

STANDARD OIL OF KENTUCKY DENIES VIOLATION OF LAW

ANSWER TO CHARGES FILED IN FEDERAL COURT AT ATLANTA, GA.

DENY CONSPIRACY TO CRUSH WOFFORD FIRM

Admit Contracts For Delivery At Four Cents Less Than Tank Wagon Prices.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 21. (AP)—Denial that it is dominated by any other oil company...

The answer also denied charges that the Standard Oil Company of Kentucky entered conspiracy with the Gulf Refining Company...

SUGGEST TWO REPORTS MONTHLY ON CONDITION OF CROP JULY TO NOV.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21. (AP)—After a long-day conference on the cotton crop...

STATEMENT EMPHASIZES POSITION OF DEPARTMENT ON SOVIET PROPAGANDA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21. (AP)—The state department's position that communist propaganda in the United States...

Recommendations for Improvement In Reports On Condition of Cotton Are Made By Advisory Committee

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21. (AP)—Recommendations for improvement of the cotton report from the service of the department of agriculture...

The committee expressed itself as thoroughly convinced there was no possibility of a lack of cotton statistics and condensed criticism of the department's cotton report...

KIRBY, OF HOUSTON, TO BE SANTA CLAUS FOR 4952 CHILDREN

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 21. (AP)—One citizen of Houston will be Santa Claus for 4,952 children Christmas and has purchased 15,000 gifts for them.

That the department further develop its use of the reports of rural conditions in the cotton crop...

HAVE OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS IN FRANCE

PARIS, Dec. 21. (AP)—That old-fashioned Christmas, always welcomed here, but seldom seen, will be celebrated in France this year...



Texas News Briefs

WILL TO BE CANDIDATE FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL. AUSTIN, Dec. 21. (AP)—Announcement of his candidacy for attorney general of Texas was made today by John C. Wall, first assistant attorney general.

MAN GIVEN FIVE YEARS. HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 21. (AP)—After hearing a year and a half of testimony in the case of William R. Hollan...

TRUCKS TEXAS DEC. 21. (AP)—Freestone county's million dollar road bond issue which carried today...

GALETON, TEXAS, DEC. 21. (AP)—For the first time in many years automobile traffic between Houston and Galveston today was interrupted by an overflow of Clear Creek...

GOVERNOR WILL VISIT NO PARADES CHRISTMAS. AUSTIN, Dec. 21. (AP)—No parades will be granted by Governor Jeff This Christmas. It was said today at the executive department...

PORT WORTH WILL ISSUE FUNDING BONDS. PORT WORTH, Dec. 21. (AP)—To avert a financial crisis the city government of Fort Worth today issued special funding bonds of \$1,200,000...

LARGEST VOLUNTEER MAIL IN HISTORY OF DALLAS. DALLAS, Dec. 21. (AP)—The largest volume of mail in history of the office is being handled by the Dallas postoffice today during the pre-holiday season...

Advertisement for Kimberlin-Smith Co. featuring 'Furs, Chokers and Fox Scarfs' and 'The Ideal Christmas Gift'.

Advertisement for THE ARMY STORE featuring 'Thoughts of Yuletide' and a list of various goods and clothing items.

Advertisement for Palace Drug Store featuring 'Sensible Gift Suggestions' and a list of gifts, stationery, and candy.

Vertical text on the far right edge of the page, including 'PART ONE', 'TO TRY CRIMINAL CASES WE...', and a list of names and addresses.

TO TRY CRIMINAL CASES WEEK JAN. 7, COURT STATES

Criminal cases will be tried in the 99th district court, the week of Monday, January 7, according to Assistant County Attorney Wayne Somerville, who will be in charge of the prosecution.

The cases set as announced follow:

2324—C. S. Taylor, theft.
 2407-2866—John Reed, theft and burglary.
 2401—Carroll Wilkes, selling whiskey.
 2408—Horace Cain, selling whiskey.
 2419-10—Alex Jackson, selling whiskey.
 2551-15—Lamar Isley, selling whiskey.
 2547—Jack Daugherty, selling whiskey.
 2542-3—L. E. Rone, selling whiskey.
 2526-7-8—John Crain, selling whiskey.
 2529—Guy Roberts, whiskey.
 2552-4—Clarence McGowan, whiskey.
 2412—T. D. Scott, whiskey.
 2357—W. R. McCoy, whiskey.
 2499—P. W. Hall, burglars.
 2573—Jack Elmore, burglary and theft.
 2598—John White.
 2480—L. Y. Cawley, forgery.
 2322-25—Albert Zeff and M. A. Zeff, receiving and concealing stolen property.
 2221-2—Charles Coney, embezzlement.

Cases in which there are out of the county witnesses will be tried first, it was announced.

Gentlemen's Black Beauty Sets of three brushes makes ideal gift. Fuller Brush Co. Phone 6759. 618 Staley—adv.

Many a Heart Is Pierced By Cupid's Darts

The marriage license certificate records of the county clerk's office bear witness that many a heart has been pierced by the darts of cupid at this Yule tide.

Saturday the county clerk issued a total of 16 marriage licenses and shortly after the office was closed for the day not less than a half dozen more couples appeared on the scene to secure the necessary document.

Marriage license business has been booming for the past three days, but Saturday proved to be the record day. Another busy day is anticipated in this department Monday.

Santa Does Not Forget Boys In County Bastile

Old St. Nicolas did not forget the boys who are confined in the county jail for Saturday afternoon a large amount of fruit, candles and cigars arrived to be distributed to the prisoners on Christmas day.

As is customary, the sheriff will tender every prisoner in the county jail a special Christmas dinner.

Three turkeys and as many fat hens have been purchased to make up the special setting for the feast.

All the necessary trimmings will be on hand when the chef and the attendant distribute the food next Tuesday noon.

ANNUAL BANQUET OF WICHITA CLUB WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY

The annual meeting and banquet of the Wichita Club will be held at the club rooms Wednesday evening.

At this meeting directors for the new year will be elected. Two lists of nominations will be presented. One will be placed in nomination by A. H. Britain and the other by C. E. McCutchen.

The entertainment program will be furnished by the Music Makers, an organization of national fame.

W. W. Silk, Ivan Murchison, Raymond Myers and Jack McMahon comprise the committee in charge of the program. There have already been more than 150 reservations for the banquet. There are places remaining for about 150 persons. Members are requested to make their reservations without delay.

Sacred Heart Church.
 1501 Ninth street. Sunday services will be at 8 and 10 a. m. and 2:30 p. m. In place of a sermon the pastoral letter of J. P. Lynch, D. D., bishop of Dallas, will be read at both masses. The Sunday school lesson is a continuation of the lesson on the attributes of God and on the Three Divine Persons of God, the greatest mystery of Christianity. Sunday school will be at 7:30 p. m.

Our Christmas services begin with the Christmas midnight mass at midnight of Christmas Eve. Then there will be masses at 6:15, 7, 7:30 and 8, and another high mass at 10 a. m. Visitors welcome.—LAWRENCE HOYT, O. S. B., pastor.

Fuller Clothes Brushes are useful. Phone 6759. 618 Staley—adv.

Jiggs and Maggie Coming to Palace On January First

The most difficult task of a cartoonist to make his creations popular and keep them so are ideas. He must have them do something new every time they appear. If he fails he will find that he is being slowly but surely superseded by someone else. This is especially apparent in the case of an artist who has to supply comics for the dailies.

"Bringing Up Father" was successful from the start and George McManis, the creator, has been able to retain his speed of approval because of ability to add repeated freshness to his work. This is particularly obvious in the brand new musical comedy in two acts and five scenes entitled "Bringing Up Father on Broadway," which is underlined as the next attraction at the Palace theater. New Year's matinee and night, January 1. This time Jiggs has plenty to do. He travels around the world endeavoring to keep aloof from schemers, plotters and eventually overcoming all of his enemies. An excellent production and other unusual features are promised. Matinee at 2:30.

Confiscate 174 Bottles "Fluid" From Drinketeria

Members of the sheriff's department made a raid on a drinketeria in this city Saturday and seized 174 bottles of fluid which they say is Jamaica ginger, commonly known as "jake." A test of the fluid was made and the test in addition to the quantity found caused charges to be filed against I. Schuster in federal court. The charge is selling of intoxicating liquor.

According to the officers who placed three men under arrest following the raid, the "jake" was put up in small bottles, bore no labels and was wrapped in paper used by the concern in whose building it was found.

The officers related that they apprehended a man who purchased four bottles of the fluid at one time, paying fifty cents a bottle for it.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN TO HAVE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Christian Endeavor of the First Presbyterian Church will have a special program for Christmas and all young people are cordially invited to meet with them at 8:30 p. m. Sunday in the basement of the church. The program will be as follows:

Leader, Viola Sutton
 Subject, "Christmas"
 Song, "Joy to the World"
 Sentence prayers.
 Christmas reading, Margaret Linton.
 Scripture reading, Pageant, "The Christmas Star."
 The Moon, Viola Sutton.
 The Seven Stars—Ruby Lannon.

Ursula Johnson, Aldis King, Winnie Mae and Gussie Magge, Ethel and Evelyn Johnson.

The Star of Bethlehem, Charlotte Sutton.

Christmas story.
 Christmas reading, Charlotte Sutton.
 Offering.

Pantomime, "O, Little Tower of Bethlehem."
 Misspah, benediction.

BELIEVE BOMB PLANTED FOR OCCUPANT BUILDING

BERLIN, Dec. 22.—The bomb explosion on the steps of the government building at Hanover last night is believed to have been intended as an attack on Oberburgermaster Noske, who lives in the structure. No one was hurt, but the building was badly damaged. The perpetrators of the outrage have not been discovered.

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EVERYBODY WANTS A DIAMOND



DIAMONDS FOR CHRISTMAS THE GIFT SUPREME

Our Prices Are Lowest—We Buy For Cash—For Less

Largest Stock to Select From—Highest Grades

Our display of fine Diamonds are truly remarkable, for notwithstanding the scarcity of Diamonds and the tremendous demand, our stocks are complete, and no matter what it is you might desire in a Diamond, your wants may be filled here.

OPEN EVERY NIGHT 'TILL CHRISTMAS

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Indiana at Eighth Established 1910



Anderson's SIXTH Anniversary Sale

Only One More Shopping Day Before Christmas

Just One More Day in Which to Take Advantage of These Exceptional Bargains

Ladies' Dresses and Suits

Garments appropriate for every Holiday Occasion.

Designed in the latest mode and finished with the care and skill of experts.

Garments of all prices offered at

Half Price

LADIES' COATS

Coats of Velvora, Verona and Fashiona. Fur Trimmed and Plain Models. The season's best colors and styles at a saving of

1/4

THE STORE WILL BE OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL NINE O'CLOCK.

Sixth Anniversary Sale of MEN'S SUITS and OVERCOATS

Kuppenheimer and Styleplus Garments offered in a final selling event at a savings of

1/2 and 1/4

Sixth Anniversary Sale of MILLINERY

Every Hat in our complete stocks offered in this final sale of Millinery.

No lady need be disappointed in making a selection from the hats in this display.

Special Until Christmas

Half Price



Last Call

One More Day Then Our Big Annual

Holiday Sale

will be history—take advantage of the last big day

MILLINERY

Monday your choice most of those hand made pattern hats, values to \$17.50, while they last **\$2.98**

DOLLS, DOLLS

Going at less than wholesale cost. Remember they must go at some price.

HANDKERCHIEFS

In gift boxes. Box 25c up

All Furs 25% to 50% Reductions

Silk Jersey Pettibockers, \$3 values **\$1.98**

PURSES

Values to \$3.50. All shapes and colors **\$1.89**

Purses, values to \$5, on sale **\$2.98**

Children's E. Z. and C. Y. Unions **79c**

COATS AND DRESSES

Final clean up on big lot ladies' and misses' Coats and Dresses. Values to \$26.50. Out they go **\$9.85**

TOYS GOING AT YOUR OWN PRICE

as we will not carry them over.

BED SPREADS

Still a nice selection. White and colors. Sale prices **\$2.98 up**

SATIN TEDS

\$3.50 values **\$1.98**

SILK HOSE

Pure Thread Silk, \$1.35 values **98c**

\$3.00 Silk Chiffon Hose in gift boxes, pair **\$2.48**

Ladies' winter unions \$1.50 values **98c**

CLOSING OUT LADIES' FOOTWEAR

OUT ON TABLES

98c \$1.98 \$2.48

Actual Values to \$7.85

Thousands of other odds and ends to close out the last day at sacrifice prices.

RICHARDSON BROS.

724 Indiana

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PAPER GIVES 'LIE' TO STATEMENT OF SECRETARY HUGHES

DECLARES INSTRUCTIONS MANUFACTURED BY AMERICAN DETECTIVES.

SAYS DATE AND NUMBER OF ISSUE ARE OMITTED

Moscow Agitated Over the Challenges Issued by Tchitcherin.

By ISAAC DON LEVINE
U. S. Staff Correspondent.

MOSCOW, Dec. 22.—How will Hughes meet Tchitcherin's challenge, is the question now agitating Moscow. The Russian verifications issued by Secretary Hughes' sensational revelations cover the entire front page of the "Izvestia" under the caption "State Department Officials Lie. Instructions Manufactured by American Detectives."

The Hughes quotation of the Izvestia is captioned "The Article Which Was Never Written and Never Published." And Steklov editorially asserts that Hughes cited the "Izvestia" order to "place the responsibility on the soviet."

"I assert," he continued, "that I never wrote in the Izvestia or elsewhere anything similar. Hughes wisely omits the date and number of the issue from which the incriminating citation was taken. There is reason to believe that these documents were manufactured in Latvia like thousands of others which have always displayed a sweeping range of fantasy."

"Undoubtedly Hughes knows that the operations of these second-rate agents of soviet recognition, lacking in serious arguments, to convince the people are now compelled to resort to various swindles to defend their irreconcilable position."

"To justify his policy and strike opponents on the Russian question, Secretary Hughes has suddenly made sensational exposures of a stupifying plot. Surely the knees of American senate ladies are now trembling before the nightmare of explosion, fire, horrible street rioting and other terrors which follow the appearance of these fantastic hairy men with knives in their teeth."

Five Hundred Dollars Needed for Salvation Army Dinner Baskets

Funds are needed immediately for the Salvation Army Christmas program in order to insure the distribution of Yuletide cheer to the needy homes of Wichita Falls. Ensign L. Corliss announced Saturday, Friday night only \$362 had been received to support the program and Ensign Corliss stated that more than \$1,400 is needed to carry out the plan.

Of the amount on hand, \$173.50 was contributed through the Christmas Stocking Fund of the Wichita Daily Times, by public spirited citizens of Wichita Falls. The rest of the amount collected was donated in the kiosks of the Salvation Army which have been placed on the streets of the city.

It is hoped that at least \$500 will be added before Christmas morning to pay expenses of the Christmas program. Ensign Corliss urges citizens of Wichita Falls to make donations to the Times Christmas Stocking Fund as soon as possible to help pay the expenses. Every cent collected by the Times through the fund is turned over to the Salvation Army for its Christmas program.

Sir Bragg Predicts Great Scientific Discoveries 1924

By ROBERT J. FREW
U. S. Staff Correspondent.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Great scientific discoveries in 1924 are predicted by Sir William Bragg who specializes in research into the secret of the atom. Sir William lists scientific triumphs of 1923 as follows:

1. The triple confirmation of the Einstein theory.
2. The discovery of Hafnium, element number 72 at Copenhagen.

Helicopter which hovered in the air fifteen minutes.
4. The channel crossed twice in a fifteen horsepower motor glider.
5. The wireless telephone demonstrated in New York.
6. Ten million year old eggs of the dinosaur discovered in the Gobi desert.

7. Frescoes 4,000 years old and what may have been the lair of the Minotaur discovered in Crete.
8. The optophone enabling the blind to read by sound perfected.
9. Wireless signals from America heard in New Zealand.
For 1924 fresh discoveries from

Einstein and Bantini the discoverer of insulin are promised. Sir Oliver Lodge is working on a new theory of stellar physics which includes the suggestion that matter may be generated from light.

Marconi does not include from the 1924 possibilities the establishment of wireless telephone connections between London and New York. He is now trying to send signals along a wireless beam so as to avoid world-wide broadcasting.

The great astronomical event of the year is due August 23 next when the planet Mars will be nearer the earth than it has been for 120 years. The secrets of Tutankhamen's tomb are expected to be fully revealed this winter and General Bruce will lead another expedition to Mount Everest during 1924.

SIXTEEN PERSONS ARE DROWNED WHILE FISHING
MADRID, Dec. 22.—Sixteen persons were drowned yesterday when two fishing boats sank in the Mediterranean off Denia during a violent storm. Several other craft are reported missing.

WITHOUT CLUE TO WHEREABOUTS OF RECEIVER M. & N. A.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—The strike on the Missouri & North Arkansas railroad may have become history, but its official termination has come without any clue to the whereabouts of its missing receiver, C. A. Phelan, according to his wife. Mrs. Phelan declared tonight that his enemies could never scare him, though they "might kill him, as they threatened," but that it is reasonable to suppose that he had become "sick of it all" and wanted to get as far away from it as possible. Mrs. Phelan recounted how her

husband had sent his family to Canada "for our safety," resigned and disappeared shortly after bands of citizens had driven union officers from the state. One of the union officers driven out, M. C. Carey, is now living in the same section of Chicago as Mrs. Phelan and her five children.

"When the bands of citizens came into town to drive out union officers and strike leaders," said Mrs. Phelan, "they told Mr. Phelan that they were doing this and that he was to stay in his office. However, the strikers held Mr. Phelan responsible as the 'citizens' committee had come in on his train. That was the only way they could come in."

FURNITURE PLANT IS PRACTICALLY DESTROYED

GREENSBORO, N. C., Dec. 22.—The White Furniture Company's plant at Mebane was practically destroyed by fire yesterday with a loss estimated at approximately \$750,000.

Seize Bootlegger List Customers With 1500 Names

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Some more joy was taken out of the Christmas season today by a public threat from the district attorney's office to prosecute those whose names appear on a long and imposing list of customers seized yesterday in a raid on what the police describe as a powerful syndicate of bootleggers.

"Regardless of the social, political or official prominence of persons who are shown to be purchasers of liquor from the alleged syndicate," said Assistant District Attorney Presmont, "prosecution will follow and the names will be placed before the grand jury."

ington may be precipitated by such action, but when a conspiracy case is made against sellers of liquor there is no reason why the buyers should escape prosecution."

About 1,500 names appeared on the list seized when headquarters of the "syndicate" in a downtown office building were raided. None of the names on the list have been made public, but the police have dropped many hints as to the prominence of those involved. The source of supply is a question not yet developed, but the police believe that at least a part of the "syndicate's" stocks came into the country through the connivance of foreign diplomats, who enjoy immunity under the law.

MRS. NETTIE CASE TAYLOR ACCUSED OF MURDER

WATERLOO, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Mrs. Nettie Case Taylor was acquitted of the murder of her husband, Frank Taylor, by a jury here today. Mrs. Taylor confessed that she crushed her husband's head with an axe on July 14 last and made a plea of self defense.

McCONNELL BROTHERS

Last Minute Gift Suggestions

That Best Express the Christmas Spirit

Christmas cheer and happiness center about the home. The Christmas tree, the stockings hung by the chimney and the exchange of gifts are time-honored home institutions. What could be more appropriate than gifts that glorify the home, enhancing its beauty and charm and giving lasting pleasure and enjoyment to every member of the household?

SMOKING STANDS

If he smokes nothing will delight him more than one of the beautiful smoking stands that we have here.

CEDAR CHESTS

Are always appreciated gifts. The natural beauty of the wood and the attractiveness of the brass trimmings make them decidedly ornamental pieces.

FENSKE BROS. LIVING ROOM SUITES

Will please the housewife and bring brightness into the home.

A NEW BEDROOM SUITE

This is an appropriate time to buy that new Bedroom suite. A gift that will be useful for all time.

THE DINING ROOM IS IMPORTANT

For this room bespeaks the hospitality of the home to one's relatives and friends.

VICTROLA

Will there be a Victrola in your home this Christmas? The gift for one—enjoyed by all. Cabinet and console models. Small payments, balance easy terms.

FLOOR AND BRIDGE LAMPS

If in doubt what to give, choose a lamp. An article of furniture that will add that finishing touch to any room. A large assortment to choose from.

WHITE ROTARY SEWING MACHINE

Will help the housewife to economize in the expenditures of the home. Come see this wonderful machine demonstrated and you'll agree that it would be a welcome gift.

TEA WAGONS

Always comes in handy when entertaining. An added piece of furniture that is convenient and useful. Give her a Tea Wagon.

TABLES

of various sizes and styles will greet you when you come to this store tomorrow to make your last gift selections.

NEW METHOD GAS RANGES

An appropriate gift that will save you 20 per cent to 30 per cent on your gas bill throughout the year. Small payment down and the balance easy terms.

RUGS

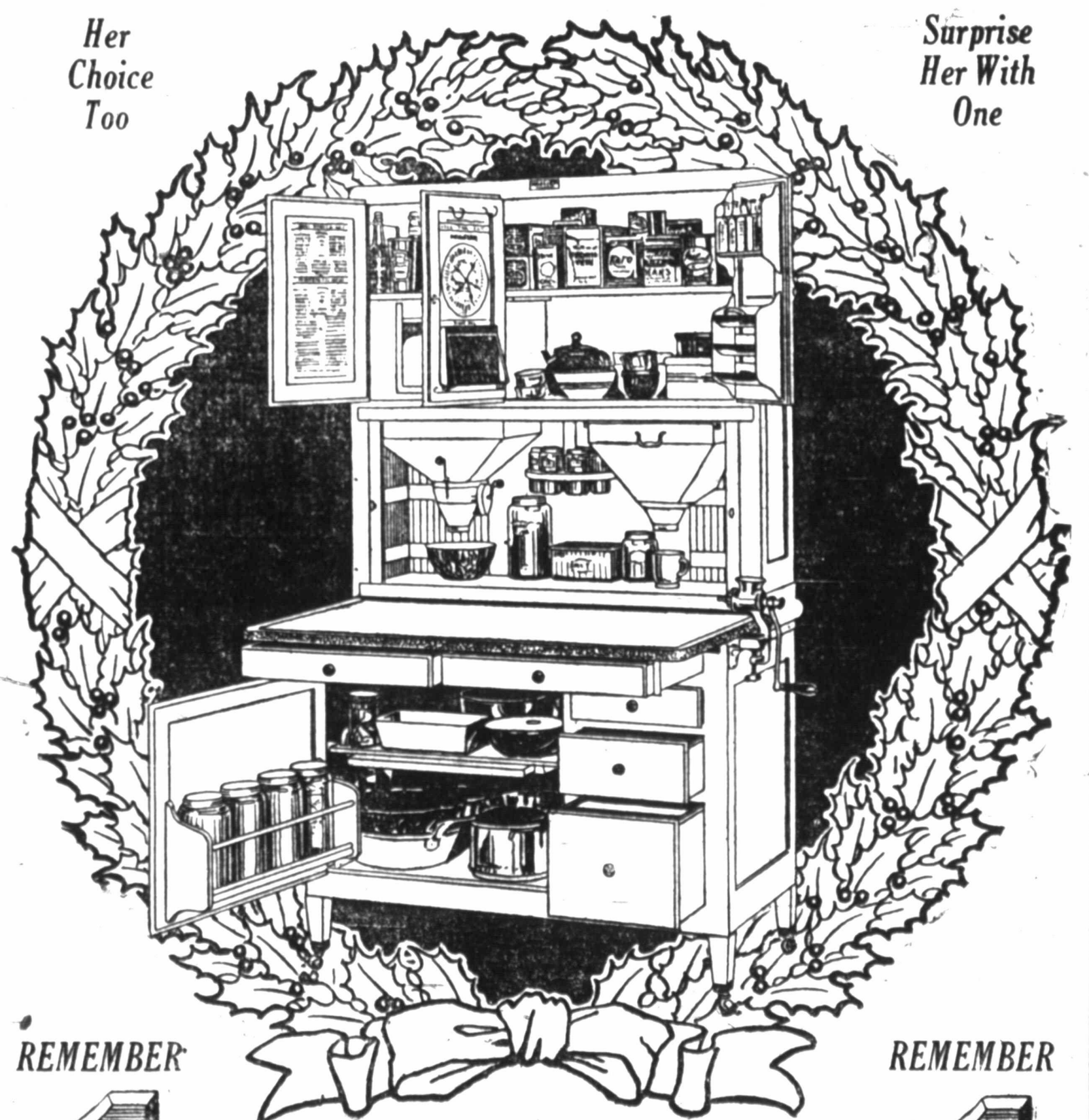
A large assortment of rugs in plain and color combinations. A large rug that harmonizes with its surrounding that will make a great change in the appearance of a room, will be welcomed.

