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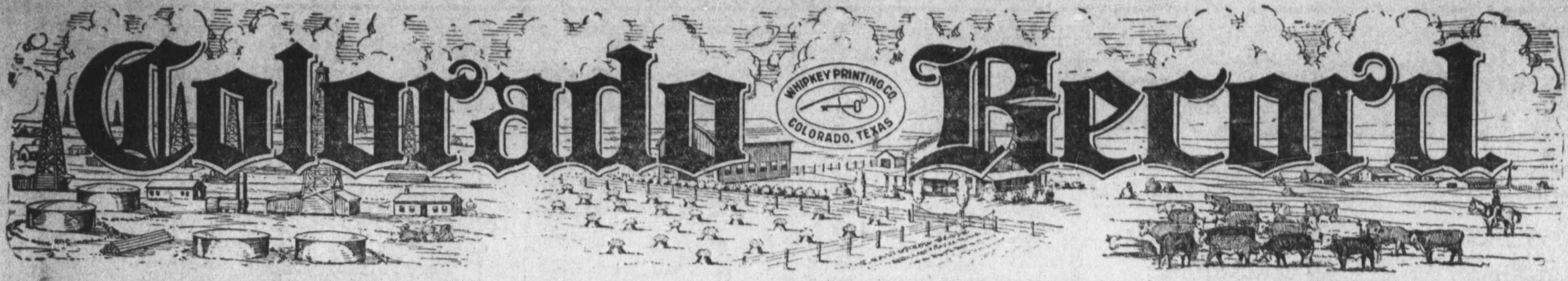
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TRANSFER INVOLVES 7000 ACRES LEASES AND EIGHT PRODUCING WELLS; NEW TESTS BEING SPUDDEN IN THE FIELD.

Transfer of properties of the Underwriters Producing & Refining Company to the California Company, a subsidiary of the Standard Oil Company, was consummated at Colorado Tuesday. The deal involves 7,000 acres of valuable lease holdings near Westbrook and eight producing wells, seven of which were owned exclusively by the Underwriters Company and one jointly owned by the Underwriters Company and Henry Riley. Consideration in the deal was not made public.

The deal has been pending several days and rumors have frequently told that the sale had been consummated. S. S. Owen, vice president and general manager of the Underwriters Company, stated Wednesday that it was true the deal had been pending for several days, but the actual sale was not closed until Tuesday of this week. W. F. Vane, an official of the California Company, represented his company in negotiating the transfer.

Owen stated that transfer of the Underwriters holdings in the Mitchell County field did not mean that he would relinquish his interest in development here. He has interests in valuable producing and lease acreage in the field and will spend at least a part of his time here. Colorado offices of the Underwriters Producing & Refining Company are to be closed.

To Mr. Owen is given credit for having discovered the oil field in this county. He came here as a wildcatter in 1920 and drilled the Underwriters Producing & Refining Company's Texas & Pacific No. 1, the discovery well. With the drilling in of the first test as a small producer, other oper-

ators became interested and within a few months several independent operators had acquired acreage in the vicinity of Westbrook and test after test was drilled.

The California Company is one of the strongest concerns operating in the country. Until coming to Mitchell County last year and acquiring large lease holdings here, the company had not entered the State. The corporation has large holdings in some of the California fields.

In addition to the holdings taken over in the transfer Tuesday, the California Company owns valuable acreage and producing wells in the field. It is generally believed that development of their properties will be continued and enlarged.

With passing of the Underwriters interest in Mitchell County, the Sloan interests become the largest independent operators in the field. S. A. Sloan, as president of the Sloan Oil Company and also head of the properties controlled by S. A. Sloan, et al, has drilled in some of the largest producers in the county.

The California Company are spudding their Miller No. 2 at 300 feet. The company has rig up at location for their Morrison No. 2 in Section 27, offsetting Morrison No. 4 taken over from the Underwriters Company. Rig is up, camp house erected and plans are nearing completion for spudding first test on the Butler lease. J. F. Carey et al is erecting rig for test in Section 32, offsetting T. & P. No. 4.

