for percolator and coarse for old-fashioned coffee pot.



INTER-COLLEGIATE Contestants at Los Angeles—The 1932 Notre Dame team opponents of U. S. C. Front row, l. to r., Kurth, rb.; Pierce, rg.; Alexander, cr.; Harris, lg.; Krause, lt.; and Coach Hank Anderson. Rear, l. to r., Root, Capt. and ra., Branchcan, rb.; Jackwhick, qb.; Melnikov, fb.; Kosky, lb.; and Koken, bk.

COUNTY CO-OPERATION

State Senator S. C. Mastick of New York told the National Municipal League meeting at Washington, that only 8.7 per cent of New York revenues go to administrative expenses and 9.7 per cent, is expended on local benefits. A great deal of it is for the schools, roads, courts and public health. This cannot all be fairly added to the towering burden of local government. The state is not confined to the capital; it includes all localities within its borders—and its functions are not entirely separable from those of its subdivisions. Nor is the fact, standing alone, that local governments cost more than the state, to be deplored. They always will. The naked fact indicates that taxpayers of each locality are spending most of their money on themselves. That is a matter of congratulation only when economy is evident. When there are too many local taxing districts, duplicating overhead unnecessarily purchasing equipment, maintaining institutions and performing services which could be more economically done by larger units, then part of the state as well as local revenues are wasted and taxes are disproportionate to the benefits received. So every commonwealth suffers from a multiplicity of school houses, road departments, county offices and institutions. Until they can be merged, Sen. Mastick suggests what many economists and educators are thinking the establishment of inter-county school districts, highway districts, jails, hospitals and poor farms. The plan is feasible. There would be no trouble about the schools in Kentucky, for instance. It has a state system. In some commonwealths small counties lodge their few prisoners in their neighbors' workhouses. Headway has been made in inter-county co-operation in the west. A propitious sign is to be recognized in the evidence of study and the growing interest of taxpayers.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Let the Eagle renew your Star-Telegram subscription.

NEWS ODDITIES

Detectives of Sheffield, England, are using cameras in getting evidence against men who stand on sidewalks and solicit bets on horse races.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burnham used an airplane to locate their setter dog after it had strayed from them while they were on a hunting trip near Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

Residents of Goshen County, Wyoming, plan to establish a barter bureau, through which it would be possible to trade coal and lumber for grain, produce and potatoes.

Six Kingston, Ontario, Canada, citizens who sought an injunction restraining the operation of the Kingston Infants' Home because the babies' crying was a "nuisance" failed in their appeal to the courts.

Monroe, Mich., residents plan to dredge the channel from the port to Lake Erie in the hope of finding \$1,000,000 worth of 100-year-old whisky and rum. The dredgers will seek the cargo of the schooner Favorite which sank off Monroe harbor in 1855.

Using modern methods, J. Alston moved his farm 36 miles from Frenze to Aylsham, England, recently. A train of twenty-one trucks transferred livestock and everything else movable in two hours.

Eight firemen, whose hook and ladder truck broke down while they were speeding to a fire in Philadelphia, transferred their equipment to a trolley car and arrived in time to save a burning plant from destruction.

William Ammerman, Jr., of Pound, Wis., went hunting near Laoma, where deer had been seen. He wanted venison. While he was absent, a deer ran across the Ammerman lawn, caught a hoof in the porch and nearly plunged into the parlor. Ammerman had the only gun in the family, and the deer got away. After a fifty-two year search

for each other, Julius and Fred Bleier, brothers, were reunited in Milwaukee, Wis., when Julius discovered the name of Fred's son, Harold, in the city directory.

When a dentist uses two or three different instruments on your teeth, don't shudder, for that's nothing. There are really 6000 items in the full kit of the profession. This was revealed at a meeting of the American Dental Trades Association, Chicago.

