

Merry Christmas

SNOOTER KNOWS



LITTLE
ABOUT
EVERY-
THING

NOT MUCH ABOUT ANY-
THING

FOUR more days from this Friday remain until Christmas. The shopper who waited until the last minute to do her shopping stands a chance of being disappointed, especially, if she had in mind a certain gift to buy—the early shopper may have “gobbled” it up, but at that there still remains in Stanton Stores many excellent gifts, awaiting “gobbling” up.

The reader will note this issue of The Reporter carries a number Christmas advertisements. These advertisers are making their last plea for your trade in this paper's advertising columns before Christmas. They are spending good hard earned money with The Reporter to get their Christmas messages to you. They deserve and should have whatever patronage you give them. I believe in the saying, “you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours.” These advertisers have been good enough to spend money with me. I like to do what I can to help them. So, bear in mind, trade with Reporter advertisers.

Visit the stores of these Christmas advertisers. Look over their gift stocks, and I'll bet you will find just what you have been looking for. Possibly, you have not made up your mind just what to give your friend or relative for Christmas, and a visit to any one of these stores and inspect the gift stocks will reveal the very present to give.

Your local merchant has not enjoyed the trade this fall that he has in the past, accountable to the lateness of the cotton crop due to late planting because of a continued drought leading up to a very late planting. So, patronize them the very best you possibly can this holiday season.

THE readers will not see The Reporter again before Christmas has come and gone. I wish to extend the season's greetings to all Reporter subscribers and advertisers. The sincere feeling of our Christmas wishes for you in our community can't be fully conveyed by words. The best that we can say is that good phrase and true wish: A Very Merry Christmas.

STANTON STUDY CLUB PRESENTS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT RANCH

Mrs. Earl Powell was hostess Thursday afternoon of last week at her ranch home to the Stanton Study club, for a Christmas program. As president, Mrs. Powell conducted the business meeting, at which final plans were made to hold a turkey raffle in the near future. Plans for a play, to be given in February, were discussed, and the club decided to distribute Christmas baskets to the needy.

Mrs. Elsie Gikerson was director of the program for the afternoon, and introduced Mrs. Poe Woodard, who gave an interesting description of San Antonio, including the modern city, its history, and the story of the Alamo.

Following the program, gifts were exchanged from a large silvered Christmas tree, and the group sang “God Bless America.” The hostess served homemade candies.

Present were: Mmes. Calvin Jones, Robert Anolin, J. E. Kelly, Elsie Gikerson, Jim Tom, P. A. Barry, Arlo Forrest, B. F. Smith, Charles Slaughter, Poe Woodard, Earl Powell, Miss Magda Alexander, and one visitor, Mrs. Bristol Chesser.

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Santa Claus Here Monday 2 p.m.

FLOWER GROVE SCENE OF CHRISTMAS 4-H CLUBS PARTY

GROUP OF FIFTY BOYS AND GIRLS ATTEND AND ENJOY THE FESTIVITIES

The Christmas party for 4-H Club boys and girls was held Monday night in the gym at Flower Grove.

Russell Sadler, one of the county club leaders, conducted games for the group of fifty boys and girls.

Following the games that afforded pleasure for two hours, fruits, and candies were served that had been purchased by the women's home demonstration council for the 4-H clubs of the county.

Communities represented were Stanton, Goldsmith, Courtney, Tarzan, Flower Grove, and Brown.

An incomplete list of those attending were Tom Estes, Inez Wyatt, Billy Sadler, Lera Jo Bryson, Charlene Draper, Charlie Frances Matthews, Jean Davis, Angela Peters, Reatha Dell Stans, Louise Everett, Joyce Clardy, Bitty Zimmerman, Mammie Wiswell, Sara Haslip, Betty Renfro, Billie Keisling, Catherine Avery, June Reynolds, Doris Stans, Ruby Atchison, Ruth Kelly, M. L. Clements, Wanda Jo Teague, Wanda Faye Adams, Berneta Shortes, Jack Cave, Howard Avery, Billie Avery, Gene Davis J. D. Mims, J. W. Graham, Reatha Liles, Jerry Hall, Clara Peters, Ickie Peters, Mrs. Geo. Bond, Joyce Shortes, L. A. Swanson, H. M. Zimmerman, James Shortes, Jarvis Ray Russell, J. B. McNew, I. G. Peters, Mrs. Joe Poindexter, Mrs. H. M. Zimmerman, Mrs. Bonnie Smith, G. A. Bond, County agent; Mrs. Elsie Gikerson, home demonstration agent.

