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The Scurry County Times

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BOTH ENDS OF THE RAINBOW COME DOWN IN SCURRY COUNTY. AND SNYDER SIGNAL OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR THE CITY OF SNYDER AND SCURRY COUNTY

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SCURRY COUNTY HOSPITAL WOULD BE PROGRESSIVE STEP

COUNTY GROWING FAST AND MUST KEEP UP WITH TIMES

Losing $400 Daily

Money Going Outside The County That Belongs to Local Institution

Scurry County is to vote on a bond issue of $80,000 January 17 for the establishing and equipping of a county hospital. This official notice comes from the Commissioners' Court in response to a petition presented by 657 resident property owners.

Assurance that such an issue would win by a two to one vote is being heard on all sides, with but very few dissenting voices. Scurry County is one of the last of the better known West Texas counties to locate a hospital. Lamesa, our near county neighbor, has three of them, while at the present time practically ninety per cent of hospital cases are going to Lubbock. According to the legal notice that appears in this issue, payment for the retirement of the bonds has been worked out on such a basis that there is not a taxpayer who would really realize the small amount that would be added to his tax check.

Scurry County folks must realize that the county is having a natural, healthy growth that must be followed by economic and necessary additions such as a hospital. It is a step onward, exactly in the same light that gas is being piped here, and the contemplated new railroad terminal for Snyder, as well as a county fair park and buildings.

Figuring on a conservative basis local men have stated openly that Scurry County is paying an average of $400 a day for privilege of sending patients to Lubbock. On a year's basis that equals $146,000, quite a tidy bit of money and over a five or ten year period it is indeed a high royalty to pay for something that the county actually needs.

The Times-Signal believes in going slow and being a bit conservative on various new enterprises, but when it comes to a NEW COUNTY HOSPITAL we are for it unreservedly and one hundred per cent.

Scurry County should show its teeth on this vote and make a win for the bonds by a ten to one vote. No citizen, rich, poor, or in moderate circumstances, can afford to ignore the addition of a hospital for the benefit of all Scurry County. It is a challenge to each and every man and woman individually, and not alone to his or her neighbor.

Scurry County needs it—let's all join hands in getting this County Hospital.

TIGERS MATCH LATIN HIGH OF OHIO FOR GAME AT WACO

At a meeting of the Waco Athletic Council and the Waco High School football team at Waco Monday it was decided to play the Latin High School eleven of Cleveland, Ohio, in a post-season contest. The game will be played in Waco either on December 26 or December 31, the exact date being yet undecided.

The Latin high team is the Ohio champion, having an enviable record in the East, and the contest will go a long way in deciding the national high school championship team.

HERMLEIGH ELECTS NEW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICERS

Hermleigh merchants completed organization of their Chamber of Commerce Monday night with the election of J. R. Coker, president; S. C. Randals,secretary; R. D. Kinney, Jr., Treasurer.

With the new water works being added to Hermleigh and the prospects of adding gas, Hermleigh is enjoying the season in true booster style.

LORAINE AND ROSCOE NOW USING GAS

Roscoe and Loraine burned their first natural gas last Friday when the Community Natural Gas Co. turned the fuel into the lines in those cities after weeks of construction work.

The gas was turned into the Colorado lines Monday, Jack Addington of the company said.

Some of the workers who have been working these cities may come to Sweetwater to aid in the construction of a gas line to the plant of the United States Gypsum Company, east of here.—Nolan County News.

LETTERS GIVEN TO 13 COLORADO GRIDDERS

Thirteen members of the Colorado High School football team were awarded letters by Coach R. H. Cantrill at the banquet given them by the Colorado Lions Club Friday night. Those receiving letters were: John Pond, captain; Mike Smith, L. J. Ledbetter, Pete Smith, Don Wallace, Perry Van Zandt, Jim Rice, Barton Church, Mike Porter, Ben Lee Costin, and Doyle Kiker, manager.

Mike Porter, one of the star players of the past season, was unanimously chosen captain for the 1928 season.

New Secretary of C. of C. Here To Begin Work

M. G. Evans Comes Highly Recommended as C. of C. Executive

The Scurry County Chamber of Commerce now has their new secretary, M. G. Evans on the job and the Times-Signal joins with the Board of Directors in officially welcoming the new man to the best small city in all West Texas.

Mr. Evans comes to Snyder with as fine recommendations as any gentleman could present. Many Snyder folks have personally known him for a number of years, and he comes here with his family to join in selling Snyder to the world. He has just lately completed a two-year course in the University of California, and previous to that time had been identified in large civic and industrial organizations in East Texas, as well as in the Atlantic Coast region. Coming directly here from school, Mr. Evans told a Times reporter that he feels as much at home in Snyder as he would any place. He is not a newcomer in Texas, having been born and reared in East Texas on a farm, receiving practically his entire education in Texas schools. Being a native born Texan, with considerable out of the state experience, Mr. Evans feels that he knows something of the conditions, problems and projects of Texas folks.

Some of Mr. Evans' viewpoints are herewith presented:

"Our success in Snyder depends entirely upon the personnel of our organization. If we stand and get behind our projects with proper facts and data, and the proper spirit, we are sure to accomplish whatever we may undertake. Before accepting the position I was aware of one thing; that Snyder was behind its organization and that its people are for the better things of life which bring happiness to all people in all walks of life. Another thing I see here that is missing in many towns is that the country folk and the town folk are of the same mind. They all work in harmony, trying to make Scurry County the best place in Texas to live. With this spirit, I can see a great future for our county. I want to see all the people who are interested in the welfare of the county to become an active member.

"Snyder is to be complimented upon its churches. I have been in many towns of Texas, and as a whole I believe it has the best equipment I have seen to worship in. This stands for something, and it opens the eyes of those who may come our way. People refuse to live where there are no churches.

"Our schools are now ranking among the best in the South. Knowing something of the personnel of the faculty, I am not surprised, for they are all workers and men and women who fight for better schools and training for our boys and girls.

"I understand there are other clubs and organizations which are doing fine work. I ask them to give me suggestions and feel free to come, write or telephone me at any time. I will work for them in any capacity that I may be of any service.

"In the near future we can all get together and decide what we want to do and become better acquainted through association. In the meantime, I shall ask you to pay me a visit and let's get acquainted.

"The geographical location of our county is ideal. People will come to us if we only tell them what opportunities we can offer, with data that can be depended upon. All over the country industrial concerns are looking for locations. We can get these here if we only get behind our resources and present them to these concerns.

"There is no better time to start than now."

WEST TEXAS HAS 18 NEW PRODUCERS

Eleven West Texas counties last week completed 23 tests for oil, 18 of them producers and five dry. This was five less producers and one less failure than was registered during the preceding week in eight counties.

Pecos County again was first in completed producers with seven. There were four each in Crane and Winkler Counties and one each in Crockett, Howard and Jones Counties. Jones County abandoned three tests dry and Crane and Upton Counties one each.

UNMASKED MEN ROB STORE AT LAMESA

The store of N. A. Boothe of Lamesa was robbed about 9 o'clock Saturday night. The robbers were unmasked and one of them held a pistol on Mr. Boothe while the other took $27.75 from the safe of the store.

According to Boothe, the robbers made haste to get away with their loot. The officers were immediately notified, but until now no trace of them has been found.

Boothe's store is located four blocks from the main business section of the city and near the grammar school building.

CHRISTMAS NEED

To Times-Signal:

The following persons are known to me to be in need and will appreciate the interest of the Men's Bible Class in distributing Christmas gifts:

Name .....
They need .....
Name .....
They need .....
Name .....
They need .....
Signed .....

Lots of toys and wearing apparel are needed. Bring them with this notice to the Times-Signal office immediately. The Men's Bible Class is going to be Santa Claus to Snyder's needy folks this year, assisted by Rev. H. J. Manley of the United Charities.

SPECIAL COLLEGE PROGRAM WILL BE HELD JANUARY. 1

A special service for college students, ex-students and alumni will be held at the First Baptist Church of Snyder Sunday evening, January 1, according to an announcement made from the pulpit Sunday by the pastor, Rev. W. F. Ferguson.

"We want to recognize our present and former college students in an appropriate service," said the pastor, "and hope that all of the people in the city who have attended college will attend the service. A good program is being prepared."

It is estimated that there are now around fifty young people in the various colleges of this state and others who will spend the holidays here, and it is the plan of the program committee to arrange a program that will be of utmost interest and benefit to all who will attend.

WARNING TO THE LOCAL MERCHANTS

A swindler is operating in this section of the country and is systematically defrauding business houses in the following manner:

A post office money order is purchased at one town for $2.00 or $4. The offender then raises the amount by inserting the figure "0" following the figure "2" or "4" and alters the reading in the coupon to show "20" or "40" instead of "two" or "four." The marginal check is entirely torn off by the swindler. He then usually makes a small purchase from a merchant in another town and tenders the order, receiving the larger amount as change, receiving $20 for an order issued for $2, etc. The fraud is not disclosed until the order is presented at the post office and request made for separate advice.

The crook usually makes his purchase at a dry goods store, but may attempt the fraud on any business house or possibly try to pass such an order at the post office. A federal statute makes it a felony to alter a post office money order and the Postal Department is anxious to cause the arrest of the person who is operating this scheme.

It will be appreciated if you will make a special effort to inform the business houses of the details of this scheme immediately upon receipt of this information and endeavor to secure cooperation in causing the arrest of the offender, should he attempt a swindle of this nature in this town.

Local officers should be requested to arrest any person passing or attempting to pass one of these altered orders.

CITY POWER PLANT AIMED AT COLORADO

Fifty-three leading business men of Colorado met at the city hall Friday and enthusiastically endorsed the people to vote bonds to build a municipal power and ice plant for Colorado and named a committee composed of C. M. Adams, C. H. Earnest and Dr. C. L. Root to circulate a petition on the project which is to be presented to the city council asking for an election on the project at an early date. The Texas Electric Service Co. now owns a 30-ton ice plant at Colorado and maintains offices with a power high line from Big Spring and Sweetwater.—Abilene Reporter-News.

ALMOST EQUAL WEST TEXAS

Florida Real Estate Agent: This climate is so healthy that no one ever dies; as a matter of fact, we laid out a cemetery and had no one to bury in it, so we brought a corpse from another state in order to use it.

California Real Estate Agent: That's a coincidence. We had just the same experience, but before burying the corpse the coffin was opened and the air was so invigorating that he got up and walked away.

"The first liar has no chance."

Dear Santa Claus:

Scurry County needs a County Hospital and County Park. Let the citizens of the county make their home county a real 1928 gift by voting 100 per cent for these two measures January 17.

JUNIOR EDITOR,
Times-Signal.

December 31st—last date to renew your subscription. After that date all in arrears will be taken from the list.

Is There a Santa Claus?



WHEN Charles A. Dana was editor of the New York Sun, a little eight-year-old girl wrote him a letter, which brought forth in answer an editorial from Mr. Dana's pen that has been republished in the press probably more than any other editorial.

"Dear Editor: I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Clause. Papa says, 'If you see it in The Sun, it's so. Please tell me the truth: "115 West Ninety-Fifth Street." VIRGINIA O'HANLON.

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to our life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance, to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest men, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God, he lives, and he lives forever! A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Train Kills School Girl At Hermleigh

While her elder sister looked on helplessly, Joy Nell Blackburn, 16-year-old orphan girl, was ground to death under the wheels of Santa Fe passenger train No. 92, northbound, Monday at Hermleigh.

The two sisters, living near Hermleigh with their uncle, Will Cross, started to school in the morning and were walking on the track when the engineer of the train saw them. He pulled the whistle cord frantically, applying the brakes, and the elder Blackburn girl heard the warning and leaped to safety.

The younger sister was walking a short distance ahead, her ears wrapped against the cold, and she did not hear the whistle. The pilot of the locomotive struck her, throwing her under the wheels, and her life was instantly snuffed out.

The body was brought to Snyder and turned over to the Odom Undertaking Company.

HAVE YOU NOTICED THE SHOW WINDOWS?

There are very few in Snyder who have taken lessons in window dressing, but it is doubtful if the most critical could find objection to the artistic manner in which a number of the windows are decorated for Christmas.

Just stroll around the square, stopping at each window for a little study, and then say if you ever saw more attractive windows. There's everything suggestive of the holiday spirit, and the arrangement is all that could be desired.

But the windows carry only a suggestion of what may be seen inside. Large stocks of toys and holiday gifts are to be seen, and both the quality and the price should please the fancy of the most fastidious and economical shoppers.

WATCH OUT FOR FAKE SOLICITOR

On November 9, a traveling grocery salesman came through Mitchell County taking orders for a grocery company in Kansas City. At Westbrook he took some orders, collected the money, and has not been heard from since. W. A. Bandy says the firm he was representing is not listed in Dunn's and doubtless the fellow was a grafter, and warns people not to order from these traveling salesmen.—Colorado Record.

These swindlers know there are certain folks who are always looking for something for nothing and they have easy picking when they find them. The poor dupes usually get what the little boy shot at.

NUMBER THE HOUSES

Day by day the need grows greater for a numbered system for houses in Snyder. Back in the days when you could see every house from the public square it was not necessary for numerals because if a person should be seeking the place of abode of Bill Blank all that was necessary was for someone to say, "See that white house yonder? Well, that's his house."

The Snyder of today is a little city, and it should have all the conveniences as such. Numbered houses will facilitate the handling of business and will prove of value to every resident.

A telephone order for merchandise can be delivered promptly and to the correct address if the deliveryman is given the house number.

It would be rather foolish to number the houses and then stop the movement there. The names of the streets should be placed at all street intersections and the exact address of any resident could be obtained easily and efficiently. Later on, it would facilitate the delivery of mail to every part of the city.

Electrical production in Texas in October increased 18 per cent over the same period last year. The average increase for the entire country was only five per cent.

First State Bank Pays Fine Xmas Gift to Owners

The First State Bank & Trust Company gave a most unique and well received Christmas gift Monday when the Board of Directors paid a ten per cent dividend, and also increased the surplus fund.

The payment of this dividend was the tenth since the bank was established. With this dividend the entire capital stock of the bank has been paid back to the stockholders, and in addition their stock is worth one-half as much again as the original stock.

Officers of the bank include Ernest Taylor, president; H. P. Wellborn, vice president; Sam Hamlett, Cashier. The Board of Directors includes the three above named gentlemen and Mrs. Bettie F. Howell, Mrs. Dixie Smith and Joe Caton.

The Times-Signal congratulates the First State Bank & Trust Company.

OUR WISH TO YOU

The Times-Signal wants to send the best greetings that are possible to be said to its readers, its advertisers, its correspondents and anyone who in any way is a helper in the production of their home county newspaper.