Miss Pearl Favors of Austin identified Walter Toyne as the man who took her purse from her on the run. She said she saw him by moonlight. Dr. P. L. Batchelder, professor of mathematics at the University of Texas, testified the moon was shining, but at an angle of 30 degrees, whereas 60 degrees was necessary to illuminate the spot. Nevertheless a jury gave Toyne a two year sentence.

With Christmas Cheer

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

And to the thousands in this section who by doing their Christmas shopping with home merchants have helped make business better for themselves as well as for the business men, we extend our appreciation and special good wishes.

Retail Merchants Association GOLDTHWAITE

Center at Adams

TO ALL



We wish a very

Merry Christmas

May the happiness of Christmas

linger in your homes for a

coming year.

Taylor's Bakery
YOUR BAKERY



Merry Christmas

When Santa Claus clambers down your chimney tomorrow night, we hope he leaves you an abundance of good things.

It's not too late for you to suggest to Santa that the finest gift he can make the whole family is to repair and remodel your home.

Let Us Show You How Reasonably You Can Buy the Building Material Here!

J. H. RANDOLPH
LUMBER

An Open Letter



to HUSBANDS

Jack darling: You're a thoughtful old man and you mean well but, just for a change I wish this year you'd give me a Christmas gift I can use. Now please think I'm reproaching you being a good husband. You're dear, do you know I still hand-painted jardiniere in last Christmas to find a funny little golf ornament. I know you thought those things please me—I appreciate that really want to please me to Ward's and get me some new dress. Heaven knows I do get something. Or if you want both enjoy using I feel about And Ward's furniture they have a scale.



MONTGOMERY

Center at Adams

THE GOLDTHWAITE

Published by Miller's Jewelry Store.

Walter Fairman and C. M. Burch returned Tuesday from a visit to Mrs. Brown in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Whisenant of Abilene are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bradley in town.

You intend giving a wedding present, why not make it one that will be valued always. Get it at Miller's Jewelry Store.

Mrs. A. T. Hoy is expected to arrive from Bisbee, Arizona, tonight to spend the holidays in the home of her sister, Mrs. L. E. Miller.

The many friends of Mr. A. H. Bradley of Scallorn are grieved to know that he is still very sick and there is very little hope for his recovery.

\$4.50 Paper Stand for \$2.25 - Racket Store.

G. E. Sheffield, who recently moved back to good old Mills, is spending several days here. He was a pleasant visitor at the Eagle office yesterday. He is now located in Center community.

Wedding presents that will be a pleasure to both the giver and the receivers will be found in abundance at Miller's Jewelry Store.

Miss Verba Rhea Burks of Goldthwaite was one of sixty-one students on the second preliminary honor roll at John Tarleton Agricultural College, according to an announcement made this week. Honor students must have made so grade below "B" for the report cited.

FACTORS, GO UNDER OWN POWER - RACKET STORE.

Builders Paper, Wall Paper - Racket Store.

Wide-awake and industrious men wanted to go in business for themselves. Some good counties open for agencies. See our representative, Jess Hall, and get started at once. The W. T. RAWLEIGH CO.

For Lease - 640 acres of land in Priddy neighborhood, all fenced, about 35 in cultivation, three room house. - T. R. Dempsey, Shive, Texas.

Farm for Lease - 180 acres, 65 in cultivation, net wire fence, Good roads and school; \$60 cash will handle. Might trade for smaller place. - Ashley Weathers or Mrs. Anderson, Mullin, Ratler Route.

Farm Help - I want a young unmarried man to live in my home and make crop on shares. - Ashley Weathers, Mullin, Texas, Ratler Rt.

For Sale - Fifty 2-year-old nannies. Good stock, or will trade for good young ewes or heifers. - Write J. C. Darroch, Brownwood, Texas, or see Joe A. Palmer.