MIRRORS

Isn't there a place in your home that you need a mirror? If so get one as a gift this Christmas. Beautifully framed mirrors that are distinctive.

TORCHIERES

On the Mantel, Piano or various other places these beautiful torchieres will add beauty and brightness to the home. They will make a dandy ornamental gift for the home.



REMEMBER

\$1

Will Put a Hoosier In Your Home

Balance Easy Weekly Payments

My! Won't She Be Pleased to Find A HOOSIER IN HER KITCHEN Christmas Morn

Can't you just hear her exclamations of delight—can't you just see her eyes sparkle with joy. A practical gift—useful every day in the whole year—Don't disappoint her.

REMEMBER

\$1

Answers the Gift Question for Her

Balance Easy Weekly Payments

1 MORE DAY TO CLOSE OUT ENTIRE STOCK UNITED 1c to \$1 STORES

Big Bankrupt Sale EVERYTHING GOES All Fixtures for Sale

- \$2.25 Kid-Lyne Sleeping Dolls, 18-inch with human hair, each 89c
- \$2.25 Marna Dolls, large size, dress, shoes and cap, each 89c
- 16-inch non-breakable Dolls each 49c
- 14-inch Mama Dolls, each 59c
- Doll Cradles, \$1.50 value 79c
- Doll Beds, \$1 values 59c
- Large size Pecans, lb. 15c
- \$1 Vases 39c
- Water Glasses, each 5c
- Fancy Cut Glass Water Glasses, each 17 1-2c

CHRISTMAS BOXES

- 25c Boxes 12 1/2
- 15c Boxes 11 1/2
- 10c Boxes 7 1/2

Christmas Trees

- 10c Boxes 7 1/2
- 15c Boxes 11 1/2
- 25c Boxes 15 1/2

622 Indiana

Furniture The Practical Gift

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821-823 Indiana Ave. Home Furnishers Phone 5723

Terms to Suit Your Convenience

Men's Silk Knit Ties
3 for 50c

SAUL'S

27 Inch Walking and
Talking Dolls
\$1⁹⁸

MONDAY XMAS GIFTS

50^c

XMAS FELT HOUSE SHOES

For Men, Women, Boys and
Children

50^c

All Sizes and Colors, a pair - - -
Thousands and Thousands of Pairs

Ladies' \$1.00 and
\$1.50 Pure Silk
and Wool Hose

88^c

a pair

In Fancy Holly Boxes

BATHROBES
for Men, Women
and Children

\$2⁹⁸

CORDUOYS AND FLANNEL

Men's \$1.00 Pure
Silk and Fine
Wool Hose

50^c

A Pair

In Fancy Holly Boxes

Men's Fine Initialed
HANDKERCHIEFS

Values up to \$1.50
6 In a Box---Special

50^c

FOR A BOX OF SIX

\$10.00 and \$12.50
Silk Kimonas and
Negligees

\$5⁰⁰

\$2.98 Crepe De
Chine Teddies

\$1⁸⁸

IN FANCY HOLLY BOXES

NOTICE! All Furs, Bathrobes, Silk Kimonas, Negligees, Etc, Are MARKED DOWN FOR MONDAY

All Those 88c and \$1
Mama Dolls
69c

SAUL'S

"Humming Bird" Silk
Hose
\$1.25 A Pair

ORDER PLANS WITH SPECIFICATIONS FOR PAVING AT ELECTRA

IMPROVEMENT WILL INCLUDE THIRTY-SIX BLOCKS IN THAT CITY.

ELECTRA IS EXPECTING BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT

Oil Operators Are More Optimistic Than At Any Time For Many Months.

ELECTRA, Texas, Dec. 22.—At a meeting of the city commissioners Wednesday night a motion was passed to have plans and specifications submitted for the paving of 36 blocks for this city.

This meeting followed the same meeting held Tuesday night in the chamber of commerce hall where a considerable number of taxpayers had met for the purpose of discussing the paving program. All who attended this meeting were unanimous in their support of the paving program as planned.

Business Outlook Bright. Predictions are made at every hand that better business conditions will be experienced in Electra in 1924 by the first of the year. All oil operators are feeling more optimistic than at any time for many months. Many drillers here are making preparations to get long idle rigs in condition for a resumption of drilling soon after the first of the year.

If the number of connections and disconnections made by the Electra Light and Power Company may be taken as a barometer of business conditions, new people are arriving in town daily. For the past 18 days or so they report three new connections to one request to discontinue electric service.

Increased Gas Company. The Electra Gas Company is in receipt of a resolution from the local chamber of commerce commending the installation of gas service for this city.

In the resolution, the chamber of commerce expresses its appreciation of the valuable service rendered in the installation of gas service and the business foresight and public spirited action of the incorporators of the Electra Gas Company.

Boy Scout organization work in Electra should be completed in the near future with some troops completely organized within 30 days, is the opinion of F. A. B. MacKell, who is district executive of the Boy Scouts' work in six agencies in this part of the state. At the meeting held this week, appointment of the men who will serve on the executive committee was completed.

The following men were appointed: E. M. Kearby as chairman of leadership and training; E. H. Brown as chairman of publicity and educational work; Fred Barron in charge of the troops organization work; John Houser in charge of the civic service committee; R. B. Magan, in charge of camping; C. W. Coffey, in charge of citizenship; Max Calvert, in charge of the court of honor; and E. V. Halton was appointed as deputy commissioner.

MAN DECORATED AS GREATEST HERO OF LATE WAR RETIRES



INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 22.—The United States army today lost its greatest hero.

Master Sergeant Samuel Woodfill, designated by General J. J. Pershing as "the outstanding American soldier in the world war" and the full blooded Choctaw of Northville, Okla., was retired with full military honors at Fort Benjamin Harrison here.

Sergeant Woodfill stood at rigid attention in a dreary rain and heard himself mustered out of the army after 23 years and five months of service. A part of the eleventh infantry, a battalion of the 3rd field artillery and the 5th tank platoon, 500 men in all, presented company front when Brigadier General Dwight E. Kaultman, commanding officer at Fort Harrison, read the citation which put an end to Sergeant Woodfill's military service.

By the sacrifice of Master George T. Sewell, who was temporarily released on December 18, Sergeant Woodfill was permitted to be promoted to the highest non-commissioned rank in the army to be released. The rank carries with it a retirement pay of \$122.76 a month. "No, I feel that I have performed my duty to my government," said Sergeant Woodfill when asked if he had any regrets at leaving the service. "If there should be another war, however, I shall offer my service."

He said he had no future plans, but would return to his home at

Boy Surrenders Result Promise Of 'Square Deal'

DALLAS, Dec. 22.—Jerking himself free from the detaining hand of George Preston, juvenile officer, a 16 year old boy today fled from the union station, swam Trinity river which is at high stage, climbed a tree on the opposite bank, and maintained his position until promised a "square deal" by Ranger Captain R. D. Shumate. He was being taken to the state school at Gatesville after conviction for alleged theft of an overcoat.

"I'm not guilty and if you come after me I'll jump into the river and drown," the boy told officers who pursued him.

"If you are not guilty I'll see you get a square deal," Captain Shumate called to the youth.

The boy swam back, surrendered and was taken to jail instead of to Gatesville. His case will be inquired into further, officers said.

PROHIBITED FROM USING THE NAME OF GOULD FOR THEATRICAL PURPOSES

PARIS, Dec. 22.—Edith Kelly Gould, divorced wife of Frank J. Gould, is prohibited from using the name of Gould for theatrical purposes in a decision handed down today by a Paris court.

The suit was brought by Mr. Gould when his former wife began her engagement at a local music hall. The court specified a penalty of 500 francs for each offense should the dancer again use the name and 1,000 francs for each time the music hall in question bills her under the name of Gould.

Merry Christmas To the North Pole From President

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 22.—President Coolidge is sending Christmas greetings to the North Pole.

Wined north by amateur radio at a speed of thousands of miles per second a "Merry Christmas" from the White House will greet a tiny group of explorers in their ice-bound cabin on the top of the world only 11 degrees from the pole.

A short time after he had written a Christmas greeting to the children of the United States, President Coolidge wrote a Christmas message for Captain Donald R. MacMillan, who of all men is nearest the home of Santa Claus.

Amateur radio men connected with the Amateur Radio Relay League, the radio telegrapher's organization that has maintained communication with the MacMillan expedition, will start the Coolidge message on its 4,000-mile journey from this city tonight.

The text of the greeting cannot be made public owing to the regulation which provides that radio messages must be held in strict confidence.

LONE BANDIT DRESSED AS SANTA CLAUS ROBS MOLINE JEWELRY STORE

MOLINE, Ill., Dec. 21.—A lone bandit, dressed as Santa Claus, held up the Cox jewelry store in Moline last night.

St. R. Cox, proprietor, says the robber obtained \$100 in cash and diamonds valued at \$70,000.

WHAT COMFORT in THOSE GIFT SLIPPERS!



Give her comfy slippers and there will never be any doubt in your mind as to the pleasure, the comfort, the service your remembrance will give. And here in profusion are those styles whose beauty adds extra charm, making satisfactory selection a simple matter indeed.

SPECIAL for MONDAY
Every pair of our short line Comfy Slippers at the pair \$1

HOSIERY:
A Gift Sure to Receive a Delightful Welcome

For some of those on your Christmas list a casually chosen gift will suffice. But for those whom you are exceedingly anxious to please there's nothing finer than fine hosiery.

SANDERFORDS Booterie
Quality Shoe Store
Phone 3004

"Last Minute" Specials for Monday!

25% REDUCTION on all WHEEL TOYS

Give the kiddies wheel toys for exercise and out-door health building. A reduction of 25 per cent is offered on our entire stock. See these remarkable values tomorrow.

TRICYCLES

\$20 Tricycles now \$15.00 | \$10.00 Tricycles now \$7.50
\$15.00 Tricycles now \$11.25 | \$6.00 Tricycles now \$4.50

40% DISCOUNT
On All Drummers' Samples
Baseballs, Basket Balls, Football and Baseball Goods.

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LEWIS-TITTLE HARDWARE CO.
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Only One More Big Day to Buy Christmas Jewelry at Genuine Auction Prices

January 1st We Move to Our New Location

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7:30 A.M. 2:30 P.M. 10:30 P.M.

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Sale Conducted by America's Foremost Auctioneers, Mr. Du Mont and Mr. Roth
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Remember there is only one more shopping day before Christmas.

10th STREET FRUITERY
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WE HAVE CUT THE PRICE

Hoffman's Jaxland Chocolates
(At Your Own Price)

Cigarettes, per carton \$1.25

Any little girl under 13 years of age who does not receive a visit from Santa Claus Christmas, if she will come and see us we will see that she gets a present.

Ladies' \$1.25 Felt Slippers
55c

Cut Prices on Ladies' Hats
\$1.95

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Belts	Bath Robes	Toilet Sets	Jewelry
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Men's \$1.50 Felt Slippers
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Men's Overcoats \$20 Values
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Men's Suits With 2 Pants
\$16.85

Headlight Overalls
\$4.45

Eight Popular Victor Artists Coming Jan. 17

Less than a year ago the eight popular Victor Artists graced a real stage and gave a concert and entertainment that proved to be one of the biggest "hits" in years. The small Brothers, local Victor dealers, who presented the artists before, announce that they have succeeded in getting the organization for a return date, at the Palace theater on January 17.

To the hundreds who were present at the former appearance here, the artists need no introduction. Official for them that the "Victor hit" are to return. No change has been made in the personnel of the company, the only new thing being a program which has been changed from beginning to end.

Henry Burr, tender of voice and of stature, is a tenor of world-wide reputation. It is true that he has been doing concert work but a few years. Before that he gave most of his time to the making of records and he thereby gained millions of unknown friends. Albert Campbell, another tenor, has made numerous friends through his duets with Burr and by his work as a member of the Peerless Quartet and the Sterling Trio. John Meyer, baritone, and Frank Croston, bass, are two members of the famous Peerless Quartet, and will be heard frequently during the evening.

Billy Murray, the man who has made millions laugh, is a westerner by birth. Denver being his native city. He has traveled all over this country and others, either on foot, by train or in a motor car, for Murray is an enthusiastic pedestrian as well as a motorist. "Zan" Monroze Silver has told his "Cohen" stories on record and stage for a number of years, but "Cohen" is

continually a new and funny character because Silver always has a new story to tell about him. Ruddy Winkler, pianophonist and Frank Davis, pianist and accompanist, will each have new novelty surprises for their admirers.

Detailed announcement of the program will be made within a few days. It is to be a strictly "popular" affair of music, mirth and melody, and will be given entirely in English.

Electra Society

ELECTRA, Texas, Dec. 22.—Mrs. C. P. Englehart was hostess to two bridge parties given at her home on East 12th avenue Friday, one in the afternoon and the other in the evening. The house was artistically decorated in Christmas colors and favors. In the afternoon Mrs. R. N. Richardson received high score and Mrs. George Moore low score. The following were present at the afternoon party: Mesdames Frank LeBus, Earl Cook, W. D. Cross, E. H. McDowell, Ray Miller, Charlie Porter, McDowell, R. N. Richardson, Earl Henny, J. M. Henny, Alfred Johnson, A. Fisher, Clyde D. Beall, A. J. Decker, Ed Campbell, George McGann, James F. Robertson, T. H. Smith, A. E. Haas, Guy McNeely and Jera B. Burrell.

The evening guests were Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Marchant, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Morrow, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mader, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brannen, Mr. and Mrs. John Brownlee, Mr. and Mrs. Sam J. Deason, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Friend, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hawley, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wise, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Green, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Chaffey, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Miller, and Mrs. C. E. McDannald. Miss Ruth Simpson and Miss Orpah Daniels and Messrs. George McGann and N. H. Moore. Mr. G. R. Davidson received high score for the men and Mrs. John Brownlee for the ladies. Miss Orpah Daniels received low score. Prices for

the ladies and Mr. E. M. Friend for the men.

Mrs. Maggie Esterhazy, Mrs. W. C. Morgan, entertained members of the Thursday afternoon Bridge Club. In the bridge played, Mrs. C. R. Miller won high score. The following ladies were present: Mesdames E. R. Brown, S. B. Marchant, G. R. Davidson, Ed Morrow, Edward Schaffing, C. R. Miller, Paul Green and Bill Chaffey.

K. G. S. T. Bridge Club

Miss Celeste Lavee entertained the K. G. S. T. Bridge Club at her home Thursday evening. The house was beautifully decorated in Christmas colors. Jimmie Schaefer received high score for the men and Miss Eleanor Klyer was the winner for the ladies. Refreshments were served to Misses Anna Belle Labus, Hilda Logan, Dixie Schaefer, Marjorie Davidson, Lucille Wheeler, Minnie Nell Yelland, Messrs. Al Williams, Roland Robert, Monte Montgomery, Fred Pierce, Rufus Bruton, Howard Appleby, Reginald Andrews, Paul Brusah and the hostess.

Christmas Pageant

A Christmas pageant, "White Gifts for the King," will be given at the Baptist Church Sunday evening beginning at 7:30. It is the story of a Pilgrim who wishes to select a gift suitable for her king. Fame, Ambition, Wealth, Pleasure are each offered to her in turn; but she refuses them all, and decides that Love shall be the gift for her king.

Christmas Carols

Christmas eve, the young people of the Baptist Church will rejoice by singing Christmas carols. The people of Electra who wish to hear the Christmas carols are requested to leave a light burning that will shine through a front window on Christmas eve.

New McDannald Hostess

Mrs. J. T. McDannald was hostess to the Prime Bridge Club Friday afternoon in which Christmas decorations were used. A grab bag that the members had filled furnished gifts for each member. Mrs. I. K. Williams received high score and Mrs. A. S. Haas received low score. Prices for

ments were served to Mesdames E. C. Hyatt, T. E. Smith, A. E. Harris, J. E. Harris, L. E. Williams, A. E. Harris, M. P. Deidman, E. E. Merritt, Ed Campbell, B. V. Magee, C. M. Healy and hostess.

L. W. M. Bridge Club

Messrs. Edy Buechling and Elizabeth Hardin were hostesses to the L. W. M. Bridge Club at the home of Miss Deaschamp Tuesday evening. Christmas colors and favors served as decorations for the occasion. The following were present at the party: Misses Miss Jones, Emma Owens, Wilkinson, Clay Saunders, Robinson, Taylor and Bradshaw.

Bridge Club Tuesday

Miss Lucille Wheeler entertained the S. A. L. Bridge Club Tuesday evening. The house and table decorations carried out the spirit of the Yuletide season. Miss Faye Moore received high score and Miss Dixie Schaefer received guest prize. Each guest was presented with a dainty linen handkerchief as a gift from the hostess. A two-course luncheon was served to Misses Mary McGann, Leta Mae Cooke, Dixie Schaefer, Ruth Alford, Faye Moore, Ruth Simpson, Orpah Daniels, Carrie Cross, Eleanor Hyatt, Marjorie Davidson, Allie Randall, and the hostess.

Home for Holidays

As the holiday season draws near, many of the college students who left here last September are now returning or have sent word back home that they will be here soon. Miss Lorena Douglas is expected home from C. I. A. at Denton the latter part of this week. This is Miss Douglas' second year at C. I. A.

Miss Juanita Douglas, who is attending the University of Wisconsin will not come for the holidays. Wendell Douglas, who has been attending the Metropolitan College in Dallas, is expected home the last of this week.

Misses Bonnie Jennings and Ouel Tarleton are expected in from Ward-Belmont Saturday to spend the holidays with their parents.

Miss Grace Morrow, who has been attending the University of Wisconsin will not be home, as she is go-

District Attorney Who Resigns And Successor Named by Gov. Neff



BERNARD MARTIN

Acceptance of the resignation of Bernard Martin as district attorney of the 10th judicial district led Governor Pat Neff to appoint James V. Allred as Mr. Martin's successor in a letter received here Saturday. Mr. Allred has wired his acceptance. Mr. Allred, who is 24 years of age, is in all probability the youngest to remain in Madison during the holidays.

Miss Archie LeBus arrived home Wednesday from T. C. U. to spend Christmas with her parents.

Miss Lorena Friend and Ben Friend are expected home Saturday from the State University.

Miss Dixie Tuttle of S. M. U. is also expected home Saturday.

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The smokes he likes best are here, whether it be cigars, cigarettes or tobacco for his pipe. You'll find no better, more complete stock to select from—you couldn't hit upon any gift he'd rather receive. Here are a few cigars listed, among our best sellers.

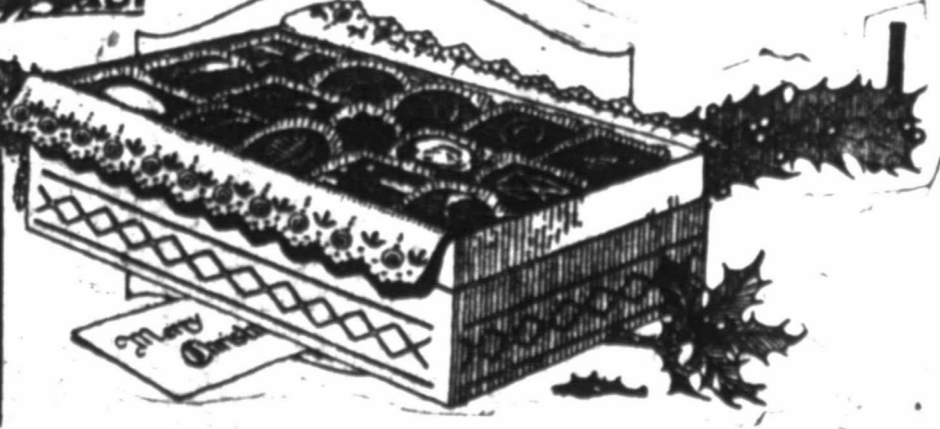


Say It With Candy

—Pangburn's of Course

We ordered a whole ton of Pangburn's Candies for our Christmas trade and from the way it has been going we didn't order a pound too much. There's still a big selection of attractive box candies as well as bulk and package confections. Just say Pangburn's and you won't go wrong.

Ragtime Chocolates—Fruits and Nuts, Liquid Fruits, all nuts, cherries in 1/2, 1, 2, 3 and 5-pound boxes.



FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

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SUIT FOR DAMAGES RESULT POISONING OF TWO WOMEN

COLUMBUS, Okla., Dec. 22.—Suits for damages against a manufacturing drug company charging misbranding of poisons, which were administered by two Columbus physicians for another non-poisonous drug caused the death of two women and serious illness of a third, was reported tonight to be completed by the husband of one of the victims.

BRITAIN'S ANSWER TO GERMANY'S NOTE IS NEW SUBMARINE

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Great Britain's answer to Germany's superabundant note has been a submarine. Into Chatham Dock Yard today came the new British giant submarine "K-1" which the admiralty states is the largest under pressure craft in the world.

MARSHAL KILLED, DEPUTY WOUNDED, IN JACKSON, MISS.

JACKSON, Miss., Dec. 22.—Ollie Lancaster, town marshal of Bolton, Miss., was shot and killed and a deputy marshal named Hamilton was seriously wounded by three negroes when the officers were attempting to arrest in connection with the killing of another negro at a dance a few miles from Bolton, early tonight.

BEGIN CONSTRUCTION OF COLORADO POWER DAM MOHAVE COUNTY, ARIZ.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 22.—Official notice that the proposed construction of a power dam on the Colorado river at Hammond Creek in Mohave county within one year from the date of the issuance of a state permit for such construction was filed with Vernon Vaughn, state land commissioner, and ex-officio water commissioner, by James E. Girard of Phoenix today.

