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## Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Schooler Celebrate Golden Wedding

Last Saturday and Sunday, December 15th., and 16th., was a memorable occasion to Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Schooler of Edith when all of their nine children and some old-time friends were with them at the celebration of their Golden Wedding.

Those present Saturday, which was the principal day of the feast, were: Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Northcutt and one daughter of Sudan, Texas; Mrs. J. V. Young and three children of Mountain View, Oklahoma; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Schooler and three children of Coleman, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Field, of Wichita Falls, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Raymer of Robert Lee; Mr. and Mrs. Loyal Schooler and son of Edith; Tom Schooler, at home; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schooler and two children of Edith; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Schooler of Edith; one sister-in-law, Mrs. Annie Davenport of Eden, Texas; one nephew, Q. R. Sanders, of Menard, Texas, and his wife, and two old friends, Mr. and Mrs. George Harmon, of Robert Lee, with their niece, Violet Elledge.

The dinner was simply fine enough for the king and queen of England. The ladies who did the cooking were such cooks as you do not meet up with every day in the week. One of them was a sure enough born Cook by name and the others were cooks by practice.

Several nice presents were given them by friends and many by their children. Among the presents given by their children was a nice radio.

The Radio Station KGKO of Wichita Falls dedicated three songs to Mr. and Mrs. Schooler which were "When You and I Were Young Maggie," "Silver Threads Among the Gold" and "I Love Old Sweet Songs"—sung by R. E. Shepperd. The words of these songs were clear and distinct as they came over the waves of air, and it was worth going miles to hear them.

On Sunday, the 16th., we were back at Schooler's for some more turkey and it was certainly there together with everything that is good to eat. The main trouble was we couldn't eat it all up. The participants were the same as on Saturday with two added, namely, Uncle Joe and Aunt Sarah Webb of Edith. They sure seemed to enjoy being there with their old friends.

These were two of the most enjoyable days we have spent in many moons and we think all of the crowd enjoyed the privilege of being at the in-

gathering of the Schooler family.

We were not members of the family but they said the family would not have been complete without us and we certainly did enjoy being there on this occasion.

My wife—oh, how she did eat!

By an old friend,  
George Harman.

### The Family History

L. D. Schooler was born in Shelby County, Texas, June 4, 1856. His father was killed in the Civil War and his mother died soon afterwards. He was reared an orphan together with one brother, Frank Schooler, and two sisters, Tennie and Emma.

In the fall of 1875 he moved to Erath County, Texas, and was married to Miss Rosalie Davenport, December 15, 1878.

He professed religion and joined the Missionary Baptist Church in the summer of 1879.

In January, 1901, he moved to Coke County and was ordained deacon of Pecan Baptist Church which place he still holds.

Rosalie Davenport was born November 20, 1861, in Hot Springs County, Arkansas, and moved with her parents to Johnson County, Texas, in the fall of 1870.

She professed religion and joined the Missionary Baptist Church in the summer of 1874. In 1875 she moved with her parents to Erath County, Texas, where she was married to L. D. Schooler, December 15, 1878. To this union were born ten children, nine of whom are still living—one died in infancy.

Ada Francis Schooler, born December 5, 1879, in Erath county, was married to W. L. Northcutt of that county November 6, 1895; a boy, born October 20, 1881, died the same day; Mary Ella Schooler, born December 27, 1882, was married to Virgil Young in Erath county, Texas, December 30, 1900; William Benjamin Schooler, born May 25, 1885, in Erath county, Texas, was married to Miss Erma Crawford, June 13, 1920, in Tom Green county; Ida Lee Schooler, born January 19, 1888, was married to Carrol Field in Coke county, May 29, 1907; Cynthia Abigail Schooler, born March 13, 1890, in Erath county, Texas, was married to Walter Raymer in Coke county September 12, 1909; Lillie Thomas Schooler was born May 1, 1894, in Erath county; John Loyal Schooler, born December 21, 1896, in Erath county, was married to Miss Olive Walker in Fisher county, January 19, 1924; Joe Franklin Schooler, born October 5, 1899, in Erath County, was married to Margaret Cook in Coke county, December 22, 1922; Lee Raymond Schooler, born June 25, 1905, in Coke county, was married to Jessie Williamson in Nolan county, August 18, 1928.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Harmon received a message last Tuesday from their daughter, Mrs. A. J. Carriger of Coleman, stating that her son, A. J. Jr., had undergone an operation for appendicitis. They went down there Wednesday and returned Friday. A letter, after they had returned home stated that the child was doing nicely.

## Interscholastic League Enrollment Urged

Dear Friend and Teacher:

At the County Teachers' Meeting called at Robert Lee last Saturday, though there were but a few present, it was thought best to proceed with the organization of the League. The following officers were elected: Director general, B. M. Gramling, Robert Lee; director of athletics, Roy Brey, Bronte; director of debate, Miss Virginia Meyers, Bronte; director of declamation, Miss Aileen Revel, Robert Lee; director of extemporaneous speaking, W. R. Hardy, Bronte; director of essay writing, Mrs. Nina Berry, Robert Lee; director of spelling, Miss Pauline Moeley, Robert Lee; director of music memory, Arnold Richards, Sanco; director of 3-R contest, D. K. Smith, Fort Chabourne; director of arithmetic, R. H. LeFevre, Silver.

The date for the next meet was set at two weeks before the district meet next spring and Robert Lee was chosen as the place for holding the meet. A resolution was unanimously adopted urging the filing of proper entry sheets before the time set for the meet, and declaring for a strict enforcement of eligibility rules.

Those present expressed the hope that every school in the county would enroll in the League, and begin now to prepare pupils for the contests. The enrollment fee is \$1.00 for schools of less than 100 enrollment last term; \$2.00 for schools of more than 100 enrollment, high schools of more than 50 enrollment, \$5.00 and an additional fee of \$2.00 for the grammar school. A special fee of \$1.00 is required of all schools for basketball. These fees must be paid before January 15, and should be sent to "Interscholastic League," Austin, Texas. Payment of these fees entitles the school to enter all the contests of this school year, to copies of the Constitution and By-Laws, spelling list and subscription to the "League."