PLAY POSTPONED

Because of Christmas activities, “Aunt Tillie Goes to Town,” the Senior play of the Stanton High School, has been postponed from December 20 to January 24.

COURTNEY BEATS WESTBROOK, 17-13

Courtney high seniors staged a last minute rally Friday night to conquer Westbrook there 17-13.

Kelly of Courtney was high point man and made the winning points.

Courtney “B” seniors wallowed Westbrook's seconds, 27-6. The junior high boys gave the Westbrook juniors a 21-6 licking. Courtney engages Coahoma, Jan. 3 in the next conference tilt.

Clements-Poindexter

Miss Frances Clements, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Clements of Lenora, Saturday afternoon at 6 o'clock, became the bride of T. J. Poindexter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Poindexter of Stanton. They were married by Rev. Kendall Methodist pastor at his home. After a short wedding trip they will be at home in Stanton.



Santa Claus will arrive in Stanton, Monday afternoon, and at 2:00 P.M., will make his personal appearance on the street downtown, and will distribute candies, nuts, and fruits to all the kiddies. Let every one in Martin county be on hand. Tell your neighbor.

These are the busiest days of the season for Santa Claus and his assistants in the store's of Stanton. Every day now groups of children, wide-eyed and awe-struck, trudge up to Santa's throne, and whisper into his long white curls the list of things they want for Christmas.

The younger they are the more attention they receive, though Santa Claus always polite even to the long-legged boys who watch him with a doubting eye.

Santa Claus knows everything. Why shouldn't he? He's been coming here from the North Pole every year for 1940 years, and he never forgets a face. Sometimes he finds old friends in the crowd whom he hasn't seen for years and surprises them by calling out their names.

Be Sure to Get a Big Stocking

“Be sure to hang up your stockings,” he tells all children finally, after more conversations with Bo-Peep, Alice in Wonderland and Shirley Temple in Hollywood. “And be sure you get big stockings—your father's golf stockings are the best—with no runs in them. Because if they rips in them. Because if they I get the blame.”

ANNUAL XMAS PARTY OF H. D. COUNCIL WEDNESDAY P. M.

GALA OCCASION OF THE SEASON WITH SOME FORTY-FOUR GUESTS ATTENDING

At Christmas time each year the members of the Council, the governing body of the Home Demonstration clubs of Martin county, give a party to which are invited the members of all the home demonstration clubs in the county. Wednesday, the home of Mrs. Elsie Gikerson, county home demonstration agent, was the scene of the party.

The Christmas theme was carried out in the decorations, mantle banked with greenery and snow, had a silver Santa Claus and his reindeer. The Christmas tree was in silver, lighted in blue.

The dining table laid in lace was centered with a bed of spruce in which was embedded colored Christmas balls. Low white candle holders contained white lighted tapers with silver tea service and compotes of nuts and mints. The refreshment plate had rolled cheese sandwiches, individual angel food in white with green wreath, centered with tiny red lighted tapers, green and white mints, and salted nuts.

Mmes. Lee Castle, W. L. Clements, Herman Deavenport, presided in the dining room, assisted by Sarah Jean Haislip and Ruth Kelly, 4-H club girls.

The Council presented Mrs. Gikerson with a beautiful white floor lamp and each club had placed a gift on the tree for her. Numbers had been drawn and each guest received a gift from the tree.

This was a farewell party for Mrs. Gikerson who has meant so much to the clubs which were organized under her administration, and is leaving first of the year for Nolan county to act as county home demonstration agent.

A brief program was directed by Mrs. Robert Smith, county recreational leader. The 1940-41 Council officers were presented by Mrs. Lee Castle.

The following were present: Mrs. E. C. Airhart, Stanton; Mrs. Dave Foreman, Lenora; Mrs. W. L. Clements, Mrs. Geo. Cathey, Mrs. J. L. Jones, Mrs. Lee Eubanks, Mrs. J. F. Ory, Mrs. Lula Metcalf, Mrs. Jess Blackford, Mrs. E. M. Massey, Mrs. J. D. McClellan, Bettie Joe Cathey, Mrs. J. H. Puckett, Mrs. J. E. Griffin, Mrs. Glen Petree, Mrs. Spencer Wright, Mrs. Jim Tom, Mrs. R. C. Stocks, Mrs. C. J. Martin, Mrs. Butler, Lenora; Mrs. J. H. Burrow, Brown; Mrs. Glen Jackson, Lake View; Mrs. S. M. Wilkinson, Stanton; Mrs. M. S. Estes, Goldsmith; Mrs. Vernon Haggerton, Lenora; Mrs. Mike Anderson, Lake View; Mrs. C. W. Butcher, Flower Grove; Mrs. R. D. Pollard, Stanton; Mrs. Stanton Brunson Goldsmith; Mrs. Joe Poindexter; Mrs. W. C. Keele, Mrs. Hattie Estes, Goldsmith; Mrs. Robert Smith, Lake View; Mrs. W. Y. Houston, Mrs. W. P. Reid, Mrs. J. D. Richards, Mrs. Elsie Gikerson, county home demonstration agent.