Our message is brief, but our hearts and minds are in tune with the season's thoughts. May you all be happy, considerate and thoughtful of just what Christmas means.

All of us should join shoulder to shoulder in working for the best small city, the best county in all West Texas, and may next Christmas see an advancement in all things material to each and everyone's welfare.

A right cheery Christmas to you, each one of you!

THE PUBLISHERS.

A Flurry of snow Tuesday added a true touch to Christmas appearances.

EAST AND WEST RAILROAD MEETING HELD AT SNYDER

Snyder High Needs New Gym For Athletics

Basketball Squad This Year Has Excellent Prospects

Prospects for this year's Snyder Tiger basketball team could not be brighter, for the squad under the active leadership of Coach Ivan P. Oliver consists of thirteen men working for places on the first team. As any basketball fan knows, five men constitute a team and the competition is quite stiff among the candidates who include Cauble, Huestis, two Moores, Curry, Huse, Martin, Trice, Crowder, Fesmire, Clark, Boren and Horton.

Home and foreign games have already been arranged for with Colorado, Post, Lubbock, Abilene, Roby, Lamesa, Slaton, Roscoe, Loraine and Sweetwater. In all probability a team will be brought here during the holidays for a game, and it will be either Roscoe, Loraine or Sweetwater.

This year there will be two games on basketball nights, the boys and girls both placing a team on the floor.

Prospects are equally bright for a real girls' team this year as Coach F. M. Crouch informs the Times-Signal that they have one of the fastest squads ever on a local floor. With brand new uniforms of the latest type, the girls will make a fine appearance and add a great deal of interest to local basketball.

The members of the girls' squad include: Faydell and May Joe Glenn, Polly Harpole, C. and R. Grantham, Gladys Lewis, Ruby Chapman, Mary Ethel Wheeler, Mittie Mary Clarkson, Opal Cary, Faye Nell Aucutt, Mary Holt, Lucile McCaleb and Ardell Langford.

Wolf Park will be the scene of all basketball games this year, or until the Board of Education sees its way clear for a high school gymnasium. Active interest has been created here for a gymnasium similar to the one Colorado High School recently dedicated. All lovers of Snyder High School, and there are many, are looking forward to the day when Snyder has a real gymnasium for its boys and girls.

If every local and county parent who has children in the school would arrange to pay into a gymnasium fund, the money that the state of Texas pays for school books and which their children use, a fund of at least $5,000 would be available.

HEALTH SURVEY OF SCURRY CO. RURAL SCHOOLS IS MADE

Miss Mary Worster, Red Cross nurse of the Texas Health Association, completed an interesting survey of all rural school children in Scurry County Monday. The survey was made at the solicitation of A. A. Bullock, county superintendent.

So far as Mr. Bullock's office knows, Scurry is the first Texas county to complete a rural school health survey this year.

SNYDER BOYS MAKE GOOD AT SIMMONS U.

Elmer Spear and Ray Fesmire of this city have done commendable work in Simmons University and the famous Cowboy Band, according to reports received here.

Although this is Ray's first year with the band, his ability on the cornet has won him a place in the band and the respect of all his associates.

Elmer Spear has been with the Cowboys three years and is much appreciated by all his associates. He has rendered a very valuable service to the institution and to the band, according to G. B. Sandefer, the Cowboy manager.

As a member of the saxophone sextette, Elmer helped to entertain audiences from New Mexico to Florida. This novelty has been praised by all who have heard it.

WARNING! WATCH OUT FOR GOLD NOTES

Below is copy of a telegram received from the First National Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles, under date of December 19, 1927, at Snyder, Texas:

The following is complete description of fifteen hundred dollars gold notes of twenty dollars denomination given to murderer and kidnapper of daughter of our assistant cashier, Perry M. Parker: Serial K 68016901 to 75, inclusive. Please rush information to all banks, trust companies and affiliated organization immediately with request that they notify police, tellers, oil stations, stores, etc., to watch for above gold notes. Will pay liberal reward based on importance of information obtained. Have any information wired us immediately, collect.

First National Trust & Savings Bank, Los Angeles.

P. S. Important that filling stations and garages get this information, as there will be more likelihood of these gold certificates turning up at such places.

Only two states, California and Georgia, produce larger peach crops than Texas.

CAPT. ED KENNEDY OF HOUSTON MEETS WITH C. C.

Shops Will be Here

Good Prospects For New Railroad in Near Future

Definite assurance that Snyder is to be the terminal point of an east and west railroad was given local citizens Saturday when a special called meeting was held at the Snyder National Bank with Capt. Ed Kennedy of Houston bringing the project before the committee.

The Artesia, Roswell and Snyder railroad is the name of West Texas' newest contribution to the onward march of this section of the state. Mr. Kennedy also guaranteed that the charter for this line would be forthcoming at an early date. Right of way has already been secured from Roswell, N. M., east to the Scurry County line. Twenty-five miles of the road are already graded which would mean an air line route from Snyder, through Gail, O'Donnell, Brownfield and thence on to Roswell. Contract has already been let for the construction of fifty miles of the road, which will start at an early date.

Mr. Kennedy met with a Borden County committee at Gail Friday night which hastened the right of way proceedings with dispatch. At this meeting definite assurance was given at once that the right of way would be ready anytime the committee needed it, right on to the Scurry County line. With the meeting here Saturday morning, the Scurry County Chamber of Commerce definitely placed themselves on record as guaranteeing the right of way through this county to Snyder, with the further understanding that Snyder would be the terminal of the route, together with rail shops being located at this point. Snyder also made valuable concessions of cash and subsidies.

This new rail project should in no sense be construed with the former contemplated M. K. & T. route from Rotan west to Roswell, but is an entirely separate proposition, this deal being far more feasible and advantageous to Snyder than the Katy offering. Details are to be worked out at once and further publicity given.

The Snyder meeting was given front page publicity in the following Sunday newspapers: Dallas News, Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Abilene Reporter-News, Houston Post, Lubbock Avalanche-Journal and El Paso Herald.

The Snyder men at the meeting included: O. P. Thrane, chairman, Robert H. Curnutte, Ernest Taylor, Joe T. Stinson, Hugh Boren, N. M. Harpole, A. A. Bullock, H. J. Brice, Allen Warren, H. G. Towle, E. J. Anderson and the Junior Editor.

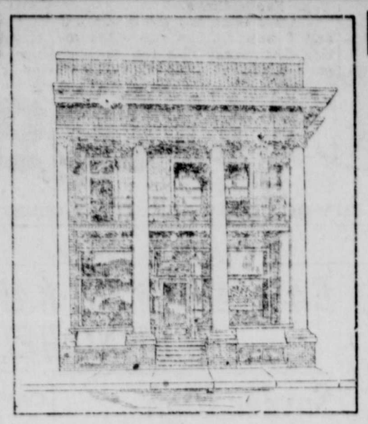
This east and west railroad idea is mightily acceptable to Snyder, for with this city being a terminal point with rail shops located here, decided impetus would be given the steady, natural growth of Snyder. Many additional families would come here, a new hotel would be assured with this city a terminal point and other valuable improvements made that would place Snyder in the true position that this city belongs. We who live here know what Snyder really is, and its potential location and with the additional traffic this railroad would bring, others would come who would realize the great and wonderful possibilities of the best city and county in all West Texas.

This news is the finest Christmas thought the Times-Signal could bring to its readers outside of the definite assurance that the new hospital is assured. That is also important.

COLLEGE STUDENTS HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

As far as we are able to learn the following college students will spend the holidays in Snyder: Carl Periman, Ward Golden and Misses Faye Joyce and Margaret Carrell of West Texas State Teachers College, Canyon; Victor Drinkard and Miss Maxine Whitmore of Abilene Christian College; Miss Ruth Belle Boren of McMurry College, Abilene; Robert Curnutte of Sewanee, Tenn.; Misses Mary Frances Hemlett, Grace Will and Lura B. West of C. I. A., Denton; Misses Zilpha Webb, Dorothy Strayhorn, Dorris Buchanan and Margaret Dell Prim of Trinity University, Waxahachie; Miss Helen Boren of T. C. U., Fort Worth; Misses Mary Lawlis and Luella Brice of T. W. C., Fort Worth; George Webb of S. M. U., Dallas; Burnice Worley, Herman Darby, Cecil Worley, Joe Woodfin, Roy McCurdy, Carl Golden, Hal Yoder and Misses Pauline Jones, Tiny Poteet, Bess Johnson, Myrtle Woodfin, Edna Upton and Pearl Horton of the Texas Tech, Lubbock; Miss Ura Mae Garner of Sul Ross, Alpine; and Elmer Spear, Jimmie Martin, Ray Fesmire, Buck Stacy and Fritz R. Smith Jr., and Misses Rubinell Johnson, Myrtle Harrell, Ora Thompson, Ellen Buice Johnson and Mell Thompson of Simmons University, Abilene.

The shortest day of the year, which usually occurs on Dec. 21, will arrive one day later this year, Dec. 22.



STRONG USEFUL

A Very Merry Christmas to Snyder and Scurry County Folks

A FINE Christmas Gift was placed in the stocking of every stockholder Monday, Dec. 19th, when the directors voted a 10 per cent dividend, together with an increase in the surplus fund. This is the tenth dividend that this bank has paid since it was established. With this payment, the entire capital stock of the bank has been paid back to the stockholders, and in addition their stock is worth one-half as much again as the original stock.

The First State Bank & Trust Co.

ERNEST TAYLOR, President

H. P. WELLBORN, Vice-Pres. SAM HAMLETT, Cashier

FRIENDLY

LOCALS

David and Miss Mary Strayhorn were in Abilene Sunday.

Willie D. Barron of Rotan was a business visitor to Snyder Thursday.

Mesdames Dixie Smith and W. R. Johnson were Abilene visitors Tuesday.

J. L. Martin was a business visitor to Dallas the early part of the week.

Misses Tommie Jenkins and Liz Morris spent Friday in Sweetwater.

Mr. Cecil of Cecil-Collier Co. made a business trip to Dallas last week-end.

Bert Faulkner will spend Christmas in Winters with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Faulkner.

Jack Deakins of Floydada spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Deakins.

A. D. Dodson spent last week in Fort Worth, Waco and other points in that section.

Ross Howard of Chicago will be a guest of Miss Mary Strayhorn during the holidays.

Hub Taylor of Brownfield will spend Christmas with his father, F. H. Taylor.

Mrs. Charles Verner of Tyler is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. C. C. Carr.

Miss Nona Carr returned last week from a three weeks' visit in Lubbock.

Mrs. I. J. Sparks has the most unique Christmas gift hat of any one in Snyder. Ask her about it.

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Dougherty of Dallas will spend the Christmas holidays in Snyder with Mrs. Dougherty's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Strayhorn.

Miss Mays, kindergarten teacher in the Snyder school, will spend the Christmas vacation in Austin.

Miss Bessie Carr left Wednesday for Dallas where she will spend Christmas.

Mrs. T. L. Winston of Fort Worth spent last week with relatives and friends in Snyder.

Herman Merrill and Austin Erwin and Bob Peck of Post attended the game at Waco last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Porter, daughter, Miss Polly, and Miss Evelyn Irvine, were in Sweetwater Friday.

Mrs. Mary Ellis and Mr. and Mrs. Stutling of Big Spring will be guests Christmas day of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Sims.

W. R. Merrill and little Miss Happy Taylor of Dallas were visitors in Slaton and Lubbock last week-end.

A. M. Curry was called to Miles the latter part of last week to attend the funeral of his cousin, I. A. Curry.

Mrs. Bill Miller and sons will spend the Christmas holidays in Odessa and O'Donnell with relatives.

Mrs. Pearl Bartlett was in Sweetwater Friday and Saturday. She was the guest of her cousin, Bill Montgomery.

Miss Pearl Carver left Monday for Lamesa where she will spend the Christmas holidays with her parents.

Paul Lawlis of Olney and Miss Ruth Lawlis of Brownfield will spend Christmas with their parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Lawlis.

Mrs. John L. Webb will go to Waxahachie Tuesday to bring the Snyder girls who attend Trinity University home for the holidays.

Miss Curley Seal of Merkel, a West Texas rodeo rider, stopped in Snyder to see Mrs. A. E. Blackwood one day last week.

Misses Gwendolyn Chambers and Mary Edith Hood and Fritz R. Smith were in Sweetwater Saturday.

Mrs. Leona Beene of Teague is spending the Christmas holidays with her daughter, Mrs. W. R. Patton.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Keith of Walnut Springs were guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Yoder. Mr. Keith is a brother of Mrs. Yoder.

Dick Chambers, O. O. Harris, Dutch Cauble and Vern McMullan attended the Abilene-Waco football game at Waco Friday.

Mr. and W. F. Sears, daughter, Mary Frances and son, Bobby, of Lamesa spent Sunday with Mary Frances' grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McClinton.

Lubbock Sanitarium

A Modern Fireproof Building and

Lubbock Sanitarium Clinic

DR. J. T. KRUEGER
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DR. J. T. HUTCHINSON
Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat
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Diseases of Children
DR. J. P. LATTIMORE
General Medicine
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Business Manager

A chartered Training School for nurses is conducted in connection with the Sanitarium. Young women who desire to enter training may address the Lubbock Sanitarium.

John Reynolds of Fort Worth visited his brother, Nathan, for a few days this week. They will go to Fort Worth for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Lechner will leave Friday for Glen Rose where they will spend Christmas with Mrs. Lechner's people.

Mrs. E. M. Deakins, daughter, Jeanette, and Dick Stovall spent from Sunday until Wednesday of last week in Dallas.

C. H. Cooper will arrive in Snyder this week from Western Oklahoma to spend Christmas with his family.

Miss Juanita Whitmore, a teacher in the Roby school, will spend the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Whitmore.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Eiland and son, Billie Jay, of Stanton will spend the week-end with Mrs. Eiland's mother, Mrs. J. B. Taylor.

Mrs. Lee Newsom left Saturday for Abilene where she will be in a sanitarium for a few days. From there she will go to Munday for the holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Hicks and children will leave Friday for Frederick, Okla., to spend the holidays with Mrs. Hicks' parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davis and little daughter, Lila, and Mrs. Davis' daughter, Mrs. Amon Weaver, of Hamlin will spend Christmas day in Sweetwater with Mrs. Davis' son, J. R. Moulton.

The Junior Editor and family enjoyed a fine pre-Christmas turkey dinner with Editor and Mrs. Luther Watson of the Nolan County News at Sweetwater Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Yoder, son, Carlas Hugh, and Mrs. Yoder's mother, Mrs. J. H. Keith, will go to Mrs. Keith's home in Walnut Springs to spend Christmas. Mrs. Keith has been visiting in Snyder for quite a while.