We believe boards of education in the various districts should pay these fees out of school funds so that the school may be represented in the meet. Nothing will and so much to the interest and enthusiasm of the community for your school as a whole-hearted participation in these inter-school contests. Nothing is surer to lead the older pupils to drop out of school or go to larger schools than failure to put enough time and effort into the preparation for these meets to insure some winners among your pupils. You can do it. Not a school in Coke county but can win some first places if the pupils receive proper leadership from the teacher and encouragement from the board. Send in your enrollment now and get an even

## Bronte News Notes

BY MRS. FRANK KEENEY

The play, "Sophronia's Wedding," which was put on by the Woman's Progressive Club at the school auditorium Friday evening netted the Club \$31.00, which will be used for the maintenance of the park. The cast was composed of members of the Club assisted by misses Louyenia Kneirim and Betty Butner and Mrs. F. M. Ditto.

Miss Elsie Luttrell and Miss Gertrude Hayley were joint hostesses Thursday afternoon at the home of the latter when they gave a shower for Mrs. Claude Gentry, who was Miss Edna Earl Harvell before her marriage. The suite of rooms used was beautifully decorated in Christmas colors and the gifts, which were numerous and beautiful were hung on a lovely Christmas tree. Dainty refreshments were served to a large number of guests.

The Home Economic girls of the high school are doing fine work in their department. They close this term of work by giving a Christmas dinner Thursday evening at six o'clock.

In a recent drive for the Boy Scout fund a total of \$347.50

was received.

The Sid Thomas Chevrolet Company is a new Bronte business that will open-up in a few days for business at the C. C. Smith place on main Street. Mr. Sidney Thomas of Ballinger is the manager and will move here with his family as soon as suitable apartments can be found.

A wedding of interest to a large circle of friends was that of Miss Georgia Mae Cumbie daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Cumbie, and J. B. Mackey, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mackey all of this place. The ceremony was said by the Rev. R. D. DeWeese at the home of the bride at three o'clock Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Gentry were the only guests present.

Both bride and groom are members of two of the most prominent families in this section of the country and the best wishes of a host of friends go with them. Mr. and Mrs. Mackey left immediately after the ceremony for a short trip to Brownwood. They will make their home here.

### Fowler-Wyatt

Mr. Sam Fowler and Miss Helen Wyatt were united in marriage at the Methodist parsonage Sunday, December 16th., at 2:00 p. m., the ceremony being performed by the pastor, the Rev. M. A. Turner.

The newly wedded pair were accompanied to Sweetwater by Roy and Elgene Wyatt, brother and sister of the bride and Miss Irene Casey. The happy couple there took the train for points east to spend the Christmas holidays.

The Observer wishes for them a smooth and pleasant voyage over the sea of life.

### Miss Hatley Dead

Miss Constance Hatley, 25, was born in Eastland County, August 17, 1903, joined the Church of God at the age of 14 and lived a devoted Christian life until her death Tuesday, December 18, at 7:45 p. m. at her home near Sanco. She had been confined to her bed for a day or two, with the flu and had been for several months, having trouble with her heart. Being in a weak condition her heart failed her, was the reason for her death given by Dr. F. K. Turney who was called a few hours before she died.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. M. A. Turner at Sanco and her body was laid to rest in the Robert Lee cemetery.

start with other schools. It is expected that the directors of the various events listed above will communicate with every teacher in the county in an earnest effort to arouse interest in your particular division. If YOU will make YOUR division a success, and you can, and, if each of the other directors will make theirs a success, and they can, Coke county will have a meet of which we will all be justly proud. Let's ALL pull together and make it "GO."

Yours for Coke County  
Schools,  
B. M. Cramling, Dir. Gen'l.

### Children Burn to Death

It was a sad hour, indeed, last Tuesday at noon, when Mr. and Mrs. E. Arbuckle, were working in the field at their home on the A. R. Eubanks farm at Sanco, looked and saw their barn afire. Knowing they had three small children there, they rushed to the house and found one, the two year old baby on the bed asleep, but two were missing. J. D., 5 year old boy and Erancis, 3 year old girl. The flames had reached the stage that no one could get near the barn. The little fellows were in it and of course already dead when they got there.

No one will ever know just how it happened, but it is thought the children were playing with matches. Neighbors gathered and helped get the bodies out and they were in such condition that it was decided to bury them Tuesday night, which they did at Sanco.

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A. W. PUETT Editor and Business Manager

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## OUR CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

As our thoughts go back over the year 1928, we can point out with gratitude to the many things that have been said to us by those who would pull up a thistle and plant in its stead a flower.

It is those people that will, in the final wind-up, carry the cause of the Crucified Christ to victory and civilize this world. While the nations of the earth are talking about "peace" and preparing for "war" these people all over the world are busy planting flowers. The destiny of civilization rests with them. Left to the masses, she wouldn't last long, for the world cries "Hosanna" one day and "crucify him" the next.

It has magnified its rascals

and spat upon its saints.

It has built monuments to its oppressors and condemned its liberators.

Jesus Christ heard "Hosanna!" and "Crucify Him!" from the same lips. Religious bigotry, ignorance and superstition crucified Him. It has not vanished from the earth yet for we see it every day, but thank God for the schools and colleges, which are the worst enemies the Trinity of Devils ever heard of.

There is a vast difference between Christianity and Religion. Christianity builds up and never destroys, while Religion without Christianity tears down. They mistake Religion for Christianity and think they are doing a Christian act by murdering. They will get behind a mask and shoot you, beat you half to death, burn your houses, get into the churches and try to ruin them, get into politics or anything else on earth where they think they can cause trouble, strife and human misery. In other words, they work hand and hand with the devil, or you might say, they are truly, the "wolf in sheeps clothing."

It matters not whether it be discovery or science, philosophy or religion, when ignorance is in authority, prejudice and passion are allowed to de throne reason, discredit humanity and shame civilization.

You saw a nice gob of that in this last campaign and you will see some more of it later.

They fight our universities and call them evolutionists. When Copernicus discovered that the sun stood still and this and other planets revolved around it he held the information back for thirteen years for fear of the stake. He knew that ignorance coupled with religion would get his goat. Men were burned at stake for saying

the world was round. Nothing on this earth did it but religious bigotry, ignorance and superstition that has no connection whatever, with Christianity.

But at no time down the ages have we failed to praise those who deserved it when we understood it is this cursed ignorance that needs to be stamped out worse than anything else and **EDUCATION COUPLED WITH CHRISTIANITY IS THE ONLY THING THAT WILL EVER DO IT.** You can talk about "peace on earth-good will to men" all you want to but you will never see it until the above is universally accomplished and that is a long way off. So prepare for war. Its coming and woe unto the nation that is not prepared.