MRS. EDMUND TOM HAS LUNCHEON FOR PILGRIMS

On Friday, December 14th, Mrs. Edmund Tom was hostess for the group that made the Natchez (Miss.) trip, for luncheon at her lovely country home. The Christmas tree belonging to the children of the home, Leslie Jean and Rufus, was already in place and gave a very festive air to the living room. The guests were seated at two tables each centered with white tapers in red holders.

The luncheon menu consisted of fried chicken, potatoes, gravy, English peas, and a salad of pineapple and banana which was very unique. It was made in the form of a Christmas candle, and topped with a red cherry, made it look as if lighted; hot rolls and fruit cake, which Mrs. Tom made, with coffee, was a second course.

Each of the guests had brought hand work and the afternoon slipped away with fingers busy and tongues as well, and each sentence began: “Remember when,” as some laughable incident of the Natchez trip would be related.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom is ideally located in a large grove of trees and every convenience has been embodied in the house itself, and just near enough to town to be convenient. Barns, garage and corals, are all shipshape and with white face cattle in the pasture it seems the Toms have everything.

This was such a thoughtful thing to ask this group for it freshened in their minds a very pleasant memory. Leslie Jean, assisted her mother in serving.

IOWA GUESTS IN POWELL HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Brown and children Gretchen and Monty, of Waterloo, Iowa, came in Tuesday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Earl Powell at their ranch home. Mr. Brown owns land in Martin county and came down on business concerning this.

This is the first visit to Texas and they brought the children to see this big State. From here they went to Carlsbad Cavern, Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Powell and their guests were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hamilton in Midland with a Mexican supper. Other guests for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Oles and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Wheeler.

COMMUNITY SINGING

You are invited to a community singing each Tuesday night. Come, bring your books and we will appreciate your cooperation. Begins at 7:30 p. m. at the Church of God.

Lewis-Lewis Marriage

Saturday, December 7, Stanley Lewis of Mitchell county and Miss Lena Mae Lewis of Lenora, were married by Rev. Kendall at his Methodist parsonage.

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Subscription agent: Mrs. Lee Castle, Mrs. Raymond Blackford, Mrs. I. C. Foreman, Lenora; Loree Massey, Valley View; Mrs. Herman Deavenport, Lenora; Corene Cook, Agnes Huston, Mrs. Morgan Hall, Jo Jon Hall, Juanita Sue Anderson.

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My friend, Mr. Cohen looked worried. "I think I've lost a ten-dollar bill," he explained. "Have you felt in all your pockets?" I asked. "Yes, all but you," he answered. "Why haven't you felt in that one?" I insisted. "Vell," he replied, "if it ain't there, I'll drop dead."

What was the name of the President 22 years ago? Franklin D. Roosevelt.

One of the most vivid pieces of Texas newspaper writing seen in quite some time was Bill Pott's recent article in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram telling of a ride in one of the army's newest scout cars, weighing 9,000 pounds, armed with four machine guns, covered with half-inch steel plate yet capable of 60 miles an hour over concrete roads. The marvelous machine raced with a cavalry horse over cactus-studded sand dunes near El Paso.

"This is just like a battlefield torn up," said General Swift as

TRAPPER ESTES TAKES INVENTORY



—Photo, Courtesy Reporter-Telegram, Midland

Clifford Estes, Martin County trapper, is shown with pelts of 14 coyotes trapped on the Bud Sears Ranch. Estes has trapped 155 coyotes to date, catching 39 in November. He worked on the Sears, Slaughter, Wolcott, and Powell ranches in northern Martin county that month. Estes is a brother of Jack Estes, who ranches in the Goldsmith section in the northwestern part of this county, trapped in Nol an county before coming to Stanton. While there he bagged a 45-pound bob cat, one of the largest ever seen in that section.

he swung in his saddle to point with sweeping arm to the vast area of waste. "Let's say the enemy is on that high point and we're supposed to circle and attack from the rear. You start."

Wham—we plowed into a small mountain, climbed to the top of it and pitched over, all wheels spinning in the air at once. Then it was up and down and around for what seemed like hours. My seat, flat on the floor of the steel steed, was little more than a bouncing place which the seat of my pants missed as often as it hit, while I clung grimly to dashboard and steel rail around the top of the car.