Unable to Weave Usual Spell Over Her Own Husband

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 22.—The girl whose legs have enchanted a silk hosiery manufacturer for a similar spell over her own husband.

SAYS DEMOCRATIC PARTY MUST BE PROGRESSIVE

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 22.—If the Democratic party nominates a conservative for the presidential race "the campaign looks like walk away for a third party progressive," Daniel Beckwith, western campaign manager for William C. Bradley, told a group of representatives.

More Than Million Children In Germany Will Have No Christmas Many Will Have But Little Food

BERLIN, Dec. 22.—In Germany the original home of Santa Claus there are more than a million children who will have no Christmas here and will receive no visits from the Sainted Kris Kringle. Perhaps five million persons will have no Christmas dinner because the meagre portions of dry black bread and boiled potatoes or perhaps a little soup served in the public kitchens.

Wants to Separate Wet Sheep From Dry Goats for Voyage to London Meeting of Attorneys

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—"Let us separate the wet sheep from the dry goats or vice versa on this trip," said the American Bar Association today as it left for London. The Levathan and the George Washington will be at the service of Assistant Secretary Henning and the dry, while the Cunard Berengaria nourishes the wet.

VENIZELLOS URGED TO TAKE CHARGE OF NEW GOVERNMENT

UNIVERSAL SERVICE SPECIAL CABLE. ATHENS, Dec. 22.—Three hundred deputies and many private citizens have sent messages to former Premier Venizelos urging him to re-form the government.

ARREST MAN WANTED FOR BREAKING JAIL

R. E. Alexander, wanted for jail breaking in Chicago, Okla., was arrested late Saturday night and placed in the city jail pending investigation.

NIGHT FORCE AT CITY STATION LEFT BUSY

The night force at the police station was kept busy for a while late Saturday night with drunks and vagrants who were disturbing the peace.

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FOREIGN AVIATORS OFFER SERVICES IN MEXICO

EL PASO, Dec. 22.—Four aviators were killed when federal soldiers of the 22nd cavalry, commanded by Captain Francisco Uribe, overtook revolutionaries led by General Manuel Chao at Pederuela, near Chihuahua, according to travelers who left in Juarez today from Chihuahua City.

SPIRIT OF PEACE TEMPORARILY HALTS GREAT CHURCH WAR

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The spirit of peace on earth and good will toward all men has temporarily halted the great church war.

BURGLARY CHARGES FILED AGAINST TWO MEN ON SATURDAY

Charges of burglary were filed against Ross Mann and Harry Reynolds Saturday by connection with the Piggy Wiggy safe robbery of last Monday night.

BOOK OF JOB IS DISCUSSED BY REV. W. B. McCAFFERTY

For the past week the pastor of the Fifth and Broad Street Assembly of God has been giving a series of Bible lessons which have been attended by an interested audience.

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BUTTER CREAM AND Certified Bread Back to Normal Prices MONDAY Let Nafziger Bread set the standard for your Christmas Dinner Our sale week just ended has made us many new friends and brought into more homes the full realization of bread quality. You will like these two loaves for their perfect texture, whiteness, cleanliness and delicate crispy crust, and the way they slice without crumbling. And not only at Yuletide, but every day in the year Nafziger Bread is dependable in quality. A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL NAFZIGER Baking Company

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TIMES' DAILY RECORD OF EVENTS IN THE WORLD OF SPORTS

President Harvey Is After More Material for the Spudders; Spring Training Will Be Strenuous One

President R. O. Harvey of the Spudders has several deals pending which if consummated will bring some more players into the folds of the local baseball club...

KING OF BRITISH GOLF TO MEET STAR OF THE AMERICAN LINKS



HAVERS SARAZEN

America's preeminent golf professional, Gene Sarazen, only native champion to repeat in a major event...

FAST GAMES ARE PROMISED LOCAL BASKETBALL FANS

Landon-Hill meets the American Legion at the American Legion hall Thursday night and the Knights of Columbus will meet Iowa Park...

Legion To Stage Another Boxing Carnival With Rich and Trammel 'As Headliners On Wednesday Night

The Legion promises another good show Wednesday evening in the way of boxing exhibitions and vaudeville stunts...

PADDOCK FACES CHARGES BEFORE ATHLETIC UNION

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Charles Paddock, America's crack sprinter, will not be allowed to compete for a position on the 1924 American Olympic team...

Abilene Eagles May Meet Scott High of Toledo

Abilene, Texas, Dec. 22.—It was understood here today that the Scott High School of Toledo, Ohio, claimant of the United States interscholastic football title...

Opera Singer Is Held in New York for Shoplifting

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Mrs. Katherine Ethier, opera singer and wife of the well known actor, Alphonse Ethier, who was supposed to have been kidnaped following her disappearance a week ago...

Swims 24 Hours and Crosses River Platte

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 22.—A 30-year-old Anglo-Argentine girl swimmer, Lillian Harrison, has completed a swim across the river Platte, being the first person to accomplish the feat...

LABOR PARTY HAS SHELVED PROPOSAL FOR CAPITAL LEVY

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The Labor party has shelved the capital levy. It was authoritatively stated today that party officials decline to confirm the report...

ST. PAUL TO TRAIN AT MINERAL WELLS

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 22.—The St. Paul baseball club of the American association probably will train next spring at Mineral Wells, Texas...

VON LUDENDORF IS PRISONER IN HOME; FEAR NEW REVOLT

BERLIN, Dec. 22.—General von Ludendorff has been made prisoner in his own home and completely cut off from the world...

Local News Brevities: C. E. Deaton has gone to Galveston, where he will spend the holidays with his wife and mother...

Philadelphia polo player says his pony has human intelligence. The poor animal, being dumb, can offer no protest...

They are going to seed the Wimbledon tennis draw next year and we don't suppose the aristocrats will scoff at agriculturists any more...

Having been skinned repeatedly buying \$75,000 beauties, Mr. McGraw is now convinced that beauty is only skin deep...

Carl Mays and his underhand style ought to get along quite well in Cincinnati. A lot of underhand baseball has taken place in that town...

The Boston Red Sox have signed a sandlot pitcher and the feeling is that he will be right at home with the other Red Sox pitchers...

Babe Ruth drew 170 passes last year. It's high time the New York ticket speculators looked into it...

Despite the fact that Jack Russell had to hit the ancient Fowler three solid punches to knock him out, the experts insist he is a coming fighter...

Joe Lynch is going to Europe. Whether he will take his own dog along or use one of the foreign breed to fall over is yet to be decided...

C. & C. SMOKE SHOP. Complete stock cigars, all kinds. Pipes, Cigarettes. Special Christmas packages cigars in 25's.

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LUDLAM & RIGGS. For "His" Christmas. "Last Minute" Suggestions. Bath Robes, Smoking Jackets, Lounge Robes.

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SOCIAL AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS OF INTEREST TO WOMEN



Christmas Entertainments and Informal Parties Planned for All Week; Christmas News Items

Open house Thursday at the Country Club, with a big Christmas party for the members and out-of-town guests, will be one of the features of the holiday week. There will be an informal Christmas program and refreshments, with Mesdames George Thornburg, Bernard Martin, C. W. Smider, T. P. Duncan, W. D. Clinton, M. D. Rowe, R. A. Thompson, P. A. Rogers, W. B. Chauncey, J. W. Culbertson, A. R. Cotton, Mack Thomas, W. R. Ferguson, C. D. Shamburger, Ivan Marchison, A. H. Carrigan, E. L. Fulton, Tom Reese, R. E. Huff, M. M. Walker, G. H. Hampshire, H. D. Patterson, G. C. Wood, P. J. Lea, Ben G. O'Neal, Abe Marcus, W. M. McGregor and Fred Couper hostesses. The program is given elsewhere in the social section. The entertainment is from 5 to 8 p. m.

Another pretty affair at the Country Club, for which invitations were sent last week, will be the dance Wednesday evening after Christmas honors a group of girls home from college, with their mothers, Mesdames A. H. Carrigan, Fred Couper, R. A. Thompson, Bernard Martin, J. L. Maxwell, and Frank Kell, hostesses. The honorees are Mesdames Elizabeth Carrigan, Anna Couper, Eleanor and Elizabeth Thompson, Bernice Martin, Georgia Maxwell, and Mary Jo Kell.

Christmas night, December 25, the Country Club is entertaining with its big annual Christmas ball at Kemp Hotel, with special Christmas decorations, holiday innovations, costly floor favors, etc., and music by the Billy Ray orchestra. Members of the other dancing clubs are invited.

Friday night the Country Club entertainment committee entertains with its first big annual Christmas ball at the new club house, a formal affair for which many attractive plans have been made by the committee.

The Cypher Club will give its annual Christmas dance on Christmas Eve at Kemp ballroom, with Mesdames A. H. Carrigan, Periton, F. Chauncey, H. O. Carrigan, and E. C. Harlin and Mrs. A. Kahn in the house party. Music will be furnished by the Southern Trumpet Band orchestra, and the hall will have carnival features. The young people home from college, and members of the other clubs are invited.

Most of the churches are presenting special Christmas programs Sunday. Among the beautiful entertainments provided to which the public is extended warm invitations are the cantatas "The Christ Child," to be given by the choir of the First M. E. Church, south, under the direction of Mrs. E. C. Houchens, beginning at 7:45; the twilight program of Christmas music to be presented at the Floral Heights M. E. Church under the direction of Miss Ina Pearl Curry and Mrs. O. E. Nichols, beginning at 4:30; the "White Gifts" program at the First Presbyterian Sunday evening at the regular service hour; the beautiful program at the First Presbyterian Church beginning at 7 o'clock, to be presented by the choir and children's Echo Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Lois Parker and Mrs. J. R. Pittman (children's choir).

Among the girls home from college not previously reported are: Miss Alma Haynes, from C. I. A., who will spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Hamm; Misses Elizabeth and Eleanor Thompson, Margaret Duman, Elvin Killingsworth, Misses Leola Deaton, home from the University at Austin; Miss Louise Scott, home from C. I. A., at Denton.

Mrs. Alice E. Kline of Chicago will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. E. Kelly of 1701 Polk street. Mrs. Kline is Mrs. Kelly's sister, and is en route to San Antonio for a few weeks' stay.

David Perkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Perkins of 3414 Eighth, is home from A. M. College for the holiday with home folks. David came in Friday night.

Mrs. W. F. Tyson and little son, Walter Worth, left Friday night for Shreveport, La., to spend Christmas with her brother, Mr. Yauger, and family.

James W. Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Parker of 1411 Fillmore, came in Saturday from Tennessee Military Institute to spend Christmas with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Foster of Dallas are here to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. A. Robertson, 415 Fifth street.

Miss Lucile Cooper of Ballins College, Bristol, Va., is here with

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. McKennie / at 1509 Tenth to spend the holidays. Miss Cooper is the daughter of a former resident, and has many friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Blanton of 2425 Eighth street left Saturday for Monday to spend the week with her mother, Mrs. W. R. McInnis.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hallmark and baby daughter, Louise, left Saturday for Haskell to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Willie Hallmark. They will visit in Crowell on the way home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Loughridge and Miss Ruth Mercer went to San Antonio in their car for a Christmas visit with his parents.

Mrs. G. E. Stearns of Woodard is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. M. Langford, and will be joined in a day or two by Mr. Stearns, for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. P. D. King of 1510 Fillmore announce the arrival Dec. 25 of Paul David King.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Palmer of Fort Worth came in Saturday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Tuttle, their daughter and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Chandler Brown and son Gerald are in Fort Worth for the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Collins are in Fort Worth for Christmas with relatives and friends.

Miss Elizabeth Smith, attending Oklahoma University, came in Tuesday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Smith at 1107 Fifth street.

Miss Ina Ponder of 3315 Twelfth has for her holiday guest Miss Viola Small of Oklahoma City.

Miss Zoila Rice of Indianapolis, Ind., who has been the house guest of Mrs. Henry Hund, leaves today for home.

Miss Leola Randall, a teacher in Austin school, left Friday to spend the holidays with relatives in Huntsville, Texas.

George Albert is home from A. and M. to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Albert.

Miss Inez Carter is home from Baylor College to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carter.

The Epworth League of the First M. E. Church, south, will entertain with a Christmas party Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

Miss Mary Colquitt is home from Fort Worth to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Colquitt and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Fallon.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Shipley of Clovis, N. M., and little son, Junior, are here to spend the holidays with Mr. Shipley's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Withers.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Hall and daughter, Miss Mabel, of 3232 Tenth avenue, are spending the holidays in Fort Worth, Dallas and Brownwood, visiting relatives.

Mrs. J. E. Stephens of 413 Travis street entertained the Security Benefit Association at her home Thursday night, when the members planned a Christmas tree. There was an informal program and refreshments.

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LAS AMIGAS MEMBERS HAVE MOST DELIGHTFUL CHRISTMAS TREE PARTY

One of the prettiest of the numerous club Christmas affairs (what the members intend and invite their husbands to have part in the fun) was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Tuttle Tuesday evening when the Las Amigas Bridge Club entertained with their first annual Christmas tree and Christmas tree party.

The Tuttle home was very beautiful in its holiday array, with a miniature Christmas tree sparkling with lights and tinsel, holly wreaths, crimson bells, silver stars, and mistletoe. Even the score cards for the game carried out the Christmas thought, and were dainty hand-painted bits with the holly design and the name, "Las Amigas" in black and gold.

The artistic work of Mesdames Jimmie Collins and Noel Hays. Refreshments served late (very late) in the evening were cherry whip with nuts, cherries and whipped cream, individual cakes, with holly sprigs in bright relief against the white icing, and red and green Christmas mince. Plate favors were miniature Santa Clauses.

The games, the Clyde Heath family evidently formed a monopoly, for both won high scores. Mrs. Heath presented beautiful Christmas cards for the members, a bridge game, and a card game.

The members and guests present included Mesdames and Mesdames W. C. Stephens, J. C. Collins, Noel Hays, Loren Taylor, W. E. Carlton, Clyde Heath, Stanley Grainger, Clyde Tuttle, C. P. Green, and Ernest Archibald, and Mesdames H. Brown, Hopkins and Goldsticker.

FIRST CHRISTIAN DIVISION HAS A CHRISTMAS PARTY

Division No. 1 of the First Christian Church was entertained Thursday afternoon with a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. C. H. Parker, 1824 Elizabeth street, with Mesdames J. H. Turner, with a hostess, C. E. Burnett and G. L. Green as hostesses.

The house was most attractive with holiday decorations, the feature of the living room being a beautiful Christmas tree. Each guest brought a gift for the tree with a string attached, which was followed to the tree by some other guest, each receiving an attractive favor.

After the packages were opened and enjoyed, Mrs. C. E. Bailey on behalf of the division, presented the leaders, Mrs. J. H. Turner, with a handsome silver flower basket, in appreciation of her work during the past year.

A Christmas card was read from an old member, Mrs. E. T. Prib, who has recently moved to Houston. After which the hostesses served a lovely refreshment plate consisting of date pudding, baked apple, salad, sandwiches and coffee. The Christmas trees were plate favors.

These present included Mesdames W. E. Killingsworth, M. D. Morgan, Berrie Kerr, E. L. Conn, Robert Hamblin, J. H. Turner, F. L. Adair, G. E. Bailey, E. L. Smith, and Bailey, J. F. Hickman, G. L. Green, L. E. McConnell, C. H. Parker, W. F. Purcell, J. B. Haylock, M. Fotts, James Keat, George H. Winger, G. W. Curd and G. L. Burnett.

Mrs. J. M. Kelly and daughters, Misses Josephine and Jessie, are in Dallas for the holidays with Mrs. Kelly's mother.



Beautiful "White Gifts" Program Sunday Evening First Presbyterian

A beautiful "White Gifts" program will be presented by the choir and soloists of the First Presbyterian Church Sunday evening, beginning at 7 o'clock at the church.

The program will include the popular "Story of the Star," written and directed by Mrs. J. R. Pittman. The little girls who will light the star will be in costume, and the program promises to be an unusually inspirational one.

The numbers will be as follows: Organ, "Christmas Carols"—Mrs. J. W. Akis. Invocation—Rev. N. F. Grafton. Reading—Janice June Donnell. Song—Charlotte Maer. Reading—Robert Strief. Pageant, "The Story of the Star." Opening song, "Holy Night"—ECHO choir.

Christmas story—Juliet Jane Casfield. Song, "O Little Town of Bethlehem"—ECHO choir. Duet, "Prayer"—Misses Eleanor and Charlotte Maer. Quartette, "Home Sweet Home"—Mesdames Parker and Bell, Messrs. Tuttle and Stevens.

Song, "The Church in the Wilderness"—ECHO choir. Song, "The Star Spangled Banner"—Congregational and choir. Song, "Joy to the World"—ECHO choir. Presentation of gifts by classes.

UNITY JUNIOR ENJOYS A CHRISTMAS PARTY

Members of the Unity Junior Club and their husbands and a few friends enjoyed a very delightful Christmas party at the G. C. Club Wood home Wednesday evening, making use of the beautifully decorated basement living room of the Wood home, which is always much in demand by the young people during Christmas.

The evening was featured with a

CLASBY GLEANERS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Clasby Gleaners of the First Baptist Church enjoyed a delightful Christmas party Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. P. B. Cooke, with Mrs. H. C. Covington and Miss Donnie Carter as joint hostesses with Mrs. Cooke.

The teacher of the class, Mrs. A. D. McVey, led the devotionals, reading the third chapter of Genesis and part of the eighth chapter of Luke. Mrs. J. J. Lory closed the devotionals with a prayer.

After a short business session a program and social hour were enjoyed with two piano selections by Miss Pettit, a reading by Miss Estelle Stanfield, and a contest on Bible names and characters.

A feature of the afternoon's entertainment was a Christmas Grab Bag, after which the hostesses served hot chocolate and cake to enjoyed with two piano selections by Mrs. J. Lory, W. R. Gibson, W. M. MacEachern, H. F. Williams, W. B. Spawls, W. W. Brown, T. J. Baldridge, E. H. Joyce, J. W. Morgan, J. M. Wilkies, E. M. Tunis, A. D. McVey, A. E. Jones, Lumpkin, Ella T. Terman and Ada Moore.

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ANTI-KLAN SPEECH WINS WICHITA FALLS GIRL HER HONORS IN BIG CONTEST

Miss Alma Lee Joiner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Lee Joiner, who came home last week for the Christmas holidays with her family, won her honors in the recent Philo-Philo Confederation annual state contest with a stirring anti-klan speech, according to the Baylor College weekly.

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The Tangle

Letter from John Alden Prescott to Sydney Carton, continued.

My Dear Beatrice:

I didn't answer your letter immediately because I wanted to think well about it. It was very strange; indeed, a very aggravating kind of a letter. I might say a very nagging kind of a letter.

I did not want to write you until I had gotten over being angry about it.

Do you know, Bee, I never until I read that letter had detected a nagging spirit in you. In this respect I thought you were different from other women. I thought you would not impute motives to me that were furthest from my thoughts.

I wonder why it is, my dear Bee, that a short separation can change the viewpoint of one or both who are separated as greatly as you and mine seem to have been changed. Evidently for you, absence has not made the heart grow fonder.

I remember thinking back there in the east that you had such a placidly sweet disposition. I felt that I could always rest secure in your quiet regard, and now all at once I find that you are something entirely different. I and I do not know you at all, Bee.

Is it possible that you are jealous of Miss Perier? Why, my dear, that popular moving picture star would not look at poor me.

The greatest and most powerful and famous men in the world might feel greatly flattered if she would turn her eyes their way. She is something quite different from the average woman.

Sometimes I have come to think that even with my short acquaintance with her, she has shown me even better than I know you.

By the way, I wonder if you have ever known a man by the name of Sydney Carton. He tells me he is the most intimate friend of John Alden Prescott, who married your friend, Leslie Hamilton. He also very well before she went into pictures and for the last few days since he has been here they have been constantly together.

It doesn't take very much to set the gossip going in Hollywood and the idea that at last Paula Perier is allowing some man to shower her with his undivided attention.

She has kept entirely to herself except when, for business reasons, she has had to show herself at the hotel with Abe Elstein. On these occasions she has always insisted that I go with them.

Carton seems a pretty decent fellow and the strange part of it is that Miss Perier seems, as far as I can see, more devoted to him than he is to her.

There is some bond between them, however, greater than ordinary friendship.

Poor old Abe Elstein is trembling in the knees until he can hardly stand upright. He came and almost wept on my shoulder this morning as he explained to me that he was so dead afraid Carton was going to marry Miss Perier and take her out of business.

She has made him over a million dollars already on that picture.

The other night at the Ambassador she insisted I should come over and sit at the table where she was dining with Carton.

I happened to mention you were perhaps the best friend of John Alden Prescott and said I had received a letter from you recently in which you had told how devoted Leslie Prescott was to her adopted baby.

I don't know why, but at that moment I was looking straight at Miss Perier. For a second I thought she was going to faint. Carton seemed to have thought so, too, for I heard him gasp under his breath, "Back up, Paula, back up. You can't help it now."

The girl with the greatest courage, did back up. She lifted the saddest eyes I have ever seen to mine and said: "I expect one of the men who has come to a moving picture actress is that she cannot devote herself to anything but her work."

I wonder if I have told you that

Paula has lost all her French accent since she has been out here. I am rather sorry. She told me the other day that she has been studying every minute she has had away from the studio.

She is a great woman and I confess I was rather flabbergasted when for the first time at that table, she called me by my first name. I was also rather mystified by her assertion that a moving picture actress has no right to love and motherhood.

I cited the fact that while many of the women of the screen had not married, they had adopted children, and some of them had told me they were sure they knew no difference in the love they bore these children than if they had been born to them.

Eagerly Paula turned to Carton and said, "Do you think I might adopt him? Do you think I might?"

"I am afraid not, Paula," he answered somewhat coldly.

She covered down in her chair and said, "Take me home, Dick, take me home."

I thought it was very strange that she should turn to me instead of to Carton, and I remarked apologetically, "I will take Miss Perier home if you do not object."

He answered most nonchalantly, and it seemed to me rather unfeelingly, "Not in the least, my dear fellow, not in the least."

I never felt so sorry for any woman in my life as I did for that poor girl on the way home. She wept until it seemed to me she would dissolve in tears.

I know now why she played that part in "Tramping Home Heart" so well. It is because the marginal instinct in her is greater than anything else.

Tomorrow: The letter to Beatrice Grimshaw, continued—The finest girl alive.



MISS ELIZABETH CARRIGAN

Miss Carrigan is home for the holidays with Judge and Mrs. A. H. Carrigan, and will be one of the honorees at the dance and Christmas party to be given by a sextette of hostesses at the Country Club this week.

TACKY PARTY AT COUNTRY CLUB THURSDAY EVENING

Musical for the dancers was very much enjoyed by a small, informal crowd of young people.