Don't let any one kid you into the idea that the Kellog Peace Treaty or the League of Nations is going to stop wars, for they will never do it until the nations of the earth are **CHRISTIANIZED AND EDUCATED.** They will do some good but they won't stop wars. So when you see one of those fellows popping off on the street corner saying he don't believe its right for churches to take up collection to send foreign missionaries across the water to teach Christianity, you can just say, "hello devil!" for you have met him right square in the middle of the road. And there he is; look him over. The Saviour died that we might do that very thing and woe unto him that gets in my way. He may be a good citizen, he may be a good man, morally, but he's in a bad fix and needs to be brought out from under that darned ignorance that's got it's grip fastened upon him.

Just keep on reading now and I'll give you some more of my Christmas thoughts.

Hereafter, as long as this editor has anything to do with this or any other newspaper, I will take my stand on anything that comes up that concerns our people and tell our readers just exactly what we think about it and if you differ with us that will be all right with us. The more I see of imperfect humanity the more I am convinced that a newspaper without backbone enough to tell them what's what, and what ain't, is a miserable beggar holding out its hands for sustaining crumbs, which good natured humanity may drop. In my opinion such a newspaper is not worthy of the support of the people and if said editor is afraid he might hurt someone's feelings and lose a subscriber or two he ought to be painted yellow and run out of town.

I agree again with our friend and neighbor, Bill Kellis, over here at Sterling City when he says:

"Your true newspaper has an incorruptible editorial policy. While it tries to be fair to all, it hews to the line and lets the chips fall where they will. Like David Crockett—"be sure you are right, then go ahead"—the editor tries to be sure of the things which he advocates then goes ahead as his conscience may dictate. The readers of such a paper may not agree with the editor, yet, they will learn to appreciate and respect him for the courage of his convictions."

But, after all, this old world is showing signs every day of getting better for which we pause, and humbly thank the Almighty Creator. And to those who have stood by us, made it possible for us to remain in business, we say right out of the bottom of our heart "thank you." Personally, we think life is more so worth living today than it ever was. A man sixty years old has seen more real progress for the better than Adam and Eve would have seen had they lived until sixty years ago.

But we have the following to say to every body, which is a part, (not all) of our Christmas thoughts:

### Thirty Years Ago

when eggs were three dozen for 25c, butter 10c per pound; milk was 5c per quart; the butcher gave away liver and treated the kids to bologna; the hired girl received two dollars per week and did the washin'; women did not use powder and paint (in public), smoke, vote, play poker, shake the salimmy, or do the Charleston or Black Bottom.

Men wore whiskers and boots; chewed tobacco, spit on the sidewalk and cussed. Beer was 5c and the lunch was free. Laborers worked ten hours a day and never went on a strike; no tips were given waitresses and the hot-check grafter was unknown; a kerosene hanging lamp and a stereoscope in the parlor were luxuries.

No one was ever operated on for appendicitis or bought glands; microbes were unheard of, folks lived to a good old age and every year walked three miles to wish their friends a Happy New Year.

### Today You Know

Everybody rides in automobiles or flies; has a radio and lies about getting California; plays golf, shoots craps, plays the piano with his feet; goes to the movies nightly; smokes cigarettes; drinks Rukus juice; blames the H. C. L. on his neighbors; never goes to bed the same day he gets up, and thinks he is having a Heck of

a time. These are days of suffragette, profiteering, rent hogs, excess taxes and prohibition. If you think life's worth living, we wish you

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

## Christmas Suggestions

### For Mother

- Hose Purse
- Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs
- Bed Lamps
- Embroidered Pillow Cases
- Colored Sheets and Pillow Cases
- Blankets
- Ice Tea Glasses
- Picture

### For Dad

- Tie
- House Shoes
- Shirt
- Silk Hose
- Handkerchiefs
- Cigars
- Gloves

### For Sister

- Silk Pajamas
- Mesh Bags
- Silk Hose
- Garters
- Vases
- Bath Salts
- Bath Powder
- Bath Sets

### For Brother

- Hose
- Handkerchief
- Tie
- Cigar Lighters
- 2 Piece Silk Underwear
- Belts
- Sweater

### For Baby

- Doll
- Rattler
- Silk Caps
- Hose
- Toilet Sets
- Baby Blankets
- Sweaters
- Shoes
- Bath Robes
- House Shoes
- Tea Sets

## Cumbie Bros.

### A German Sentence

The German system of forming a sentence consisting of a number of words strung together with the verb at the end, has long been the butt of jokes by writers of other countries since the days of Mark Twain and perhaps before that. A recent feat of German syntax is said to be composed of 230 words.

# CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

## For Dad and Brother

- Ties
- Socks
- Shirts
- Handkerchiefs

## For Mother and Sister

- Scarfs
- Underwear
- Silk Hose
- Silk Pajamas



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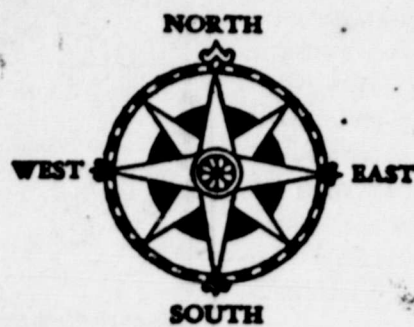
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### Petrification Begun

Remains of an ancient California forest in the early stages of petrification were discovered by workmen excavating nearly sixty feet below the surface at Oakland, Calif. The wood was still soft enough to be crushed in the hand but was visibly in the process of becoming stone.

### Greek Name for Deity

The Greek word for God is Theos. English words of like meaning tracing their derivation to it.



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## The Season's Greetings

There is a sentiment in business—an honest sentiment—that makes for friendship and confidence. At Christmas time is a fitting time to acknowledge these attributes of character and personality that are so often the real factors in a pleasant business relation. To you and yours we extend sincere wishes for a joyous Christmas and a bountiful New Year.

The old time carol sounds again  
Its message sweet and true;  
And so the older heartfelt wish  
This greeting brings to you—  
Merry Christmas and New Year too!

With a thank you hand-shake we offer you our season's greetings, assuring you that our friends in business are as precious as any could be in social life.