Miss Lou and Mayfair Woosley were in Sweetwater Sunday to meet Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Woosley of Robstown who are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Woosley.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dawson spent from Thursday until Friday of last week in Cisco with their daughter, Mrs. W. H. Leach. Their little grandson, Walter, returned home with them for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Dawson will return to Cisco for Christmas.

P. M. Chambers returned the last of the week from Waco.

Mrs. Nathan Reynolds is visiting relatives in Fort Worth.

Howell Harpole and Miss Connie Isaacs were in Anson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Towle were visitors in Colorado Sunday.

Miss Gladys Teague of Abilene is spending Christmas in Snyder

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hamlett plan to spend the holidays with Mrs. Hamlett's parents in Dublin.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rosenberg will spend the week-end in Fort Worth.

J. L. Waskom will spend Christmas in Shreveport with his son, Bennie, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Graham, Gardner Martin and Marshall Higgins were in Spur Sunday.

Mrs. Eugene Roberts of Dallas will spend the Christmas holidays in the Doak and Fesmire homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Burleson and Mrs. O. L. Morrow were shopping in Cisco Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Sears and Miss Bill Swann will spend Christmas day in Merkel with relatives.

Mrs. T. B. Falls of Ira was a guest last week-end of Edwin Falls and family.

Mrs. Thos. H. Lee will spend Christmas in Ralls with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Watkins.

Miss Gwendolyn Chambers will spend the Christmas holidays in Fort Worth the guest of Misses Orene and Judy McMillian.

Misses Lucile and Christine Eoff, who have been attending school in Plainview, will spend Christmas in Snyder with their parents and attend the Snyder school after the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Kimmell and family of Slaton and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Beaty and family of Lubbock will spend the holidays in Snyder with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Cotten.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll and a doll stove. I want you to come to see my little sister and brother, too. I also want a doll carriage, a pair of skates and some fire crackers.

Your friend,
Billie Morris.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me some Tinkertoys and some pistol caps, some fire crackers and lots of nuts, oranges, apples and lots to eat. Bring my mother and father something they like and bring my little baby brother some toys and a kiddie car.

W. D. Eades.

Dear Santa Claus:
Iwould like you to bring me a doll, locket and some other playthings you like, lots of fruits, nuts and candies of all kinds. And don't forget my little sister, Woncile. We have been good little girls.

Wynone Brooks.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a bicycle, and I want a buggy and a byelo doll, a cedar chest and a pair of skates. I want some candy, fruit and some fire works and a box of paints. Don't forget the little orphans and Mother and Daddy and Gordon.

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Some people have mailed names for the picture to us who did not use the cards prepared for this purpose. We cannot enter "names" for the picture in this contest unless you have used the cards that can be secured at Hubbard's stores in Sweetwater. These cards are issued on each $1.00 purchase, and you submit as many names as you have cards. All cards must be in by 10 p. m. Dec. 24th, when the contest closes.

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Hermleigh News Notes

The following news notes are taken from the pen of Editor R. S. Norman of the Herald.

Masons Plan Erection of New Lodge Building

The members of the Hermleigh Lodge No. 987, A. F. & A. M., are enthusiastically arranging their plans to build a new lodge building somewhere on main street. It is thought they will build over some other building, at least two of which are now being planned for erection. The material out of the old building is still in the possession of the lodge and can easily be used in a new building, more especially if the building should be a stucco as some are planning. This will aid some in raising the funds for the building.

C. of C. Meets Friday

Owing to the extreme weather Wednesday, Dec. 7, the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held Friday night in the office of the Higginbotham-Bartlett Co. A good crowd was in attendance.

Little R. S. Jr. Buried Tuesday

Little R. S. Jr., son of Editor and Mrs. Norman, was born Sept. 30th of this year and was buried Tuesday afternoon in the cemetery at Snyder. The little life of less than three months was full of smiles and sweetness but passed on to radiate sunshine in another world. The rosebud is plucked from us but according to Christian hope will bloom out in a world which shall know no end.

The funeral services were conducted in the home of Mrs. M. U. Vernon. The Rev. Dr. Sparks of Snyder was in charge. The following ministers were present and assisted in the service: Rev. Hudson of the city, Rev. Leslie of the city, and the Rev. Mr. Manley, Presbyterian minister of Snyder.

Hermleigh to Have New Dry Goods Store

Mr. W. H. Powers of Floydada has leased the Gentry building on the north side of the street and will open a dry goods store there within the next few days. Mr. Powers is an expert dry goods man, and his coming here is not unwisely planned. We are ready to welcome Mr. Powers within the business circle of the city.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our many recently made friends for their unsparing personal aid and sympathy in the recent death of our sweet little baby, R. S. Jr. Nothing was left undone.

We are especially indebted to the business men of the town, our Sunday school class and individuals for the beautiful floral offering.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman,
Brents, Jim Pot and
Ritta Jane.

Etheredge & Son Plan to Build

Etheredge & Son of the City Market have announced their plans to erect a new stucco building near the west end of main street from the First State Bank, the lot where their present small building is located. Mr. Etheredge says that their plans are not thoroughly mature at the present, but they are most sure they will build. Their present building is not sufficiently large for their business, he said, and the new building is necessary to take care of their operations.

Herlin Shepherd Burned to Death

Mrs. E. H. Moore received a message by wire Sunday that her nephew, Herlin Shepherd of Cloud Chief, Okla., was burned to death Saturday night. He and his companion were pinned under a burning car and both lost their lives in this tragic way.

Herlin is a son of A. H. Shepherd, formerly of this place. John Shepherd and E. H. Moore left Sunday night for Cloud Chief where they will join the bereaved family.

Hermleigh Girl Leaves to Train For Nurse

Miss Thelma Fargason left Sunday for Plainview where she entered Monday morning for nurse training at the Plainview Sanitarium. Miss Thelma is a young lady of excellent character and beautiful personality, and every interest of the town, church, social and business all bespeak and hope for her success in her chosen life's work.

A Word of Appreciation

I wish hereby to acknowledge receipt of a nice overcoat which was given to me by the ladies of the church, and wishing the very best for them in return for this, their greatness. Chas. Leslie, pastor First Baptist Church.

Will Caffey Receives Nice Fruit

Mr. Caffey paid the office a very pleasant visit yesterday. He was much elated over the gift of a box of California fruit just received from his sons at San Dimas. He also showed us his lemon sack he used while he lived there. His conversation was full of interest, too full for the space available at this time. He paid four subscriptions to the Herald. Who can beat that?

Arvil, the young son of Mrs. W. L. Roberts, almost completely lost his nose in an accident which occurred at the Lone Oak school Monday morning. The lad received the injury jumping from a see-saw on the playground.

Foster Watson is in St. Louis receiving treatment for infantile paralysis. He will be away about six months.

Golan and Maxie Cummings of Inadale were shopping in Hermleigh Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Eoff and sons, George and Larry Lewis, of Snyder visited in Hermleigh recently, guests of the editor and family. The Eoff's and we were neighbors in Plainview before coming to Hermleigh and Snyder. Mr. Eoff is now with the Caton-Dodson store.

The Rev. Chas. Leslie is sporting a new overcoat this week which was a Christmas present to him from the ladies of his church. These expressions of appreciation make a preacher feel welcome to his pulpit and to the heart of the community which he is to serve. Let's repeat these things.

The streets are all torn up from laying of the water mains. This is indeed a fine Christmas present for Hermleigh. Let us all join in the hope that the Community Natural Gas Co. will give Hermleigh a gas line and mains.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll blanket, a box of handkerchiefs, a pair of house slippers, a little set of dishes and some perfume. I want a little doll sweater and cap and some fire works, fruit, nuts and candy, and don't forget my little sister, and mother and father.
From your little friend,
Harriet Florentz Winston.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a little car and some candy, oranges, nuts and anything you would like to bring. Please bring my little brother a little dog. Your little friend,
Earl Eades.

Camp Springs Route
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy nine years old. I go to school at Guinn. I am in the second reader and study hard, and help mother, too. I want some apples, oranges and candy for Christmas. I also want a horse and fire crackers and Roman candles. Your little friend,
Thomas Dixon.

Camp Springs Route
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl seven years old. I go to school at Guinn and am in the first reader. I study hard and help mother, too. I want some apples, oranges and candy for Christmas. I want a bed and set of dishes and a little piano.
Your best friend,
Elene Dixon.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a football and an air-rifle and some shots; also bring my little brothers and sisters more things than you bring me because they are younger. Your little friend,
E. C. Payne, Jr.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a tricycle, a toy train, a popgun, some candy, fruits and nuts. Don't forget the poor little children who will not get anything. Yours truly,
J. C. Rodman.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a big doll and a doll buggy. Don't forget my little baby brother and Mamma and Daddy. Your little girl,
Lavella Eades.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a set of Tinkertoys and nuts and candy, oranges and some fireworks.
Vordie Lee Eades.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a football and a box of Tinkertoys and a wagon and horse and some candy, nuts and fruit. Your little friend,
Johnie Murray.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a wagon, a tool set and a little horse; also some candy, fruit and nuts.
Your little friend,
Alvin Murray.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a bicycle and a paper wood gun, a story book, a drum and an airgun, a pair of skates, fire crackers, and don't forget my Daddy and Mother. Well, guess that is all for this Christmas.
Love, your little friend,
James Victor Baze.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy two and one-half years old. My Daddie boy has a radio and when we tune in and hear you talking, I tell Daddy to tell you to bring me a little tricycle, roadster, and a little airplane, and a great big teddie bear to sleep with me. Some fruits, nuts and candy, too. Now, Santa, you said last night you would soon be here, so hurry up and come on. And please don't forget my little cousins, Trueman and Lavell Wilson.
My name is Baby Ray Martin.
Dunn, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy five years old, and I want you to remember me this Christmas. I want a car, story book, airplane kite, basketball, candy and nuts. Don't forget Grandpa and Grandma.
Eugene Cochran.

All Christmas card orders placed previous to December 8 are now ready for delivery.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me an airgun, a bicycle, a story book and a horn; also a Tom Mix suit. Don't forget the little poor children and the little orphans.
Your little friend,
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AN EXPERIMENT AND TEST

Hon. J. A. Merritt has just completed a test in which he says he is convinced that there is a great difference in the breed of hogs, especially when it comes to growth and putting on fat.

Last week he butchered four hogs, one Poland China and three O. I. C. These hogs were the same age and same size when they were put in a pen to be fattened. They ran in the same lot, had the same sort of feed, water and the same sort of care. His O. I. C. hogs dressed each 375 pounds and his Poland China dressed only 300 pounds.

The four hogs were grown on maize and finished with corn. The four produced 43 gallons of fine lard. Mr. Merritt's experience should be convincing proof that any Scurry County family can grow its own meat and lard if a little effort will be put forth. Mr. Merrit says that there is no secret to it, but that all that it necessary is to get a few shoats the first of the year and with a little feed and attention the shoats will do the rest. So why not others raise their own meat during the coming year?

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CAMP SPRINGS NEWS

Earl Bavousett and Pearl Horton of the Texas Tech have returned home for the holidays.

Bill and Carrol Davidson have returned from McKinney where they have been visiting relatives. Bill said it rained every day they were there.

Ab Perrp went to Portales, N. M., last week, stopping en route to visit Mrs. Perry's brothers, Tom and Jenkins DeShazo, who live near Sudan.

Guy Adams and Welton Hawkins have returned from a hunting trip to South Texas. They report a nice time but said they did not see a deer while they were gone.

E. W. Boatwright and family have gone to Eastland County to spend Christmas with Mr. Boatwright's parents.

Mills Aldridge and family left Thursday for Bangs where they will spend the holidays with Mr. Aldridge's relatives.

Vivian Davidson, who is teaching school at Dermott, is home for the Christmas holidays.

Jim Smith and family of Oklahoma have moved on R. T. Williams' place. Mrs. Smith is a daughter of Mr. Williams.

We will have a short program and Christmas tree at the Methodist Church Friday evening. Everyone is invited.

Epworth League program for Sunday, Dec. 25:

Subject: Hymns of the Incarnation.

Leader's ten minutes, Roe Bavousett.

Song, "Silent Night."

Carol Singing, Marie Casey.

Stories of Carols, Vivian Davidson.

Talk on Galatians, Happy Talley.

Song, League Benediction.

Our League program for last Sunday was fine. All those on program were there and had their parts well prepared. Our time for starting is 2:30. Be on time.

Brother Williamson, the Methodist pastor, preached at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday on Psalm 123. Sunday night his subject was "Personal Salvation."

Due to the cold weather, our Sunday school attendance showed a decrease. We had only 24 present, but these few are still at the wheel. Come and help us. Ten o'clock is the hour. Strive to be on time.

Mrs. J. P. DeShazo spent a few days of last week with her mother, Mrs. T. S. Worley, of Snyder.

We had a number of Hobbs people as visitors at the League Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Coston and little son, Junior, spent Sunday with Ab Perry and family.

Rev. F. D. Garner, wife and little daughter, Joy Lynn, spent Sunday and Sunday night visiting friends and relatives in this community. They were en route to Clarendon where they will spend Christmas with Rev. Garner's parents. Rev. Garner's sister, Miss Clovis, who is teaching school at Strayhorn, accompanied them.

Rev. Williamson of this place attended the Methodist Stewards' and Laymen's meeting at Sweetwater Tuesday of last week.

Walter Morton and family of Snyder visited with Mrs. Morton's parents, Uncle Mat Morton, and wife Sunday.

Little Ruby Lee Reep has been sick but is better at the time of this writing.

The Ladies' Missionary Society met Monday afternoon, Dec. 19, and delivered their first program.

Mrs. Guy Adams and little daughter, Opal, left Thursday for Plainview where they will spend Christmas with Mrs. Adams' parents.

Dunn, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:

I want you to bring me a doll, blackboard and a ring and some candy, fruits and nuts of all kinds. Your little friend,

Wanda Nail.

Mrs. A. C. Preuitt and little daughter, Virginia, are visiting with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. M. W. Clark, of McGregor. Mr. Preuitt will be with them for Christmas.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want you to bring me a purse, a set of dishes and box of stationery, candy, apples, grapes, walnuts, all kinds of nuts, and some oranges. Your little friend,

Mae Nail.

December 31st—last date to renew your subscription. After that date all in arrears will be taken from the list.

Leaving for Christmas

The following out of town teachers will leave the latter part of the week to spend the holidays at their homes: Miss Ernelle Hensley, Farmersville; Miss Stella Cole, Brownwood; Miss Abbie Mae Crozier, Fort Worth; Miss Mattie E. Clark, Hico; Miss Effie McLeod, Florence; John R. Covey, Burleson; Ivan P. Oliver, San Saba; F. Malcolm Crouch, Grandview, and C. and E. O. Wedgeworth, Timson.