RED CROSS MEETING

The annual meeting of the local Red Cross chapter is hereby called to convene in the court house next Thursday afternoon, Dec. 29, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting. W. C. DEW, President

FINIS LANE DEAD

The remains of Finis Lane were brought here from Cross Plains Wednesday afternoon and interred in the cemetery at this place with Masonic honors. His death occurred at Hobbs, N. M., Sunday night, at the home of his son. He had not been in good health for some time, but his condition was not thought to be serious. He and his wife had only been at Hobbs a few days and on Sunday night he complained of feeling badly. A physician gave him some medicine and directed that he go to bed. About 11 o'clock Mrs. Lane retired and at that time he was apparently resting well, but some time in the early morning she awakened and found him dead, having passed away as he slept.

Mr. Lane was a son of the late A. V. Lane and was reared in this county, but moved from here a good many years ago. At the time of his death he was making his home at Cross Plains, where he had been engaged in the oil business and he also had some oil interests at Hobbs, N. M.

His remains were carried from Hobbs to Cross Plains, where religious services were held, after which the funeral procession formed by Masonic lodge members and other citizens of that town started for Goldthwaite, reaching this place about three o'clock in the afternoon and were attended by a large number of the relatives and friends of the Lane family.

MRS. DRISKILL PASSED AWAY

Mrs. J. W. Driskill died last Friday night at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Petty, at Zephyr, from the effects of pneumonia, and her remains were brought here Sunday afternoon and interred in the cemetery at this place, by the side of the grave of her husband, who died several years ago. The burial was preceded by services in the Christian church conducted by Elder Hoover and attended by a large number of the friends of the family here, as well as several of her children and other relatives and a number of friends from Zephyr and elsewhere.

The Driskill family lived here a good many years ago and many citizens here remember them with kindness and sympathize with the bereaved in the death of Mrs. Driskill, who had a multitude of friends here and in other parts of the county. She was a devoted member of the Christian church and was ever ready and anxious to be helpful to those in need.

SOUTH BENNETT

(Continued from page 1) to Bedford Kuykendall on his recent marriage and wish him happiness in life.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Simpson and children and Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Casbeer and Bina Beth visited Luther Russell and family Sunday. In the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Jim Waggoner and baby called in that home.

Jim Elder and family went visiting Monday.

R. L. Casbeer and daughter, Melba, from Stephenville spent Thursday night with B. R. Casbeer and family. They also visited in the Edgar Simpson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Covington and Aaron and Rob Simpson visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Moore Saturday night.

Thomas Denman visited the Blackburn boys Sunday.

The youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Smith was reported sick Monday. We surely hope he gets well soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Montgomery spent Saturday night and Sunday with her father, Cleve Perry, at Center Point. ROSEBUD.

W. P. Weaver, county agent, is able to be up after a tussle with the flu.

Will Hill and family have returned from a visit to A. S. Carson and family at Slaton and while there he assisted Mr. Carson to move to Recardo, N. M., where he owns land. The Carson family lived here until a few years ago and have many friends throughout this section who are always glad to hear from them.

Card Tables \$2.25 (special) - Racket Store.

Wm. Dennard of Big Valley was in to see the Eagle Tuesday and renewed his subscription for something like the fortieth time. He is one of the most appreciated patrons of this paper and the editor esteems him one of his good friends.

WISHING ALL

A Merry Christmas

AND

Happy New Year

For Your Co-Operation, Thanks A Lot

The Swanger Health Service

THERE'LL BE NO REGRETS

BIG VALLEY

Alvin Oglesby and family have gone to Oklahoma City to spend Christmas.

Lem Sellers and family, Mmes. Jim Hays and Harry Oglesby were shopping in Brownwood Saturday.

There will be a Christmas tree program at Big Valley school Friday night.

Mrs. Scott Thompson, Mrs. Highsmith and others were in town Tuesday. Would it be safe to say, "Buying for Santa Claus?" There has been some flu in the Valley. Mrs. George Knowles is sick at this writing.