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### United States Motto

"E pluribus unum," the Latin phrase that has become our national motto, originally occurred in a poem entitled "Moretum," supposed by some to have been written by Virgil. It literally means, "one from many," or "from many one." According to the Pathfinder Magazine, the Continental congress on July 4, 1776, appointed Franklin, John Adams and Jefferson a committee to choose a device for the seal of the United States of America, and this committee consulted Eugene Pierre Du Simitiere, a West Indian Frenchman living in Philadelphia, who had some reputation as an artist and he submitted a device containing the above phrase. Usually, however, the motto is attributed to Jefferson.

### Building America

America would have been discovered had there been no Columbus; but there could have been no United States had it not been for the tens of thousands of peasants, artisans, merchants, sailors and adventurers—common men and women—who braved the danger of long ocean voyages, cut down the forests, cleared the land, built the towns, drove back the Indians, and pushed the line of peaceful homesteads across the American continent until it touched the Pacific ocean.—Charles A. Beard.

### Australian Emblems

The Australian flag is a blue ensign, the description of which is as follows: The Union Jack in the top left-hand corner; in the center of the lower canton next the staff and pointing direct to the center of the St. George's cross in the Union Jack, a white seven-pointed star (representing the six states and the territories of the commonwealth); in the fly, five smaller white stars, representing the Southern cross. A red flag, carrying the same markings, is used by the Australian merchant shipping.

### Sweden in History

The place names of Sweden, many dating as far back as the Bronze age, and from viking times, are now being specially studied and it is expected that much light will be thrown upon many linguistic and historical problems in other parts of Europe, as the population of Sweden has remained practically homogeneous for thousands of years. The language spoken has always been Swedish, although Swedish literature cannot be said to have existed earlier than the Thirteenth century.

### Japanese Art

One of the most famous pictures of Japan, now in the royal palace at Tokyo, is made up of four panels, three of which are blank. The fourth depicts a crow in flight just disappearing over the horizon. The painting was made at the command of a former emperor, and is considered a masterpiece, following the imaginative Japanese school of art in composition and movement. The single crow represents the last of a flock flying in a direction away from the center of the picture.

### Being One's Age

Persons fully grown are sufficiently developed in mentality and character to protect themselves, says an adviser writing in the Woman's Home Companion.

### Monarch of Explosives

The bureau of mines says that the most powerful explosive known is benzoyl peroxide.

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### Greek Culture Widespread

Excavating an ancient tomb in Mongolia, Professor Kozlov discovered a Greek tapestry and a carpet representing a deer on whose back is a winged lynx. Such discoveries as these in Eastern tombs indicate that the ancient Greek art and culture spread as far East as Mongolia, he said.

### Of European Origin

The principal and most valuable breeds of the American cattle have been derived from Great Britain and other portions of northwestern Europe.

### Thanks for the Change

"Women make fools of men. And sometimes make men of fools.—Exchange.

### Energy in Ether

Ether is said to be vibrating incessantly, every particle moving with the velocity of light—180,000 miles a second. A distinguished natural scientist insists that there is "as much energy in a pin's head of ether as would be evolved by a 1,000,000-horse power dynamo working for 40,000,000 years."

### Chaucer Manuscripts

Upwards of 60 Fifteenth century manuscripts of the "Canterbury Tales" by Geoffrey Chaucer still exist. This English poet spent much time traveling in Italy and France in the service of the king.

### Note for Pedestrians

It is a foolish assumption that a wiffling motor car can stop quicker than a pedestrian can jump. —Boston Herald.



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**Candy Industry Goes  
Back to Hippocrates**

Physicians among the ancient Greeks and Romans utilized the bee's honey in preparing their medicines. In fact, the manufacture of candy traces its origin back to the days of Hippocrates, father of medicine, who lived in the fifth century B. C. In those days doctors' remedies for human ills consisted of doses of bitter herbs. In order to tickle the palate of his rich patients, Hippocrates smeared a little honey on the edge of the cup containing the potion, and later on coated his pills with similar substances, thus comforting his patients and, no doubt, also increasing his fees.

Little did Hippocrates think that he was destined to go down to fame, not only as the father of medicine but as one of the originators of the art of candy-making.

From this quaint origin the candy industry has progressed to such an extent that it is now one of the world's leading industries. Its production involves labor in all parts of the world and employs every means of transportation known to man.—Exchange.

**No Putting Off**

"My boy, think of the future." "I can't; it's my girl's birthday, and I must think of the present."—New York Central Lines Magazine.

**Idea of Human Flight  
Long in Minds of Men**

The desire to conquer the air and emulate the birds is no modern fancy, but has agitated the minds of men mechanically inclined for ages. Records of a meeting of the Royal Society, held in London in 1679, give the information that "Mr. Hooke read a paper containing a description of the way of flying, invented and practiced by one Mons. Besnier, a smith, the contrivance of which consisted in ordering four wings folding and shutting to be moved by his hands before and his legs behind, by which he was, it was said, able to fly from a high place across a river to a pretty distance." One of the members of the Royal Society apparently cast some doubt upon the practicability of the invention: "Mr. Henshawe conceived that by reason of the weakness of a man's arms for such kind of motions, it would be much more probable to make a chariot or such like machine with springs and wheels, that should serve to carry one or more men in it to act and guide it."

**Optimism**

On the eve of his wedding a Vienna bridegroom challenged the best man to a duel. Jealous acquaintances of the bride declare that he subsequently remarked, "And may the best man win."

**"Woodchuck" From Indian**

"Woodchuck" as applied to the groundhog, is not a compound of "wood" and "chuck," as commonly supposed. It is a corruption of the Indian word "wejack," "woodshaw," or "woodschoock," a name applied to this animal by hunters, trappers and traders in the Hudson bay region. Supposedly the word is derived from the Cree "otchek" or the Chippewa "otchig," which was applied to the fisher by the Indians, but which was transferred to the groundhog by the whites. According to the bureau of American ethnology, in the fur nomenclature of the Hudson's Bay company, the skins of groundhogs have long been known as "woodchucks."

**Doing Well**

A householder had trouble with the shower in his bathroom, and plumbers were called in.

After an hour or more, hearing no sounds of activity from the bathroom, the householder proceeded to the scene of operations. Opening the door, he found the plumber and his mate seated on the bath, engrossed in a copy of the evening paper.

"Well," he said suspiciously, "how are you fellows getting on?"

"Fine," said the plumber, removing his pipe. "We've got a couple of winners this afternoon."—London Tit-Bits.

**Work Up to a Carpet**

The junior clerk in the British navy begins his official life in a very bare office, with a hard chair to sit on, and a writing table that is nothing but a collapsible shelf. There is no place to keep his papers, no carpet on the floor.