The Rio Grande Pipe Line Company has completed laying four-inch lines in the field to carry production to loading rack at Westbrook.

HERRINGTON TO ERECT AUTOMOBILE BUILDING

A. J. Herrington has purchased an entire quarter block at corner of Main and Elm streets as the site of a modern automobile and accessory building to be occupied by him in the future. Herrington stated Wednesday that he had not determined just what type of building he would erect, but stated the new home of the Colorado Ford Agency would be housed in one of the most attractive structures in the city. The building will be fire proof construction throughout and is to cover the entire quarter block, 130x175 feet.

The property was purchased from J. M. Thomas, H. L. Hutchinson, Jas. T. Johnson, J. H. Greene and Mrs. Ben Plaster. The consideration was \$7,000.00. For many years this location has been used as a wagon yard and the change in improvement will mean much to the city.

BAKER RESIGNS AS HEAD WATERWORKS DEPARTMENT

H. L. Baker, for several years superintendent of the waterworks department, has tendered his resignation and will move to the Long-fellow community where he will engage in the profitable occupation of farming. H. F. McCorle has been named by City Supervisor L. A. Costin as manager at the water plant. All business pertaining to management of the department will be directed by Costin.

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CITIZENS WILL PAY LESS THAN THIRD OF BOND COST

The resident property taxpayers of Mitchell County will be called upon to pay less than one-third of the aggregate amount to be expended for highway and lateral road construction under provisions of the bond issue, in case the \$650,000 in road bonds are authorized in the election to be held Tuesday. The State and Federal governments and non-residents will contribute more than two-thirds of this cost.

This fact is shown by the non-resident tax rolls of the county and the guarantee of the State Highway Department that aid of two to one will be allotted for improving the Bankhead highway. According to the tax rolls, the assessed property values of the county aggregate \$6,621,726.00 for the present year. Of this amount \$2,512,886.00 is owned by the railroad, telephone and telegraph companies and other public service corporations, non-residents and unknown owners. The \$2,512,886.00 in property values owned by these non-residents is equivalent to 38 per cent of the total county rendition.

The above figures disclose that out of the bond issue of \$650,000.00 only \$403,000.00 will be paid by the resident property taxpayers. The railroads, and other foreign ownership properties will be assessed \$247,000 of the issue. In case the entire amount set aside for the Bankhead highway, \$325,000.00, is required, aid to be allotted would aggregate twice that sum or \$650,000.00 placing the amount for this highway at \$975,000.00. Added to this the \$325,000.00 to be set aside for lateral road construction and maintenance, the total is placed at \$1,300,000.00.

Computing the distribution of the bond tax as above, and the figures are to be verified by the tax rolls for 1923, the fact remains that the citizens of Mitchell County have the opportunity of receiving without cost to them, in aid from the State and Federal governments and thru taxation assessed against non-residents, a total of \$897,000 for public road construction and maintenance in the county, on condition that the resident citizens themselves assume a bonded indebtedness of \$403,000.

The tax rate of seventy-two cents on the one hundred dollars of property valuation was computed on a valuation of \$6,200,000.00, more than \$400,000.00 less than is actually shown on the rolls. This was done in order to guarantee that the designated rate of seventy-two cents additional tax would be amply sufficient to create a sinking fund and retire the bonds at maturity, after the usual losses in delinquent taxes each year are accounted for. This loss is estimated at about five per cent of the whole assessed tax.

HEAVY SNOW DELAYS T. & P. TRAINS FROM THE WEST

The Texas & Pacific is again running on schedule, or nearly so following a battle with the heaviest snow storm in history between Kent and Sierra Blanco which delayed No. 6 east bound for about ten hours Tuesday. The train, due to arrive in Colorado at 9:25, Tuesday night, did not arrive until seven Wednesday morning. This train was followed closely by No. 2, the Sunshine Special, also running late. The snow was 12 inches on the level and between Kent and Sierra Blanco cuts filled by the drifting storm.