We had gone less than 50 yards when the general sailed nonchalantly by at a full gallop, the terrain bothering his horse no more than would a race track. In two minutes he was out of sight.

When we stopped, I untangled myself and climbed unsteadily to the ground. A button had popped off my vest; my tie was askew; my shoe laces were un-

done; my hat in the rear. I'd lost my stomach.

Thus it was proved once more that the horse is still a vital part of national defense. Though declaring they are handicapped by the fact that racing no longer is permitted in the State, Texas thoroughbred breeders are co-operating with the army to provide stallions for the production of cavalry horses.

With Texas newspapermen: An early Christmas present. \$4,000 for an oil lease on 40 acres, has been received by Geo. Baker, publisher of the Fort Stockton Pioneer, according to the Stanton Reporter. . . C. C. Hadsell, in the Donna News-Advocate, after quoting this columnist's description of a complicated toothpick machine, says two Donna men, Leo Wharton and Ralph Minshall, have applied for a patent on a simple machine, which at the turn of a knob rolls a toothpick into a little trough, and already an order for 100 machines has been received. . . Doc Sellers passes on

this fine philosophy in the Rising Star Record:

To cultivate calmness and self-possession, to live longer and enjoy life more fully—

Learn to like what doesn't cost much.

Learn to like reading, conversation, music.

Learn to like plain food, plain service, plain cooking.

Learn to like fields, trees, woods, brooks, fishing, rowing, hiking.

Learn to like people, even the some of them may be as different from you as a Chinese.

Learn to like to work and enjoy the satisfaction of doing a job as well as it can be done.

Learn to like the song of the birds, the companionship of dogs, and laughter and gaiety of children.

Learn to like gardening, carpentering, puttering around the house, the lawn, and the automobile.

Learn to like the sunrise and sunset, the beating of rain on roof and windows, and the gentle fall of snow on a winter day.

Learn to keep your wants simple. Refuse to be owned and anchored by things and the opinions of others.

Recipe for cooking carrots: Select only carrots of good coloring and firm texture; stew on a slow fire for two hours; add tablespoon of butter and half a cup of milk; open the window and throw out the entire contents.

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W. M. (Dick) Hittson,
Stanton, Texas

IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?

Francis Pharcellus Church answered the above question in a classic editorial published for the first time in The Sun in New York City on December 21, 1897, and reprinted in The Sun every Christmas season since that year. So kindly and beautiful is it that the Reporter is publishing it here in full:

"Dear Editor—
"I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says 'If you see it in The Sun it's so.'"

"Please tell me the truth. Is there a Santa Claus?"

VIRGINIA O'HANLON,
115 West Ninety-Fifth St.

"Virginia, your little folks 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 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 your 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 child-like 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 come down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign 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

MRS. WOODARD HONORS FORTY-TWO CLUB WITH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mrs. Evelyn Woodard was hostess Friday evening to members of the "42" Club, for a Christmas party. Christmas candies were served during the evening. The new Woodard residence was decorated in keeping with the holiday theme, centering around a brightly lighted and decorated tree, and Christmas wreaths hung at the windows. On the living room mantel was a miniature Santa, mounted on his sleigh, driving six silver reindeer.

Following the games, gifts were exchanged by those present.

Refreshments were served to Messrs. and Mmes. B. F. Smith, Harry Haislip, Harry Hall, J. R. Sale, Ben Carpenter, Guy Eiland Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Moffett, Mrs. Nobye Hamilton and the hostess

SEASON'S GREETINGS!



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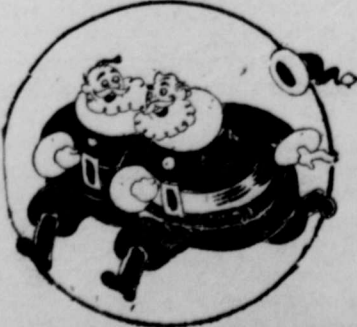
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HOME GROWN CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Home-made and home-grown Christmas gifts are popular with Texas home demonstration club women especially those who sell high quality products at the homemakers' markets in Texas. Myrtle Murray, specialist in home industries for the A&M College Extension Service, calls these "Christmas gifts from the soil or Christmas gifts from the gods." These represent the creative work of some one who was able to achieve results with the help of the gods, she says.

Some of these home-grown gifts the specialist suggests are good country butter wrapped in gold cellophane, rich cream or a pint of cottage cheese in a decorative container with a recipe for salad. In the poultry line, she offers specially fed fat hens, turkeys, or fryers which have been dressed, or a dozen selected eggs attractively wrapped.