His next promotion is to a table with a couple of drawers, but it is not until he has gone several rungs up the ladder and in receipt of a salary exceeding £300 a year that he can claim a real desk with lockable drawers.

Only officials in receipt of at least £1,000 a year are allowed carpets in their rooms.

**Cathedral Dimensions.**

The length of the cathedral of St. John the Divine (Episcopal), New York—601 feet—is greater than that of Amiens, which is 521 feet long; Cologne, which is 511 feet; Chartres, which is 507 feet and Milan which is 60 feet.

Pythagoras called the perfect number, expressive of the beginning, middle and ending, whatever it makes a symbol of deity.

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By virtue of an order of sale, issued by the clerk of the district court of Coke County, Texas, on the 26th day of Nov. 1928, as directed by the terms of a judgment rendered in said court on the 6th day of October, 1928, in a certain cause wherein the city of Bronte, Texas, is plaintiff, and N. Suderth, and each and all other persons who are unknown to plaintiff, as defendants in favor of the said plaintiff, and against said defendant, N. Suderth, and each and all other persons who are unknown to plaintiff, for the sum of Nineteen and 50-100 dollars (for city of Bronte taxes, interest, penalty and costs), with interest on said sum at the rate of six per cent per annum from date of judgment, together with all costs of suit and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Coke County, I have seized, levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in January, A. D. 1929, the same being the first day of said month, at the court house door of said Coke County, in the city of Robert Lee, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. on said day proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of N. Suderth, and each and all other persons who are unknown to plaintiff, in and to the following described real estate, levied upon the 27th day of November, 1928, as the property of N. Suderth, and each and all other persons who are unknown to plaintiff, to-wit: being situated in the County of Coke and State of Texas, and within the corporate limits of the said city of Bronte, Texas, to-wit: All of lots Nos. 5 and 6 in block 62, in said city of Bronte, Coke County, Texas, subject, however, to the right of redemption the defendants, or any one interested therein, may have and subject to any other and further rights the defendants, or any one interested therein, may be entitled to under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment foreclosing the lien provided by law for the taxes, interest, penalty and costs, against such real estate, in favor of the State of Texas, together with interest and the costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof. Said sale will be made subject to the defendants right to redeem the said property within two years from the date of sale by complying with the provisions of law in such cases made and provided.

S. J. Russell, Sheriff,  
Coke County, Texas.  
Robert Lee, Texas, November 27, 1928.

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m., on said day proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title and interest of J. L. Heare, and each and all other persons who are unknown to plaintiff, in and to the following described real estate, levied upon on the 27th day of November, A. D. 1928, as the property of J. L. Heare, and each and all other persons who are unknown to plaintiff, to-wit: being situated in the county of Coke and State of Texas, and within the corporate limits of the said city of Bronte, Texas, to-wit: two and seventy-five one-hundredths (2.75) acres of land more fully described by metes and bounds as follows: beginning at a stake on the east side of the townsite of Bronte where the north line of Olive avenue intersects said townsite line; thence S. 69 30 east 510 feet; thence N. 19 24 east 150 feet; thence N. 69 30 west 210 feet; thence N. 19 24 east 210 feet; thence N. 69 30 west 300 feet to said townsite line; thence east with line of said townsite to the beginning, containing 2 3-4 acres, more or less, subject, however, to the right of redemption the defendants, or any one interested therein, may have and subject to any other and further rights the defendants, or any one interested therein, may be entitled to under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment foreclosing the lien provided by law for the taxes, interest, penalty and costs, against said real estate, in favor of the State of Texas, together with interest and the costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof. Said sale will be made subject to the defendants right to redeem the said property within two years from the date of sale by complying with the provisions of law in such cases made and provided.

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o'clock p. m., on said day proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title and interest of J. H. Beauchamp and each and all other persons who are unknown to plaintiff, in and to the following described real estate, levied upon on the 27th day of November, A. D. 1928, as the property of J. H. Beauchamp and each and all other persons who are unknown to plaintiff, to-wit: being situated in the county of Coke and State of Texas, and within the corporate limits of the said city of Bronte, Texas, to-wit: All of lots Nos. 4 and 5 in block No. 38, and all of lots Nos. 1 and 2 in block No. 40, in said city of Bronte, Coke county, Texas, subject, however, to the right of redemption the defendants, or any one interested therein, may have and subject to any other and further rights the defendants, or any one interested therein, may be entitled to under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment foreclosing the lien provided by law for the taxes, interest, penalty and costs, against said real estate, in favor of the State of Texas, together with interest and the costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof. Said sale will be made subject to the defendants right to redeem the said property within two years from the date of sale by complying with the provisions of law in such cases made and provided.

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Block No. 60, and all of lots Nos. 13-14-15-16-17 and 18 in Block No. 61, all in the said City of Bronte, Coke County, Texas, subject, however, to the right of redemption the defendants, or any one interested therein, may have and subject to any other and further rights the defendants, or any one interested therein, may be entitled to under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment foreclosing the lien provided by law for the taxes, interest, penalty and costs, against said real estate, in favor of the State of Texas, together with interest and the costs of the suit, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof. Said sale will be made subject to the defendants right to redeem the said property within two years from the date of sale by complying with the provisions of law in such cases made and provided.

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Robert Lee, Texas, Nov. 27, 1928.

### Commerce Boomed by Methods of Counting

For ages even the most intelligent men could count only to ten or twenty, the number of their fingers and toes. Then sticks and stone counters were laid in rows to indicate and compute numbers involved in barter and trade. In the earliest civilizations symbols were employed to some extent, then in Egypt they had the happy thought of drawing a picture to represent each quantity. Thus, a frog equaled 100,000 and a man with arms outstretched in admiration signified 10,000,000. The Greek and Roman systems of letters for numerals were considered a great advance, but only the most learned could do any adding or subtracting with them. The decimal system was brought by an ambassador from India into Arabia in 773 A. D., and European countries got their numerals from Arabia in the Twelfth century. It proved popular right away and teachers of the new system were in great demand. Trade and industry, so long dammed up by a lack of any simple method of keeping accounts or doing business with persons at a distance, sprang into life—and the Commercial era was born.—Detroit News.