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Airway 30x3½	5.45
Oldfield 29x4.40 balloon	9.55
Courier 29x4.40 balloon	7.30

All other sizes in proportion.



CHRISTMAS is a time for the expression of kindly sentiment. Permit us, then, to express our hearty good wishes and the hope that in the years to come our relationship may be even more cordial than in the past.

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Fluvanna News Notes

Mr. Jas. H. Tate (V. P.) is the authorized correspondent for Fluvanna, and as such is authorized to receive renewal and new subscriptions. Cooperate with him in building a fine weekly news column for this thriving town.

A Compliment

It is by special request that the following paragraph appears in this column; at the same time it is a pleasure to V. P. to pass the facts therein stated on to his readers because they mean much. It is well known here that W. F. Robnett and wife (the latter as bookkeeper) had charge of the Fuller Gin during the season just closed. They have authorized the statements here made:

First of all, it is well to say that these people have had many years of experience in the ginning business in different communities, hence are prepared to speak out of mature experience. They express themselves as delighted with the experience of the past season and wish to "express our thanks and appreciation to our customers and friends of Fluvanna and surrounding communities. During our short stay here we have enjoyed our work heartily. We never met a more congenial and worthy people. They are always laughing and joking and enjoyed meeting with their friends. One of the best things we can say is this: Our books were clear. For the first time in all our experience not one dollar was left unpaid—never have had such a clear record as this. This surely speaks well for the community. It has, indeed, been a pleasure to associate with such a people. They close this interesting statement by wishing for all their friends "success in the future, a merry Christmas and a happy New Year."

Church Affairs

On last Thursday night, in accordance with previous announcement, "Brother and Sister George and their adopted daughter, Maud," colored missionaries, delivered very interesting addresses along mission lines before a large congregation assembled at the Fluvanna Baptist Church. Although the weather was freezing cold before sundown, it is said that the spacious church was full of deeply interested auditors. Those who were fortunate enough to attend are hearty and frank in their expressions of appreciation both with reference to the marked ability of the three speakers (all being negroes) and the spirit and urgency of the timely messages which they brought.

This circuit held its quarterly conference here last Thursday, the new presiding elder, Rev. Lipscomb, being in charge of the meeting.

Once again it happened that there was no preaching service in Fluvanna last Sunday—the Methodist pastor failing to reach his appointment on account of cold weather. Anyway, some of the Sunday schools and the Christian Endeavor suceeded in holding their usual services. Following the program of the C. E. Executive Committee held an important meeting for the purpose of nominating officers for the ensuing year. These (or other nominations) will be elected at the next meeting.

On next Saturday night (weather permitting) there will be two Christmas trees in Fluvanna; one of these will be in the Methodist Church and the other in the First Baptist Church. As stated last week, the object in having two trees is to accommodate the entire community. There should be no sort of rivalry or competition between the two. Let us cultivate the community spirit.

We suppose there will be services at the First Baptist Church next Sunday.

If the weather permits there will be regular services at the Presbyterian Church next Sunday and, since that will be Christmas day, the congregation and pastor are planning a program appropriate for the season. The general public is cordially invited to attend the services. Let all the people celebrate Christmas in a sane, reverent and becoming manner.

Trips and Visits

Mert Jones and wife are spending this week visiting relatives in Waco, Dallas and Fort Worth.

Floys Cox left Friday for Blanket where he will spend the holidays with the home folks.

Dock Vittitow, wife and baby will spend the holidays with relatives at Commerce.

J. R. Patternson made a business trip to Sweetwater last week.

W. F. Robnett and R. B. Wills made a business trip to Lubbock and other plains points last week.

Jeff Holland and family moved to Comanche County last week.

Miss Flora Leach of Westbrook visited her sister, Mrs. Will Clawson, here last Sunday.

Miscellaneous Notes

Mrs. J. B. Bley and Mrs. Jewel Deer-Daniels, previously mentioned as being quite ill, are said to be doing nicely at this writing.

"Buster" Edwards (previously mentioned) is said not to be doing well.

Current report has it that Drew Wilson was taken quite ill Saturday night.

Young Woody Chick happened to the misfortune last Saturday of getting his right wrist broken. We understand that the accident occurred while the boy was trying to start a car.

This item of sad news comes to us from Post, which, of course, is beyond the limits of our news radius. It is to the effect that a school girl was instantly killed last Friday in a crash of two cars, the victim sustaining a broken neck. Too bad! Just another illustration of the great dangers to which the entire public is subjected as resulting from careless and rapid driving. Is it possible that people will never learn how to drive sanely?

An order for 408 bushels of Blue Wagon Mebane cotton seed was placed last Saturday by the newly organized Cotton Seed club; price $2.00 per bushel.

It is quite probable that this news budget is not as complete as it should be. If so, the reason is this: this paper is to be printed one day early this week on account of the holidays, consequently we have but little time to gather and report news.

In conclusion V. P. wishes to express kindly greetings with the wish for a happy Christmas to all the people who are interested enough to read his articles.

OFFICIAL DATA

Taken From the Records of The County Clerk

Marriage Licenses

Noah R. Huggins and Miss Mildred Plummer, Dec. 15.

J. T. Anderson and Miss Meloda Williamson, Dec. 10.

Aubrey Huddleston and Miss Velma Grant, Dec. 9.

Births Recorded

A girl, Dec. 10, Mr and Mrs. Roy Sumruld, Snyder.

A boy, Jerrold Kenneth Hawks, Dec. 12, Mr. and Mrs. Louie Hawks, Snyder.

A boy, Dec. 11, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Chick, Fluvanna.

A girl, Annia Nora Roemisch, Nov. 29. Mr. and Mrs. John Roemisch, Hermleigh.

A boy, Henry Leo Woellert, Dec. 12, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Woellert, Dermott.

Warranty Deeds

H. W. Page to W. B. Lee, N E ¼ of sec. 291 in blk. 97, H & T C sur.

H. G. Burditt to Onice Wilson, 4.68 acres of N part of sec. 14.

H. G. Burditt to R. L. Burditt, N 1-3 of lot 2 in blk. 31 in Blankenship adn.

E. A. Hawkins to W. W. Barron N E ¼ of sec. 247 in blk. 97.

A. C. Jones to W. V. Jones, N E ¼ of sec. 29, blk. 3, of H & T C sur.

W. A. McGlaun to Luther Morrow, N ½ of N W ¼ of sec. 144, blk. 2, H & T C sur.

J. W. Conway to C. N. Howard, lot 1, blk. 13, in Grayum Nelson adn.

W. W. Rogers to Robert Wells, blk. 38 in Grayum Nelson ad'n.

J. R. Daniel to B. B. Kerr, N E corner of sec. 120 in blk. 97.

John Williamson to Nellie Williamson, N ½ of lot 4, blk. 8, in Blankenship ad'n.

John Williamson to Nellie Williamson, N ½ of N W ¼ of sec. 93, blk. 3, H & T C sur.

C. B. Anyx to E. H. Hendricks, W part of sec. 454, blk. 97.

Leroy Taylor to J. D. Robinson, S ½ of lot 4, blk. 8, Blankenship adn.

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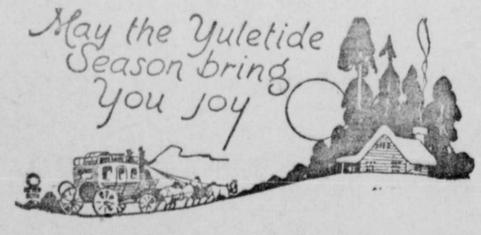
Chellis A. Austin, president of the Seaboard National Bank of New York, says: "Beyond question Texas and the Southwest have the greatest potentiality of any one section in the United States. The rate of increase, in population in this section, exceeds that of the whole country. Whereas, to total wealth of Texas in 1910 was only about $3,000,000,000, it now exceeds $10,000,000,000."

December 31st—last date to renew your subscription. After that date all in arrears will be taken from the list.

HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT'S NOTES

The market opened at the appointed hour, 10:00 o'clock, Saturday morning with a very small table full of products, but before the day was over several more articles were brought in, making a nice day for the beginning. The commodities sold were canned sandwich chicken, chow-chow, relish, whipping cream, eggs, butter and turnips. The hope is that next Saturday will not be so cool and that the people will be able to bring more products to be sold. Various kinds of fresh pork were called for, and we had none to supply our demand. Will someone bring in some meat which they would like to dispose of and help supply the demand? Without the help and cooperation of every person in the town and county we will be able to work this market movement up to the point where it will be a paying proposition.

Mrs. Allen Warren gave her full day to the work Saturday, so let's all stay behind her and boost our market by buying and selling. The market will be open again Saturday, December 24, and will continue to be open every Saturday.

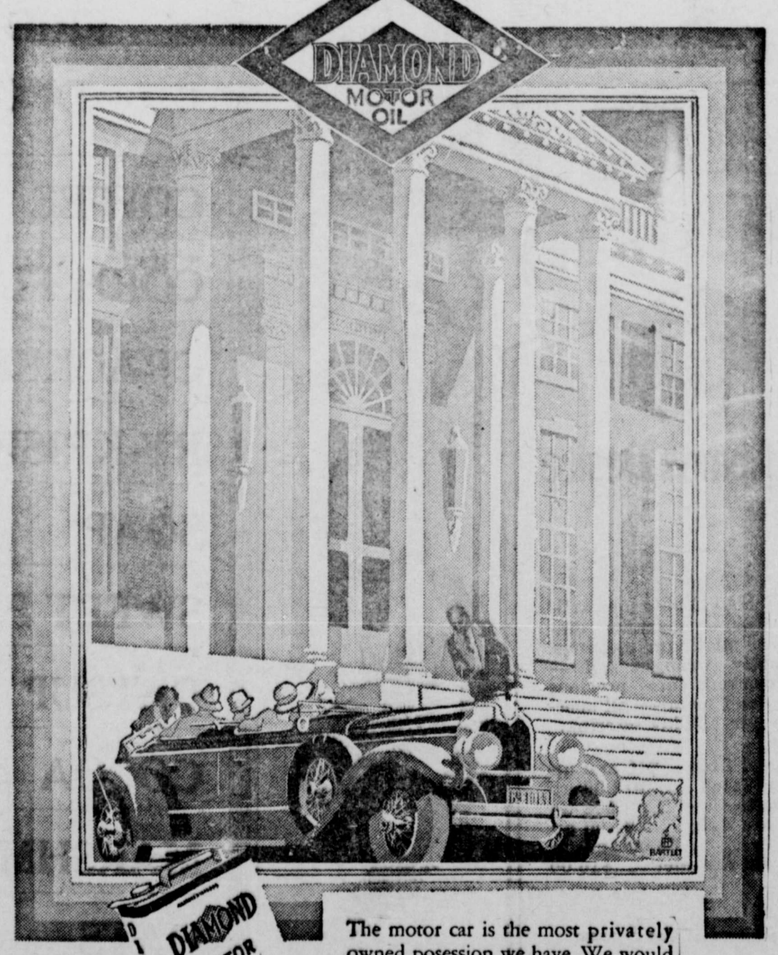


WE DESIRE to express our appreciation of the many courtesies that have been extended and the liberal patronage we have received during the past year, and solicit a continuance of your business throughout the coming year.

We wish for all a Christmas tide filled with joy and happiness, and may the New Year bring you much prosperity.

The Snyder Laundry

S. A. LaRue, Prop.
Phone 211



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The motor car is the most privately owned posession we have. We would rather lend our home than lend our car for fear - -, but why all this caution, when too often we, ourselves, are its greatest menace - using any old brand of oil.

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Last Minute Gift Suggestions





They Make Home A Happier Place

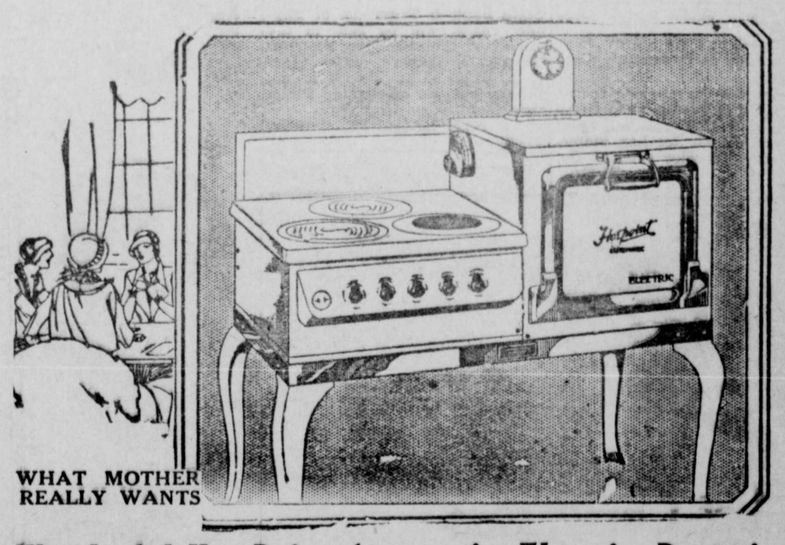
SCIENCE and invention have enabled us to enjoy at a small cost the convenience that would have seemed magic to our forefathers.

YULETIDE VALUES

Vacuum Cleaners	$50.00 and up
Electric Percolators	$4.50 up
Toasters	$5.00 and up
Electric Heaters	$5.00 and up
Electric Irons	$5.00 and up
Waffle Grids	$9.95 and up
Electric Heating Pad	$6.00
Electric Grill	$8.85
Curling Iron Set	$1.00 and up

Here are nine suggestions for admirable Christmas gifts. Everyone backed up with our reputation for quality.

Make Your Home A Real Christmas Gift



Wonderful Hot Point Automatic Electric Range!

Think of it! You pay only a small first payment, and we deliver a beautiful Hotpoint Automatic Electric Range to your home and install it in your kitchen. Then while you are enjoying the conveniences of electric cookery you pay the balance in small monthly payments with your electric bill. Money you will never miss, and a purchase you will never regret!

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Only a Small First Payment

Texas Electric Service Co.

Phone 238 "Your Electric Servant" Phone 235

CLASSIFIED ADS

All classified ads are strictly cash with order, and we do not accept classified ads over the phone.
RATE: 10 cents per line for each insertion. Minimum 25c. Cards of Thanks, 10c per line; Obituaries, 5c per line; Poetry, 10c per line.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—German Police pup. Reward offered for return to W. W. Lechner.

NOTICE—The person who borrowed the large book entitled "Encyclopedia of Foods" from the Chamber of Commerce will please return same, as we need it. Roy Hendricks. 26-2tc.

Final Christmas card orders are now being completed. Better select yours before it is too late. See the Times-Signal.