The blizzard weather covered the entire country in its grip from Sunday night to well toward the latter part of this week. At Colorado some snow and sleet, accompanied by rain and a driving wind from the north combined to make the citizenship appreciate the fact that winter was here. Thursday morning dawned clear with coveted sunshine, although the weather remained cold.

Work of every nature, both in Colorado, in the oil fields and on the farms, have been tied up all week on account of the blizzard weather.

SUPERVISOR PLAN CITY GOVERNMENT IS ADOPTED

Passage of an ordinance creating the office of "City Supervisor" and election of L. A. Costin to the new berth, formed the principal business of a recent meeting of the City Council. The change in form of managing affairs of the city administration was accepted and passed after considerable investigation by Mayor Looney and members of the council. Under the new plan, Costin will have direct control of the police department, water works department, and other branches of the city government.

Success of the city manager plan has long been recognized among the smaller municipalities and several cities of West Texas are functioning under this plan. Among the West Texas cities to give endorsement to success of the plan is Stamford, where a city manager has directed affairs of the municipal government for years.

The change will in no way affect the authority and duties of the Mayor and City Council. These officials will continue to conduct the affairs of their respective offices as in the past. The only difference to be noted in the change is in the fact that business pertaining to management of the city will be greatly facilitated under the new plan. When occasion demands, the supervisor is authorized under provisions of the ordinance to employ labor and consummate other acts for the city, which under the old rule was not permissible.

Costin stated Tuesday afternoon that one of the first things to receive his attention would be the downtown district. He will, at expense of the city, cause all streets and alleyways in the business district to be thoroughly cleaned of rubbish and refuse. When once cleaned, the supervisor will expect the owner or occupant to keep the premises clean.

In referring to this plan, the supervisor made no definite statement as to what would be done in case any violations of the city sanitation ordinance developed. Costin did state, however, that the ordinance governing sanitation here was ample to make Colorado a clean city and keep it so.

Mr. Costin will continue to hold the position as city assessor and collector of taxes, also continue to keep all records pertaining to the water department under his supervision. At the same time the council employed the supervisor an order was passed employing Miss Hazel Costin as secretary to the supervisor.

Members of the city council have expressed keen satisfaction over the change in managing affairs of the city government. They are of the belief that a saner and more business like administration will result when one man is responsible for all of the several duties which formerly rested upon the individual members of the council. Costin automatically relieved individual members of the council as street and alley commissioner, water commissioner, and those at the head of other departments.

"Every member of the council is a business man, and as such is generally busy at his private affairs," a member of the council stated Monday. "This being true, the council members could not be expected to have the time to devote to the interests of the city as some one having nothing else to do. I can see in the new plan a marked improvement over the old plan."

RURAL SCHOOLS ALLOTTED \$7,939.00 AID BY STATE

Confirmation of aid to the amount of \$7,939.00 to the public schools of Mitchell County has been received by J. C. Hall, ex-officio county superintendent of public instruction. Practically all of the schools of the county will participate in the distribution of this aid.

The vaults of the Colorado banks are heavily burdened. Everybody's neighbor has a bank account. Have you?

HEAVY VOTE WILL BE REGISTERED IN ROAD BOND ELECTION, BELIEF

INTEREST IN CAMPAIGN GROWS AS ELECTION DRAWS NEAR; LARGE TAXPAYERS GIVE REASONS FOR SUPPORTING THE ISSUE.

The campaign to determine whether citizens of Mitchell County will authorize a bond issue of \$650,000.00 to be issued serially and bearing interest at not exceeding five and one-half per cent, to finance road construction and maintenance in the county, will close Monday night, and judging from the unusual interest developing one of the heaviest votes ever polled in the county is expected to be registered at the polls Tuesday.

Forces leading the proponents of the issue are optimistic and advance the belief the voters will authorize the bonds by an overwhelming majority, while those opposing the issue are working with renewed determination to roll up a vote of more than one-third minority, sufficient to defeat the bonds.