### Porpoise Superior to Man in Size of Brain

The porpoise, usually considered a stupid creature, is now said to have a much larger brain than a man. This is a severe blow to man's pride in his well-developed cerebral hemisphere. From the evolutionary point of view the porpoise is more highly developed than man, for after reaching the cat or dog stage of development it took up an aquatic habitation and underwent further evolutionary changes to suit its new surroundings. The foreleg changed to a fin, and the hind leg disappeared entirely. The skull broadened at the sides and shortened in front, so that the nose was forced up above the eyes, where it became a blow-hole. The changes in the brain are being studied to determine how much they are due to aquatic environment.

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### Slat's Diary

(By Ross Farquhar)



Friday—Pa put one over on Ant Emmy tonite at the supper table and I dont belikve she has saw the point of it yet. She was asking why some of the musikal shows witch shows on Broadway St. in Noo York stays for suchly long run sometimes and pa answered and replied They run so long on acct. they have so many laigs.

Saturday—I overherd a conversation of 2 men talking today and they both was a d banded up like they had been in a coupla recks or sumthing. I man sed to the uther man what happened to you and the uther man sed I been learning my wife how to drive the ottomobel what happened to you and the uther man repyed in ans. and sed Well I refused to learn my wife to drive the ottomobel. And so I thot of our teachers talk on cos en effect.

Sunday—Pa dussent no wear fer he will have his job tomorrow or not becauz in the paper the uther day he puts the rong head line over the peace about the new wimmins literary society and it red Museum of Antickities Opened. Sum of the wimmins is pritty sore at the editer and the later is sore at pa

Munday—Ma and Pa has been invited to go to the Masquerade ball and pa was saying he didnt no what to make up as. And ma sez Well you have been reading about them Southern Kernels and ect. why dont you impersonate a gentle man. And pa got about 1-2 sore at ma. General Soreness seems to prevade.

Tuesday—I am afraid if the teacher dont take back what she sed to me today I will be quitting school. She sed if I didnt improve in arithmetic why she sed she was a goin to send me home for good. Even at that I dont gess it wud be very pleasant at home if that did happen to occur.

Wednesday—Jake got kep in tonite. The teacher was a trying to show what the word dignifide meant. So she sticks up her head and walks across the room and ast Jake how she walked and he sed bow legged.

Thursday—After skool I told Blisters that his ma was hunting him and tonite when he was over to see me he wudent set down. So I gess she must of found him.

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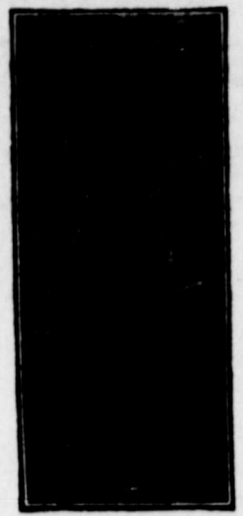
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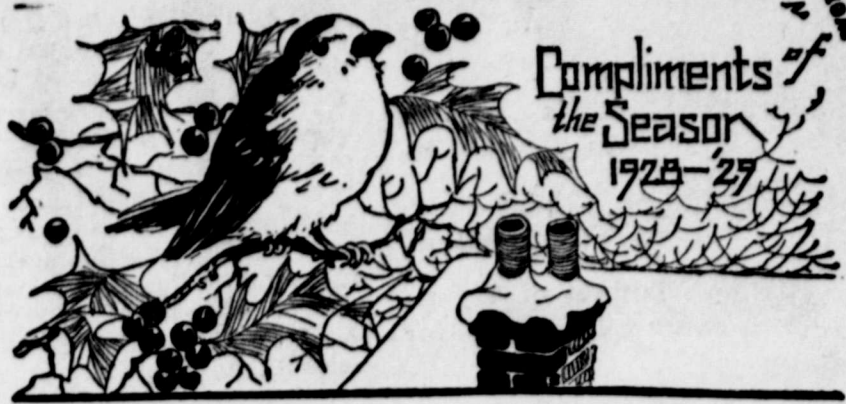
(By Ross Farquhar)



Friday—Mrs. Glunt was a caller at are house tonite and she was a telling ma and ant Emmy she was a going up to the Hawspittle tommorow and have a Ex ray pitcher took of her nes and ant Emmy was offy interested and sed well if they come out good I wood like to have 1 of them if they are eny good.

Saterday—Mrs. Gibberd witch has moved into a flat up to the city is trying to be very fashunable and she puts a little sign up by the door bell witch reeds Gibberd and Co. end sum of her ole friends ast her why did she make it that way and she repleyd and sed becuz she had lots of Co. evry nite, all most.

Sunday—Pa got in bad tonite. him and ma including me went down to sum friends witch has got a yung lady visiting them whom is quite a peano player and she



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was playing a few peaces and then she turned around and sed Now has enny 1 got enny thing they wood like for me to play and pa cleered his throte and sed Please play the Roasery and she smiled and sed why thats the 1 I plade just now. Ma was a site to Be hold.

Munday Pa sez things is comeing to a pritty pass when evry woman which's famly has a slite tutch of insanity in it why she thinks she has a perfect rite to shoot her husband.

Tuesday—Well I attended a party of the younger set tonite and today at school I ast Jane if she wood give me a danse at the party and she sed yes you can have the 20

first danse on the program. and when we got to the party and they delt out the programs why they was oney 20 quantes on the program and I am inclined to think Jane had a hand in the arraignements.

Wensday—I dropt in to Janes house this evening. By acksident. and she ast me what was I goin to be wen I was groan up and I sez a traveling salesman mebbly and she sed well you can never start practkising to soon. Sum fokes mite of thot she was hintin. ennyway I started home in deep thot.

Thursday—Ma and ant Emmy and me met a lady weeling a kid in a go cart and ant Emmy rimarkeed that the baby resimbleed the womans husband and ma give her the dickens becuz she new the baby Was a adopted won.

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## Personals

and family  
Friday.

is walking  
ys, a well man.

on is back from  
for the holidays.

Tunnel of Wyan-  
ahoma is here for  
the ho. days.

For Sale—Work horses and  
mules and also saddle ponies.  
M. B. Meek, 'phone 5.

Onie Brummett of Truscott  
visited Duvon Sowders last  
week.

For Sale—Victor phonograph  
good condition, only \$10.00  
Mrs. A. W. Puett.

Miss Pauline Connor is  
spending the holidays with  
homefolk.

For Sale—22 caliber Remington  
pump gun, good condition.  
Herbert H. Conner, 'phone 17.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Richardson  
spent the week end in  
Snyder.