Music for the dancers was furnished by the Southern Trumpeters, and the floor, with the "tacky" terpichoreans on it, was truly diverting. The "prizes" for costumes went to Allan Montgomery—a small drum and horn—and Miss Catherine Moore—a huge can of red striped candy. Refreshments of popcorn, doughnuts, apples and sandwiches were served to Mr. and Mrs. W. U. McCutchen, Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Waelder, and Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Hampshire, Misses Ethel Moran, Catherine Moore, Margaret Barnhart of Children, Ruth Barnard, Vera Hale, Powers of Electra, Gay Gwynn, Thelma Kahn, and Josephine Mayfield; Messrs. C. J. Norton, Charles Nelson, T. J. Waggoner Jr., J. C. Glass, R. J. Marin, Edwin Weidner, N. J. Harlin, J. Wilkie Talbert, Jim Jennings, Allan Montgomery, W. S. Abbott, Jarrel Goss, Joe Carrigan, the Epuchurch, Lee Haney, J. E. Bristol, and Dr. Coleman.

HAGIN, A. M. HUTCHINS, CHARLES KENNEDY, R. D. LEWIS, AND LEO MCDOWELL, HOSTESSES.

The house was decorated in holiday greens and flowers with tables arranged for 42 and \$99.

A salad plate was served to Messames E. K. Ash, O. R. Carter, D. Delle, W. E. Gregg, J. H. Fowler, H. C. Hammond, H. Jagers, J. R. Lawrence of Houston, W. M. Langford, G. E. Stearns of Woodward, Orla, A. H. Stewart, E. W. Shaw, Salena Hammond of Alamogordo, New Mexico, George Longbridge, C. W. Stanfield and Miss Ruth Mercer.

DONALD W. THACKWELL HAS A BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. H. Lawrence Thackwell entertained on last Saturday afternoon for her son, Donald Wilson, in honor of his eleventh birthday.

After seeing the "Call of the Wild" at the Mission Theater the children returned to the Thackwell home where games and refreshments were enjoyed.

The guest list included Lucy Thompson, Helen Rust, Connelly, Marguerite Connelly, Louise Van Euden, Evelyn Van Euden, Marietta Ground, Nell Ground, Richard Thompson Jr., Billy Wally, Earl Hoyer Jr., J. B. Hathaway, Howard Hathaway, Frank McCarter, and Robert McCarter.

JANE ELLEN WRIGHT HAS BIRTHDAY PARTY

Jane Ellen, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. O. E. Wright entertained a number of her friends with a Christmas party Tuesday afternoon.

Christmas decorations were carried out in the house and refreshments, the feature of the party being a beautifully decorated Christmas tree bearing a tarlatan Christmas stocking filled with candy and nuts for each child and little dolls with red ballet dresses for the girls and French harps for the boys.

Those who enjoyed the games and tree included Peggy Laws, Martha Lou Laws, Dorothy Lee Taylor, Mary Leona Robinson, Helen Hamme, Margaret Norwood, Margaret Baker, Helen Green, Mable Green, Dorothy Weaver, Patricia McDowell, Maurine and La Ellen Boardman, Mary Hyatt, Helen Clayton, Jane Clayton, Maurice King, Ted Norwood, Gordon and Billy Covington, William Huff, A. L. Warren and James King.

MISS MURPHY HOSTESS

D. L. K. CLUB THURSDAY

Miss Burch Murphy was hostess to the D. L. K. club on Thursday afternoon at her home on Duver, when several tables of young women enjoyed bridge for a couple of hours.

The house decorations were in

Christmas colors and symbols, with roses and potted plants. In the games, Miss Annabel Cooper won high scores and received a bottle of black nail polish perfume; Miss Ruth Stovall was consoling with a heart-sock; The hostess served pineapple salad, stuffed dates and cake to Misses Cecil McCurdy, Marie Johnson, Loregin Russell, Ruth Stovall, Louise Wicki, Stella Winters, Helen Knotta, Dorothy Nosen, Dorothy Rugeley, Lucille Benson, Monette Lewis, Onetta Deems, Kathryn Hopper, Annabel Cooper, Elvanes Spaulding and Marjorie Woolsey.

MR. AND MRS. LOUGHBRIDGE GIVE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. George Loughbridge gave a Christmas party for their daughter, Miss Ruth Mercer, Friday evening, when friends enjoyed a miniature tree and a visit from Santa Claus.

Angel food and custard were served to Messrs. and Mesdames H. Jagers, W. R. Gregg, E. M. Friend; Mesdames E. Lawrence, J. H. Fowler, J. E. Huddleston, Rev. Hagin, D. Delle and Messrs. J. and R. Presson and Katz.

Mrs. Dorcas: Women are more clever than men.

Dorcas: In some ways. At any rate, they used to broadcast things from the houseposts long before we'd ever heard of the radio.

TWO PART TWO

THOMAS CHRISTIAN DAY AT 3

IG DANCE

TWILIGHT CONCERT SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT F. H. M. E. CHURCH

The choir of the Floral Heights Methodist Church, Miss Ina Pearl Curry, director, Mrs. G. E. Nichols, organist, will present a program of music appropriate to Christmas in a Twilight Concert Sunday afternoon, December 24th, at 4 P. M. The choir will be assisted by some of the leading soloists of the city, namely, Mesdames Luella B. Thompson, T. C. Brownell, N. M. Clifford and Messrs. John E. Kilgore, O. E. Nichols, and Jarrel Goss. The program is as follows:

Carol, "There is a Song in the Air," and "Silent Night."

Processional, Angels from the Realms of Glory.

Anthem, Oh Little Town of Bethlehem, Ashford.

Nobody Knows the Trouble I See, trapeze, J. R. Gillette.

Organs, In Springtime, Ralph Kincaid.

The Lord Is My Light, Allitoss, John E. Kilgore.

Anthem, Seek Ye the Lord, Robert.

Gloria to Heaven's Eternal King, Myer-Helmund, Mrs. T. C. Brownell.

The Birthday of the King, Neidling, Mrs. Luella B. Thompson.

Anthem, He Shall Be Great, Stoltz.

Recessional, Angels from the Realms of Glory.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS ARE EXCHANGED SATURDAY

Saturday proved to be the day for the exchange of Christmas presents at the court house. Practically every official was presented with a gift from his deputies and in many instances deputies received remembrance from their employers.

Members of the local bar association also remembered practically all of the officials at the court house.

Nearly all the gifts were in the way of things that are useful. However, cigars and candies were much in evidence.

Noted.

See my handmade Christmas gifts at the Palace Drug store Friday, Saturday and Monday—Mrs. A. E. Hatcher.

Nine-up Universal Percolators, \$12.50, Dosh Electric, 303 Ninth—adv.

Shoe stains, Watson Paint Co.

ASSOCIATED STORES

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We invite you to be here at 8:30 o'clock and join in this singing.

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The assemblage includes some alluring creations from the Milgrim and Maybelle shops, and there are some wonderful gift selections for your choice. All dresses now specially priced.

For the intimate gift, nothing compares with the daintiness and beauty of silk underwear. Sheer, lustrous and colorful, it makes a gift of real happiness to any woman.

Brocaded silk, crepe and satin Negligees and Kimonos, many of them trimmed in lace and embroidery, in pink, rose, orchid, orange, blue, and black **\$8.50 to \$35.00**

Corduroy and Blanket Bath Robes, many colors, **\$5.50 to \$15**

Silk lined models **\$12.75 to \$15**

Silk Gowns, in crepe, radium and Jersey, with lace and embroidery **\$8.50 to \$25**

Teddies **\$3.95 to \$17.75**

Vests and Bloomers **\$1.95 to \$5.95**

A wealth of beautiful selections, in all the desired colors and in all the accepted styles.

Short Fur Coats and Fur Scarfs Reduced in Price

It is easier to give Furs this Christmas than it has been for several years. The range of selection is wider, the array of attractive things is greater—and the prices are lower.

Short fur coats are available at One Fourth off.

Grey squirrel, bay seal, moleskin, cone and other handsome furs are included in the assemblage .. **\$104.80 to \$288.25**

Substantial reductions in prices on fur scarfs and chokers give you an unprecedented opportunity for such a gift selection.

Red Fox, Beige Fox, Grey Fox, Brown Fox, Smoke Grey Fox, Baum Marten, Double Hudson Bay and Stone Marten scarfs and chokers offer an alluring array for your choice, and the

prices are surprisingly moderate.

Fur sets for children \$12.75 to **\$19.75**

Smart New Luggage Is a Rich, Joy-Bringing Gift

The choicest luggage gifts are the fitted cases; they are simply unrivaled for beauty and convenience, and it would be hard to imagine a gift more certain to bring joy.

The toilet fittings are in Ivory, Amber, Tortoise shell and the popular two-tone effects **\$27.50 to \$55.00**

They're finished in crepe grain cowhide, stout and durable and good looking.

Wardrobe trunks make gifts that never wear out, and they're offered just now at prices that mean exceptional values.

The regular \$50 ones are priced **\$43.50**; regular \$60 ones, **\$49.50**; regular \$110 ones, **\$94**. Proportionate reductions on all trunks regularly priced in between the figures quoted.

Handsome! Convenient! Practical! Sturdy!

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DEPARTMENT STORE

ASSOCIATED STORES

GIN REPORTS SHOW TOTAL 22,000 BALES WILBARGER COUNTY

BULK OF SALES PAST WEEK WERE MADE AROUND 34 CENTS.

YOUNG MAN INJURED IS STILL UNCONSCIOUS

Fell Or Was Thrown From Denver Freight Train Several Days Ago.

VERNON, TEXAS, Dec. 23.—Gin reports show that 22,000 bales of cotton have been ginned in Wilbarger county this year, and it is now considered certain that the crop will exceed 25,000 bales.

The bulk of the sales of good cotton here this week were made at around 34 cents. Last year's yield was 27,000, but the highest price this year makes the 1923 crop more valuable.

Business conditions generally are much improved in the past few weeks. Bank deposits have been growing steadily as the year's crops are being harvested.

Staples Still Unconscious

After Staples, 17, of Princeton, Collins county, who has been unconscious for the past six days after he fell or was thrown from a Fort Worth & Denver freight train while it was in motion, is still unconscious, although attending physicians declare he is improved and may recover.

John Staples, 31, brother of the injured boy, declares that both were thrown from the freight train while it was traveling at a rate of about 15 miles per hour, at Princeton, Fort Worth & Denver brakeman, who was placed under arrest at Quasah and brought to Vernon on a charge of assault with intent to murder, has been released on \$3,000 bond to await developments in the condition of the younger Staples boy.

When brought here for arraignment on complaint made by John Staples, jailman stated that he had thrown either of the boys off the train or that he had ever seen them before.

The Staples boys claimed they were riding on an old car in the train on route to Eldorado, Okla.

to visit an uncle. The brakeman, according to the story told by John Staples, discovered them and threw them off the moving train.

The local Rehekah lodge has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Miss Flora Phillips, high priestess; Mrs. Jessie Schoutte, vice grand; Miss Vera McKinley, secretary; Miss Alice Gibson, treasurer.

Miss Vivian Smith of Fort Worth expects to spend Christmas with friends in the city and will probably arrive Friday. Miss Smith is student at Texas Woman's College.

Addresses All Day Meeting G. L. Morelock, secretary of the board of men's activities of Nashville, Tenn., and Rev. J. E. Crossland of Fort Worth, conference secretary of the Centenary movement for the Northwest Texas Methodist conference were the principal speakers at an all day meeting which was held in the church of the district at the Methodist church. Geo. W. Hadkus of Vernon is lay leader for the district and he presided at the meeting.

Iowa Park Items

Poultry Show Preparations are going forward for the poultry show which is to be held in this city January 3, 4 and 5, and no efforts are being spared to make it a big success.

There will be a poultry school held here one day in January and while it was in motion, is still unconscious, although attending physicians declare he is improved and may recover.

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Fort Worth Year. She may locate permanently in Fort Worth, but she expects to spend Christmas with her mother in Brownwood.

Henry Lee Lowrance will spend the holidays in Iowa Park with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. E. S. Lowrance. Mr. Lowrance is teaching mathematics in Denton High School.

W. A. Higgins, formerly manager of the Parkersburg High and Reel Co's branch here was in town a short time this week shaking hands with old friends. He was on his way to spend the holidays with his family in Kansas.

James Holt, brother of Mrs. D. E. Barber, stopped in this city for a visit with sister and little son. He was on his way to his home in Hugo, Okla., from Lubbock, where he has been making a fruit tree delivery.

Annual Christmas Dinner It has been planned by the Order of the Eastern Star and the Masonic lodge to have their annual Christmas dinner. Some building down town will be secured, and every member of both fraternal and Masonic lodges is urged to come with their families and well filled baskets and help make the dinner the most successful.

Friday, the 28th, at 12:00 o'clock is the time, and Friday evening at 7:00 o'clock all will repair to the Masonic hall and enjoy a program given by various members of the two organizations.

Closing out our stock of fighting fixtures at a greatly reduced price. Doeh Electric, 809 Ninth—adv.

Give a Fuller shower brush for Xmas. Phone 6784, 418 Staley—adv.

C. OF C. COMMITTEE ON 1924 PROGRAM REQUESTS IDEAS AND CRITICISM

Letters signed by W. M. Moore, chairman of the program of work committee, have been mailed to all members of the chamber of commerce, for ideas, suggestions and criticisms for its organization.

The committee will outline plans for the work of the local organization during the coming year and the program, the results of their investigation and work, will be presented to the membership at the annual banquet in January.

The letter reads as follows: "Dear member: "Having been appointed chairman of a committee on program of work for 1924, I am very anxious to secure the ideas, suggestions and criticisms of every member of our chamber of commerce in order that our program that will be of practical and substantial benefit to our community."

"I will be glad to hear from you at any time and in any manner. Please attend to this promptly, as our committee will meet to consider suggestions December 28th. "Yours very truly, "W. M. Moore, chairman program of work committee."

BUILDING PERMITS FOR PAST WEEK TOTALED \$28,225

Eleven permits issued from the office of the city clerk, for the erection and improvement of residence property, during the past week, involved an expenditure of \$28,225.

Permits were issued to the following: M. E. Taylor, \$215 Ninth, one 4-room residence, \$2,575.

J. Carlither, 1715 Monroe, one 5-room residence, \$2,500.

J. Carlither, 1322 Avenue J, one 4-room residence, \$2,500.

J. Carlither, 2124 Avenue J, one 4-room residence, \$2,500.

J. Carlither, 2124 Avenue F, one 4-room residence, \$2,500.

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J. L. Elkins, 2126 Avenue G, garage, \$150.

Mrs. L. T. Vandegat, 1215 Seventh, repairs on residence, \$300.

Jank Humphreys, at Adams and South, repainting, \$400.

J. W. Friberg, 206 Thirteenth, garage, \$150.

Total, \$28,225.

Six-cup Universal Perculators, \$10.50. Doeh Electric, 809 Ninth—adv.

WE ARE SERVING

Turkey Dinner ON CHRISTMAS DAY

From 12 to 2:30 o'clock WE STILL HAVE A PLENTY OF FRUIT CAKE AND HOME MADE CANDIES

Floral Heights Cook Shop

Phone 3222 908 Van Buren

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Christmas Shopping WHAT and WHERE

LEATHERS GOODS AND GIFT SHOP PRICES AT P. B. H. M.

Just one more day to do all of that last minute shopping. No matter how soon you get it meant you are almost sure to find it at P. B. H. M. as they have a gift shop of fascinating articles as well as a big toy department.

A few of the things from the gift shop have been displayed in the big front window of the store, and from this array of objects, including fine handkerchiefs, dressing table accessories, bits of pottery, glass and crystal, and a host of other attractive gifts, you can choose the one that you want most.

Other parts of the store will be found many things to delight the heart of the recipient such as neckties, handkerchiefs, collars, socks, a new dress from the ready-to-wear department, or material for a new outfit. The leather goods department is complete for the man, and in the men's department are enough appropriate gifts to make this difficult shopping a matter of pleasure.

The leather goods department is most complete this year, including a wide variety of handbags and suitcases, fitted valises, large and small, men's and women's. There is a special Christmas price on wardrobe trunks.

M. & W. FLOWER SHOP HAS FLOWERS, PLANTS, GOLD-FISH AND CANARY BIRDS

No matter how many other gifts are bought, how expensive or how conservative, there is always someone to whom you want to send flowers. They may be the dear little ones, or a loved one or they may be the thoughtful remembrance to a friend. In a short time or to some one whose kindness we have appreciated.

A growing plant which will give pleasure for many months is a gift you will surely want to give some one and Christmas is the time to give it. There is a beautiful variety of cut flowers.

If you haven't completed your decorations for this week of celebration you will also find the most desirable wreaths at the M. & W. Flower and Plant Shop. There are wreaths and all the festive decorations listed daily.

In addition to their beautiful flowers and plants this shop has the sweetest singing canary birds and a number of beautiful gold fish. For a child, for an invalid or for any home lover what could be a more delightful gift, bringing pleasure all the year around, than the gift of a gold fish? In the big variety of gold fish, all who enter the room.

This is the first Christmas this flower shop has spent in Wichita Falls and the management is conducting with a remarkable stock of flowers and plants, and a wider variety than is usually found in any but the largest cities.

The growing plants here are naturally sturdy and healthy, and the deep glowing colors of both leaves and flowers are evidence of strong roots in the right sort of soil.

FOLLOW THE CROWDS TO SAULS

I read an advertisement last week which said, "Follow the crowds to Sauls, headquarters for useful gifts and dolls."

So I followed, the crowd—and found that at least one ad told the truth. Everybody in the Wichita Falls shopping district was there I am sure and they did not come away empty-handed either.

Really, it is remarkable the unusual prices found on everything in this store. A real Christmas sale has been in progress here and last night, right up through Christmas Eve.

Only one more shopping day! Of course, you have a hundred things to do but it won't take a minute to run down to this department store and make those last purchases.

Too wouldn't this there are so many useful things that make nice Christmas gifts. There are the boys' things, the girls' things, the baby things, the doll things, the toy things, the gift things, the gift things.

There just isn't anything in the world that takes the place of a doll in the heart of a little girl. No matter what else you may want to buy, don't forget to buy her by buying to get a doll of some kind.

With your child's usual thoughtfulness this store has held in reserve enough Christmas morning surprises to surprise the most minute shopper, so be sure to go straight to Sauls in the morning.

FRANKIE HAS EVERYTHING IN BIG TOY DEPARTMENT

Hardly every child's heart has stopped seeking what he has passed the toy window at J. C. Frank's on Eighth street.

Such wonderful gifts for children! The very train for Robert and that doll would be just the right size for Martha.

The toys here are of such sturdy construction that they amount of hard handling and bumping about won't hurt them—they are meant to play with and to bring real joy to the child's heart.

For the little girl there is everything in the world to set up her kingdom with. Dolling toy furniture, dishes, stoves, cooking utensils, trunks, baby doll supplies, washing boards, and tubs, and a lot of other things.

It will save time on this last day when you have so much to do, to go straight to Frank's and get all of these last minute gifts—add another one or two for the children. Christmas comes but once a year!

NOVELTIES AND IMPORTED WARES—ORIENTAL STUDIOS

There are so many lovely and altogether different gifts at the Oriental Studios, of imported wares and novelties.

Perfume from Paris! What woman's heart doesn't thrill to that Oriental incense burners, enameled and lacquered boxes and trays, French stationery, bits of jade and carved ivory, exquisite pieces of crystal, and lamps.

And Lamps! You have never seen such beautiful objects for desk, library, or study.

Handsome oriental rugs, tapestries and paintings are also to be found in the Studio.

Buying stock in most foreign sources, this shop is able to offer articles, with the assurance of their authenticity, at prices which are very unusual for objects of such value and beauty.

You will want to visit the Oriental Studios even after Christmas is a thing of the past.

A GIFT OF SILVER WILL LIVE FOREVER; BUY IT AT KRUGER'S, ON INDIANA

"The thing we should give is a gift that will live."

At Kruger's new location on Indiana and Eighth will be found countless articles in beautiful silver, any one of which would make a perfect Christmas remembrance.

There are various sterling silver pieces in the static patterns made by such houses as Reed, Barton & Gorham.

Five-piece tea sets, and water pitchers in exquisite designs. Such things as dinner bells, salt and pepper sets, and mesh bags, all make lovely gifts.

Silver toilet sets are ever lasting and combine great usefulness with beauty.

Give a gift to your other selections this year.

CHRISTMAS OLIVES FROM THE RED WOODS BEST You have recently seen many mentions of olives when you get Spanish olives from the big Kruger's on Indiana.

They are different and better and only 10 cents a pint, so you will surely get your olives for Christmas here.

At "KRUGER'S" Of Course Extraordinary Diamond Values Specially Priced for Monday Only. Final Opportunity to Buy DIAMONDS At Genuine JOBBERS' PRICES. 2 DOZEN DIAMOND and PLATINUM WRIST WATCHES \$145.00. DIAMOND and PLATINUM WEDDING RINGS \$67.50. 18 Karat, Platinum Mounting Diamond Ring \$150.00. Diamond and Platinum WRIST WATCHES \$72.50. Have Your Diamonds Re-Set In New Mountings An opportunity to buy newest and finest of mountings at jobbers' prices. SEE OUR WINDOWS TODAY. KRUGER JEWELRY CO. "Where Trading is a Pleasure"

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LASKER MOTIVE POWER BEHIND CANDIDACY HIRAM JOHNSON

Senator Backed by Man Who Once Had no Earthly Desire so Great as To Keep Hiram Out of White House

By MARK SULLIVAN

Political Correspondent of New York Tribune and Wichita Daily Times.

The principal motive power behind the Hiram Johnson candidacy is Albert Lasker, of Chicago. It is probably not too much to say that but for Lasker Johnson would not be in the race. As some one expressed it, Lasker is back of Johnson's heart and soul, pure and simple. Probably Lasker at this moment has no desire so close to his heart as to promote Johnson into the White House. And yet, for two years preceding last August, before the death of Harding, Lasker had no earthly desire so great as to keep Johnson out of the White House.

In this curious contrast of desire there is the hint of a dramatic story; and this hint of dramatic human interest is borne out by the details of the story.

In the effort to express complex relations through the simple device of a familiar phrase—a device too simple to be wholly adequate—the newspaper men speak of Lasker as being back of Johnson as the Colonel House, of Hiram Johnson, or his Mark Hanna, or his Franklin W. Stearns. In the nature of things, all these designations cannot be true; for the relation of Mark Hanna to McKinley was not the same as the relation of Lasker to Johnson; and the relation of Johnson to Coolidge differs from both. The relation of Johnson has perhaps some of the nature of the relation of Hanna to McKinley. It is little of the relation of Colonel House to Wilson, for Colonel House is by temperament, as far as possible from the whirling dynamo of energy that Lasker is.

The story of the beginning of the association between Johnson and Lasker has been told by the present writer in a newspaper article. To retell it briefly, Lasker began his association with Johnson's political fortunes—and this was simultaneous with Lasker's entry into national politics—just a little less than four years ago. It was during the last few weeks of Johnson's 1919 campaign, during the weeks immediately preceding the national convention of 1920, Johnson's candidacy of that year had been a long and arduous one, and Lasker had been along with him in a capacity of resources and mere shreds of organization. One way or another, this limping candidate's name came to the attention of Lasker, who then was and still is the head of the largest advertising firm in the world, Lord and Thomas of Chicago, and the possessor of a large fortune made out of this and allied businesses. Up to that time Lasker had taken no more interest in politics than most business men of his type do.