LOST between Sweetwater and Snyder one suit case containing name, Mrs. N. J. Brooks. Return to Times-Signal office. 27-1p

STAR-shaped pin, safety catch, dark blue enamel face, gold back, initials N. F. or name Nancy Farmer, 1914. Return Woodrow Hotel, reward. 27-1tp

FOR SALE

COLUMBIA PORTABLE Phonograph, new, for sale at discount. See O. D. Carter at Times-Signal.

FOR SALE — Howard Piano in good shape, at a bargain. See John Keller, South Side Square, Snyder, Texas. 22-tfc

CROP PAYMENT—We have a few choice quarters of the best cotton land on the Plains to sell on the crop payment plan. This land is well located. Good shallow water; convenient to schools and will grow anything you want to raise. WHY PAY RENT when you can buy good Plains land with this part of your crop. The crop payment plan is the best and safest way for you to own your own home. No cash payment. See or write Jarrott Brothers, owners, Lubbock, Texas, Room 204 Leader Building, West Broadway. 24-4tc

A BIRD IN EVERY HOME
Let your Christmas gift be a good bird. Canaries $5.00 to $12.50 per pair. Cages $2.25 to $17.50. Bell's Flower Shop. 25-3tc

DON'T THROW 'EM AWAY
Those broken chairs or any other furniture, musical instruments, talking machines, or most any article about the home that needs repair. Matching and refinishing furniture. A. P. Morris will guarantee satisfaction. Phone 364.

TURKEYS FOR SALE
The Giant Mammoth Bronze turkeys, suitable for brooding stock They are of the Battleship strain. These turkeys won first prize at the recent Scurry County show. Toms $8.00, and hens, $6.00. Mrs. S. U. Armstrong, 6 miles east of Snyder on highway. 25-3tp.

200 WHITE Leghorn hens or pullets. See L. F. Head, west of Snyder 1½ miles. 27-2tp.

FOR SALE OR RENT—Furnished five room house, including piano and good furniture. $55 rent—sale price $3,500. Nancy Jones, Box 213, Snyder. 27-1p

FOR SALE—Fine purebred big bone Narragansett turkeys. Toms $7.50, Hens $5.00. Satisfaction guaranteed. On Snyder and Roby highway. Alfred Willingham, near Hobbs. 27-2tp.

FOR SALE—Well improved place in East Snyder. Small payment and easy terms. J. R. Wilson, Snyder, Texas. 27-1tp.

KEROSENE 12c A GAL.
Delivered in town or county. Phone 82, Bob Terry. 27-1c

TIRE INSURANCE
One year free service. See Bell Tire & Rubber Co. for full information. 27-2tc.

"A Dollar Saved is a Dollar Made." Dimes make dollars. Hair cuts 40 cents at Patterson's shop. 35-tfc.

JUST ARRIVED—Carload of Colorado's choicest apples, selling at $1.65 per bushel. See Lon Pierce, next door to Snyder Produce Co. 26-2tp.

OUR electric ranges are guaranteed to last you 40 years. They use less current. Come to our store and we will prove it to you. Yoder Electric Shop. 43-tfc.

WE have a home electric corn popper at $1.75. Better get one today. Yoder Electric Co. 20-tf

FOR SALE OR TRADE—45-acre tract of land near Snyder. J. M. Newton. 17-tfc.

A BARGAIN in a residence. See J. R. Huckabee. 27-1tp.

PIGS FOR SALE—See J. H. Rollins ,east part of town. 1tp.

FOR SALE
1926 Buick Master Six Four Door Sedan, mechanically A-1, 6 good tires, finish both interior and exterior good.
1925 Buick Master Six Four Door Brougham Sedan, mechanically A-1, five tires fair, completely refinished both inside and outside like new.
1926 Buick Standard Six Four Door Sedan, mechanically good, five tires fair, both interior and exterior good.
1927 Chrysler 50 Four Door Sedan. This car belonged to a very careful owner, and has only been driven enough to break it in good (4,000 miles). It is a new car value at a used car price.
WESTERN MOTOR COMPANY
Buick Dealers
Sweetwater, Texas
v26-2tc

WANTED

FARMERS to insure their baled cotton with Towle & Boren. 16-tfc

WANT TO TRADE—A Fordson tractor for a Ford truck. John C. Day at Texas Service Station. 26-2tp.

FOR RENT

FURNISHED ROOMS for rent. Mrs. W. R. Bell. 25tfc

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One year free service. See Bell Tire & Rubber Co. for full information. 27-2tc.

MISCELLANEOUS

MONEY TO LEND, 36 years time, 5 per cent. Towle & Boren. 16-tfc

DON'T FORGET! When you want a radio—a real radio—batteries or tubes, we have them (Stewart Warner) always. Yoder Electric Co. 20-tf

FLOWERS—After Dec. 15 we will have a full line of pot plants and cut flowers on display at the City Meat Market. Call and see them and place your orders early. Bell's Flower Shop. 25-3tc.

OLD CARS MADE NEW—Get our prices on Duco paint work. Top overhaul. Seat covers. Complete motor overhaul. All work guaranteed.
YODER-WEBB MOTOR CO.
26-tfc.

HOUSE wiring done properly, no guess work, when we do your wiring, $1.50 per outlet. Yoder Electric Co. 46-tfc.

WE BUY leases and royalties. Northrup & Carr, San Angelo, Texas. Reference: Nearly any bank in West Texas. 13-13tp

WARNING TO PARENTS
Parents are hereby warned to keep children from firing crackers of any kind in the fire limits during the Christmas season. This is against the law, and we must enforce it.
J. A. WOODFIN,
26-2tc City Marshal.

NOTICE
The regular annual meeting of the Shareholders of The First State Bank & Trust Co. of Snyder, Texas, will be held in the offices of said bank on the first Tuesday in January, 1928 (Jan. 3rd, 1928) at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing Directors for the ensuing year.
SAM HAMLETT, Cashier.
27-2tc.

More Classifieds on Page Seven.

No. 578
CITATION—APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY GUARDIAN

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
To the sheriff or any constable of Scurry County—Greeting:
You are hereby commanded to cause to be published, once a week for ten days, exclusive of the first day of publication, before the return day hereof, in some newspaper of general circulation published in said County for a period of not less than one year, the following notice:
To all persons interested in the welfare of Mayette Lavender, Ethel Mary Lavender, Russell Borden Lavender, and Henry H. Lavender, minors:
You are hereby notified that J. H. Shows has filed in the County Court of Scurry County, Texas, an application for letters of guardianship upon the person and estate of said minors, Mayette Lavender, Ethel Mary Lavender, Russell Borden Lavender, and Henry H. Lavender, and on the 16th day of November, A. D. 1927, by order of the County Judge of said Scurry County, the said J. H. Shows was appointed temporary guardian of the person and estate of said minors, and at the next regular term of said Court, commencing on the second Monday in January, A. D. 1928, the same being the 9th day of January, A. D. 1928, at the courthouse thereof, in Snyder, Texas, at which time all persons interested in the welfare of said minors, may, and are hereby cited to appear and contest such appointment, if they so desire, and if such appointment is not contested at the said term of said court, then the same shall become permanent.
Herein fail not, but have you then and there before said court on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.
Given under my hand and the seal of said court at office, in Snyder, Texas, this the 18th day of November, A. D. 1927.
(Seal) MABEL Y. GERMAN,
Clerk of the County Court of Scurry County, Texas.
27-2c By Louise Darby, Deputy.

CHRISTMAS MAIL

Shop early—Avoid the rush.
Mail early—avoid the crash.
Shop early—You get the best.
Mail early—We do the rest.
Cooperate with your post office.
Help along the holiday mail.
By mailing early and doing all you can.
The post office will be grateful if you shop early, wrap carefully, address plainly, and mail promptly.
B. F. Womack, Postmaster.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Public Weigher, Precinct 1:
BOB TERRY.
(Dares anybody to take after him)
27-tfc.

All banks will close at Saturday noon, this being the usual custom.

RHEUMALAX RELIEVES RHEUMATISM

Mrs. S. C. Lee, Parrotsville, Tenn., writes, that "for years I have been a sufferer from rheumatism and have found nothing that has brought greater relief or been more beneficial to me than RHEUMALAX. May the blessings of God go with RHEUMALAX on its mission to the suffering." Sold and guaranteed by Stinson Drug Co. 19

NOTICE IN PROBATE

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Scurry County—Greeting:
You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of ten days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Scurry County, a copy of the following notice:
THE STATE OF TEXAS,
To all persons interested in the welfare of Dorris Wilson, a girl and a minor, her Mother, Mrs. Lula Wilson, has filed an application in the County Court of Scurry County, on the 20th day of December, 1927, for appointment of herself as guardian of the estate of said minor, in cause No. 579, which said application will be heard by said Court on the 9th day of January, 1928, at the Court House thereof in said County, in Snyder, at which time all persons who are interested in said minor are required to appear and answer said application, should they desire to do so.
Herein fail not, but have you before said Court on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.
Witness my hand and official seal, at Snyder, Texas, this 20th day of December, 1927.
(Seal) MABEL Y. GERMAN,
Clerk, County Court,
27-2c Scurry County, Texas.

SHORTEST DAY OF YEAR WILL OCCUR ON DEC. 22

December 31st—last date to renew your subscription. After that date all in arrears will be taken from the list.

Nolan County's turkey crop for the year 1927 has been estimated at approximately ten thousand turkeys by one produce dealer of Sweetwater. What is Scurry's? Who will say?

Texas is generally known as a great agricultural and livestock state. As a matter of fact, manufacturing interests of Texas just about equal in size, as measured in dollars, agriculture and livestock combined. The latest statistics credit manufacturing with a value of $1,300,000,000 a year.

The Cream of the Tobacco Crop



You, too, will find that LUCKY STRIKES give the greatest pleasure—Mild and Mellow, the finest cigarettes you ever smoked. Made of the choicest tobaccos, properly aged and blended with great skill, and there is an extra process—"IT'S TOASTED"—no harshness, not a bit of bite.

Florence Reed,
Favorite Stage Star,
writes:

"Night in and night out, for months, one's voice must be in perfect condition on the stage. To safeguard it, yet get the greatest enjoyment, Lucky Strikes are the favorites in the theatre world."

Florence Reed



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"It's toasted" No Throat Irritation No Cough.



Starting Our Eighth Year

Of service to you in Snyder. We want to thank every person in Snyder and Scurry County for their patronage and their splendid business, and we ask for a continuance in 1928.

WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Corner Drug Store

MR. AND MRS. N. S. CRENSHAW



Let Christmas Bring the News For the Year 1928

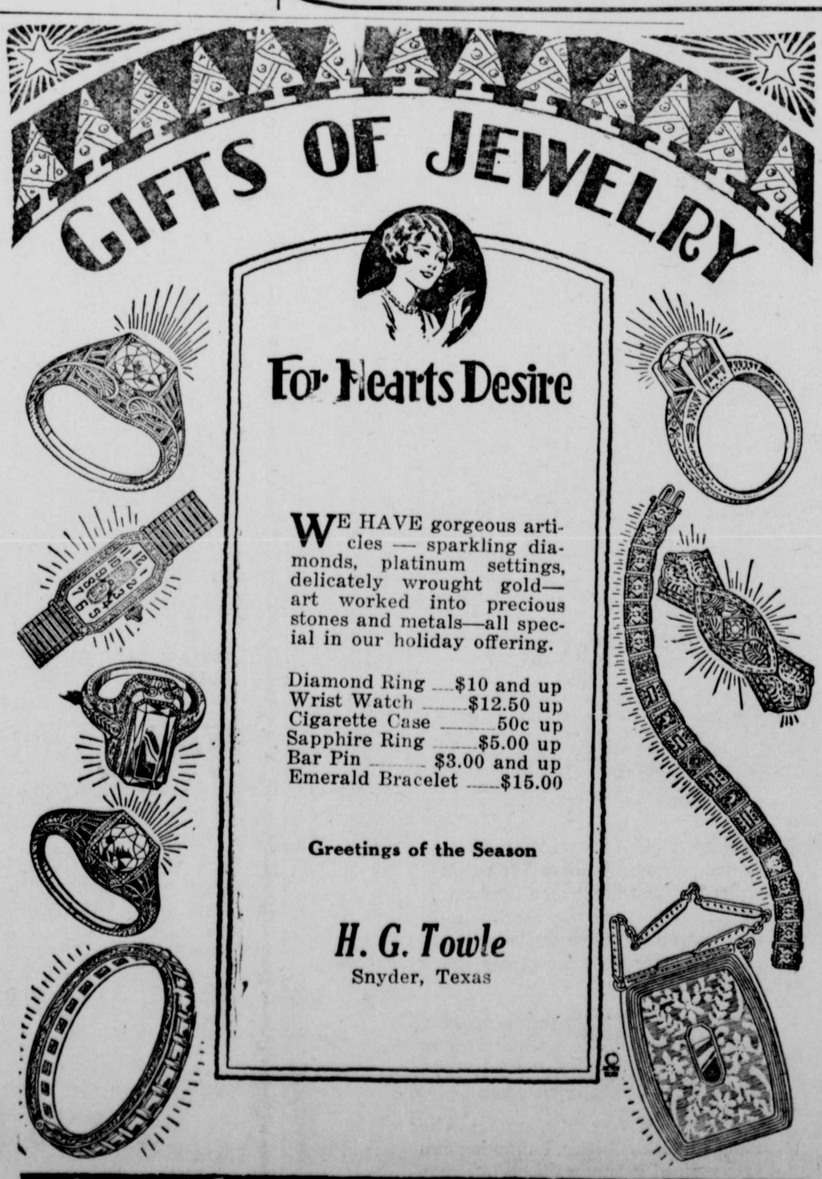
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For Hearts Desire

WE HAVE gorgeous articles — sparkling diamonds, platinum settings, delicately wrought gold—art worked into precious stones and metals—all special in our holiday offering.

Diamond Ring ....$10 and up
Wrist Watch .....$12.50 up
Cigarette Case .....50c up
Sapphire Ring .....$5.00 up
Bar Pin .....$3.00 and up
Emerald Bracelet $15.00

Greetings of the Season

H. G. Towle
Snyder, Texas

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
DEC. 23 DEC. 24

COFFEE	Folger's Golden Gate, 2 lb can	99c
CORN FLAKES	Checker, Large Size	10c
CRACKERS	Brown's, 3 lb Box	35c
RY-KRISP	Regular Size, Large Package	35c
SOAP	Palmolive, 3 bars	19c
SWEET PICKLES	Niagara Brand, 12 oz. Bottle	22c
CATSUP	Heinz, Large Size	26c
COCOA	Hershey's, ½ lb Box	15c
MARSHMALLOWS	Bulk, per lb	30c
OATS	Checker, Large Size	25c

The Season's Greetings to All!