I will sell or trade teams,  
plow tools and harness.  
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Raymond Richardson of  
Lubbock was here Friday visit-  
ing relatives.

Dr. Jones, Dentist, over First  
National Bank, San Angelo,  
Texas.

Steel Branch of Abilene was  
seen in the capitol city Wed-  
nesday.

We are here to stay. Bring  
your laundry work rain or  
shine, to Brown's Laundry.

J. C. Allison and wife and  
her little niece were shopping  
in Robert Lee Monday.

J. H. Hall of Silver made a  
business trip to Wichita Falls  
this week.

The whooping cough epi-  
demic in the Silver commu-  
nity is about over.

There will be a Christmas  
Tree on Monday night at the  
Robert Lee Baptist Church.

Mrs. W. E. Newton and  
children were San Angelo  
shoppers Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Collett  
of prime, Texas were here last  
week end.

Mrs. Gracy Parker of Eido-  
rado is spending the week here  
with her mother, Mrs. J. L.  
Tubby, who is on the sick list.

Mrs. Dick Witherspoon of  
Roscoe spent the week end  
with her sister, Mrs. J. L.  
Snead, who has been quite ill.

For Sale—One 1927 model  
Ford roadster good condition  
and good casing. Herbert H.  
Conner, 'phone 17.

Mr. Lee Garret and Miss  
Vela Arnold of Silver were  
married in San Angelo the  
12th of unknown.

Miss Mary Burleson asks us  
to announce for her that she  
will have her class entertain-  
ment the first week in Janu-  
ary.

I am now in charge of the  
Hester Service Station and  
will also sell feed in connec-  
tion with same. So if you  
need gas, lube, coal oil or  
feed come and let us supply  
you, or if you have a flat I  
can fix that. All trade will  
be appreciated.

A. R. Eubanks.

## That Dallas Map

Well he fixed it. Below is an  
editorial from Bill Kellett's  
Sterling City News Record, which  
we could not improve or even  
make a stab at saying it as well  
as he has. He wrote it, applying  
it to Sterling County, but we  
have just copied it and applied it  
here at home. But Bill deserves  
the credit for finding these words  
to use; we just can't do it.  
But say Bill! That would be  
some BULL.

The Dallas News, which has  
always been noted for its uni-  
form fairness to all, made an  
awful mistake last week when  
it published a map intended to  
show the rich and poor counties  
of Texas. In other words, the  
map purported to show the  
"buying power" of each county  
T x s.

This map shows that most  
of the West Texas counties  
were "poor" and the East Tex-  
as counties were "rich." While  
we give The News credit for  
good intention, we deplore its  
judgment in the scheme. This  
map didn't do East Texas any  
good, while West Texas suffer-  
ed by the publication. Nearly  
all these West Texas counties  
rated as "poor" are vehemently  
resenting being published as  
"poor" because from a finan-  
cial stand point, some county  
may suffer injury from it when  
it seeks credit, or sale of bonds  
for its betterment. Then, it is  
injurious to the wholesale in-  
dustry of Dallas, which is giv-  
ing credit for furnishing a part  
of the data of the map. The  
West Texas merchant is told,  
by inference, that his "per-  
chasins power" is "poor" and  
therefore his business is not  
desirable. Naturally he resents  
this insinuation and goes to the  
other markets, which tends to  
cripple a young industry of  
which all Texas is proud.

Coke County is rated among  
the "poor" counties; yet, man  
for man, woman for woman,  
and child for child, could buy  
in Dallas and have plenty left  
to care for the poor and  
indigent it would get in the  
deal. If the people of Coke  
County had to leave quickly,  
they could all ride away in au-  
tomobiles and there would not  
be more than four persons in  
each car.

Acres for acres, Coke County  
produces more cotton, maize,  
sorghum and kafir corn than  
Dallas County. If all the  
sheep in Coke County was one  
ram, he could stand with his  
hind feet in Tarrant County  
his forefeet in the suburbs of  
Dallas, and eat oats off the tall-  
est skyscraper in that city.  
There are enough Angora goats  
in Coke County to clear the  
Trinity Bottoms in the vicinity  
of Dallas of all the green briars  
in a week, and then furnish the  
inhabitants of that benighted  
burg enough chevon to feed all  
the Ku Klux roundabout.

Poor, did you say! Why,  
man, if the white faced cattle  
that roam the hills around  
Robert Lee were converted in-  
to one bull, he could, with one  
hind foot in Ft. Worth, another  
in Ennis, cut off Dallas water  
supply by drinking the Trinity  
river dry—he would also leave  
Dallas' steam ships high and  
dry.

Man for man, dollar for dol-  
lar and bank for bank, the  
First State Banks of Robert  
Lee and Bronte would make  
the staunchest bank in Dallas  
look like 80c in point of wealth,  
stability and banking.

Yet, Coke is just a good, av-

erage West Texas county. It  
is true, we are poor in gnats,  
chiggers, seedticks, mosquitoes  
flice dogs, niggers' crooked poli-  
ticians and hijackers.

But what's the use? Our  
good friend, The News, under-  
took to show us who was rich  
and who was poor in Texas,  
and made a meli-of-a-hess of it.  
It was just ignorance on the  
part of The News. These peo-  
ple had the best of intentions  
when they showed us as "poor"  
and themselves as rich. Why,  
down in Dallas they teach that  
the North Concho river crosses  
the Pecos on a foot log and  
heads in Andrews County.

These people mean no harm  
by being ignorant of the rich-  
es of West Texas, but it does  
look like they would post them-  
selves and jar loose from the  
traditions of fifty years ago  
when this country was a wilder-  
ness. It sure does.

## Praise the New Chevrolet

Messrs. Cortez Russell and  
J. O. Greer of the W. K. Simp-  
son Chevrolet Co. just return-  
ed from Dallas, where they  
attended the Advance Show-  
ing of the new Chevrolet six  
cylinder car, were enthusias-  
tic in their praise of Chevro-  
let's new product and of the  
public reception showered  
upon it at the Dallas showing.  
"Thousands attended the  
Dallas showing daily, and I  
had the opportunity of notic-  
ing the most genuine demon-  
stration of crowd enthusiasm  
I have ever seen my privilege  
to witness," Mr. Russell said.  
"If the public's preference for  
the new Chevrolet is to be in-  
dexed from what I observed  
from the Dallas crowds, I  
feel certain that "The Out-  
standing Chevrolet of Chevro-  
let history" is destined to go  
down in automotive history  
as one of the most sensation-  
al of all sales successes.