The situation of Johnson and his 1920 candidacy may readily be appraised to Lasker in the same way as many of the business situations which he has taken up when they were limping and, by the injection of his own energy and dynamism, made them succeed. It has been Lasker's way, as a business man, to take up such a business situation and, by injecting his own energy into it, make it succeed. In some such spirit as this Lasker, in a Chicago newspaper, noticed the Johnson candidacy of 1920, saw that there, through Johnson's strength in the then Johnson movement that appeared on the surface and, by analogy to his business experience, detected the potentialities which he saw in it and saw how far he could go.

What Lasker's motive was in making this divergence from the path of a man who has been so successful in making things go, could only be said authoritatively by some one who knows his mind better than any outsider can. It may have been a mere sense of adventure. It may have been that feeling that occasionally comes to successful business men—a feeling of staleness about money-making, a slight fatigue with a game that has become so familiar as to be too easy; and the wish to bring something into existence by trying something new. It may have been sympathy with Johnson's views on the League of Nations. It may have been a mere wish to take a hand in a bigger game. If it was this latter, neither Lasker nor Johnson would have had much to do with it. Lasker's energy and resources would take a hand in politics, we should have that much to say about education and popular interest in politics.

Lasker jumped into the Johnson camp in the last few weeks of the latter's 1920 campaign. He put immense energy into it, and between himself and friends who had been enlisted, undoubtedly a good deal of money. (Among the friends whom Lasker interested was William Wrightley, who had been a partner in the League of Nations campaign.) But it was too late to be effective. Johnson lost. The maximum number of delegates he ever had was 14 out of 57.

But, although Johnson had lost the nomination, Lasker did not lose his zest for the big game. After Johnson had lost, after the prize had gone to Harding, and after the campaign had closed, Lasker opened at Harding's home in Washington, Lasker turned up there. What ensued was an undertaking to the effect that Lasker and Harding could only be known by political enemies. They had never met before. There was a cynical surmise to the effect that Lasker had come to deliver Johnson's loyalty to the ticket. This was, of course, merely a surmise. It was a fact that Johnson, after his defeat, went to California and for several weeks seemed to sulk in his tent. It was a widely discussed question whether Johnson would accept the verdict. In the course of time it began to be said that Johnson was waiting to see what Harding would say about the League of Nations. Ultimately, when Harding came but formally against the issue, Johnson came east and gave public allegiance to the ticket. That was what really got Johnson's reluctant allegiance. Lasker could not have delivered Johnson to Harding.

Lasker had other ways of—to use a phrase current in Lasker's own business—"selling himself" to Harding. By whatever means he practiced—and also by qualities in Lasker's personality which Harding found stimulating and agreeable, Lasker, by use of another expressive phrase—"made himself solid" with Harding. He spent a good deal of time on or near the front porch and was extremely energetic. He advised things to do and did them, such as bringing a delegation of baseball players to pay their respects. If anybody else advised something to be done, Lasker was the willing go-getter who attended to the details. In short, Lasker made himself extremely useful to the Republican headquarters. Also, he made himself extremely useful and agreeable to Harding personally—established a basis of confidence and friendship

Harding he would accept, told him he would not be able to. It was these circumstances that Harding turned to Lasker as the next best man.

As to Lasker's administration of this office, and just estimate would have to say that no government servant ever worked harder. He threw into it the prodigious energy, the untiring expenditure of nervous vitality that had made him in private business a rich man before he passed his early forties. Possibly not all the energy was wisely directed, but the will and the vitality were there. And he was recklessly generous with them. However, any adequate account of those two years on the shipping board would make an article in itself.

But Lasker was to Harding much more than merely official head of the shipping board. Lasker was always in and out of the White House. He was always attending to something for Harding, and was a thinking of something that Harding would like to have done, and doing it, always bustling about to do something about which Harding had expressed a wish.

About this intimacy between Harding and Lasker, there are at times luscious with gossip, much of it acutely unkindly to Lasker. Lasker's relation to Harding was much more than that of a loyal friend who had never initiated or advised anything in public affairs. About this personal relation, the most accurate picture the present writer can give is that of a man who, from the "man" some months ago, from the pen of Mr. William Hard. From it the following detached sentences are taken.

"Mr. Lasker came into Republican national politics in the year 1920 through the campaign of Hiram Johnson. Intense vitality, a habit of playing golf, an inclination to play bridge, a capacity for remembering stories and a talent for telling them, a serious aversion toward the League of Nations * * * a business judgment not so statistical as Mr. Hoover's, a personal charm not so austere as Mr. Hughes, a profound interest and enjoyment in sitting up and being companionable long after 3 o'clock in the morning, a habit of reading and Mr. Hughes had referred to their studies—and there was a mystery would be if such a man did not become an intimate of the president's. * * * Mr. Lasker has lived through his time in Washington not as lobbyist and not as politician, but as a good, a conscientious and conscientious and enthusiastic defender of the presidential virtues, not without producing in him a certain tincture of corresponding defects."

Elsewhere in this same article Mr. Hard characterized Lasker's vivid personality in these words: "Lasker's impetuous, a word which comes so fast that they seem to escape coming in sequence and seem to arrive almost in rapid succession, during the course of abrupt, wondrous ejaculations. As if to ward off the crossing of these two lines, he has the habit of pushing words long after 3 o'clock in the morning, his amazing insight into commerce; * * * his boyant conviction that everybody else is making his own way in the world; his absolutely consistent conviction that the inheritance tax should be placed so drastically high that the sons of rich fathers would be coerced into making their own way in the world."

After Harding was in the White House, Lasker became the first friend of the president, became what many of Washington call "the frank malice," called "the White House pet." Early in his administration, Harding gave Lasker the office of chairman of the shipping board.

About the choice of Lasker for this office, the writer has heard the story, and believes it to be true, although it may have, in addition to the essential truth, as many frills of ornamentation as dramatic stories about public events frequently have: The story is to the effect that Harding, having his heart in a long-distance call for Washington, in order to tell President Harding that he would accept. While he was waiting for the call, according to the story, the other man, in a moment of reflection upon the burden of the duties he had undertaken to take on as head of the Standard Oil Company, showed a revulsion against the burden of work and responsibility he saw ahead of him, so apparent that Mr. Teagle felt he could not put the burden on his friend, and instead of telling President

White House, immediately had, and now has, no wish so great as to get Johnson into the White House. Lasker immediately went back to his old loyalty of 1920. He again enlisted his friend, William Wrightley Jr., and other friends of personal power and resources. Lasker today is busy every minute pushing forward Johnson's fortunes. And when Lasker is busy, he is in a very, very busy. He is in the background, but the country will see his work. Also, Coolidge's friends will see it, and have reason to be concerned about it. Lasker is far more resourceful, more fertile than anybody in the Coolidge camp—more quick, because of his advertising and publicity experience, to see and seize psychological moments. Already, from time to time, we hear rumors of formidable moves emanating from Lasker. Some of these rumors have to do with the acquisition of newspapers in territory important to the Johnson campaign.

LONDON—A prominent dental surgeon on the West Side admits a number of his colleagues have been charging exorbitant prices for their services. But most of them, he contends, are American dentists.

Inclement weather during the past several weeks has caused many delays and a loss of time and money to contractors.

The driving of the steel piling across the river gap of the diversion dam and puddling to form the core wall of the mammoth structure have been completed and the dam is now higher than the spill-

WORK AT DIVERSION DAM IS ON ROAD TO EARLY COMPLETION

R. A. Thompson, chief engineer of the Wichita County Water Improvement District No. 1, announced Saturday, that the diversion dam would soon be completed. Work is being rushed at the site and extra men are being employed to speed up the work while favorable weather prevails in this section.

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The earth's sides have also been constructed and rip-rap is now being placed on the upstream side of the structure.

Work on the canal, lateral and ditches is being rushed to completion. The siphon under the Fort Worth and Denver tracks and the Iowa Park road near Iowa Park has been completed.

Engineers Saturday began work on the large siphon which will go under the Wichita river, near the K. M. A. bridge on the highway from Iowa Park to Wichita Falls.

The purpose of the organization is to settle disputes between employer and employe and for the betterment of working conditions.

The association in the Wichita Falls district was organized more than four years ago.

Asbestos has been found in Hungary, Russia, New South Wales, New Zealand and Cape Colony.


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“I Can't Think What to Give”

This Convenient List Will Help You



Store Open Evenings Till Christmas

CHECK OFF THE GIFTS YOU CHOOSE AND KEEP THIS AD FOR REFERENCE

 <p><i>For Father</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leather Vests \$15.00 to \$17.50 Leather Traveling Bags \$6.50 to \$37.50 Bath Robe Sets with slippers \$8.50 to \$27.50 Wool or Silk Scarfs \$4.00 to \$7.00 Silk or Knitted Ties 50c to \$1.00 Fur Lined Gloves \$5.00 to \$10.00 Dress Gloves \$2.50 to \$5.00 Lisle or Silk Sox 35c to \$1.75 Plain or Initial Belts 75c to \$5.00 House Slippers \$1.50 to \$4.00 	 <p><i>For Mother</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leather or Beaded Bags \$1.98 to \$20 Silk Chemise or Bloomers \$2.95 to \$10.95 Dainty Night Gowns and Chemise \$1.98 to \$17.50 Corduroy or Voile Robes \$3.95 to \$15.00 Blanket Bath Robes \$4.95 to \$7.95 Pure Table Linen Cloths \$4.50 to \$30 Shaker-Knit Sweater Coats \$10.95 and up Kid and Suede Gloves \$1.50 to \$7.50 Boudoir Caps, daintily trimmed 60c House Slippers \$1.25 to \$4.00
 <p><i>For Son</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wardrobe Trunks \$31.50 to \$92.50 Leather Traveling Bags, \$6.50 to \$37.50 Bath Robe Sets with Slippers \$10.50 and up Wool or Silk Scarfs \$4.00 to \$7.00 Dress Gloves \$2.50 to \$5.00 Lisle or Silk Hose 35c to \$1.75 Plain or Initial Belts 75c to \$5.00 House Slippers \$1.50 to \$4.00 	 <p><i>For Baby</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bath Robe Sets with Slippers \$10.50 and up Other Bath Robes \$7.50 to \$12.50 Wool or Silk Scarfs \$4.00 to \$7.00 Silk or Knitted Ties 50c to \$1.00 Dress Gloves \$2.50 to \$5.00 Wool, Lisle or Silk Hose 35c to \$1.75 Leather Traveling Bags \$6.50 to \$37.50 Handkerchiefs 10c to \$1.00 Suspenders in Christmas boxes 50c to \$1.00 House Slippers \$1.50 to \$4.00 Base Boots \$12.50 per pair Wool Union Suits \$3.50 and up
 <p><i>For Grandpa</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keynes Blouses and Shirts \$1 to \$2 Hickok Belts and Buckles 75c to \$2 Wool Sweater Vests \$4.95 All Wool Suits with 2 pair pants \$10.00 to \$20.00 Bath Robes \$3.95 to \$10.00 House Slippers \$1.50 to \$2.50 Neckwear 50c and up Boys' Caps 75c to \$3.00 	 <p><i>For Grandma</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leather or Beaded Hand Bags \$1.93 to \$17.50 Silk Negligees \$10.00 to \$34.75 Corduroy or Voile Robes \$3.95 to \$15.00 Beacon Blanket Bath Robes \$4.95 to \$7.95 Ivory Toilet Articles, each 50c to \$6.50 Silk and Chiffon Wool Hose \$2.00 to \$4.50 Fitted Cases, with toilet articles, \$20.00 to \$52.50 Hat Boxes, black enameled \$8.75 to \$14.50 Electric Curling Irons, special \$1.25 House Slippers \$1.25 to \$4.00 Wool Shawls



for Brother



For Daughter

W.B. McClurkan & Co.
NEW LOCATION—SCOTT AT NINTH

FRUIT CAKE

We have a good Fruit Cake for your Christmas dinner.

Also—

Blanke - Wennekers Candies, both in bulk and in packages.

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Straw Votes On the Coolidge Message Proves Girls Should Have Mothers

Karel, Kal Coolidge a couple of weeks ago read to Congress his Message. The Message itself seemed to be quite an achievement. The only thing to be desired was the delivery which was rather unorthodox. But when you figure that the Gentleman hadn't used his voice for months, why, any little defects in delivery can readily be overlooked. At a great telegraphic expense I gathered together the opinions of some of our best paid telegraphers and I will do just as the Literary Digest does, I will simply put down their opinions as they were uttered, with no Personal Editorial comment from me at all. I am just simply reporting the straw vote of the Country.

Senator Lodge, Republican, of Massachusetts:—It is a message that could not possibly be improved upon. Massachusetts can at last say it has two of our favorite Sons. Of course I took the Message before delivery and brightened up the English. But he deserves great praise nevertheless. I think it is one of the best Messages since I delivered my Memorandum on the unknown Islands of the Pacific Ocean during the Dismemberment Conference.

Senator Robinson, Democrat, of Arkansas:—I have been reading Messages ever since I can remember, and if that be a Message then I am Babe Ruth. Even the English was very bad.

Senator McKinley, Republican, of Illinois:—The President's Message is what I call a Real Message. It is short, concise and to the point.

Senator Dill, Democrat, of Washington:—It was the longest, most garbled, and got nowhere at all.

Senator Reed, Republican, of Pennsylvania:—It was marvelous. It was a second Gettysburg Address.

Senator Jim Reed, Democrat, of Missouri:—It was terrible. It was a second "Yes, We Have No Bananas."

Senator Green, Republican, of Vermont:—It makes me proud that I am a Republican when I read such Messages as that.

Senator Wheeler, Democrat, of Montana:—It makes me proud that I am a Democrat when I read such Messages as that.

Senator Jones, Republican, of Washington:—His position on Home problems could not be improved upon, but I wish he had been a little more general with Russia. The Message was no disappointment to me.

Senator Shipstead, Farmer Labor, of Minnesota:—The Message was no disappointment to me as I expected little. His stand on Russia was perfect but his Home problem treatment was terrible.

Senator Pepper, Republican, Pennsylvania:—A clean cut communication of definite ideas. There is no vague talk and no fine writing. It gives the line on which to attack each problem.

Senator Magnus Johnson, Farmer Labor, Minnesota:—They thought I would be out of place up here in Washington. Well, if they have Messages like that I will be out of place. Back in Minnesota, where I come from, there are men who can milk a Cow with both hands and never lose a drop, and sing a better Message than that in Swedish.

Senator Moses, (No relation to the Moses of Bull Rushes Fame), New Hampshire:—It was strictly American. It took a true Son of New England to utter it.

Senator LaFollette, Wisconsin:—I was away sick and glad of it.

Senator Capper, Republican, Kansas:—The President was very unfortunate in failing to list all the existing problems of two past Administrations. But I think the list of them in a manner that will be suitable to all Republicans who, after all, are all that amount to anything.

Congressman Charlie Carter, Democrat and Chickasaw Indian, Oklahoma:—It was one of the best Messages I ever slept through.

Speaker Gillette, Republican, Massachusetts:—Not since the Pilgrims landed on Massachusetts' fair shores, have such utterances come from a fellow Statesman of mine. It will please the Country immensely.

Senator Pat Harrison, Democrat, from the Julep Hole of the Sunny South:—He didn't guess a single problem right. And they call that a Message! I wish they could have heard Bryan's Cross of Gold and Crown of Thorns Message years ago. There was a Message that will live as long as there is a Nation.

Hon. Lewis H. Johnson, late Senator, of Chicago, and late Fashion Plate of the Senate:—I didn't like the Color of his Vest, otherwise the measure was perfect.

Representative Berger, Socialist, Wisconsin:—It sounds good, but a Guy couldn't be elected even Vice President on it.

Congressman Longworth, Leader of House, Republican, Ohio:—I haven't had time to talk to Alice yet, but officials say that it will reflect many Votes on the Republican Party.

Senator Owen, Platoro, Oklahoma:—Although I have been in Washington in the U. S. Senate, I haven't visited the White House. I spent most of my time abroad, and know little of American affairs so had overlooked the Message.

Editor's Note:—Now in order to get the real opinion I had truly asked Politicians but want into Business and Social Life for opinions. Judge Gary, Head of the Steel Trust, Platoro, New York:—It was a masterpiece. Nonpartisan, Conciliatory, frank and fair to every form of Big Business. Give us more Messages like that and Steel will double in price in one year.

Gen. Leach, Farmer, Okla. (18 miles from Claremore, West Town in Eastern West):—Give us one more Message like that and Farmers will read it in the Poor House.

Jack Dempsey, Wall Street and Financial World:—I think the Message will be a Big Aid to big Financial Undertakings. Under a Baum like that I can see nothing ahead but a prosperous Year.

Charlie Chaplin:—His stand on the Reduction of Income Tax was excellent. Under a good old Standard Pat Republican Administration, I can see a great year ahead for Humorous Pictures. His stand on Peru was to the point.

Mary Pickford:—I haven't read the Message. Douglas just won't take a Paper. But I still say, as I told Los Angeles last week, Girls should have Mothers.

Jackie Coogan:—His position on Child Labor was by far the outstanding feature. I also heartily endorse his advocating lower Taxes on Exported Incomes. (You let some of our Rich get out and really earn their money and they will see what a hardship it is.) But, take it all in all, it's the best Message we have had since McKinley declared War on Spain.

The Governor Wallen, Oklahoma:—I Haven't read the Message. The best thing I read was my two Weeks Notice. What did he say about the Klan?

Wives prominent in Washington Political life who were present: Mrs. Coolidge, Massachusetts, Wife of Principal Speaker:—It was simply Wonderful. But then, I had never lost confidence in him. Mrs. Allen Nicholas Longworth, wife of West Representative of Ohio, and herself a Politician Par Excellence:—Bully! It was great! I didn't think Kal could do it. But he certainly woke up and showed them something. By the way, Nick is perking up, too. I think it's just the re-association with those indolent Congressmen that held him back.

My Neighborhood Residential Candidates' Opinions: Hiram Heartst Johnson, California, Republican, Democrat, Progressive:—It was just the Message I would like to have an opponent deliver.

William Jiggs McAdoo, Democrat, California, Kentucky, New York, District of Columbia:—It was just the Message I would like to have an opponent deliver.

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City carriers will make one mail delivery on Christmas Day. All carriers are instructed to return to the postoffice at noon Christmas; there will be no afternoon delivery. Rural carriers will not go out at all on Christmas day; they will observe the entire day as a holiday. All postoffice windows will be open between 9 and 10 o'clock Tuesday for the accommodation of the patrons. At times during the day Saturday, the lines of patrons at the parcel post and general delivery windows extended out on the sidewalk. The rush Saturday exceeded that of any day during the season and was said by postal employees to have eclipsed that of any day of the previous year. There has been a noticeable increase in the parcel post receipts this year over those of Christmas time in 1922.

Police arrested two in "FLATS" FIND MORPHINE. City officers who raided a residence in the "Flats" Friday night took into custody a man and woman who are being held at the city jail for investigation. The woman is said to have had in her possession a small quantity of morphine and needles. Officers are of the opinion that a supply which is said to have been in the house at the time of the raid was destroyed. Although no action has been taken, it is probable that the woman will be transferred to the federal authorities for the unlawful possession of narcotics.

Burkburnett News Budget

BURKBURNETT, Dec. 21.—The principal speaker at the home of the bride's parents in this city. The bride and groom left immediately after the ceremony for points in West Texas where they will spend Christmas. The groom is the proprietor of the Kelly Grain & Feed Store and is one of Burkburnett's prominent young business men. The bride is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Rigney, one of Burkburnett's best families.

The Burkburnett Chamber of Commerce is furnishing free transportation service every half hour to and from the Red river bridge which is now undergoing repairs. The service is furnished four passages during the season.

John Mitchell, a well known resident here, was injured Wednesday while working on the sidewalks by some part of the machinery striking him on the head. After first treatment at the local hospital, he was rushed to the General Hospital, Wichita Falls, where he is said to be improving.

At the home of Mrs. J. E. Hanning on the Mobile lease, a good looking young woman, late Wednesday afternoon, in special honor to Mrs. Jack McKinnis. A large gathering of mutual friends were present, numbering about 25 ladies.

At the Presbyterian church Sunday the pastor will preach at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. A children's Christmas program will be given at the Sunday school hour. A group of Christmas carols will be sung by the children. "Christ, the Hope of the World" will be the subject for the evening sermon by the pastor, Fred H. Ford.

At the Central Christian church there will be preaching by the pastor, John W. White. Subject for the evening service will be "The Three Fold Christ." Subject for the evening hour will be "The Shepherd's Christmas," and the offering will go to the ministerial relief Bible school at 10 a. m.

There will be services at the Baptist church Sunday by the pastor, Dr. L. E. Finney. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "What Christmas Means to the World." Evening subject, "The Victorious Christian Life." The Christmas entertainments of the Sunday school will be held on Monday night. Forty-two persons stood examination and passed in the Sunday school Normal Manual in Writing to Christ, and Training in Leadership, the past week. The second training school will be conducted January 22-24, and a E. P. U. school for Juniors, Intermediates and seniors will be held January 23 to February 1.

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Mrs. Leontyne Estabrook. Mrs. Ben Leontyne Estabrook was hostess at the Home Science Club Wednesday afternoon at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lutz of Yamparka street. The house was beautiful with its holiday decorations. After a short business session the guests were ushered into the dining room where they were seated at a long table. In a manger around which the wise men were grouped, centered the table. Two courses were served; the first consisted of turkey, dressing, cranberries, hot rolls, candied salad and coffee, followed by plum pudding with brandy sauce.

Between courses Mrs. W. E. Huggins gave a toast to the club and Mrs. J. A. Simpson, president of the club, responded.

After the luncheon the guests were invited into the living room where a beautiful Christmas tree stood laden with gifts. Santa Claus was present and distributed the gifts. Madames Tom Summerour, Homer Rogers and Mrs. Lutz were assistant hostesses. Guests of the club were: Mrs. Charles Tally, Mrs. Robert Wilson of Claremont and Mrs. L. R. Bailey of Haskell.

Mrs. Rogers Hostess. Mrs. Homer Rogers was hostess at the Home Science Club Tuesday afternoon at her home on Cumberland street.

After several games of bridge had been played, the Christmas tree was placed at the tables and tiny sticks of candy and Christmas greeting cards were distributed. A two-course luncheon in which the Christmas motif was carried out was served. After the luncheon the guests enjoyed a Christmas treat from which gifts were distributed to all present.

The following were guests: Madames J. O. Sherman, Carl King, M. J. Moore, S. A. White, Seth Ingram, J. T. Glover, R. E. McBride, L. P. Hooper, M. E. Lovelace, Misses Kinzie King and Lily Castlebury. Mrs. Rogers' sisters and house guests, Mrs. J. V. Tally of Miami and Mrs. Robert Wilson of Claremont, were also present.

Miss George Henry Hostess. E. H. Hubbard and Mrs. E. Thomas of Altus, Okla., were married here Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock by T. J. Griffith, justice of the peace, at his office in the court house. They will reside in Altus.