It is significant to note that with small exception the larger property owners of the county are strong advocates for the bonds. At Colorado, the men who are heavy tax payers individually or represent the large corporations and firms are found to be among those supporting the issue and advising their friends to do likewise. They are advocating support of the issue because, as they see it, the tax will be a most conservative business investment to them and the interests they represent. Getting two dollars for one is readily accepted as an unusual opportunity and this is what the resident citizens of the county will do, considering that the State and Federal governments and non-residents will furnish more than two-thirds of the entire cost the whole road improving program calls for.

There are many of these citizens, both large and small as to property ownership, who would have readily advised their friends through the press to support the bonds, but space would not permit The Record to publish but a few of these open letters. We are publishing statements from four local citizens. Others of Colorado and of the several rural communities would have done the same thing. Voters are requested to read these communications carefully before going to the polls Tuesday.

Of course advocates of the bond issue have no assurance that the necessary two-thirds majority will be polled in favor of the issue. It will require the co-operative support of every citizen of the county who desires to carry the issue and thus avail themselves of this huge amount of aid to conclude the campaign successfully at the polls. The time to do your bit for the best interests of the county is from now until the polls close Tuesday night. The opposition will vote their strength, and if the bonds are lost it will be because the people favoring them did not turn out to vote.

The letters addressed to the voters are expressions of Judge R. H. Looney, mayor of Colorado and a large property owner of the county; Dr. P. Coleman, president of the Chamber of Commerce and the largest individual tax payer in the county; C. M. Adams, president Colorado Lions Club and also among the larger tax payers of the county, and A. J. Herrington, also a large tax payer. These statements are published for your information. Read them.

Vote For The Bonds—Colorado, Texas, Dec. 12, 1923 To Colorado Record:

You ask me my views on the bond issue that is now before the people for the purpose of improving roads of the county and the only means that I would know to answer you properly would be to take the several classes of citizens who live within the County and see whether the issue of bonds would be to their material benefit; because we know that when people are called on to vote an issue

of bonds of the magnitude of \$650,000 to a county having the resources of Mitchell County, each person will very likely vote according to his best interest and if he understands the situation he would very likely cast his vote on the side that would benefit him, not only for the present but for the future. Take for instance the tenant farmer who lives ten miles from Colorado or Loraine, five miles of which distance he would travel over the Bankhead Highway, that is primarily to be constructed with the money; he travels the other five miles over a road that is to be constructed from the balance of the bond issue. Say this tenant farmer renders for taxation his horses, cows, implements, etc., to the extent of \$500. If he renders and pays taxes on property to that value he would have to pay only taxes amounting to \$3.60. Now would the tenant farmer be benefitted annually by this good road as much as \$3.60. He would have a better highway on which to haul his produce to market on which he could, no doubt, haul twice as much tonnage to the team as he could under present conditions. This would surely save him several times the \$3.60 taxes that he is to pay each year. Can this tenant farmer, if he is now in the possession of a Ford in which he and his family would go to town once or twice a week, how much gasoline during the year would he save on those trips on a good road as compared with present roads? Would he not save several times the \$3.60 in gasoline alone, to say nothing of the wear and tear on his tires and car. Hence, if I was a tenant farmer situated as above I would cast my vote for the bonds because I would feel that I would be personally benefitted each year by the roads that the bonds would build.

Say instead of being a tenant farmer he owns 160 acres of land that is now taxed at \$10.00 per acre making a valuation of \$1600. The taxes to him would amount to \$11.52 per annum. He would be benefitted in transporting his produce to market and carrying his purchases back home much more than \$11.52 a year and besides if he concluded to sell his farm, the minute the roads were constructed his farm would advance in value upon the market and be really saleable for at least 50 per cent above its present value. Hence if I lived in the country and owned my farm, I think it would be materially to my interest to vote for the bonds.

Take the man who lives in town and owns farms in the country that is now assessed at \$10,000. The annual taxes on that farm would amount to \$72.00 per annum. If that farm could be sold for \$25,000 today, the minute the roads are constructed it would bring on the market \$40,000, and so I living in town and owning farms in the country believe that I would be materially benefitted by voting for this tax which I intend to do because I believe that it is to my personal interest to do so. I believe that I would be very materially benefitted by voting for these bonds in addition to the pleasure of having good roads when business and pleasure takes me away from home.