PIGGLY WIGGLY

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION IN PROBATE

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Scurry County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published (in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been published continuously and regularly for a period of not less than one year in your county), at least once a week for four weeks previous to the return day hereof, copies of the following notice:

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To all persons interested in the estate of O. P. Wolf, deceased; you are hereby notified that Mary Wolf has filed her application in the County Court of Scurry County on the 7th day of October, A. D. 1927, for letters of administration, with the will annexed upon the estate of the said O. P. Wolf, deceased, and has filed her first amended application in the County Court of Scurry County on the 3rd day of November, A. D. 1927, for letters of administration, with the will annexed, upon the estate of the said O. P. Wolf, deceased, which said application will be heard at the next regular term of said court commencing on the second Monday in January, A. D. 1928, the same being the 9th day of January, A. D. 1928, at the Court House of said county, in Snyder, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

Herein fail not, but have you before said Court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal at Snyder, Texas, this 13th day of December, A. D. 1927.

(Seal) MABEL Y. GERMAN, Clerk County Court, Scurry County, Texas.

26-4tc

NOTICE OF COUNTY HOSPITAL BOND ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF SCURRY.

To the Resident Property Tax-Paying Voters of Scurry County, Texas:

TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held on the 17th day of January, 1928, within Scurry County, Texas, to determine if said County shall issue bonds and if a tax shall be levied in payment thereof, in obedience to an election ordered by the Commissioners' Court on the 8th day of December, 1927, which is as follows:

ELECTION ORDER

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF SCURRY:

ON THIS the 8th day of December, 1927, the Commissioners' Court of Scurry County, Texas, convened in special session at the regular meeting place thereof, in the Courthouse, at Snyder, Texas, all members of the Court, to-wit:

Horace Holley, County Judge, presiding; and

W. V. Jones, Commissioner of Precinct No. 1;

J. M. Hunnicutt, Commissioner of Precinct No. 2;

Lee Grant, Commissioner of Precinct No. 3;

W. A. Johnston, commissioner of Precinct No. 4;

being present, came on to be considered the petition of H. G. Towle and 656 other persons, praying that bonds be issued by said County in the sum of Eighty Thousand Dollars ($80,000), for the purpose of establishing and equipping a county hospital, and for all necessary permanent improvements in connection therewith; and,

IT APPEARING to the Court that said petition is signed by ten per cent (10 per cent) of the qualified property tax-paying voters of Scurry County, Texas, as required by Article 4478, Revised Statutes, 1925; and,

IT FURTHER APPEARING to the Court that no petition for the issuance of county hospital bonds has been presented to this Court within twelve months prior to the date on which the aforesaid petition was submitted; and,

IT FURTHER APPEARING to the Court that it is necessary and advisable to order the election for the purpose of determining whether or not such county hospital bonds shall be issued as prayed for in such petition;

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of said County, that an election be held on the 17th day of January, 1928, at which election the following proposition shall be submitted:

"SHALL the Commissioners' Court of the County of Scurry, Texas, be authorized to issue bonds of said County in the sum of Eighty Thousand Dollars ($80,000.00), payable serially $1,000.00 one year from their date and $1,000 each year thereafter up to and including the year 1938, and $2,000.00 each year thereafter from 1939 to 1958, both inclusive, and $3,000 each year thereafter from 1959 to 1968, both inclusive, bearing interest at the rate of Five Per Cent (5 per cent) per annum, payable semiannually, and to levy a tax sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds and create a sinking fund sufficient to redeem them at maturity, for the purpose of establishing and equipping a county hospital and for all other necessary permanent improvements in connection therewith, as authorized by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, including Chapter 5, Title 71, Revised Statutes, 1925."

THE SAID election shall be held at the following places and the following named persons are hereby appointed managers of said election, to-wit:

Pct. 1, County Court Room, P. M. Bolin, J. D. Isaacs.

Pct. 2, Cottonwood Flat school, Jasper Helms, J. B. Hudnall.

Pct. 3, Ennis School House, W. A. Wade, Frank Wilson.

4. Dermott school house, L. N. Perlman, H. E. Greenfield.

5. Fluvanna school house, G. W. Noel, G. R. Faver.

Pct. 6. Turner school house, W. E. Clarkson, G. J. Brumley.

7. Bison school house, Walker Huddleston, R. Bishop.

8. Sharon school house, E. D. Holdren, J. H. Birdwell.

9. Ira school house, Tom Hailey, P. A. Miller.

10. Bethel school house, Ben Scott, Mrs. H. H. Jeffries.

11. Dunn school house, J. P. Bolding, Curtis Brown.

12. Lone Wolf school house, J. E. Parker, Albert Kuss.

13. Pyron school house, M. A. Glass, W. A. Bowen.

14. Hermleigh, J. P. office, J. I. Chorn, J. H. Lynde.

15. Camp Springs school, Dorn Deshazo, Mrs. W. H. Tally.

16, Canyon school house, R. E. Adams, L. F. Sterling.

17. Loyd Mountain school, Bob Harless, Mrs. Byrd Rodman.

18. Arah school house, Floyd Sears, Mrs. J. E. Chapman.

19. Guinn school house, J. R. Kincaid, Mrs. E. D. Irvine.

20. County Line school house, S. L. Brown, Walter Lewis.

21. District Court Room, M. Stacy, E. C. Dodson.

22. Justice Peace office, A. Rhodes, E. F. Wicker.

23. Crowder school house, J. T. Biggs, Elmer Bentley.

THE SAID election shall be held under the provisions of Chapter 1, Title 22, Revised Statutes of Texas, 1925, and the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, and only qualified voters who are property tax-payers of said County shall be allowed to vote.

ALL VOTERS desiring to support the proposition to issue the bonds shall have written or printed upon their ballots the words:

"For the Issuance of Bonds."

And, those opposed, shall have written or printed upon their ballots, the words:

"Against the Issuance of Bonds."

THE MANNER of holding said election shall be governed by the laws of the State regulating General Elections.

A COPY of this order signed by the County Judge of said County and certified to by the County Clerk of the said County shall serve as proper notice of said election.

THE COUNTY JUDGE is authorzied and directed to cause said notice of the election to be posted up at the places designated for holding said election at least thirty (30) full days prior to the date of said election.

THE COUNTY JUDGE is further authorized and directed to have said notice of election published in some newspaper of general circulation published in said County, and which notice shall be published once each week for four weeks, the date of first publication being not less than thirty (30) full days prior to the date of said election.

The above and foregoing order having been read, it was moved by Commissioner W. V. Jones, and seconded by Commissioner Lee Grant, that the same be passed and adopted. Thereupon, the question being called for, the following members of the Commissioners' Court voted "AYE:" W. V. Jones, J. M. Hunnicutt, Lee Grant and W. A. Johnston; and none voted "NO."

HORACE HOLLEY,
County Judge.
W. V. JONES,
Commissioner of Precinct No. 1.
J. M. HUNNICUTT,
Commissioner of Precinct No. 2.
LEE GRANT,
Commissioner of Precinct No. 3.
W. A. JOHNSTON,
Commissioner of Precinct No. 4.

The above and foregoing NOTICE is issued and given by me pursuant to authority conferred by the above and foregoing order of the Commissioners' Court of said County, and I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct and complete copy of the order of said Court, ordering said bond election, and also the Minutes showing the passage thereof.

Witness my hand with the seal of the Commissioners' Court affixed, this the 10th day of December, 1927.

(Seal) MABEL Y. GERMAN, County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners' Court of Scurry County, Texas. 26-4tc

NOTICE OF ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF SCURRY:

ON THIS, the 8th day of December, 1927, the Commissioners' Court of Scurry County, Texas, convened in special session at the regular meeting place thereof, in the Courthouse, at Snyder, Texas, all members of the Court, to-wit:

Horace Holley, County Judge, presiding; and,

W. V. Jones, Commissioner of Precinct No. 1;

J. M. Hunnicutt, Commissioner of Precinct No. 2;

Lee Grant, Commissioner of Precinct No. 3;

W. A. Johnston, Commissioner of Precinct No. 4;

being present, and passed the following order:

It was moved by Commissioner W. V. Jones and seconded by Commissioner Lee Grant that there be submitted to the qualified voters of said County who are property tax-payers therein, the proposition that the Commissioners' Court of Scurry County, Texas, be authorized to purchase and improve lands in said County for use as county parks, and to levy and collect a tax not to exceed Five Cents (5c) on the one hundred dollars' valuation, for said purpose, as is provided for in Article 6078, Revised Civil Statutes, the election to be held on the 17th day of January, 1928, the motion carried by the following vote;

Commissioners Jones, Hunnicutt, Grant and Johnston voting "AYE" and none voting "NO."

Thereupon the following election order was adopted:

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners' Court of the County of Scurry, State of Texas, deems it advisable to purchase and improve lands in said county for use as county parks, and to levy a tax therefor;

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT of said County that an election be held on the 17th day of January, 1928, at which election the following proposition shall be submitted:

"SHALL the Commissioners' Court of Scurry County, Texas, be authorized to purchase and improve lands in said County for use as County parks, and to levy and collect a tax not to exceed Five Cents (5c) on each one hundred dollars' assessed valuation of the County, as is provided for in Article 6078, Revised Civil Statutes, 1925?"

THE SAID election shall be held at the following places and the following persons are hereby appointed managers of said election, to-wit:

Pct. 1, County Court Room, T. B. Faver, J. W. Fesmire.

Pct. 2, Cottonwood Flat school, Campbell Helm, S. R. Wortham.

Pct. 3, Ennis School House, J. G. Galyean, Henry Hart.

4. Dermott school house, A. H. Gordon, C. H. West.

5. Fluvanna school house, John Truss, J. G. Landrum.

6. Turner school house, Charley Eastman, A. R. Turner.

7. Bison school house, F. O. Sorrels, Cas Casey.

8. Sharon school house, J. A. Thompson, Emmett Trevey.

9. Ira school house, J. E. Murphy, G. W. Lewis.

10. Bethel school house, F. I. Townsend, Holley Shuler.

11. Dunn school house, Giles Bowers, Bay Dunn.

12. Lone Wolf school, August Stahl, Joe Hairston.

13. Pyron school house, D. Z. Hess, Jim Kimzey.

14. Hermleigh, J. P. office, W. A. Louder, J. R. Coker.

15. Camp Springs school, W. H. Talley, W. A. Perry.

16. Canyon school house, J. A. Fowler, J. S. Golden.

17. Loyd Mountain school, C. C. Harless, Jr., Luther Morrow.

18. Arah school house, Bruce Ramsour, G. B. Battles.

19. Guinn school house, S. T. Minor, Olin Dixon.

20. County Line school house, J. H. Allen, Grover Erwin.

21. District Court Room, S. J. Casstevens, A. P. Morris.

22. Justice Peace Office, J. C. Maxwell, Leonard Cotton.

23. Crowder school house, P. A. Mebane, A. B. Cayce.

THE SAID election shall be held under the provisions of Article 6078, Revised Civil Statutes, 1925, and the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, and only qualified voters who are property tax-payers of said county shall be allowed to vote.

ALL VOTERS desiring to support the proposition to authorize the Commissioners Court to purchase and improve lands in said County for park purposes and to levy a tax therefor, shall have written or printed upon their ballots, the words:

"For The County Park Tax."

And, those opposed, shall have written or printed upon their ballots, the words,

"Against the County Park Tax"

THE MANNER of holding said election shall be governed by the laws of the State regulating General Elections.

A COPY of this order signed by the County Judge of said County and certified to by the County Clerk of the said County, shall serve as proper notice of said election.

THE COUNTY JUDGE is authorized and directed to cause said notice of the election to be posted up at the places designated for holding said election at least thirty (30) full days prior to the date of said election.

THE COUNTY JUDGE is further authorized and directed to have said notice of election published in some newspaper of general circulation, published in said County, and which notice shall be published once each week for four weeks, the date of first publication being not less than thirty (30) full days prior to the date of the election.

HORACE HOLLEY,
County Judge.
W. V. JONES,
Commissioner of Precinct No. 1.
J. M. HUNNICUTT,
Commissioner of Precinct No. 2.
LEE GRANT,
Commissioner of Precinct No. 3.
W. A. JOHNSTON,
Commissioner of Precinct No. 4.

The above and foregoing NOTICE is issued and given by me pursuant to authority conferred by the above and foregoing order of the Commissioners' Court of said County, and I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct and complete copy of the order of said Court, ordering said election, and also the Minutes showing the passage thereof.

Witness my hand with the seal of the Commissioners' Court affixed, this the 12th day of December, 1927.

(Seal) MABEL Y. GERMAN, County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners' Court of Scurry County, Texas. 26-4tc

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Scurry County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded that you summon, by making publication of this citation in some newspaper published in the County of Scurry if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 32nd Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 32nd Judicial District, for four weeks previous to the return day hereof, D. C. West, whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the District Court in and for Scurry County, at a regular term of said Court to be begun and holden at the Court House in Snyder on the 26th day of December, 1927, at ten o'clock A. M., to answer the complaint of Irene West in a certain suit therein pending, in which Irene West is Plaintiff, and D. C. West is Defendant, filed on the 29th day of November, A. D. 1927, and numbered on the docket of said Court No. 2465, the nature of the Plaintiff's demand being in substance for a divorce by Plaintiff from Defendant because of abandonment for more than three years by Defendant, without any fault on the part of the Plaintiff; that they were legally married in Scurry County, Texas, June 2, 1923, and that he finally abandoned her about December 30, 1923; that she has been an actual bona fide inhabitant of the State of Texas for twelve months, and has actually resided in Scurry County, Texas, for a period of six months next preceding the filing of this suit. That during their married life, a boy, Alvin Maurice West, now 3 years old, is in her possession, was born to them; that she asks for the award of said child and is a fit person for same, and that Defendant is not a fit person to have the award of said child. Plaintiff asks for divorce, for the care, custody, control and possession of said child.

Herein fail not, but have then and there before said Court, at said regular term, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand, this 29th day of November, A. D. 1927.

(Seal) JEAN GRIGGS, Clerk, District Court, Scurry County. 24-4tc.

NOTICE TO AUTOMOBILE OWNERS

A change in our auto license law goes into effect January 1st, 1928, giving to the county 30 per cent of the weight fees in addition to the horsepower fees as now, thus giving the county from $2.16 to $4.00 more per car, said money to be credited to the road and bridge fund for the improvement of our lateral roads. Therefore, it would be a good policy for all automobile owners to pay said license on and after January 1st, 1928. Also, you are instructed not to have your lights tested until a few days before registration, as our law requires that your light certificate be dated not more than 30 days preceding date of registration.

HORACE HOLLY,
County Judge.

24-4tc

Remember This One

"I suppose you will want me to give up my job, Henry, when we are married."

"How much do you earn at it?"