Celebrate Golden Wedding. Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Green, residents of Wilbarger county since 1888, will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday at their home. All their children will be present for the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Green were married in Tennessee, but most of their married life has been spent in Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Lutz Hostess. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lutz of Yamparka street entertained a few guests Wednesday night at the home of the evening was the old-fashioned square dance in which old and young alike participated. A Christmas tree held gifts for all the guests. Refreshments were served.

Home Science Christmas Treat. The members of the Home Science Club were entertained at the home of Mrs. Eunice Wilson Friday afternoon. After a business program, during which time Mrs. E. D. King was elected to membership and Miss Lillian Newton was made a life member, a program was rendered. Mrs. J. N. Johnson told Christmas legends and Mrs. Eugene Kelly in a very entertaining way told about the Christmas tree and a tree had been prepared by a committee and served by the assistant hostesses, the members adjourned in the dining room where each guest received a gift.

Celebrate Birthday. May Nichols, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Nichols celebrated her ninth birthday Saturday with a party at their home on Wilbarger street.

Thirty little guests were present and played games all afternoon. A birthday cake decorated with nine candles was cut by the little hostess and eaten by the children. Ice cream and cake were served at the close of the afternoon.

Little Dan Nowlin, cousin of the hostess, also celebrated his third birthday and party. A cake bearing nine candles was presented to him. Both children received many beautiful gifts.

Mrs. Wilhelm Hostess. Mrs. W. A. Wilhelm of Wilbarger street was hostess to members of the Saturday Bridge Club, Saturday afternoon. Three tables of games were played. Handsome linen guest towels were presented to Mrs. A. B. Stewart, who won high scores for club and Mrs. E. Carter, who was high for guests. A delicious salad course was served to the following: Madames A. B. Stewart, Hub Collier, R. H. Coffey, E. M. Halsey, Joe Parker, Roy Martin, Frank Byrd, Y. H. Babson, E. L. McCarty, E. C. Rodgers, Miss Hampton, and Miss Johnnie Malloy.

Shamrock Visitors Here. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stafford, and son, Jackson, and daughter, Katie Sue, are here for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Stafford, and other relatives at Fargo. The family also visited Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hood here Monday. Mrs. Hood is a sister of Mr. Stafford.

Mr. Stafford was a former resident of the county but for several years has been making his home near Shamrock on his ranch.

Married at Poteburg. Earl Swin of Vernon and Miss Lena Moore of Poteburg were married at the home of the bride, Sunday. Mr. Swin is a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Swin, a pioneer family of Vernon. After the first of the year, Mr. Swin will be mail carrier on route 1, Vernon. They will make their home in Vernon.

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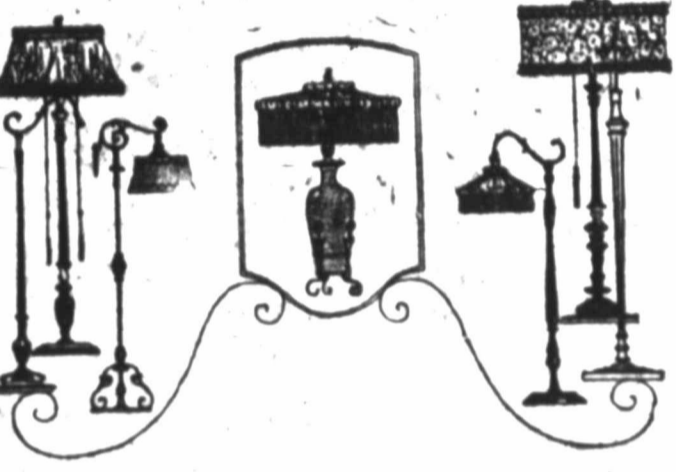
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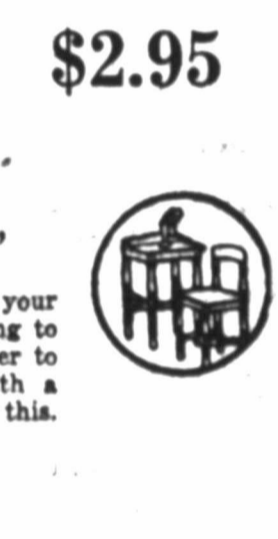
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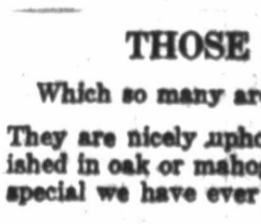
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Judge D. D. Sartin of the county court was offered the chairmanship of the county in the drive for the collection of a fund to be used for the benefit of starving German children. The offer was made to him by wire from the state chairman Saturday.

In declining the offer of this honor Judge Sartin informed the state headquarters that he would do his best to select a man who would take charge of the drive in the county.

The telegram in which the offer was made follows:

"An urgent request of Major General Henry T. Allen, former commander of the 90th division and for four years the commander of the American army on the Rhine, I have accepted state chairmanship of the American committee for relief of German children. I have agreed that \$250,000 is reasonable amount to expect Texans to contribute to help save the lives of two million children now at the point of starvation. This appeal has the entire approval and support of President Coolidge and Secretary Hoover and Mellon. It is entirely of American origin on humanitarian basis and not political. Will you accept chairmanship for contributions reporting directly to state headquarters at Houston? A very prompt acceptance will be greatly appreciated by me and General Allen.—E. A. Feden."

T. B. Smock Called To Denver Account Death of Mother

T. B. Smock was called to Denver on the early north bound train Saturday morning by a message late Friday evening telling of the sudden death of his mother, Mrs. Dorah P. Smock, at her home in that city.

Mrs. Smock is well known among the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Smock here, where she has spent several months of the year in company with her sister, Mrs. Ann Craig. Their last visit was over a year ago, and they had planned to come this winter when Mrs. Craig's illness prevented. Mrs. Smock was apparently in the best of health.

There were no details of the death except the statement that she had died suddenly Friday afternoon about 4:30. The message was delayed and did not reach here until about 9 o'clock Friday night, and later a long distance telephone call came from George Craig in Martinsville, Ind., made to assure the family there that the news had been received here in time for Mr. Smock to catch the early morning train at 9 o'clock.

Mr. Smock will get to Denver Sunday morning, and will bring the remains of his mother to Martinsville, their old home, for burial.

The news of Mrs. Smock's death was received here with very real grief and regret on the part of the many young and old friends of both the elderly lady. A sunny, lovely, pink cheeked, blue eyed old lady, she was one of those beautiful examples of womanhood of whom a critic once said "great jewelers without because of the loveliness within" as she grew old.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICE SUNDAY EVENING AT FIRST CHRISTIAN

Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the First Christian Church the congregation will observe Christmas by having a "White Gift for the King" service. This Christmas service will be composed of the very best Christmas songs and carols and will reach the climax in the presenting of gifts to the King. This year these gifts are to be made in money, which will go for the support of the homes for the orphans and aged.

Some of the special numbers on programs are a beautiful Christmas song sung by an invisible choir, vocal solo, "O Holy Night," sung by E. Shephard, a violin obligato by Mrs. Joe Creuch, and Harry Howe Shelly's "Hark! Hark! My Soul," will be sung by a large chorus choir.

Mr. J. J. Kinney will present the Christmas story, "Why the Chimes Rang," and Miss Dorothy Reid will give a Christmas reading. Everyone is invited to attend this beautiful Christmas service. From now on until after Christmas a beautifully decorated Christmas tree will be lighted in front of the church every night.

SALVATION ARMY BEGINS FILLING OF CHRISTMAS BASKETS HERE SATURDAY

Packing of the bushel Christmas baskets of the Salvation Army began Saturday and workers were busy preparing them at the cistadel. More than 175 cases have been found worthy by the workers of the army after a thorough investigation and all were given tickets for baskets. The amount of foods in the baskets will be proportioned according to the number of people in the family.

Distribution of the baskets will begin at the Salvation Army cistadel Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The contents of a basket were announced Saturday by Ensign L. Corliss, commander of the Salvation Army post. Each basket contains the following articles:

One chicken, a ham, potatoes, bread, cranberries, sugar, coffee, creamery butter, celery, turnips, apples, oranges, a 24-pound sack of flour, canned fruits, canned vegetables and other incidentals. The average basket contains a bushel of food, besides the sack of flour.

WICHITA MILL DONATES 2,400 POUNDS OF FLOUR TO THE SALVATION ARMY

Frank Kell Saturday donated 2,400 pounds of flour, made by the Wichita Mill and Elevator Company, to the Salvation Army to be used in their Christmas baskets. Ensign L. Corliss, commander of the Salvation Army, Saturday afternoon announced the splendid gift and stated that the flour had been delivered to the cistadel on Seventh street. The donation consisted of 24 100-pound sacks of flour.

Golden angles eat many small rodents and large animals such as foxes and hawks.

CHRISTMAS TREES IMPORTED HERE IN LARGE QUANTITIES

Wichita Falls is in the fir, pine, spruce and fir section of the country and for this reason, merchants must import to the city thousands of evergreen trees to supply the demands of their customers. Christmas is not complete without an evergreen tree decorated with gifts of the Yuletide season, and citizens of Wichita Falls must have their evergreen trees just the same as residents of the communities where evergreens grow in abundance.

Several years ago, the kinds of trees used varied according to the location of the country. That is, in sections where pine trees are plentiful, they were used, and other sections had their local evergreens. Progress continues to speed forward even in the matter of Christmas trees, and shipping facilities permit the transporting of evergreen trees without difficulty or delay.

Trees have been shipped into Wichita Falls from California, Washington, Oregon, Tennessee and other sections of the country. Trees of the evergreen variety are becoming scarce in many sections, due to their slow growth, and for this reason people of the sections where the trees do not grow or where the supply has been exhausted, depend on other sections of the country to supply their demand.

A small rock taken from the highest point reached by the Mt. Everest expedition was sent to Pope Pius. Windsfield glass, Watson Paint Co.—adv.

Yuletide Cheer Is Reflected in Hotel Lobbies

In their effort to give the best of service and make the lobbies as homelike as possible during the holiday season, managers of Wichita Falls hotels have decorated the lobbies in the Christmas colors. Mistletoe, holly, red balls, poinsettias and numerous other appropriate Christmas decorations have been placed in hotel lobbies.

One of the prettiest decorations ever seen in Wichita Falls has been installed in the lobby of the William-Mary hotel. Red Yuletide balls have been placed over all lights and even the large dome ceiling lights have been colored red. Mistletoe is abundant, as are the poinsettias and holly. Green moss braid holds a moss wreath, which is decorated with small colored electric lights in the center of the lobby. Wreaths have been placed in the windows and in fact the whole scheme of decoration carries out the Yuletide spirit.

Green and red decorations, appropriate at Christmas time and symbols of the Yuletide season, have been fittingly arranged in the lobby of the Kemp hotel. The beautiful lobby was decorated several days ago.

The lobby of the Texan hotel is also groomed in the Christmas colors, and streamers, braids and bells have been installed.

Many restaurants and business houses have also decorated their business places in the Christmas colors, including Arthur's White Kitchen, which has been decorated for the holidays in a fitting manner.

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Eckerty Resigns From Gulf; Will Remain in City

Wichita Falls, Mr. Eckerty is well known in the oil fraternity and his many friends wish him the greatest success in his new venture.

Joining the forces of the Gulf Production Company at Fort Worth March 25, 1914, Mr. Eckerty has enjoyed many promotions since that time. On June 1, 1916, he was appointed first assistant to J. A. Gardner and when the offices were moved from Wichita Falls to Fort Worth more than a year ago, Mr. Eckerty was promoted to be manager of this district and remained in Wichita Falls to take charge of activities in this zone.

R. L. Eckerty, manager of the Wichita Falls zone for the Gulf Production Company, has resigned his position, effective January 1, 1924, and will join the ranks of independent operators in fields ad-



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Scores of Extra Specials for Monday

	9 to 10 o'clock Monday Morning Braisers, \$1.50 to \$1.95, for the hour (Limit 1).....	69c
	10 to 11 o'clock Extra heavy Bath Towels, 70c value, \$1.25 size. (Limit 2).....	39c
	11 to 12 o'clock Ladies \$1.50 Fancy Satin and Crepe Dressing House Dresses.....	\$1.95
	12 to 1 o'clock Great lot Ladies fine Silk and Wool Dresses. (Limit 1)....	\$8.95
	25% to 50% OFF ON ALL Fur Chokers, Purses, Silk Underwear, Hose, Dresses, Coats, Blouses, Skirts, Sweaters, Gloves	
	1 to 2 o'clock Nifty little black Beaten Aprons, \$1.25 value. (Limit 1).....	59c
	2 to 3 o'clock One lot Ladies fine Leather Purses, \$1.50 to \$4.00.....	\$1.79
	3 to 4 o'clock \$1.25 and \$1.50 fine Wool Hose. (1 pair limit).....	75c
	4 to 5 o'clock \$1.00 Dresser Scarfs, Linen Lace assortment. (Limit 1).....	50c
	5 to 6 o'clock Four cakes of Almond or Lemon Toilet Soap for.....	10c
	After Supper Monday 7 to 9 o'clock One great table of fine silk Underwear, Bath Towels, \$1.50 value, \$1.25 to \$1.95. Choice.....	\$5.00

Advance Styles in Dresses and Hats arriving daily now.

MILLER-FERGUSON CO., Inc.

Indiana and 10th Store Dependable



ONLY TWO MORE DAYS

to do your Christmas Shopping

WE CLOSE ALL DAY SUNDAY

"Don't Let Me Catch You Unprepared"



Watches and Diamonds

Our stock of Watches and Diamonds has been replenished with goods in the latest designs.

Leather Purses

Leather purses for ladies, bill folds and cigar cases for men, all hand tooled leather of the best quality.

STERLING SILVER—We have some beautiful patterns in Sterling Silver Tableware.

OUR LINE OF ART GLASS will give you an excellent opportunity to select something for the home.

Let Us Help You to Complete Your List of Christmas Gifts

B. T. BURGESS, Jeweler

613 8th Street

"MARTIN'S"

The Christmas Gift Store

Ready For "Last Minute Shoppers with Gifts for Everyone!"

 <h3>Smoking Sets</h3> <p>Ash Trays, Smoking Stands in Mahogany, Silver or Hammered Brass. A big selection here at moderate prices.</p>	 <h3>Stationery</h3> <p>A Gift Certain to Please Her</p> <p>As a gift Christmas stationery always wins thankfulness and appreciation from your friends. In our stocks are the finest of lines and fine finish papers, packed in handsome boxes. A big display at various low prices.</p>
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Give Him "Something for The Office"

OUR STOCKS OFFER UNLIMITED SELECTIONS

There is no gift more thoughtful and certainly none "he" would appreciate more than a piece of furniture or other useful gifts for "his" office. Call in and see the many suggestions our great stock of office equipment offers.

Desk Reminders Work Organizers Desk Blotter Pads Felt and Leather Chair Pads Desk Sets	Desk Lamps Brass Cuspids Telephone Extension Pencil Sharpeners Ink Walle Sets Brief Cases	Calendar Pads Desk Calendars Fountain Pens Eversharp Pencils Diaries Blotter Holders
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Gift Books

FOR YOUNG AND OLD

There's no mistake in giving books and here's the books most wanted by old and young alike. Whether it be an "A B C" book for the kiddies, leather bound volumes for her, works of literature or modern fiction and "best sellers" they are all here at various low prices.



MARTIN PRINTING AND STATIONERY COMPANY

"EVERYTHING FOR THE OFFICE"

810 Scott Ave.

STEP AVELEY...
FAKE...
Government...
checking the game...
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PART TWO

MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL MEET WITH CO. COMMISSIONERS

Members of the city council met with the members of the county commission...

CHRISTMAS TREE FOR KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN

Mrs. H. S. Calhoun entertained her kindergarten children with a Christmas tree Friday afternoon...

This Little World

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Small-town spirit permeates New York. Few natives here will ever rise to defend the greater city...

There is no old stove around which to gather winter evenings. But there is a computer on which to lean...

New Yorkers don't go in much for walking. They seem to prefer the crowded subways and jammed elevated trains...

The flapper girl of Gotham is giving way to the flapper kid. No more loose, she saunters around with her coat open, muffler flying...

No longer are tipplers forced to think up original toasts such as "To the Ladies!" "Here's to arms!" "Drink it down!"...

Old-fashioned turkey dinners that mother used to make seem to be coming from vogue. Most of them have given way to table d'hote meals...

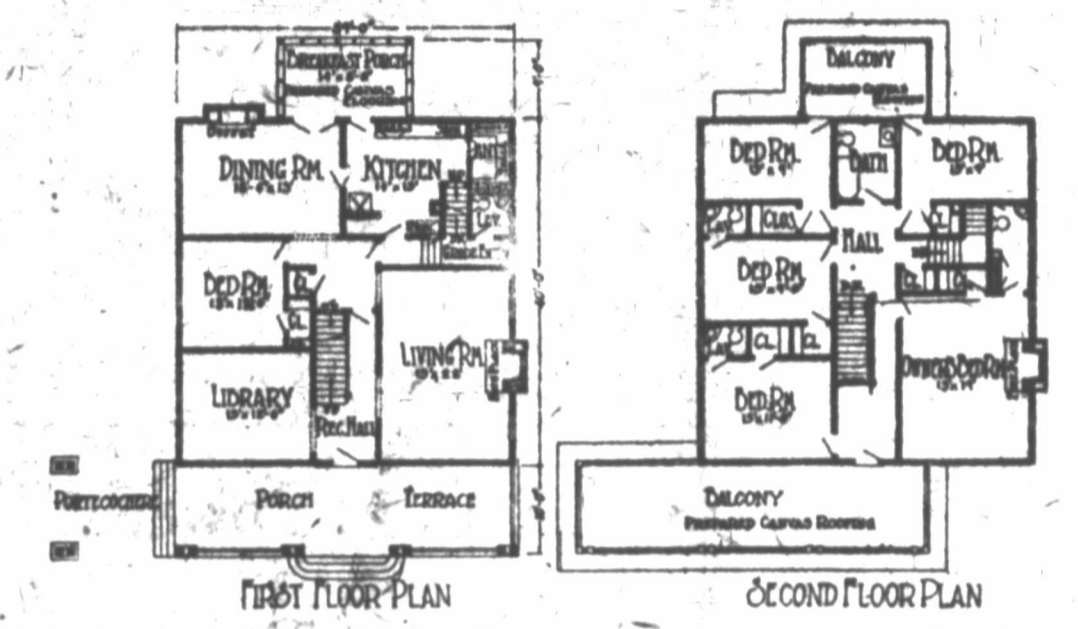
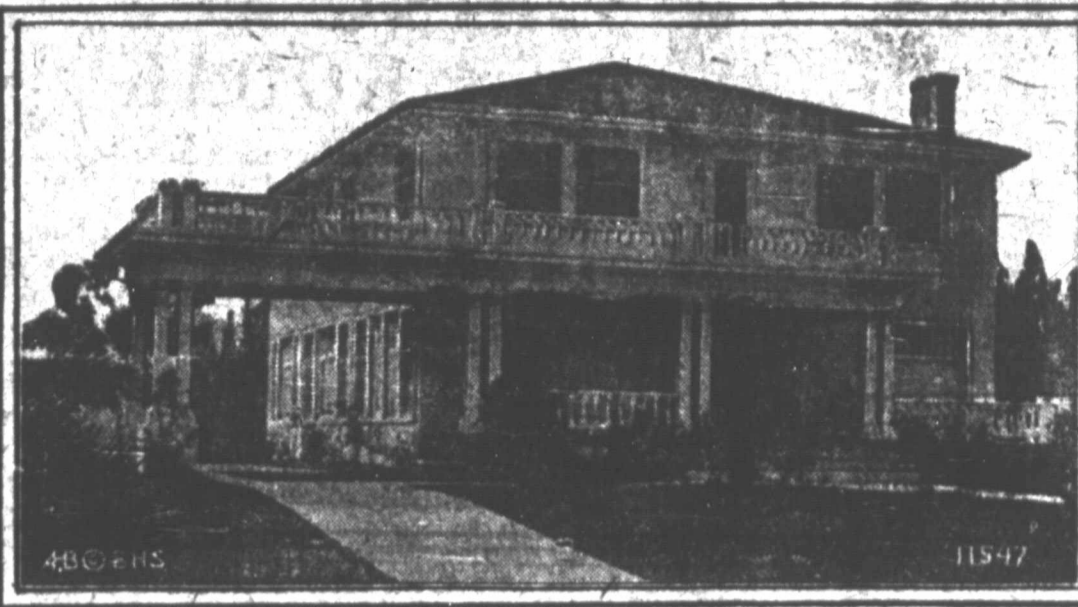
TWENTY-FIVE CONVICTS PAROLED FOR CHRISTMAS

LANSING, Kan., Dec. 22.—Twenty-five convicts serving terms at the Kansas penitentiary here were at liberty today as Christmas paroled...

HOME FOR SEYMOUR OR TOWA PARK ROAD

Here is a plan for some one to use in building a home on the Iowa Park or Seymour road. Comfortable, roomy, impressive and dignified...

Impressive But Not Costly



Ten rooms are contained in this large home, which is simple in its architectural lines but has the appearance of affluence...

MOTION FOR A NEW TRIAL IS OVERRULED. Motion for a new trial filed Saturday by Greene Trotter was overruled by Judge F. A. Martin...



LAST MINUTE SUGGESTIONS For Him

Only one more day to select His Gift. Look over this list of suggestions then come here tomorrow and let us help you in final selections.

- HOUSE SHOES, CAPS, HOSIERY, SHIRTS, SCARFS, GLOVES, HATS, NECKWEAR, PAJAMAS, SWEATERS, COLLARS, SUPPORTERS, MUFFLERS, BELTS, BATH ROBES, UNDERWEAR, HANDKERCHIEFS, SHOES

25% DISCOUNT On All Suits and Overcoats

Loeb-Liebold Clothing Company THE EXCLUSIVE MEN'S STORE 711 Indiana Ave.

ADDITIONAL \$100,000 STOCK of JEWELRY

Received Saturday to Fill the Wants of My Customers Monday.

NOW ON DISPLAY

DAVE PAUL

711 Eighth Street

Christmas Shoppers

Here's "practical, sensible gifts" you can buy at Harry's—Tomorrow—

Women's Comfy Felts



A Regular \$1.25 Seller 50c Per Pair (Limit 2 Pairs to a Customer)

Christmas Hosiery

Pure Silk! Chiffon Silk!

- Cinnamon, Black, Brown, Nubuck, Faun, Nude, Otter

Every pair with double heels, toes, sole and garter tops. Our regular \$1.95 and \$2.25 lines

\$1.00 Per Pair



Men's \$4.00 Leather House Slippers



\$2.39. Romeo! Everet! and Operas! In actual \$4 qualities tomorrow ... \$2.39

Men's Comfy Felts House Slippers

69c. All sizes Grey! Blue! Brown!

Harry's Cut Price Shoe Store

Basement Morgan Bldg. Entrance in Lobby

SOCIETY NEWS FROM NEARBY NORTHWEST TEXAS TOWNS

Bowie

Birthday Dinner. Mrs. E. R. Pierce surprised her little son, Charles Ray, with a delightful birthday dinner Saturday...