Then, not many gifts will beat a home-grown, home-cured ham, backbones with a quart of yellow meal and a recipe for making cornmeal dumplings, spareribs, good country sausage, or head cheese.

Containers of jellies, preserves or pickles, home-grown sorghum syrup, or home-produced honey are also Miss Murray's suggested list. She adds also that pecans in an attractive striped, checked, or printed cotton sack make a nice gift.

Here are some suggestions: home-grown pot plants, wreaths of yupon, holly, French mulberry and evergreens; cuttings and roots from shrub beds, native shrubs balled and burlapped, ready to "set out;" rag dolls, especially, "Negro Mammy's" with bright red bandanas and home-made play equipment.

BALES GINNED, 9,699 UP DECEMBER 1

Census report shows that 9,699 bales of cotton were ginned in Martin County from the crop of 1940 prior to December 1, as compared with 12,489 bales for the crop of 1939, according to the report sent to the Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Washington, by A. L. Houston, special agent for Martin county.

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As the bees love flowers and flowers love dew,
All who knew loved her too.

We often wonder but can't understand,
Why she was taken from so friendly a land,
With laughing eyes and flaxen hair,
A queen's throne she would grace and we see her there.

So like a rose that must wither and die,
She has left this world to reign on high.
We'll miss her 'tis true,
The days will be lonely, the hours will be blue:
But as we think of her so happy and gay;
What a lovely flower was picked
For the Master's Boquet.

—Composed and contributed by a friend

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Dear Friend:

It's that friendly touch,
That kindly smile,
That makes life sweet,
And well worth while—
From life's beginning,
Until its end—
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NATURE PERFORMS WONDERS

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Pinkerton were married November 9, 1904. They lived on a farm on Barton's Creek, near Exray in Erath county.

Early in the morning of April 2, 1905, Mr. Pinkerton went out to the pasture after the horses. On his return he found two O'possums. Calling to his wife, told her to open the gate to let the horses in the lot. She then joined him near the creek. Mr. Pinkerton started the 'possums to fighting. They fell into the creek and one drowned the other, the remaining animal crawled out and Mr. Pinkerton killed it.

While resting he carved the following inscription on a water oak sapling: "W. D. and E.B. P. April 2, 1905; their initials and the date.

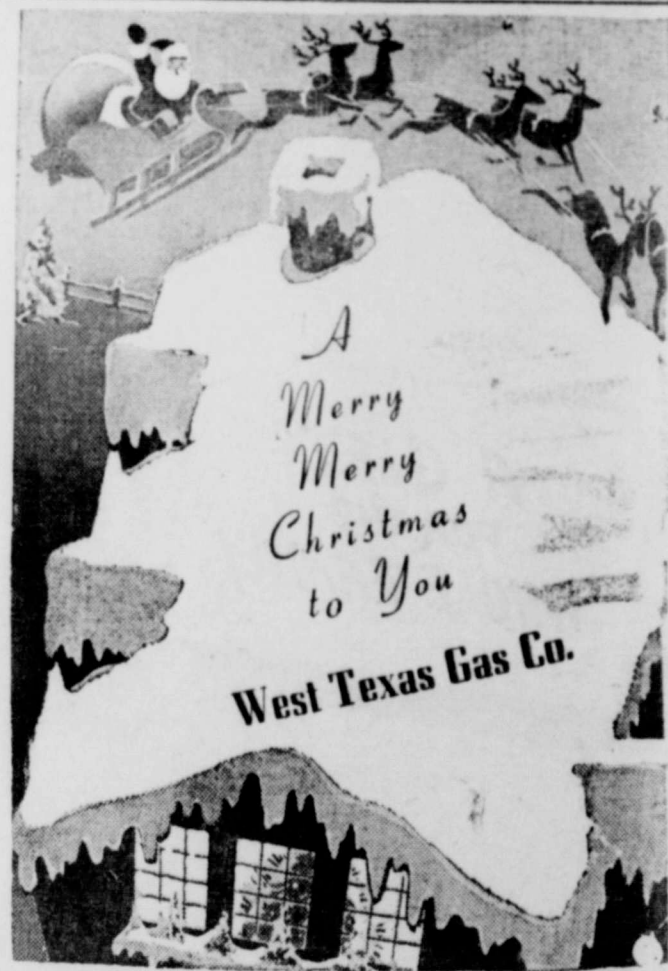
In later years W. A. Wood became owner of the farm and while cutting fire wood, 24 years later, cut down this tree. The carving didn't show on the outside, but inside on the heart of the tree the inscription shows very plainly. Knowing who carved it, Mr. Wood sent it to Mr. Pinkerton on Oct. 20, 1929.