Let us analyze this bond issue a little. It is proposed out of one-half of the funds supplemented by the State and Federal Government will add thereto to construct a cement highway across the County. That would mean in the neighborhood of \$1,300,000 that would be spent in this county during the next six or eight months in the construction of that road alone. The money being all spent within the county, the merchant will get his share out of it because

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THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, DEC. 20 AND 21
JACK HOLT

"THE TIGER'S CLAW"

HEAVY VOTE BE POLLED IN ROAD BOND ELECTION

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the laborer will wear out his clothes. The physician will get his share out of it because there will be more or less sickness and casualties that will need his assistance. The lawyer will get his share out of it because there will be some disputes that will have to go to the Court. I take it that every one living in Mitchell County and being in some business will be materially benefitted by the expenditure of this money here and after the money is expended the whole product of the labor and money expended remaining as a permanent improvement to be used by the citizens of Mitchell County proper for 25 years. Now in this connection I believe it is true that something like 60 per cent of the taxes will be paid by the citizens who live here and vote the bonds. The remaining 40 per cent by non-residents. And, who is injured by the bond issue? The only corporation whose interest would dictate voting against the bonds would be the Texas & Pacific Railway Company because they are forced to pay for a highway that parallels their road and takes traffic therefrom, both in freight and passengers to their detriment, but that as citizens cannot afford to vote for the interest of the Texas & Pacific Railway Company and deny ourselves the privilege of having good roads over which to haul our produce to market. Finally my conclusion is that every man and woman who votes for this bond issue, who is a citizen of this county, will vote in favor of his own interest and in favor of the interest of his neighbor if he votes for the bond issue and if he or she votes against the bond issue they are voting against their own interest and their neighbor and casting a vote for the benefit of the Texas & Pacific Railway, which has been for the last 40 years taking toll of our produce, both in and out to the extent that the law allows them to take and will continue to do so irrespective of whether the bond issue is carried or defeated. They will have no sympathy for the shipper if the shipper is silly enough to vote against this bond issue.

These primarily are my views on the bond issue and if you wish to use this in any manner you are privileged to do so.

R. H. LOONEY.

Vote For The Bonds

Editor "The Colorado Record,"
Colorado, Texas,
Dear Sir:

Considering the proposed issue of \$650,000 for road construction and maintenance in Mitchell County, of vital importance, I wish to express some of the reasons why, as I see them, the people of this county should authorize the bonds.

In the first place, I believe that our pride should prompt us to provide adequate means for making of the Bankhead Highway a permanent, all-weather road, in that Mitchell is the only County in the State traversed by this important trans-continental highway wherein the property tax voting citizens have not authorized the building of such a road. Should we by our vote defeat the issue, we will remain the only county to fail



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Report comes now that one more step has been taken toward the securing of good roads for Mitchell County. The Commissioners Court has ordered a bond election to be held Tuesday, December 18th, for the purpose of voting on a \$650,000 bond issue for hardsurfacing the Bankhead Highway and graveling the lateral roads, or a part of them, out the county. \$325,000 of this is to be used on the highway and will draw state and federal aid to the amount of \$650,000 making a total of \$1,300,000 for good roads in Mitchell county.

It has been figured that this issue will cost the man who has a quarter section of land rendered at \$10.00 per acre \$11.68 per year, and according to the tax rolls there is no land

in the county rendered above that figure for state and county taxes.

While there seems to be considerable opposition to the bond issue at this time it seems to us that it is a progressive move for the county and one that will have to come sooner or later, and Mitchell county certainly does need the roads at this time. As we have stated several times before we are the only county which the Bankhead Highway traverses in crossing the state from Texarkana to El Paso that have not already put their roads in good shape or voted bond issues to do so as soon as possible.—Lorraine Leader.

Vote For The Bonds—
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in providing funds to improve this highway.