Dallas visitors to the show-  
ing were outspoken in their  
admiration of the expensive  
"big car" appearance of the  
new models. They were  
pleased with the new color  
combinations and with the  
elegance of the fittings and  
upholstery. The feminine  
showgoers were especially en-  
thusiastic over the appear-  
ance and comfort conveni-  
ences found in the new Chevro-  
let.

"The powerful engine with  
its 32% increased horse-power,  
the product of four years in-  
tensive development by Che-  
vrolet and General Motors,  
was one of the most popular  
exhibits at the showing.  
Crowds milled about the en-  
gine all day long, and were  
especially interested in learn-  
ing that, although it develops  
more horse-power than its  
predecessor, it can be oper-  
ated with a fuel economy av-  
erage better than 20 miles to  
the gallon.

Mr. Russell said that he  
would have the new models  
on display in his show rooms  
January 1, when deliveries  
are scheduled to begin. Fif-  
teen huge Chevrolet factories  
through the country are now  
pushing production with all  
the speed possible within the  
limits of precision manufac-  
turing, Mr. Russell said.

There were about 99 absent  
Monday on account of the  
flu so it was decided to close  
the school until after the  
holidays. Monday, December  
31, will be the next school  
day here.

## December

The last month of the year is  
almost gone and Christmas is  
drawing near once more. Not  
the happy childhood sort of  
Christmas but a hurried, wor-  
ried time of exchanging gifts.  
The spirit of Christmas has  
been all but smothered by the  
luxury of a commercial minded  
world.

The present generation adapts  
itself to the rapidly changing  
times. The old fashioned din-  
ners are mostly a hallowed  
memory and perhaps it is bet-  
ter so. The grandmothers of  
today like to go to a show, or  
on a long drive, just as well as  
their son's daughters. So does  
mother. Who wants to slave a  
week cooking a sumptuous din-  
ner? Then a cafe dinner or a  
lunch takes the place of the  
family dinners which were so  
wonderful to anticipate or re-  
member, but which severely tax-  
ed the strength and patience of  
the hard working mother and  
the digestion of all concerned.

We get to feeling sometimes  
like the little boy, who said,  
"What's the use of livin' if  
there ain't no Santa Clause?"  
But there is a Santa Clause and  
the wonderful spirit of Christ-  
mas lives again in our hearts  
as we hear the sweet strains of  
all the dear familiar melodies,  
"Silent Night," "It Came Upon  
a Midnight Clear," "Hark, the  
Herald Angel's."

But there is a dear little wo-  
man whose hair is white, or a  
father, grown tired with the  
years to whom December has  
truly come. The children are  
all grown and gone out into  
the world. At first the letters  
came so often, but as the years  
went by and the world laid  
careless hands on homesick  
hearts, the letters grew fewer.  
Now, indeed, is December bleak  
and dreary for the tired old fa-  
ther and mother. Not many  
times will they again hear the  
bells on New Years. Stop  
now in the busy affairs of life  
and write them a letter. Better  
still, go spend the holidays  
with them, you may not have  
the chance again. Their hearts  
are loving and kind and they  
are a bit bewildered and lonely  
for the old days. They don't  
really feel old, just different.  
Some day, we too, will be

A little more tired at close of  
day;  
A little less anxious to have  
our way;  
A little more care for a bro-  
thers name;  
A little less ready to scold and  
blame;  
And so we are nearing the  
journeys end,  
Where time and eternity meet  
and blend.  
A little more laughter, a little  
more tears,  
And we shall have told our in-  
creasing years;  
The book is closed, the prayers  
are said,  
And we are a part of the count-  
less dead.

"I live because he has passed  
my way."

## Special Service

Special Christmas services  
next Sunday; appropriate  
music and sermon. Mem-  
bers of the church are urged  
to come prepared to make a  
special Christmas offering for  
the Methodist Home at Waco.  
The quota of this church is  
\$125.00.

## Santa Claus Letters

Silver, Texas,  
December 21, 1928

Dear Santa Clause:

For Christmas, please bring  
me a doll and sewing ma-  
chine, some nuts, candy, ap-  
ples and oranges.

Your little friend,  
Christelle Hall.

Silver, Texas,  
December 21, 1928

Dear Santa Clause:

Please bring me a doll, doll  
buggy, candy, nut- and fruits,  
Your little friend,  
Margie Castleberry.

Robert Lee, Texas,  
December 21, 1928

Dear Santa Clause:

I want you to bring me for  
Christmas, a litte telephone,  
a cedar chest for my doll  
clothes, a big rubber ball, a  
baby doll with a little bottle,  
Also some candy, nuts and  
fruit.

Your little friend,  
Lavoyce Ackelson.

Robert Lee, Texas,  
December 21, 1928

Dear Santa Clause:

Please bring me for Christ-  
mas a coaster wagon, a big  
rubber ball, some fire crack-  
ers, and some candy, nuts,  
and fruit.

Your litt'e friend,  
Gordon Ackelson.

## No Paper Next Week

Since Christmas comes on  
Tuesday, it has been decided  
not to publish a paper next  
week. We would have to  
work every day to do it, and  
we want to take Christmas  
too.

The editor and his mother  
will spend Christmas with  
relatives at Dallas, while his  
family spends the holidays at  
Hamun with relativs and  
the printers will spend theirs  
here and yonder. We will be  
back on the job the first of  
the year with the determi-  
nation to give you a better pa-  
per than ever before.

What greeting adds we lack  
getting in the paper this  
week we will finish the first  
week in January.

## Bessent-Bilbo

Last Saturday, two of our  
youngsters slipped off to San  
Angelo and were happily mar-  
ried. They are Charlie Bes-  
sent and Miss Louella Bilbo,  
the Rev. Elmer Ridgeway of  
the Baptist Church there of-  
ficiating.

The young couple will make  
their home on the Bessent farm  
seven miles south of town.  
Both were reared here and their  
many friends join the Observer  
in wishing them all the happy  
ness married life can bring.

Messrs Troy Amon and  
Dennis Morgan of Comanche  
County, brothers to Mrs. E.  
Arbuckle and Mrs. A. R. Eu-  
banks arrived here too late  
Tuesday night for the fune-  
ral of the Arbuckle children.

There will be a fifth Sun-  
day meeting at the Church  
of Christ, December 30. E.  
B. Wallace of Abilene will  
preach and several of the  
boys from A. C. C. will sing.  
Every body come.