Mr. Pinkerton is still in possession of this strange work of nature which is now thirty-five years old. It doesn't look like carving but like the letters were burned into the tree.

—Written by Mrs. H. C. Warner, daughter of Mr. Pinkerton.

A few days ago Mr. Pinkerton brought this piece of wood to the Reporter office, and it is certainly a phenomenon. Mr. Pinkerton and family live in Stanton. This piece of nature's handiwork, should occupy a valuable space in some museum.

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MRS. EMMA WOLCOTT VICTIM OF DROWNING

Funeral services for Emma Wolcott, 37, well-known West Texas ranch woman, were held at the First Baptist church in Big Spring at 10 a. m. Saturday and burial in Evergreen cemetery, Stanton, beside the grave of her husband, Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Wolcott was drowned Thursday morning of last week when her car was caught in a raging torrent along Spring Creek near Center Point in Kerr county.

While her car was sighted an hour later, the body was not recovered for three hours, two miles away in Verde creek.

She was returning to her ranch home after taking her two sons, Edward, 15, and Eldon, 13, to school, when she attempted to cross the creek at a concrete dip. Flood waters from a four inch rain in the Hill country washed the car downstream and out of sight of two men working near the crossing before they could reach it.

Mrs. Wolcott, a long time resident of Martin county, had moved to Kerr county only 10 days ago from Colorado Springs, Colo. She had gone to Colorado after leaving Martin county.

The daughter of a widely known Baptist minister, she was married to Ed. Wolcott, a prominent Martin county rancher. He was found in his pasture having fallen from his horse stricken with heart failure April 14, 1932.

The body was brought to Big Spring last Friday, and following services under the direction of Rev. C. E. Lancaster, interment was made in the Stanton cemetery.

Survivors include her two sons; three sisters, Mrs. J. O. Summers, California; Mrs. B. M. Whittaker, Haskell; Mary Nicholson, Stanton; four brothers, the Rev. J. E. Nicholson, Ballinger; G. E. Nicholson, San Angelo; John D. Nicholson, Brady; and A. A. Nicholson, Weatherford; and a brother-in-law, John F. Wolcott, Howard county tax collector-assessor.

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"DONT'S" SENT OUT BY STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Austin—"The Christmas season of all seasons is traditionally a time when happiness and good will should prevail on the earth. America more than any other nation has cause to celebrate Christmas in its proper spirit, and illness has no place in this celebration," state Dr. Geo W. Cox, state health officer.

Unfortunately, during the holiday season many of us relax our principles of good health which normally we observe. The stimuli of Christmas shopping, holiday parties, family reunions, and a too rich dietary cause us to transgress against the rules of simple living. The result is unnecessary illness at a time when we can least afford it.

The chances for contracting influenza are greater during the holiday season this year if we do not watch our health. Influenza epidemics are widespread in California and are sweeping through the West, and if not guarded against, may strike a large section of the Texas population.

Dr. Cox states that there is no essential difference between the health principles to be observed during the holidays and those we maintain throughout the winter. A few rules, if observed, will enable Texas to enjoy the spirit of Christmas with out ill effects:

1. Do not over-indulge in foods or seasonal cheer.
2. Do not hibernate in overheated and ill-ventilated rooms.
3. Try to maintain your regular sleep quota.
4. Get some exercise in the open air during the Christmas season to counteract the detrimental influences attendant upon holiday festivities.
5. Shop early. Avoid the last minute hurried Christmas crowds. Keep the children out of stores during the Christmas rush.
6. Watch out for accidents. Do not use open candles on the Christmas tree or in decorations. Use asbestos wool to replace cotton for decorations. Keep foliage and paper wreaths from direct contact with electric bulbs. See that Christmas lights are properly wired to prevent short-circuiting.
7. Choose safe as well as appropriate toys for children. Take into consideration the place available for their use as well as the age of the child to

minimize the accident factor. Thus it will be seen that holiday hygiene is merely an adaptation to a special occasion of the principles of good health (continued to back page)