"Sixty a week."

"That isn't a job. That's a career. I wouldn't want to interfere with your career, girlie."

"Dere's a lot ob yo' fine wimmin folks," said an old negro preacher, "dat comes to chuch regular and sees ebbery hat but one, and dat's de one de Lawd passes right under yo' noses fo' help in his cause an to sabe yo' black souls."

Speak Up

"How did you like the parrot I sent you? asked a man just returned from an ocean voyage of his neighbor. "It was a bit tough," was the startling reply. "What! have you eaten it then? Why, the creature could talk!" "Well, why didn't he say so, then?"

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County Judge Holley Gives Good Advice

We have in our county about $300,000 invested in school houses, equipment and grounds in the various districts, and it seems to me that the proper maintenance of the properties represented by this large investment is an economic question of vital importance to our public schools.

These school houses are the homes of our boys and girls for a large portion of their wakeful hours for from six to nine months of the year and should be built and maintained so as to be comfortable. There is nothing that adds more to the appearance of a building nor that protects it more against the ravages of time and the elements than a good coat of paint. And very often this work could be done by the larger boys of school and at a nominal cost, besides being good training for those doing the work. Another suggestion for the protection of our school houses is that all the windows be protected by heavy hail wire. This would save much expense, work and discomfort.

As to the proper maintenance of school grounds, each district would have problems peculiarly their own. These would have to be worked out by the school board, teachers, pupils and patrons. There is one thing, however, that would apply to all, and that is that there should be trees planted, cultivated and cared for.

My observation is that the reason that this has not been done successfully heretofore is that there has been no organized effort among those interested.

I have observed that many schools plant trees and take care of them during the school term but neglect them during the hot summer days. Now if the ladies of each district would organize a civic club and see that these trees have a working and watering every two weeks, they would thrive and add both beauty and comfort to the school grounds. This could be done at small cost.

Well kept grounds and houses not only prolong the life and usefulness of our properties, but they have a dendency to elevate the ideals of our boys and girls. There is not a question but what our surroundings have much to do with shaping the mind and moulding the character.

There is much more that could be said on this subject, but I do not wish to make this article lengthy. I trust that our teachers and pupils will cooperate with our school boards in keeping our buildings in proper repair and our grounds in neat, sanitary pleasing condition.

HORACE HOLLEY, Co. Judge

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE GOOD AT THIS TIME

I have been in almost all the schools in the county since school opened this fall, and I find better attendance and better interest shown than ever before. The weather condition has been such that almost all the crops are gathered, hence there is no necessity for boys and girls being out of school, and the teachers as a whole are making the program so attractive and interesting that the children want to go.

There is no reason in the world why a child should be kept out of school a day or two each week when there is absolutely nothing for him to be kept out for. It has been the case, and still is in some instances, that a child was sent to school by some people only when there is nothing in the world that he could do at home. This is a deplorable thing. All children should be in school every day that school is open when at all possible, even when it takes a little sacrifice to send them. No child can do good work that is sent to school irregularly. There is little wonder that so many children drop out of school permanently. They are not kept in school enough to learn to like it, and because of having become discouraged because they are behind the class, they drop out. When a child falls behind the rest of the class he is either going to quit or else be demoted, and some drop out to keep from being demoted.

I am glad to see so many in school early in the school year and the interest shown. If this spirit continues throughout the year, this will be one of the best school years in the history of Scurry County.

Teachers And Trustees Met At Ennis Creek

The first meeting of the Scurry County Teacher-Trustee Association for this year was held Saturday, Dec. 10, at Ennis. Although the weather was rather unsettled, some sixty teachers and several trustees and patrons gathered for the day's program.

After the opening song and invocation the teachers and visitors were welcomed by Mr. Holmes, president of the Baord of Trustees of the Ennis school. Mr. H. L. Massey of Fluvanna responded. Mr. Holmes made all present feel that they were indeed welcome, and Mr. Massey told the people of Ennis how the teachers appreciated the hearty welcome.

Prof. C. Wedgeworth, superintendent of the Snyder schools, delivered the principal address of the day. This address was enjoyed very much and appreciated by those who heard it. His theme in the main was "The Proper Use of Leisure Times by the Teacher." He made it very clear that no teacher has the right to claim himself a teacher who teaches with nothing else in mind except the little salary, four o'clock and good Fridays. That every teacher should be professional and to be professional the teacher must employ his leisure time in the proper way, was brought out in his talk. Reading professional magazines, studying, seeking at all times to discover something that will help to broaden his views and make him more able and better fitted to teach as the years go by, should be the routine of the teacher during leisure hours, he said.

At the noon hour lunch was served in the old fashioned "dinner on the ground" style, and it was surely a treat. Everything imaginable was on the festive board. One thing the teachers of Scurry County can vouch for is the fact that the people of Ennis community certainly have a lot to eat, and the women and girls are some cooks. The teachers would like to be invited back to Ennis for another feed like that.

In the afternoon Prof. E. E. Kerr spoke on "Inter-school Athletics," and on the Interscholastic League meet in general. Mr. Kerr is director of athletics for the county this year, and he gave some very helpful information concerning the coming meet.

Mr. W. S. Patrick, teacher of Vocational Agriculture in the Snyder nigh school, spoke on the subject of Vocational Agriculture in the rural schools. Some people think that a rural school cannot have this branch of work offered in their schools. They think it too expensive and that it will take up too much time. This is a mistaken idea as was shown by Professor Farmer of the Bison school. Mr. Farmer has in his three teacher school both vocational agriculture and home economics. They put this under the rural aid plan, and the equipment did not cost them anything. The state will and did pay for the equipment, and will do the same for any rural school furnishing teachers competent to teach the work and furnishing a place to teach the work. These talks on this very important subject concluded the program for the day. After accepting the invitation of Prof. W. C. Hooks of Dunn to meet with them, the association adjourned to meet at Dunn on Saturday, January 21.

It Certainly Would

Schramm, who had run out of gasoline on the outskirts of a New Hampshire town, saw a young boy coming along the road carrying a big tin can.

"Say, boy," he yelled, "I hope that's gasoline you have in that can."

"Well, I hope it ain't," returned the boy, with some heat. "It would taste terrible on Ma's pancakes."—Everybody's.

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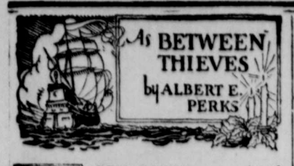
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JABEZ GORM was a hard nut to crack and proud of it.

Nobody realized it more than the group of hard men who sat around a table talking with him, comfortable in their armchairs, warm with the heat of steam radiators and plenty of coal, and little interested in those who could not pay for protection against the bitter late December cold.

"I guess he could pull through if we nursed him a bit," one of the group was remarking. "He's young, and enthusiastic. His organization's good. Never let himself get cornered like this before. Sure will be a lesson to him."

"Nurse him long enough, he'll get into the wholesale line and increase competition. Aren't there enough of us already?" It was Jabez Gorm who spoke.

"If you don't encourage the good ones a bit, you're apt to get all the more bad ones." A hard voice from a hard face was speaking on the other side of the table.

"Ever seen a good one when he's selling against you?" Jabez countered.

"Kinda hard to hammer a fellow the first time he's up against it," a rather kindlier voice broke in.

"Harder he's hammered the tougher he'll get. That's how I got toughened," said another.

On and on the debate went.

Figures were tabled. How much the debtor owed; how much he was likely to produce in bankruptcy; how much the dividend would be; whether it would pay better to take 50 per cent and get rid of a potential rival, or get 75 per cent and let him start again with a clean sheet, or give him lots of time to pay in full.

On and on they argued.

The snow cluttered up the window and deafened the outside sounds of happiness and good cheer, of hastening feet, of shivering limbs, of arms flapping to keep hungry and ill-clad bodies warm.

And the argument went on.

Cheerful greetings, happy salutations, hearfelt good wishes were exchanged right and left in the



"Look, Daddy, What Santa Claus Left for Me!"

street below; but in an upper room of the big hotel the hard-faced group argued on and heard nothing.

"Well, look, fellows, we can't stay all night. I gotta take the train tonight. All packed up an' ev'rything. Going to play golf in Florida over the holidays. Gotta get this thing over quick or I miss that train."

"Lucky dog. I can't afford to play golf in Florida." This from Jabez Gorm. "Neither can I afford to play good Samaritan to bankrupt young fools. Let him assign and be done with it."

The final decision was so registered, and the creditors' meeting broke up, on to fly for a train heading south; some to join hilarious parties in the banquet halls of the hotel; Jabez Gorm to return to a big, stern-looking house in which many servants had prepared with professional efficiency the seasonal decorations, the gifts and the festal touches that fashion and social custom required to be provided for the children of this very elegant house.

Seven o'clock next morning. The bells were ringing their annual message of peace and good will. A choir in a little nearby church was singing, "Noel, Noel." Charlie Gorm, five years old and full of faith in the things that really matter, was dancing round the paternal bed of the Gorm household.

"Look, Daddy, what Santa Claus left for me! 'N' a letter with it an' evvythin'. Look."

Jabez aroused himself and read:

"I was cleaning up your house when I saw the kid's stocking hung up and remembered about Christmas. Hate to do anybody a bad turn on Christmas Eve. Here's a buck for the baby's Christmas. Look out for your silver and other valuables some other night."

Not so long ago Jabez had taken prizes at Sunday school.

Funny that the only lesson he could think of now was about another thief who repented in time and won the first guaranteed pass through the pearly gates of heaven.

Jabez Gorm would have given a hand to call that meeting back.

But they were gone their several ways. Not for months could they all be together again.

The church bells pealed once more. To Jabez Gorm they seemed to sing, "Too late, too late, too late, too late . . ."

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Sesquipedalian Words

Mark Twain was not the only person to find amusement in the German language. A foreigner thus accounts for the deliberation with which the negotiations held at Locarno were carried on.

"Our interlocutors cannot end their explanations," said this foreigner. "With the best will in the world they cannot pronounce rapidly such words as this: Antialkoholcongressmitgliederverzeichnissesdruckkostenvoranschlagpruefungscommissionsversammlungeinladungskarten."

This little word means "Invitation cards for the meeting of the commission for verifying the accounts of the expenses of printing the list of members of the anti-alcoholic congress."



MR. AND MRS. STINSON ENTERTAIN

Mr. and Mrs. Lee T. Stinson extended Yuletide Greetings to their friends last Thursday evening when they were charming hosts at a dinner given at their home. The entire entertaining rooms were made radiant and cheery with Christmas decorations, while the tables were centered in gleaming candles of red and holders of gold. The ladies received music boxes and the men little horns, which furnished music throughout the evening in semblance to the jingle of Santa's bells. The hostess was assisted in serving by her nieces, Misses Mary Lynn Nation, Marie Casey and Frances Stinson.

Forty two was enjoyed for the remainder of the evening by Messrs. and Mmes. H. G. Towle, G. A. Hagan, A. J. Towle, W. R. Johnson, Ernest Taylor, R. H. Curnutte, W. W. Hamilton, Joe Stinson, Joe Caton and W. E. Smith and Mesdames Dixie Smith and C. C. Higgins and A. C. Preuitt.

MEADOWS—KITE

Saturday evening, Dec. 17, Miss Bonnie Gladys Kite and Mr. W. C. Meadows were united in marriage at the home of Rev. L. D. Sanders, who performed the ceremony.

This young couple is well known in Snyder. The bride, a very attractive young lady of many pleasing attributes, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Kite of the Bethel community. The groom is a highly respected business man of Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. Meadows will make their home in Snyder. The sincere wishes of their many friends are extended them for a long life of prosperity and happiness.

MESDAMES BARTLETT AND BLACKWOOD ENTERTAIN

A very delightful time was enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vic Montgomery one night last week when their daughters, Pearle Bartlett and Carrie Blackwood complimented a number of their friends with an evening of bridge. Refreshments were served to Misses Liz Morris, Ila Martin, Alma Hood, Davida Curry, Abbie Mae Crozier, Mary Edith Hood and Myrtle Martin.

BLUE BIRD CLUB IS ENTERTAINED

The brilliance of Christmas colors made lovely the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Clark Sr. Friday evening at seven when their daughters, Miss Claribel and Mrs. W. Alfred McGlaun, were charming hostesses to a four-course dinner given in honor of the Blue Bird Club and guests. Huge red and green candles held in massive candlebra of silver adorned the table, while dainty nut baskets and other appointments bore the Yuletide colors. Places were found by saucy hand-painted lads and lassies covered with the flakes of falling snow and spreading the Christmas cheer with heavily laden packages. Surprises which are always in order at so happy a time of the year met the guests at this occasion. Gifts, neatly wrapped and tied, were given as favors between the first and second courses. A cleverly planned contest on "Wha. Sue Sees in Her Stocking," was likewise played between courses

Following the dinner the guests were invited into the living room where the piano held a scene of Christmas beauty, depicting a home at Christmastide. The deep blanket of snow held a miniature house, with its flake-covered roof and with colored lights gleaming through its windows. Just outside was seen the green shrubbery touched with the drifted snow overlooking the icy skating pond. The scene bore merriment and Christmas cheer where lively snow men skated and played in glee around the pond and snowy banks. In another corner gleamed the candle lighted tree where greetings and good wishes in the form of dainty gifts were found for each guest.

Those present at this delightful occasion were Misses Davida Curry, Vesta Green, Ila Martin, Alma Hood, Liz Morris, Tommie Jenkins, Larybeth Waskom and Myrtle Martin and Mesdames J. P. Nelson, Melvin Blackard, Tom Gates, G. B. Clark, Jr., C. W. Shull, George Oldham, Wayne Williams, Loree Curry, Sam Hamlett and Maurice Brownfield, members and Miss Pearl Carver and Mrs. S. C. Saylors, guests.

MRS. TOWLE ENTERTAINS

Mrs. H. G. Towle complimented the members of her Sunday school class and other guests with a most delightful theatre party at the Palace Tuesday evening. The guests then repaired to the home of Mrs. Towle where a beautifully decorated heavily laden Christmas tree awaited, from which each one received a dainty Yuletide gift. Various musical instruments such as horns, music boxes and trumpets made trinket music for the remainder of the evening.

The hostess was assisted by her daughter, Miss Mary Margaret, and Miss Frances Stinson in serving a delicious refreshment plate to Misses Mayes, Davida Curry, Alma Hood, Gertrude Herm, Cecile Strayhorn, Hattie Herm, Neoma Strayhorn, Mary Strayhorn, Cole, Zona May, Myrtle Martin and Bessie Carr and Mesdames Melvin Blackard and J. P. Nelson.

MR. AND MRS. CATON ENTERTAIN

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Caton extended Christmas greetings to their employees and other guests last week when they entertained with a dinner at the Wilsford Tea Room. The table center was lovely red carnations, while other appointments were in the Christmas colors. Dainty poinsettas were appropriate favors. Following the dinner a number of games of forty two were enjoyed at the home of the hosts.