As I see it, the voting of the bonds issue would be a conservative business act, because that we, the citizens of Mitchell County, are annually through our Federal and State taxes, paying our proportionate share of the funds allotted in the past and now being allotted as aid for building permanent highways in the State. We will continue to pay this tax regardless of whether or no we vote bonds to pay our proportionate share of improving the highway, and thus be entitled to \$800,000.00 in aid conditionally allotted Mitchell County. I am told that according to tax rolls, 1923, rendition, 38 per cent of the property values in this county are owned by non-residents. This being true, the resident citizens would assume only 62 per cent of the proposed bond issue. I am for the bonds because I believe good roads will enhance the property value in every community of the county.

The increase in tax by actual computation will be only 72 cents increase on \$100.00 worth of property. Property assessed at \$1000.00 will raise your tax \$7.20 per year, making a total of 60 cents per month, the ratio will follow straight through from the smallest tax payer to the largest. It seems to me that this should be an inducement to every voter to support the bonds.

Very truly yours,
C. M. ADAMS.

Vote For The Bonds

To the Voters of Mitchell County:
For the first time in the history of Mitchell County you have the opportunity to secure good and permanent roads, for the following reasons:

It is the first time there has been provided for a maintenance fund for roads in this county, and that an advisory committee consisting of the very best men of each Commissioners' precinct in your county, have cooperated with your Commissioners' Court in the distribution of the money, both for construction and maintenance of your roads.

In the circular letter which has been mailed to all voters of the county there is not a statement made that will not bear the most rigid investigation as to the truths therein contained.

For the large taxpayer, as well as the small, it is the very best investment you could possibly make. The increased taxation provided for in

this bond issue will not be over two per cent of the actual valuation of property in the county and, as is set forth in the circular letter, one-third of the taxation will be paid by non-residents and, as you well know, the people of Mitchell County are not relieved of taxation for State and Federal highway aid if they fail to vote the bonds, and receive the aid conditionally allotted the county. If the bonds are not voted, this aid will go to other counties.

P. C. COLEMAN.

Vote For The Bonds—

I am in favor of the bonds because, in the first place, we need the roads and the issuance of bonds is the only way we have of financing road construction.

In the second place, we will never receive anything in return for the taxes we are now paying to keep up our part of the allotment to those counties which do vote bonds and receive aid, unless we meet the conditions to receive aid. We are paying our share of State and Federal aid, and I cannot see why we should not

do the proper thing to get this money back.

A. J. HERRINGTON.

Vote For The Bonds—

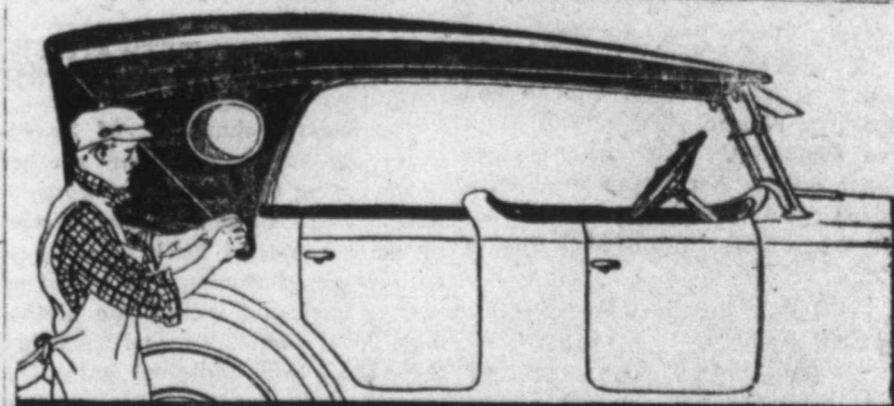
Ben Smith, publisher of the Scurry County Times at Sayer, has purchased the plant of the Snyder Signal and will consolidate the two papers. Smith came to Snyder a few months ago from Lockney where he published the Lockney Beacon for several years.

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Falls. The organization went on record as favoring the road bonds and is going to work to have them carry by a big majority.