Dramatic Art Club. Mrs. Glenn Cunningham was hostess to the Dramatic Art club Monday afternoon at her home...

Males and Matrons Club. The Males and Matrons club met this week with Miss Suebette Meyer...

Christmas Party. The Women's Literary club and a few invited guests were entertained with a lovely party Wednesday afternoon...

Surprise Birthday Party. Mrs. Robert Wall and daughter, Miss Gertrude, surprised Mr. Wall with a delightful party last Friday...

Senior Class Entertainment. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hutchinson, senior class member, entertained "their children" at the high school...

Mayer-Woods. Miss Frances Mayer and Mr. V. Richard Woods were quietly married Monday afternoon...

Shower for Miss Ridenour. Miss Willie V. Ridenour, who will be married Christmas week to Mr. Rue Hodges...

Merry Christmas. Many pretty gifts were given to the honoree, games and contests were enjoyed...

Homecoming. Mrs. Roy Loventhal of Fort Worth came in last Sunday to spend the holidays with her parents...

Homecoming. Mrs. Young Devitt and two children, Young Jr. and Betty Lynn, have returned to their home in Fort Worth...

Homecoming. Miss Louise Lawson came in Thursday from the State university to spend Christmas with her parents...

Homecoming. Mrs. W. M. Shaw came in Monday from Capulin, N. M., to spend the Christmas holidays with her sister...

New Year. Mrs. Young Devitt and two children, Young Jr. and Betty Lynn, have returned to their home in Fort Worth...

Henrietta

Announcement Party. Saturday afternoon the engagement of Miss Mildred Jasper was announced at a party given by Miss Mabel Edwards...

Clubs Entertained. Tuesday afternoon Mrs. F. P. Neville was hostess to the Wednesday club at her home on Omega street...

Entertainment. Mrs. G. Wayne Barker was very pleasantly surprised Wednesday night by a lovely little party at the home of Miss Joann Mabry...

Social Meeting. A social meeting of the W. M. U. was held at the Baptist church parson Monday afternoon...

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Stamford

Wednesday Bridge Club. On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. G. L. Foght announced to the Wednesday Bridge Club the marriage of her daughter, Susanne, to Mr. Lawrence Abbot of Pomona, California...

Tolliver-Cardwell. M. H. Tolliver and Miss Fannie Cardwell were married at the home of Rev. M. D. Hill Sunday night...

Magazine Club. Mrs. R. C. Montgomery, president of the club, was director of the Christmas program Friday afternoon...

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Useful and Practical Electrical Gifts STOP WONDERING "WHAT TO GIVE!" MAKE THIS AN "ELECTRICAL CHRISTMAS" Western Electric Sewing Machine Hot Point Electric Percolator Premier Vacuum Cleaners Miller Table Lamps Electric Percolator and Coffee Set Thor 32 Electric Washer WICHITA FALLS ELECTRIC CO. 904-906 Scott St.

From Nearby Northwest Texas Town.

Seymour

Master Charles Thomas Porter was host at a birthday party Saturday afternoon at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Porter.

Mrs. Jackson was lucky in a cut, while the boys were also remembered with a pretty gift.

enjoyed with the numbers all pleasantly interpreted. Those furnishing the program was piano solo, "Hun-gar-gar-gar" by Mrs. C. H. Mother.

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Advertisement for 'The Decorators' featuring 'Make Your Gifts Distinctive Ones GIFTS OF ART and BEAUTY'. Includes a list of gift items like 'Rookwood Pottery', 'Artistic Glassware', and 'Beautiful Picture Frames'. The address is 715 Ninth St., Phone 5316.

Large advertisement for 'A HOLIDAY SALE MONDAY' by Harry Baum Co. 'Gentlemen's Wear'. Features a 25% discount on robes and a holiday sale of men's ties. Includes a table of prices for various items like wool mufflers, shirts, and silk shirts.

Vertical text on the far right edge of the page, including 'Cultivation And Ado' and 'FR PILE S'.

Cultivation of Useful, Upright And Aggressive Character Is Advocated By Judge John C. Kay

One hundred ninety-eight members of Judge John C. Kay's Bible class... The authorities have gone outside the state of Texas to get educational surgeons who are going to try here and publish to the world the weakness, the shortcomings, the inefficiency of the schools in Texas...

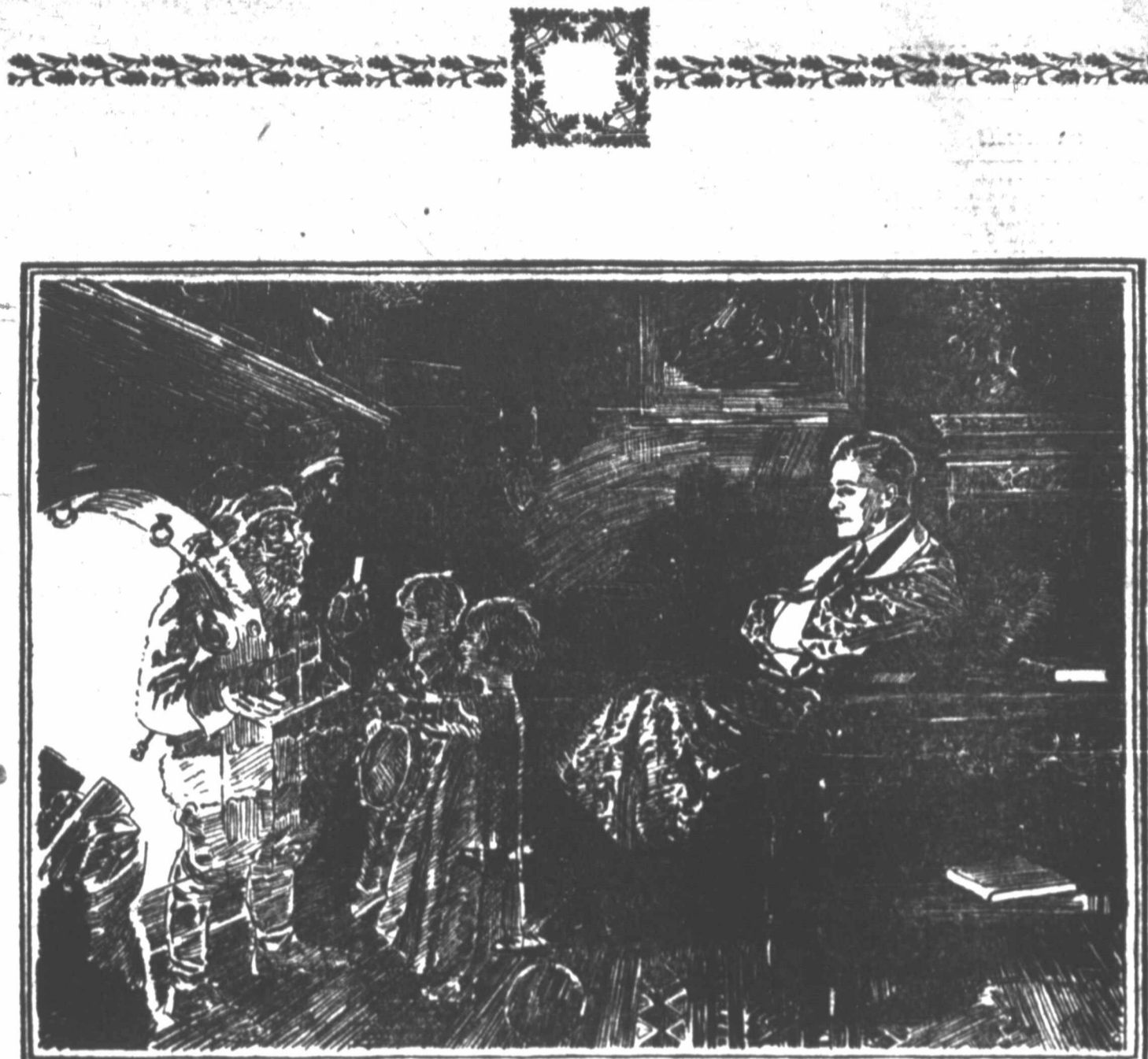
"Now, coming to the lesson, which Brother Downing has given to you better than I might, it says that when Paul started out on this first missionary journey, that the spirit spoke to him and said: Do not go to Asia. Now, that is a queer thing to me. I do not understand that. I do not understand much about it. Can it be that Kipling was right when he said: 'East is East, and West is West, and never the twain shall meet.' I do not think so. But at least, it was not the time then that they should meet, and he started toward Greece. Ah, there was a country."

across and follow me. There is no 'it,' nor any disjunctive conjunction. But, 'Take up your cross and follow me.' Is that easy to do? I think it is. He says that His yoke is easy and His burden is light.

PLAN TOURIST PARK ON SIXTH BETWEEN BROAD AND BROOK

A new tourist park—accessible to water, lights, gas and city sewerage facilities, will possibly be the outgrowth of work that is now underway improving the block of ground to the rear of the Seventh street fire station, on Sixth street between Broad and Brook.

Work is progressing rapidly on filling in and improving the block, which is a portion of the original Hurst-McGregor park. The work is being done by the park department under the direction of Commissioner Patton and Park Superintendent Chas. Brunenberg. The lot will be filled in about three feet over the entire block, and the improvement will convert it into a beauty spot which will make an ideal location for a tourist camp. While no definite steps have been taken to designate the park as a tourist camp, it has been suggested and it is known that it has the approval of several of the commissioners and of the chamber of commerce.



"The authorities have gone outside the state of Texas to get educational surgeons who are going to try here and publish to the world the weakness, the shortcomings, the inefficiency of the schools in Texas. I did not like that idea at first, but it ought to be done, for I am here to say to you that the time has come when the little country school house must go. No such people as we are should have their children going to school buildings set up on blocks of scarce blocks, with a tow sack stuffed in a broken window light, and with the dogs fighting under the floor. We have got to get away from that. We must be driven away from it. These children must be housed up and housed at public expense to better facilities. You know what was good last year for it, is not necessarily the best thing this year, or next year."

"Come Over and Help Us." "Now, it says here that he had a vision, and a man came to him in his vision and said: 'Come over and help us.' Come over, according to the old, old language, and lift us. If you should go out, and could go out, and find in some other country a Paul who had this message that I have tried to describe, could you, would you, say to that man, 'Come over and help us at Wichita Falls?' Do we need it? These people that the Bible tells us about are all dead. Their fate is fixed, and this story was not intended for them, but for us. Could you—would you—say to Paul, 'Come here and help us?'

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Remember the Old Days When Santa Came Down the Chimney! the Chimney!

What a thrill the recollection of it gives us now! How we waited, long through the night, all attention in anticipation of his approach! How we marveled at the old fellow's miraculous ability to come down through a sooty, smokey old chimney and appear below, spic and span, in spotless attire.

Of course it was a jolt to our childish credulity to believe such a feat possible, even for Santa Claus; and we accepted the explanations, made by our elders, with much misgiving.

The modern father and mother are much more fortunate in this respect than were our parents—for they are not called upon to make apology for Santa's supernatural ability. Every boy and girl of knowing age, realizes that gas is a clean fuel and thus, Santa in his spotlessness is the cause of little comment.

Gas will play a most important part in the holiday festivities by bringing to the home, the center of the Christmas spirit, a cheerful glow of warmth, happiness and hospitality. We fully realize the responsibility resting upon us and are making effort to insure Wichita Falls a Christmas not marred by an inadequate gas supply. May your Christmas be a merry one.

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The Department of Agriculture urges gas users to "save gas by depending largely upon the simmering burner." Usually gas ranges are fitted with three sizes of burners, the giant, the standard and the simmering, as shown herewith. Cooking may be started on the standard burners, and transferred to the simmering burner as soon as the liquid boils. Very little gas will maintain the boiling point, and no amount of gas will raise it above the boiling point.

LONE STAR GAS CO. DALLAS, TEXAS

AMUSEMENT CALENDAR FOR WEEK AT LOCAL THEATERS

Pola Negri in 'The Spanish Dancer' Scores Hit at Pre-View Theaters Comes to Olympic Next Wednesday

The following reports which were published in the Moving Picture World indicate that in "The Spanish Dancer" the Olympic theater here has secured one of the biggest hits of the year. The picture starring Pola Negri opens at the Olympic next Wednesday.

The four-day run of the picture at the Plaza theater, Sandusky, N. Y., was terminated Wednesday, October 17, when Manager A. C. Birmingham reported as follows: "We finished a remarkable four-day run on 'The Spanish Dancer'—a few dollars less than 'Manslaughter' which holds the house record. I honestly believe that 'The Spanish Dancer' will prove to be one of the season's sensations."

Last Sunday night, following the opening in Chicago, the McVicker's management sent the following telegram: "The Spanish Dancer drew record box office line and there was a stampede for seats when Kivich's opened today. Chicago acclaims 'The Spanish Dancer' Pola Negri's best picture. Big business sustained all day."

At the Grand theater in Columbus the Brenon production broke all house records on its opening day, Sunday, October 14, and the Olympic in Pittsburgh, where the opening was Monday, the 15th, reported a never-ending box office line for the first time in many weeks. At both these houses the week's business approached the house records.

STARTING AT MISSION THURSDAY



"ST. ELMO" WILLIAM FOX SPECIAL PRODUCTION

Tom Mix Seen as Pleasing Romeo in Latest Picture

A fascinating Romeo is Tom Mix at the Mission opening today in "Mile-A-Minute Romeo," his latest William Fox production. Shakespeare would undoubtedly be surprised to learn that profound love trammels can be conveyed to an audience without the use of tumultuous sighs, heaving bosoms, lachrymose blandishments and hysterical gesticulation.

Tom Mix as a lover is typical of his age. He is fast and furious, practical and electrical, a man of action finding his love and marrying her without to much ado about nothing.

Instead of going into a corner to bewail the cruelty of Fate and the vanity of man, and offering supplications to conciliate the deities and their disciples in his favor, Tom Mix roars, "Bunk!"—and hops about in horse-dish locomotive Tony. With a bound he is out in the thick of things, playing with Kismet, as if they were his consanguine brothers, teasing and tempting them, yet always keeping them, as if, to keep the figure, they had complete and servile submission.

To a man of Mix's calibre, Fate is a "Fag," something created for no other purpose than one's amusement. This is how he manages the unruly, sometimes rebellious fellows in "Mile-A-Minute Romeo." His name is Lucky Bill and he has had as his target more men than hearts.

One of the uncommon situations presented in the Machiavellian scheme of exterminating two rivals by contriving to get them to fly at each other's throat.

The crafty lover informs both rivals separately that each has insulted the other. A fun fight ensues in which the rivals learn that they have been duped by the third rival, and that their fight was "framed" to kill either or both of them.

Lucky Bill played admirably by Tom Mix is one of the dupes. Having wounded the other dupe in the "framed" fight he offers to compensate by helping the latter slope with the girl. He is double-crossed innumerable times and finally forgoes his difference so far as to attempt to get the girl for himself.

In no previous production, perhaps does Tom Mix display his horsemanship so skillfully. Throughout the production he is almost entirely riding-wild. We do not believe this situation makes it easy to emulate and for that reason declare Mr. Mix's performance extraordinary. Betty Jewel, leading lady, is very satisfactory, as is the entire supporting cast.

SUNDAY ATTRACTION AT MISSION



TOM MIX IN "MILE-A-MINUTE ROMEO"—A WILLIAM FOX PRODUCTION!

MOVIE CALENDAR

Gen.
Sunday—Collen Moore and John Powers in "Affinities," also comedy, "O. B."

Monday—Super special, Ralph Ince production, "Counterfeit Love."
Tuesday—Special Christmas program, "Thomas Melghan in 'Bachelor Daddy'."

Wednesday—All-star western feature, "Fighting Odds."
Thursday—Harry Carey in "Desert Driven."
Friday—Dorothy Dalton in "Moran of the Lady Letty," a Paramount special.
Saturday—Neal Hart in "Forbidden Range." Also "Our Gang," comedy.

Olympic.
Sunday for three days—Percy Marmont and Sigrid Holmquist in "The Light That Failed."
Thursday to Saturday—Creighton Hale and Doris May in "Tea With a Kick."

Mission.
Sunday for four days—Tom Mix in "Mile A Minute Romeo."
Thursday to Saturday—John Gilbert and Barbara La Marr in "St. Elmo."

Returning Good for Evil.
BERLIN—A barrister's gold watch was stolen on an omnibus here the other day. The lawyer inserted an advertisement in the newspapers promising not only reward for its return, but pledging to defend the thief when he comes up for trial, if he is apprehended.



Pola Negri in "The Spanish Dancer"

Pola Negri took Kansas City by storm when the picture had its local premiere at the Newman. The star critic said "The Spanish Dancer" is an exceptionally good picture, well acted, well directed, and, running through it all, vivid as a flame, is the characterization. Pola Negri gives of the gypsy girl, she talks with her eyes, her hands, her whole body, and there is fire and buoyancy in her work. We take off our hats to her."

From George Z. Carpenter, manager of the Newman.

on the screen has as background a passage in nineteenth century history which is filled with color and drama. Luke Cosgrave and Mabel Van Buren are in the supporting cast.

St. Elmo Comes To the Mission Next Thursday

The announcement by the Mission theater that the William Fox screen version of Augustus J. Evans' popular novel, "St. Elmo" with John Gilbert in the title role, is coming to this city for three days starting Thursday, recalls a recent interview with a prominent New York woman librarian concerning the continued popularity of this romance. She stated, "St. Elmo" the Hibernian stated, "was published back in 1844, shortly after the close of the Civil war, and it swept both the north and the south by storm. It was the literary sensation of the time."

"Even today, it keeps pace with the modern 'best sellers' which burst into the limelight with meteoric brilliance and as quickly fade into oblivion. Only 'St. Elmo' remains in public favor and in right up with each succeeding group of 'best sellers' statistics show that where there are twenty or more copies of this book in circulation—and there is at least this number or more when the book is in demand—each copy is taken out on an average of once every ten days, or about seventy times a year. When a London concern's payroll, you guess to consider that 'St. Elmo' has been published for fifty-seven years, this is truly an amazing record."

"Another interesting thing about the book. It is read by boys and girls in their adolescence and by grown-up men and women. The beauty and charm of the romance and life of the stern, upstanding, handsome St. Elmo Thornton delights the adolescent. The underlying philosophy and the keen, sympathetic perception of St. Elmo's character and those within his keep appeals to the grown-up."

"The faculty of Miss Evans to write vividly, engrossingly, dramatically, yet with subtle nuances underlying the whole is the prime reason for the continued popularity of the novel."

"As a stage vehicle 'St. Elmo' remains one of the favorite offerings of repertoire companies."

"And now I am told it has been made into a picture by Mr. Fox. It is ideal screen material."

The William Fox screen version of "St. Elmo" includes John Gilbert, starting in the title role, Barbara La Marr, Bessie Love, Warner Baxter, Nigel De Brulier, and Lydia Knott.

A Youthful Traveler.
LIVERPOOL—A little 11-year-old orphan boy has just traveled all alone a distance of 4,000 miles. And his total fare amounted to less than 18. He is Noel Victor Fernborough, whose parents died recently in Alberta, Canada. Friends here will care for him.

Birds of a Feather.
London—Dave, Duck, Wren and Bird. This last going to be a story about a poultry farm. These merely are four of the names appearing on about seventy times a year. When a London concern's payroll,

Screen Players Of Note In Fine Kipling Picture

Jacqueline Logan, Percy Marmont, Sigrid Holmquist and David Torrence are featured players in George Melford's Paramount production, "The Light That Failed," from Rudyard Kipling's famous story, which will be on view at the Olympic theater Sunday, Monday and Christmas Day.

Jacqueline Logan, who heads the cast, is one of the best known heroines of the screen. She has appeared in many Paramount pictures in roles which called for unusual ability and has a large following. Fourteen pictures in two years is the medium through which this popular player has won her way to public favor. Among these are "White and Unmarried," "Ebb Tide," "Java Head" and "Mr. Billings Spends His Time" and "Salomy Jane."

Percy Marmont, who plays the

MISSION

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Cast includes Wallace Beery and Kathryn Williams. A Paramount picture.

AMUSEMENT CALENDAR FOR WEEK AT LOCAL THEATERS

Mabel Normand's Latest Picture "The Extra Girl" at Strand Sunday Highly Praised in Press Reviews

Following are newspaper reviews of "The Extra Girl," featuring Mabel Normand, which comes to the Strand theater Sunday for four days:



Mabel Normand in "The Extra Girl"

her old-time best in "The Extra Girl." In this newest Mack Sennett production this notable little comedienne devotes herself almost entirely to making you laugh. The whole play is built for entertainment, and it's made up of comedy episodes and those tender little touches which show the vibrant Mabel in her most rib-tickling mood, as Sennett only has ever been able to present her on the silver-sheet.

"It is a powerfully built dramatic narrative with comedy elements introduced naturally and developed to their fullest. It was produced with an eye to the box office and should prove a splendid winner."

"In this picture, Miss Normand does some of the finest work of her career. She is fine in the big moments of the story and shows she is equally fitted to play heavy roles as those of lighter moods. Her photographs wonderfully well and the play of different emotions of pathos, tragedy and humor across her face are all finely done. Her characterization is faultless."

"The Extra Girl" reminds one of the best of the O. Henry stories. Be sure and book it, advertise the motion picture and tell them Mabel does her greatest work. For genuine entertainment "The Extra Girl" surpasses "Molly O."

"If you like Mabel Normand, nearly every one does, even the movie folk, who are said to be hard to arouse—then you are going to thrill her in her latest picture, "The Extra Girl." Mack Sennett's tender story of the little girl who tried to become a film star—but failed."

"Just passing on the picture briefly, I might say that it is one of Mabel's greatest efforts in one of the greatest stories which Mack Sennett has written for her."

"Mabel is more a star than ever. Her acting plays on the heart-strings—bringing tears one moment, laughter the next."

"It did seem that the case of the movie-struck girl had been exhausted. But in "The Extra Girl," Mr. Sennett has given her story from the comedy lot angle, in novel and entertaining manner."

"The story is interestingly mixed of a generous portion of melodrama, an even larger quantity of comedy and a pinch of pathos. These are well stirred and done to a nicety, with Mabel Normand served as sauce. She is at her comical best, with here and there a tear shining in her rough eyes."

"... And Mabel, with the eyes of a Madonna and the mouth of a mischievous she-devil, can do things with your emotions that Mack Sennett nor Mae Marsh nor Lillian Gish could do no better. Anyhow "The Extra Girl" is the best thing Mabel or Jones or Sennett has done collectively or individually."

"The Extra Girl" is an unusually good comedy. I soon began to chuckle, and then I laughed loud, and then, from time to time, the comedian who was improvising a musical accompaniment during the run of the film echoed my laughs. Any comedy that can make a grown-up forget two opiate candies is a good comedy. The story credited to Mack Sennett, hangs together very well. The direction by Richard Jones is expert. Hats off to Mr. Jones."

there were lots of laughs, no end of chuckles and giggles, and a warm hand-clapping for the principals in the film as they appeared on the screen. Altogether "The Extra Girl" had a reception that belonged to a star.