Harbin Gillentine took his family to Comanche today. Forest Renfro kept store for him. Mrs. Weaver and children spent Sunday with Homer Weaver and wife.

The state inspector visited our school Monday. He found conditions very satisfactory and trustees and faculty were pleased and allotted them. Fred Lawson and family arrived from Gonzales Tuesday and are at home at the Kyle place, which he recently purchased. We welcome this good family. FARMER.

FORMER CITIZEN DEAD

Friends here of Mrs. G. F. Bohannon and family sincerely sympathize with them in the death of her father, Mr. Tom Cox, known to his friends as "Uncle Tom," which occurred at his home in Jones county and his remains were interred in the cemetery near his home last Saturday. Mrs. Bohannon and family only recently returned from a visit to Mr. Cox and were unable to go back for the funeral.

Mr. Cox and family lived in the Rock Springs community for a long time and moved from here to Jones county in 1917, where they continued to reside. He was a man of high character and was well liked by everybody. He leaves ten grown children and a number of grandchildren, but his wife preceded him in death by several years. Mrs. Bohannon is the only one of his children living in this county, although others have lived here and are visitors to this place.

WHAT WORLD TRADE MEANS

King Cotton, as John H. Caulfield points out, is playing Horatius at the bridge for our foreign trade—armed with the two-edged sword of price and quality. Last season, while the world used 165,000 bales less of all cotton than in the previous period, it used 1,411,000 more bales of American. In the early months of this season American cotton again bettered its export record, by more than 50 per cent.

This means jobs for American workmen, increased circulation of money and a more stable cotton industry. It takes us back fifty and more years ago, when American cotton was the undisputed king in the world market. It is, perhaps, the beginning of a new era for the cotton producer.

It is worth pointing out that cotton is one of the American industries that has taken greatest advantage of the farmers' newest agency of progress—the co-operative. The cotton co-operative has shown the producer how to raise a better product and sell it at the best advantage. It has fought, and is fighting, the battles that no single producer can ever fight successfully. Cotton prices are down, along with everything else—but they would be farther down if it were not for the co-operative, and the market would doubtless be demoralized.

The fruit growers of the west, the cotton farmers of the south, the dairymen of the east—they are showing what loyally supported co-operatives can do in bringing order out of chaos.—Exchange.

Mrs. W. C. Dew left last night for Beaumont to spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. J. D. Gober, and family. Mr. Dew expects to leave for that place Saturday night to spend Christmas and accompany Mrs. Dew home.

If you get wedding presents from Miller's Jewelry Store you can be sure they will be appreciated.

Ely Sanders of Mullin was among the business visitors to this city the first of the week.

G. D. Byrd of Center City looked after business in this city the early part of the week.



May Your CHRISTMAS Be a Bountiful One

To Our Friends And Customers

We wish for you a Merry Christmas and the most Prosperous New Year possible!

Plenty Christmas Fruits and Candies.

We have a store full of bargains for you this week end.

Archer Grocery Co.

"The Best Place to Trade After All"



May This Christmas Be Your Merriest!

MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR

These good old-fashioned greetings best express our sentiments today. We hope old Santa fills your Christmas stocking with a heap of good things and that next year will bring you a full share of prosperity and satisfaction.

BARNES & McCULLOUGH

LUMBER

"Everything to Build Anything"

Miss Grace Patterson, who is principal of a school near San Antonio, is expected home tomorrow to spend Christmas.

Miller's Jewelry Store is the place to get wedding presents that last. The price is right, too.

Wedding presents that should be the ruling idea, them at Miller's Jewelry

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. will spend Christmas in Belton.



A Merry Christmas

AND A Prosperous New Year



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There may be some able statesmen who... usually like to fish. But for every one of the... who merely crave a little relaxation from... seeking publicity by blindly following the... office-holding fishermen.

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HOWARD PAYNE AUDITORIUM SATURDAY NIGHT, DEC. 31