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



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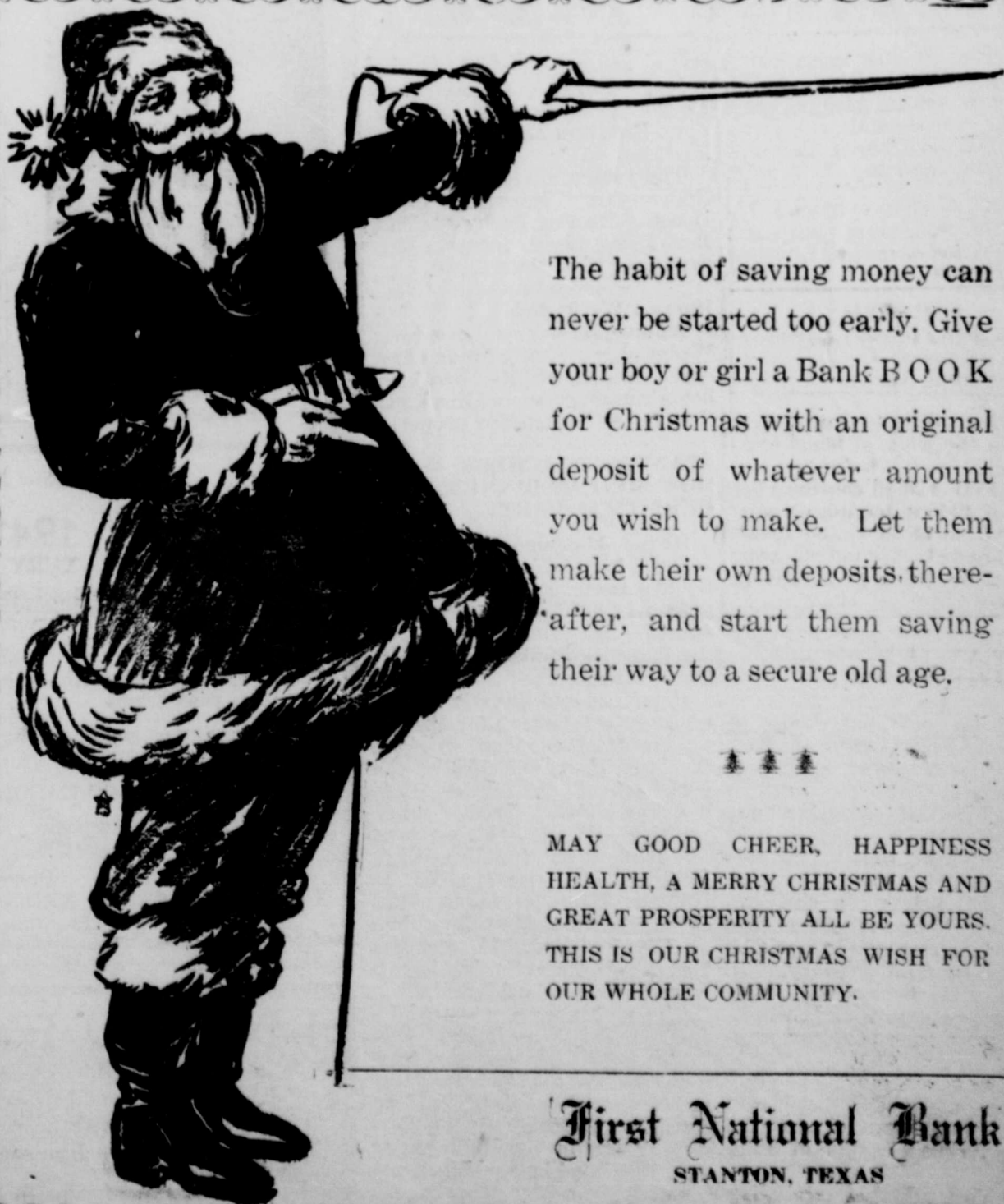
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Syrup of Pepsin, regular 60c size	49c
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Alka Seltzer, regular 60c size now	49c
Vick's Salve, regular 35c size now	29c
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FOR SALE—Six room house, furniture, 12 lots, wind mill, good well water, garage, barn, chicken house—Mrs. E. Jones place. For particulars see Wilmer Jones, Stanton, 8tc.

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FOR SALE—Form and city property, improved and unimproved. J. B. Harvard, Stanton, Texas, 9tc

BLOOD TESTING—I plan soon to begin the work of blood testing flocks for the hatchery season of 1941. I shall continue the policy of 1940 in buying no eggs except from blood tested flocks. If interested, see me at your earliest convenience. Martin L. Gibson.

THE Y. P. LEAGUE RECEIVES BANNER

The Signal Mount Union of the Sweetwater League district met Monday night at 7:30 at Caloma.

A Christmas program was given and then the business session was held. Discussion was held as to how to make our union programs better for the coming year. It was decided that next union meeting would be at Stanton, January 20th. After the business meeting was over, refreshments were served to those present.