"You'll find Mabel Normand at 'Mabel is at her very best. She has, for her, a perfectly believable role. It's one that matches her personality much better than Susanna, and she doesn't have to act (with a big A), which is better. All her stutest tricks are on display. She doesn't have to sentimentalize or romanticize to excess. She is absolutely free to be natural and funny, and she is both to a T, or a girl ricker, just as you please."

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Opening Night Pythian Indoor Circus Success

The Knights of Pythias Circus got away Saturday night with flying colors. The program proved one of the best ever presented by a similar organization in Wichita Falls. When the doors opened a crowd began pouring in, all intent on seeing just what the local Pythian order had brought to the city. Numberless booths lined the walls, offering nearly every imaginable kind of souvenir and prize. It was noticed that many of the booths were well stocked with many beautiful and at the same time useful articles such as bonnet lamps, cigars, cigarettes, silverware and clocks, blankets and bath robes and many other things.

The big Studebaker Six, which was given away on the closing night of the circus, occupied a conspicuous place in the center of the front room and was naturally the center of attraction. One man was observed measuring the doorway with the evident idea of driving the car away New Year's night.

At regular intervals throughout the earlier hours after the doors were thrown open, Charles Forster's Band furnished music and promptly at 8:00 o'clock tractor Roberts of the circus company blew the whistle, the band swung into a march and the show was on. Pell Brothers, society jugglers, being the opening act. Judging from the generous rounds of applause that greeted their act, they have one of the cleverest offerings of his kind ever presented here. They were followed shortly by George Bink, late of the Belle-Plato circus, who is billed as the king of the slack wire. He more than lives up to his billing and held the audience spell-bound and brought gasps of amazement at the seemingly impossible stunts performed on the gently swaying slack wire. To go into details and enumerate the various hair-raising stunts, Mr. Bink does would be well nigh impossible, for the simple reason that stunts follows stunts so rapidly that he leaves his audience bewildered and wondering what he will do next or when he will break his neck. A burst of applause greeted his efforts that would warm the heart of the most veteran performer. Lovely, the Man of Mystery, was next introduced and kept the audience bewildered and mystified for the next quarter hour. His magic, while not presented with as many props as some use, was well received, especially by the children. Then came Dobeck, the man with the hoops, who proved to be one of the hits of the night with his almost uncanny control of his hoops. At the close of his act he seemed to have the stage lit with alive with hoops rolling in all directions at once, but all eventually turning and coming back to him like all well trained hoops are supposed to.

COMES TO STRAND ON THURSDAY



Creighton Hale and Doris May in "Tea With a Kick"

OLYMPIC ATTRACTION ON SUNDAY



Percy Marmont and Sigrid Holmquist in the Paramount Picture "The Light That Failed" A George Melford Production

Picture Praised In Los Angeles at Premier Showing

"Tea—With a Kick" the brilliant satire which opens Thursday at the Strand theater, had its world premier showing at Grauman's million dollar theater, Los Angeles. The hit which this town where movies are born, is reflected by the praise which it received from the critics of the Los Angeles newspapers. Edwin Schallert, the authority of the Los Angeles Times, said in part: "There is no law against serving 'Tea—With a Kick', at least when the party is as amusing as this."

"Somebody turned a nice clever trick when they made it. It is one of the few true light comedies that we've had on the screen in many a day. Even the villain is funny. Louisa Fazenda, Hank Mann, Stuart Holmes, Doris May, Creighton Hale, Zasu Pitts, Chester Conklin, Dale Fuller and lots of others add a touch of spice to the comedy. It is hard to credit them all because there are so many. Their talents are used very cleverly, and the plot and situations do not transpire, according to strict routine either. In fact, there are a lot of 'kicks' in 'Tea—With a Kick'."

"The Los Angeles Examiner said: 'Tea—With a Kick' has plenty of 'kick' throughout. It is entertainment at just the right tempo.' Guy Price of the Evening Herald, remarked 'that the picture is as lively and interesting as the name suggests.'"

Charles Goss of the Evening Express said, "When did you ever see such a list of celebrities anywhere outside of a charity benefit or Friday night bout at the Hollywood Stadium?" "Tea—With a Kick" with its remarkable cast, is to the screen what musical comedy is to the stage."

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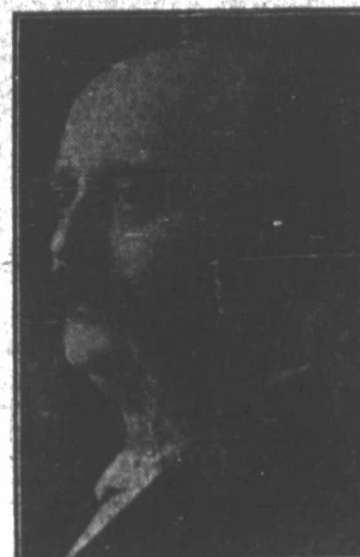
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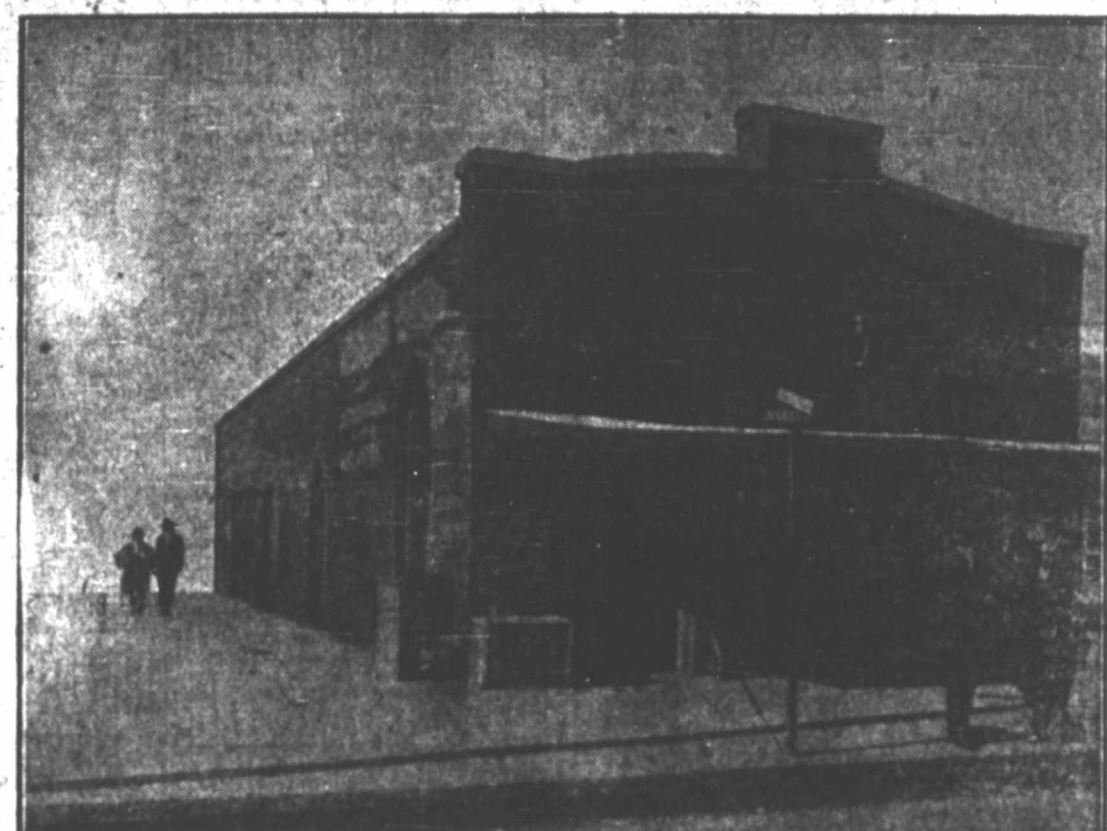


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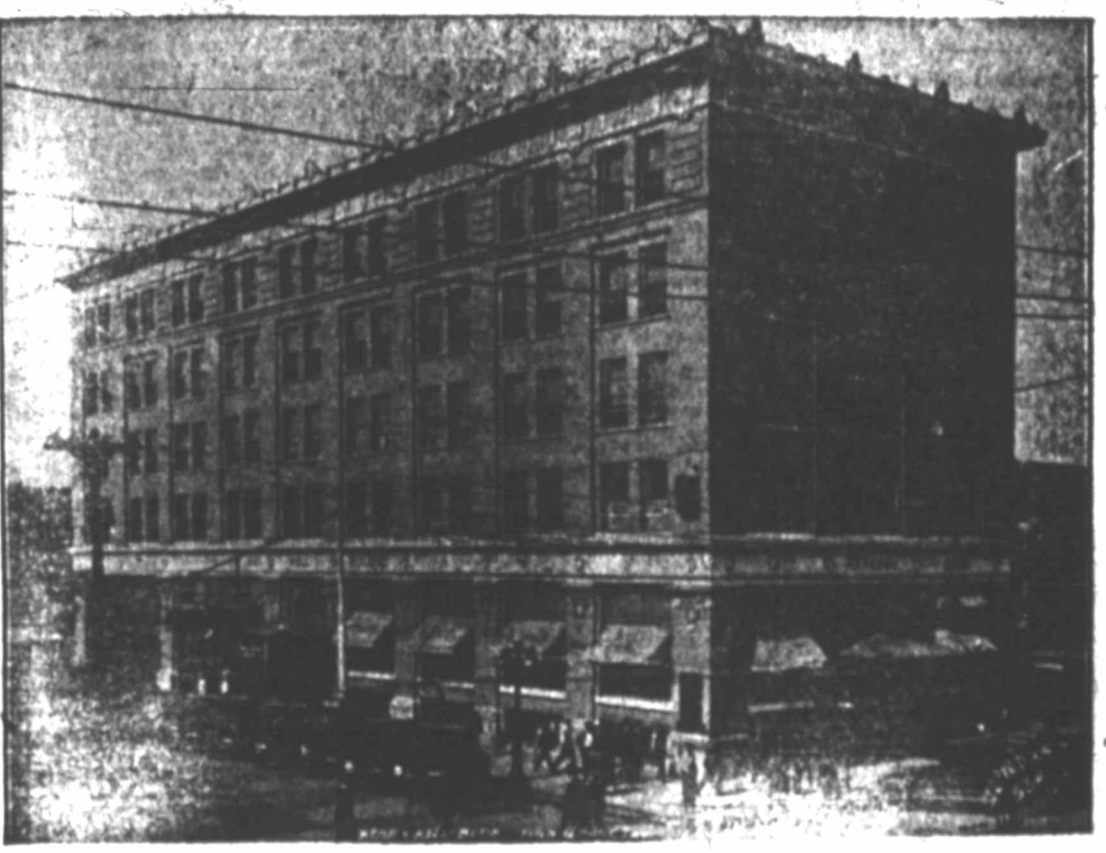
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AUTOMOBILE NEWS

OAKLAND REPORTS BIGGEST NOVEMBER IN ITS HISTORY

PONTIAC, Mich., Dec. 22.—The Oakland Motor Car company reports the sale of cars during November was the largest in its history for that month. The sales were three times those of November, 1922, and exceeded even the previous high November record of 1919 during a year which was considered a banner one in the motor car industry. This company likewise reports that an analysis of country-wide sales of all makes of cars shows the Oakland advanced in sales from 15th place in October, 1922, to 7th place in October, 1923.

The phenomenal jump in sales for Oakland is particularly significant at this time of the year when sales ordinarily taper off somewhat.

C. J. Nepler, general sales manager of Oakland, attributes the large fall and early winter sales record to the many distinctive features of the new line of cars and the rapid growth of Oakland's dealer organization.

WILLYS-OVERLAND GOAL IS 300,000 CARS FOR 1924

Willys-Overland plans to produce \$25,000,000 worth of automobiles during 1924. President John N. Willys announced that, according to contracts already on file with practically all of the Willys-Overland branches, distributors and dealers throughout the world, Willys-Overland production will have to exceed \$25,000,000 to take care of the apparent demand.

The increase in the Willys-Overland dealer organization compared with the period last year is more than 100 per cent.

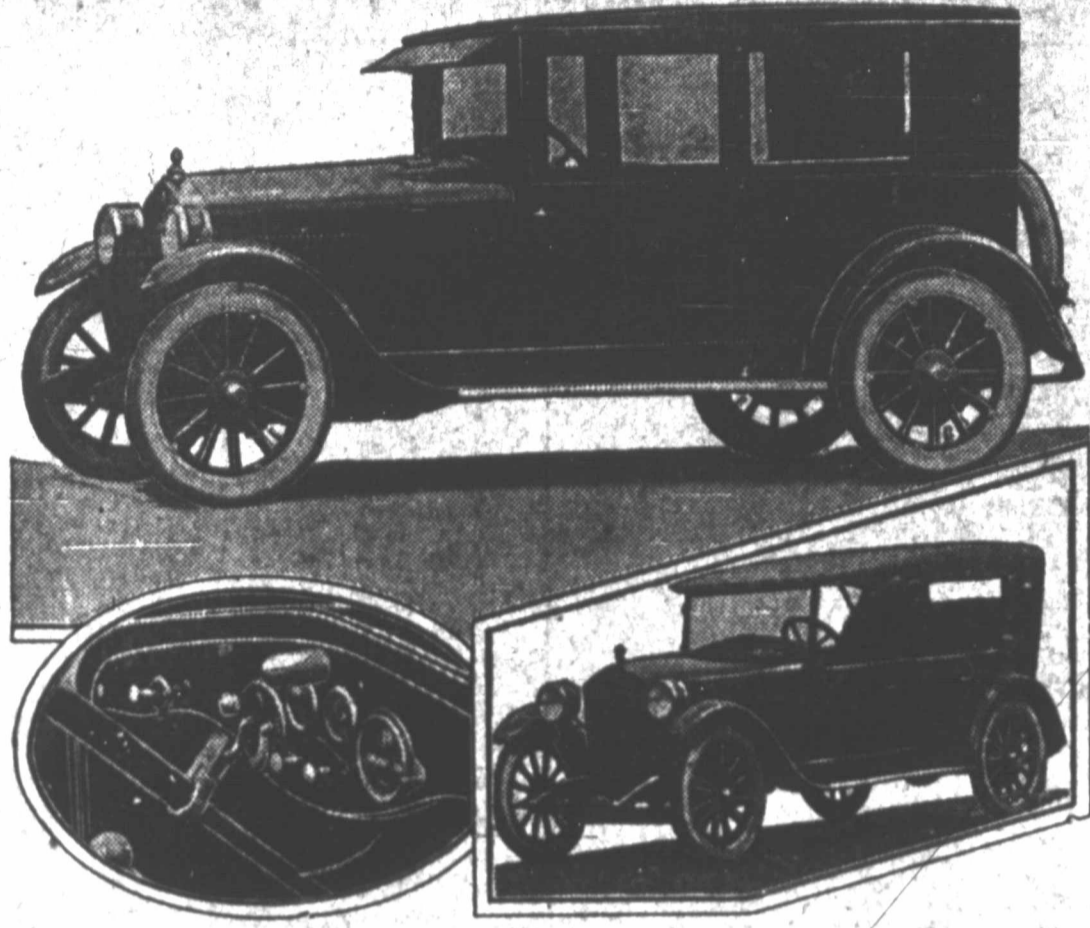
As the initial step toward the fulfillment of these orders, President Willys has further announced a curtailment of the annual inventory period, which began December 15. In previous years this work has always taken until after the holidays, but this year instructions have been issued that the work must be speeded up so that the wheels of production will be turning again by January 1.

Willys-Overland's production mounted to more than 200,000 cars, doubling last year's output.

With the 1924 demand anticipated, President Willys has been in constant conference with the factory administration regarding plans that will permit a resumption of activities following the curtailed inventory period on a much greater scale than ever attempted previously.

In order to meet the demand Willys-Overland production will be stepped up to more than 50,000 cars a month in the early months of the year. It is stated that if the materials required for this output were not late one sold through out the year.

Six-Cylinder Closed Car for Less Than \$1,000



Above: The new Essex Coach. Motor at the left is the open car front compartment, and at the right the open car.

The new Essex, a six cylinder car built under Hudson Super-Six patents and featuring a larger, roomier coach at \$1,075, has arrived in Wichita Falls and is on display at the salesroom of the Lloyd Weaver Automobile Company.

The new coach is said to be the only full-sized, six-cylinder enclosed car on the market listing at less than \$1,000. It is announced that at least 75 per cent of this year's Essex output will be in this coach. There is a five-passenger open car which carries a list price of \$550. "If a nut-shell description of the new Essex is required," said Mr. Weaver, "the following sentences might fill the bill:

The new Essex combines all the reliability and stamina of the previous car, plus a smooth flow of power heretofore exclusive to the Hudson Super-Six. The new Essex measures up in every respect to the traditional Hudson policy of providing a product of outstanding merit. In this new car may be found the results of all the lessons which Hudson has learned from the

train would reach from Toledo to New York City.

Inasmuch as 12,000 have been employed at the factory during the fall months there will be no difficulty in expanding the organization to meet the increased requirements.

Work on the 1924 schedules will be begun with all possible speed immediately after the inventory is concluded.

January, February and March are always big months in the automobile industry, and it is during this period that the majority of the cars are produced to fill the early spring demand.

D. L. FRITZ RETURNS FROM CONVENTION MARMON DEALERS

A note of optimism for the business outlook for 1924 was sounded at the 1923 Marmon Dealers, Distributors and State Managers Convention which was held last week at the Nordyke and Marmon Company's factory in Indianapolis, Ind., according to D. L. Fritz, Marmon dealer in Wichita Falls, who has just returned from the Marmon factory.

The convention was pronounced the most successful which has ever been held by the Marmon company. About 250 dealers from all parts of the country attended the meeting.

Among other important announcements made at the convention was the announcement by Edward C. Marmon, vice president of the manufacturing company and designer of the first Marmon car built twenty-two years ago, that he was assuming complete charge of the engineering department of the company. Colonel Marmon is one of the world's leading automotive engineers and is universally recognized as such, both within and without the automobile industry.

Mr. Marmon, formerly chief engineer of the Marmon company, has resigned in order to take up a private occupation.

The entire production schedule of the company for December and part of January has been consumed for several weeks with orders on file and orders continue to pour in in advance of the production schedules for several months.

C. L. Butler of Butler-Valtek, Inc., Marmon distributor in San Francisco, California, carried the word to the convention that the population of California is increasing at the rate of 30,000 a month. This influx is not due to the tourist traffic, Mr. Butler asserted, but it is due to the settling in the state by persons from all parts of the country who are finding employment in the rapidly growing manufacturing concerns that are being established. Mr. Butler predicted a great industrial development for California within the next few years.

Oakland, California, is rapidly becoming the automotive center of the Pacific coast, according to Mr. Butler.

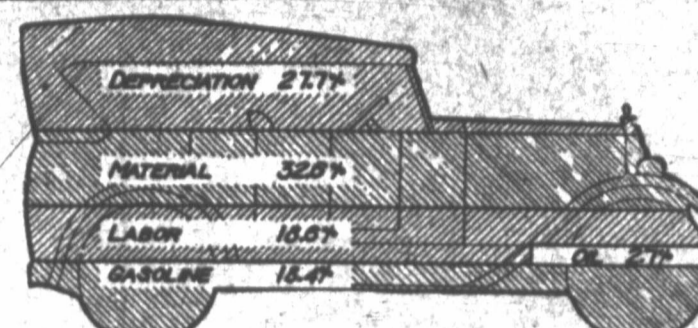
Word of higher prices which are being paid to farmers for corn now being placed on the market in Omaha, Nebraska, was received by the convention delegates from E. W. Hayward, Marmon dealer in Omaha.

S. S. Tobar, vice president of the Marmon Automobile Company of New York, Inc., told the visitors that business in the west is on the up grade. According to his statement the only business men who are not doing good business at the present time are those who are not offering good merchandise for sale at fair prices.

A big business boom was reported for Denver, Colo., by Tom Roberts, well known Marmon dealer from that city.

The locomotive not only has the right of way, but can always prove it.—Detroit Motor News.

GAS COST LOW COMPARED WITH OPERATION, SURVEY SHOWS



Here's a problem for psychologists. Every time the motorist buys gasoline to run his car, he incurs an additional expense between four and five times that of the gasoline for the time that fuel is used.

Yet, when the price of gas is raised, motorists are apt to say, "I'll save a year's study of the various expenses entering into the total cost of operating an automobile has been completed by the Empire companies, whose headquarters are at Bartlesville, Okla. A fleet of from 500 to 600 passenger cars and trucks are operated by these companies in the mid-continent oil and gas fields.

E. L. Peck, superintendent of auto equipment, finds that the average cost, including depreciation for these cars was approximately 16 cents a mile. Of this only 1.8 cents a mile was paid for gasoline, and 3 of a cent a mile for oil and other lubricants.

That meant a cost of 7.5 cents a mile for operation, maintenance and depreciation of the automobile.

Labor for repairing the cars amounted to 1.5 cents, while 3.5 cents went for repair material, including tires. The item of depreciation, which is often forgotten in figuring mileage cost, amounted to 2.5 cents a mile. This depreciation charge, accumulated over the life of the car, added to the amount received when the old car is sold, could be used to purchase a new car, Peck figures.

ORIENT TIRE CO. IMPROVES PLACE ON NINTH STREET

The Orient Tire company has just finished rearranging and improving its location on Ninth street and now has a place that would be a credit to any town.

Back of the big open drive-in room in front is a large salesroom which has been equipped with racks for a large number of tires, and shelves and files for tubes and accessories. The tubes make an unusually attractive appearance in boxes, which are all the same size and design.

Adjoining this is one of the most up-to-date and modern vulcanizing departments in the city, with equipment to care for any size tire or any kind of tire work. A special filing system is used in this room, with racks for customers' tires, so that there is no danger of losing or mixing the tires.

The rear of the building, used for storage of cars, has brick and concrete walls and floor, ventilating system, and heavily barred doors for safety.

The owner of this place, Ed Jarratt, in the manager also and first-class service is always obtained here.

Mr. Jarratt has had a long experience in the tire business and is well known here in business circles. He reports that the last thirty days have shown considerable improvement in business and he expects a prosperous 1924.

RADIO FANS HEAR CANARY BIRDS OVER WTAM LAST WEEK

Radio "fans" picked up WTAM December 15, heard the birdies sing even though it was a dark and stormy night.

Eight little yellow Rollers each took a turn before the microphone and "strutted their stuff."

The birds were furnished by exhibitors at the International Roller Canary show, held in Cleveland the week of December 7. All were prize winners in some branch of the Roller Canary-ling.

Vancouver, Premier, judged to be the world's champion singer, was one of the "artists." Another was the show to become first canary of the land as a gift to Mrs. Calvin Coolidge. "Whis-Bang" Billie, a canary in bird circles, was another of the vocalists.

Some of the birds took readily to the microphone. Others had to be coaxed with a violin before they cooed to pull out the tremolo stops and warble.

WTAM would like to hear from the "fans" who heard the birds.

Keeping Tab on Coast. SHOREDITCH, Eng.—The canaries can't put anything over on the taxpayers here. A radio set has been installed in the council chamber so citizens may listen in on all proceedings. Strange part of it is the municipal dads had it installed themselves.

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