Those present were Messrs. and Mmes. J. S. Eoff, H. C. Teague, W. E. Smith, E. J. Richardson, Sam Hamlett and John R. Covey and Miss Nellie Cotten, Mrs. Loree Curry and Warren Dodson.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ENTERTAINED

Mrs. Joe Caton entertained the members of her Sunday school class with a Christmas tree at her home Monday evening. The tree was made pretty with colorful decorations and an array of pleasing gifts. Delightful refreshments were served to about fifteen guests.

REV. AND MRS. HULL CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

Rev. and Mrs. I. D. Hull of West Snyder will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary at their home on Christmas day, at which time all of their nine children will be present. The children and their families, who will arrive this week-end for the joyous occasion, are: Rev. O. J. of Gatesville, Dee and Arthur of Lamesa, Alvas of Spur, Alva of Wichita Falls, and Mesdames Joe McBryan of Wichita Falls, Alta Stripling and Algie Smith of Big Spring and Jack Inman of Texon.

Read THE paper every week.

MRS. CODY HOSTESS TO EL FELIS

A Christmas luncheon of unusual beauty and cheer was given by Mrs. A. J. Cody at her home Friday at one for the El Felis club members and invited guests. The tables were attractive in the Yuletide colors and appointments. The luncheon was followed by a most enjoyable gift exchange, after which forty two was played.

Those exchanging greetings at this delightful occasion were Mesdames O. P. Thrane, T. L. Lollar, J. C. Dorward, W. E. Smith, Wade Winston, A. J. Towle, Bob Warren, H. G. Towle, Fritz R. Smith, C. C. Higgins, W. W. Hamilton, R. J. Randals, C. W. Harless, J. C. Stinson, J. G. Hicks, L. T. Stinson, Ralph H. Odom, H. L. Davis, George Northcutt, H. J. Brice and Hugh Boren, members, and Mesdames Hugh Taylor, Joe Monroe, W. E. Doak, E. J. Anderson, R. D. English and J. O. Dodson, guests.

Stained Glass Makes Appeal to Converts

In the center of a Christian settlement in the jungle of Madak, Hyderabad, India, stands a Christian church of the proportions of a cathedral. This is the central place of worship for the great community of Indian Christians, numbering over 50,000, who have gathered around Rev. C. W. Posnett, a Wesleyan missionary, as a result of his 30 years' work in this native state. The church was opened a year ago, but there seemed something lacking in its beautiful interior, despite the marbles and many tinted tiles. There was no stained glass in the windows. Six thousand Indian Christians have given the money for a window, designed by Frank O. Salisbury, a well-known British artist. The subject is the Ascension, and Mr. Salisbury says of the windows: "The desire of the donors was that their church should be as beautiful as any Mohammedan mosque or Hindu temple, and I trust that my work will help them to realize their ideal of beauty as an aid to worship."

Important in Commerce

"Ramie" is the name of a fiber-producing plant and of the fiber produced thereby. The fiber is one of the strongest and finest known. The plant is widely grown in China, more or less in India and has been grown in California on a small scale. From China and India it is exported to various countries of Europe and to the United States. The fiber is employed in the manufacture of nets, cordage, gas mantles, underwear, canvas, dress goods, etc., and for embroideries. Some of the woven fabrics composed of it closely resemble those made of flax linen in various characteristics, including appearance.

Catching Up

A woman of my ecquaintance once told me that she once much feared that her son, Willie, who slept in an adjoining room, had become deranged, as she had been listening to him for some time speaking loudly and rapidly to himself. Her husband, listening, came to the same conclusion. Both therefore hurried to the boy's bedroom to know what was the matter.

"Oh," said Willie, "Tomorrow vacation begins, and I am saying enough prayers to last me over the holidays."

Where is the banquet Snyder High Tigers should be given for their remarkable 1927 performance? They defeated Sweetwater, district champions. That is sufficient to warrant a real banquet. Where is it?

"Sixty per cent of all babies of cigarette-smoking mothers die before they reach the age of two, due primarily to nicotine poisoning."—Dr. Chauncey E. Barber, before the Association for Medical Research.

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CARD OF THANKS
We wish to express our appreciation to all for the many acts of kindness and swmpathy shown us during the illness and death of our darling baby, Edward Bentley. May God bless each of you is our prayer.
Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Landrum, and Graves.

NOTICE
Positively no hunting will be allowed in any of our pastures. J. J. and Jesse Koonsman. 25-4tp

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NOTICE
The regular annual meeting of the Shareholders of The Snyder National Bank of Snyder, Texas, will be held in the offices of said bank on the second Tuesday in January, 1928 (Jan. 10th, 1928), at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing Directors for the ensuing year.
A. C. ALEXANDER, Cashier.
25-4tc.

POSTED NOTICE
My entire premises, sections 461, 372, in Scurry County; sections 352 and 369 in Borden County, is posted Any trespassing will be punished to the full extent of the law. W. J. Beaver.
25-3tp.

SAVE MONEY
Farmers, I can save you money on good cotton seed of Kasch variety Lee Grant. 27-2tp

NOTICE TO FARMERS
Snyder Gins will not run on Saturday and Monday, Dec. 24 and 26. 27-1tc.

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Ladies' Felt House Shoes in all sizes and colors, a regular 75c value, special for Christmas Sale 43c

$2.00 value men's white ribbed unions in all sizes, well made, an extra special for Christmas Sale $1.19

90c value boys' heavy weight fleeced union suits, all sizes, well made, special for Christmas Sale 48c

$1.50 value large cowboy silk handkerchiefs in all colors and designs, special for Christmas Sale 98c

$1.50 value men's fancy pattern ties, all new designs a special purchase for this Christmas Sale 89c

Bobolink all silk over the knee hose for ladies guaranteed to satisfy, a $1.00 value, special Christmas Sale 83c

Ladies' Rayon Silk Bloomers in all new colors and sizes, a regular $1.50 value, special for Christmas Sale 97c

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THE sun was gilding the crests of the Rockies. How it gilded them, this Christmas Eve! A line of gold ran to the north and south, blocking them out against the champagne sky like huge crumpled masses of purple cardboard. Great fan-shaped shafts of light were piercing the heavens, touching to bursts of color every tattered remnant of cloud. But below, the shadows were settling on the foothills, and in the valleys it was almost dark.

Almost dark, too, it was in the heart of little Mrs. Derrit. For three years she had worked the farm alone, and each Christmas seemed a little darker than the one before. She was beginning to wonder if it is true that time heals all sores. It was five years now since Dave had died, and three since young David left the farm, and the ache seemed heavier than ever.

Mrs. Derrit rose from the rocker where she had been sitting beside her kitchen stove. The gloaming had swallowed up the walls; her few cheap pictures had faded into night; only a stray flicker from the fire glinted on the cream separator in the corner of the room. She crossed the floor and with a hand fumbling in the darkness, found the match-box on the wall. Then she lighted her lamp and set it on the kitchen table. One must eat, even on Christmas Eve.

If Olson, the hired man, had stayed, it would not have been quite so bad. But he had done his chores up early and left for the dance in the Swedish settlement across the valley. Olson was Mrs. Derrit's right hand, without which the farm work would have been impossible. He was a bachelor, living in a lean-to beside the machinery shed and coming to the house only for his meals, which he ate for the most part in silence.

Mrs. Derrit placed food on her kitchen table, and sat down before it. Her meal was frugal, not so much from necessity as from weariness. She ate and drank mechanically, then arose, washed her few dishes and put them away, wiped her table and spread a colored cloth upon it. The light from the lamp fell gently on its patterns. She drew the rocker to the table and sat down. The little clock on the shelf said only six o'clock. It was three hours until bedtime, and who could say how long until morning?

Her little hands found work to do—mending for Olson. For a while her needle darted back and forth, trailing a little thread of silver light in the glow from the lamp; then presently work and needle rested in he lap. For was not this Christmas Eve? And down through memory came a procession of these gracious anniversaries, marking the birth of the Child, and sacred to children everywhere in Christendom. In a moment or two Mrs. Derrit was no longer seated in her little cabin in the vast foothill valley, but was back in that home



Then Presently Work and Needle Rested in Her Lap.

down East where little David had first entered her life. What Christmas Eves were those! What laughter and shrieks of delight when Big Dave, her husband, with his great fur coat and the red sash and whiskers of cotton batting burst through the door, being unable to accommodate his bulky form to the chimney after the tradition of Santa Claus! What feasting and fun, and, after little David had grown tired of play, what hours of domestic rapture linking husband and wife! It all seemed now so strange and unreal, as though it had been part of some previous incarnation.

Down the years came memory. David was now a healthy lad. Troublesome, sometimes, but never bad; just overflowing with that boyishness which no mother quite understands and none would ever relinquish.

Then the breaking of the old home ties and the plunge into the great West. Young Dave had taken to the new land even more readily than did his father. How he grew! How he loved to show his strength in the field, his skill in the corral! How soon his mother found she had no boy at all, but two grown men, in her household!

And then that sad, sad night when Dave, his father, had been brought home by neighbors who found him in the road. Just at the crossing of the creek, in the lower end of the farm, it was. No one knew how it happened, but all supposed he had slipped from his wagon as he lurched on the prairie trail. It was piled high with wood from the valley; perhaps he had been clambering down to steady the load as it lurched, and slipped under the great rear wheel. There was frost in the earth, and a little snow on it; she remembered there was still snow on his face when they laid him in the room.

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wages in a distant city,
in an automobile factory,
where there were no cows to milk
and no chores to do after supper.
So they had gone. She had blessed
them—what else could a mother
do?—and had settled down to her
farm and her memories.

For some time glowing letters came back from David, and from his wife, whom Mrs. Derrit still thought of as the Ransom girl. She held no spite, did Mrs. Derrit, but if it hadn't been for the Ransom girl—!" Then after a while the letters fell off until they almost stopped. It was two months now since she had heard from David. Not even a letter for Christmas!

Mrs. Derrit arose and went to her window. The moon was now



The Winding Road Along Which They Brought Him.

up, flooding the great shoulders and sides of the valley with light, just as it had done that night when they brought Dave home to her, with the little patch of snow still on his cheek. There was snow tonight, too, just a light sifting of it as there had been then. . . . It would be cold and frozen down by the creek. For a while she had avoided the spot, but afterwards it had a fascination for her. Often, on moonlight nights she had walked that far. She wondered if Dave—her Dave—knew? Perhaps. Who could say that even tonight, this Christmas Eve, he was watching, waiting somewhere, wondering if she still remembered? Remember? Aye, for ever and ever!

She drew on a shawl. It could not be so very cold, the night was so bright, the moonlight so soft against the edge of the hills. The door creaked as she opened it; there was frost on the hinges, but her heart was warm; she was going to do her vigil for Dave. Down the winding road she went; the road along which they had brought him home. How warm it was! Or was it cold? Cold and warmth are so much alike. How the road stretched on and on! It never had seemed so far. And the moon—why was the moon growing dark, when it had not yet reached the zenith? And what made it sway like that?

Ah, there was the spot, the very spot. She sat down on the ground. This was where they found him. Her hands touched the snow, but it was not cold. Nothing was cold. All was warm. But the moon had gone out. Why had the moon gone out? . . . Ah, there he was! Dave! She felt his arms about her; she felt his kisses on her lips. There was snow on his cheek! . . .

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"Don't you know me, mother? Don't you know me?" he was saying, as she opened her eyes. She was in her room, there was no doubt about that. Yes, it was her room; through the open door she could see the cream separator in the kitchen. But who was that woman, that— Why, it was the Ransom girl! And what was she carrying? She was bringing it to her; why was she bringing it to her? And David, kneeling beside her bed?

"We brought you another little David, for Christmas, mother" the Ransom girl was saying, and before Mrs. Derrit knew it a little face was pressed against hers, and suddenly her hard, dry cheeks were wet. "David, David," she cried. "Your grandpa's David!"

Big David's hand was in hers.

"You found me on the road, David?" she asked, after a while.

"Yes," he answered, gently. "Just—just where—it happened."

Her eyes were big and bright. "I knew he would come," she said. "But I didn't know he would bring you, and wee David, and—and the Ransom girl!"

"Well, here we are," the Ransom girl rejoined. "The city is all right for a while, but when a man has a wife, and a family, it's back to the farm! We were keeping it a secret from you, just for—just for Christmas, you know!"

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CAN they count on you to always do
The thing that you know is right?
Or do they think you're sure to shirk
When the cause demands a fight?
Do they say of you "He is true blue"
In the work committed to you;
Who will stick to your work and never shirk
Till you carry your contract through?

Or do they say "He'll run away
In the time of sorest need;
His dearest treasure is his selfish pleasure;
His idol is lust or greed"?
Do they also say "He loves to play
When the game goes his own way,
But he gets lame when he loses the game,
And is ready to charge foul play"?

Do your friends all feel you'll stand like steel
When the great test comes to you;
That you'll face the strife, and give your life
For the cause you know is true?
Or do they fear when that test draws near
Shall try your inmost heart,
You'll sell the Christ for a paltry price,
And play the traitor's part?

We are needing men who can clearly ken
The things that are most worth while;
Who can look ahead and forget the dead,
And at misfortune smile.
For the thoughtful man who can work and plan
When the untrained lose their head;
With the skilful hand at his command,
Who can honestly earn his bread.

They look long in the common throng
For the man of faith and love,
Who can think and feel for his brother's weal,
And plan for the life above.
With a tender heart to take the part
Of the wretch cast down in sin;
Whose help is sure for the weak and poor,
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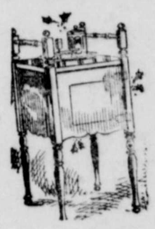
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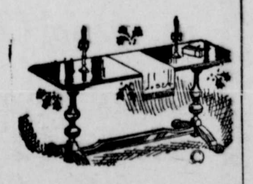
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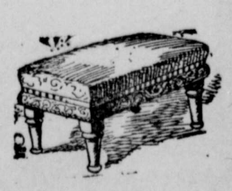
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for Wife

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HOUSE DRESSES	BELTS
BATH ROBES	HATS
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for Sister

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BATH ROBES	HOSE
HANDKERCHIEFS	

for Husband

BELT SETS	HOSE
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for Brother

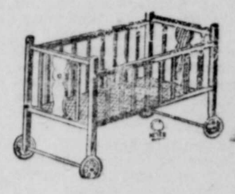
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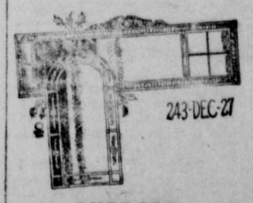
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