At the close of the meeting a banner of the Signal Mount Union was awarded to the Young People's League of Stanton.

The Young People attending

were Joyce Davis, Billie Ethridge, Bernice Cason, Mary Delle Davis, Johnnie Lou Burnam, Rev. and Mrs. Kendall and Barbara.

The intermediates were Hory Poindexter, Margaret Laws, Dorothy Renfro, Bobby Joe Hill, Bert Laws, Mary Frances Burnam, and Mrs. Mose Laws.

Home a Week, Sick

Wilmer Jones was down town Wednesday morning for the first time in a week. He had been home nursing one of his limbs that failed to function properly.

STANTON TEACHERS HONORED AT DINNER CHRISTMAS PARTY

Home Economics classes of Stanton high school honored the faculty members of the schools with a Christmas party and dinner in the dining of the home economics department last Friday night.

Dominos and forty-two served as entertainment for the attending teachers: Supt. and Mrs. O. C. Southall; principal of the high school and coach, H. A. Poole and Mrs. Poole; grade principal, H. D. Haley, and Mrs. Haley; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Houston, Miss Needham, Miss Glick, Miss Hamilton, Mrs. Jones, Miss Redell and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Renfro. Mr. Renfro is secretary of the school board.

The plates were prepared by Jo Etea Prather, Bobby Jean Wilkinson, Mary Frances Burnam, and Joyce O'Brien. Waitresses were Jane Ann Cox, Jean Hardy, Alice Mae Widner, Bernice Pinkston, and Misses Dot Dawkins and Margaret Laws.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF EXECUTION SALE

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF TRAVIS

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

By virtue of order of sale issued out of the District Court of Travis County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in the 53rd District Court of Travis County, Texas, on the 11th day of October, 1940, in favor of Mrs. Florence Konz against G. N. Varner and wife, Lucile Varner, and H. S. Groesbeck, No. 63,908 on the docket of such Court I did on the 11th day of December, 1940, at 10 o'clock A. M., levy upon the following described tract or parcel of land lying and being situated in the town of Stanton, Martin County, Texas, and described as follows:

Beginning at the S. W. corner of Block No. 26 and running N. parallel with St. Peters Street a distance of 79 feet; thence E. parallel with the S. boundary line of said Block No. 26 a distance of 120 feet; thence S. parallel with St. Peters Street, a distance of 79 feet; thence W. along the S. boundary line of said Block No. 26, a distance of 120 feet to the place of beginning, the same being a strip of land 79 feet by 120 feet out of the S. W. corner of Block No. 26, together with all improvements thereon; and on the 7th day of January, 1941, being the first Tuesday of said month between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M., on said date at the Court House door of Martin County, Texas, at Stanton, Texas, I will offer for sale and will sell at public auction for cash all of the right, title, interest and estate of the said G. N. Varner and wife, Lucile Varner, and H. S. Groesbeck in and to said property in satisfaction of the aforementioned judgment.

WITNESS my hand this 11th day of December, 1940.

H. M. Zimmerman,
Sheriff, Martin County, Texas
By Ogal Avery, Deputy 9-11c

Stanton, Texas
December 2nd, 1940

Notice is hereby given that the partnership, lately existing between George Oldham of Howard County, Texas, E. M. Miller of Midland County, Texas, and Carl Clardy of Martin County, Texas, under the firm name of Stanton Equipment Company, was dissolved by mutual consent on the 2nd day of December, 1940, all debts owing to said partnership to be received by the said George Oldham and Carl Clardy, and all demands on said partnership to be presented to them for payment.

E. M. Miller
George Oldham
Carl Clardy 9-12c

PUBLIC NOTICE

Earl Burns hereby makes application to the Liquor Control Board at Austin, Texas, to move his Medical Pharmacy, Permit No. 296, from the Bristow Building to the Turner Vance Building on the corner. 8-9

"DON'TS" SENT OUT—

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which are observed at ordinary times. Inasmuch as these rules are sane, reasonable, and intelligent, their application should result in more holiday pleasure and less discomfort. After all, health and happiness are so closely interwoven that even the holiday season should not interpose a barrier.

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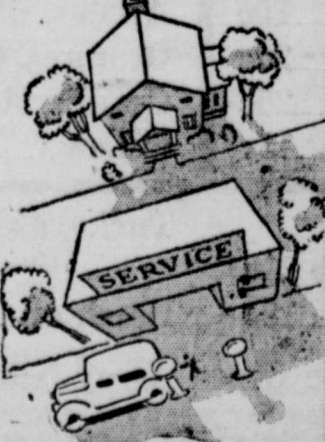
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