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Auxiliary to American Legion
The Auxiliary to the American Legion met with Mrs. J. G. Merritt Saturday. Letters of appreciation were read from Kerrville for the boxes sent to the welfare work there. Besides the regular work officers were elected and plans made for next year's work. Mrs. J. G. Merritt was re-elected president, Mrs. Shroeder was elected vice president. Mrs. A. P. Baker recording secretary. Mrs. J. B. Dobbs, treasurer, Mrs. A. L. Whipkey, corresponding secretary and Mrs. D. N. Arnett was elected chaplain for life. The president appointed the following standing committees: Welfare, Mrs. Roy Dozier; Social, Mrs. Tom Hughes, Mrs. Charlie Farris and Mrs. Goldman. A membership campaign was planned for January. Mrs. Charlie Farris and Mrs. Tom Hughes were appointed captains of the campaign. Ten dollars was voted for gifts for the Christmas tree at Kerrville and each member pledged to spend a Christmas box to her "adopted" family at Kerrville.

Mrs. Q. D. Hall, Mrs. J. W. Shepherd, Mrs. Stoneroad and Mrs. Payne of Justiceberg were guests. The hostess served veal loaf, olives, hot rolls, coffee and plum pudding. Toasts and birthday wishes were given Mrs. Arnett, this being her seventy-second birthday. The January meeting will be with Mrs. Arnett.

Vote For The Bonds
MARRIED AT DALLAS

The Record is in receipt of announcement of marriage of Miss Mozella Eleanor Dry to Judge Truman Holman Conner, in Dallas December 6th. Miss Dry spent many years of her life in Colorado and was very popular in club and church work. She has a large circle of warm friends who wish her well.

Vote For The Bonds
NO LOW GRADES HERE

Oliver C. McQuage, formerly financial editor for the Dallas Times Herald, contributes an interesting article this week to the press, in which he gives his views of the financial condition of Texas. After reviewing the unprecedented "come back" of the State during the past three years, because of the large cotton crops grown in Texas since

1920, and the favorable prices usually obtained on the market, Mr. McQuage says:

"The 1923 cotton crop of Texas will go down in history as that of one with an abundance of low grades." West Texas and Oklahoma is the 1923 home of snaps and bollies and with the constant advance of the future markets the basis on these low grades has naturally weakened steadily on account of the lower spinning value. During the past week, however, the low-grade basis decline was checked somewhat but in the week preceding new lows were touched, with quotations ranging from 600 to 1000 off January, New York. In the Dallas market shippers have named prices during the past week as low as 1200 off for low bollies."

Mr. McQuage is misinformed as to Mitchell County cotton, in this reference to such a large amount of "bollies" and "snaps" because the amount of this class of cotton received at this market this season has been insignificantly small. Local cotton buyers state that the quality of Mitchell County staple is holding up remarkably well, under the most unfavorable conditions prevalent through most of the gathering season. Of course, Mitchell County has some bollies and snaps, but the percentage is so small that it should have little influence on the market. The large cotton factors are quoting Mitchell County cotton from fifty to one hundred points higher than other West Texas grades.

Vote For The Bonds
Hesperian

The Hesperian club met with Mrs. Edgar Majors. Mrs. Sam Wulfjen led the lesson on Othello. Mrs. Broadus gave the special study on Cassio; What manner of man is he and how is the plot furthered through him? The guests for the social hour were Miss Butler, Miss Irion, the teachers of the hostess' little daughters, and Mrs. Milburn Doss of Mingus. The hostess served scalloped oysters, olives, crackers, potato chips and coffee. The club will meet with Mrs. Merritt this week with a program on thrift and home economics.

Vote For The Bonds
Standard

The Standard club met with Mrs. G. W. Smith. Mrs. Riordan led the lesson on Antony and Cleopatra. Mrs. W. M. Elliott read a very interesting



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IN SOCIETY AND AT THE CLUBS

County Federation

The Mitchell County Federation met in regular monthly session at the Methodist Sunday school rooms Tuesday with the president, Mrs. A. L. Whipkey presiding. Although the weather was so bad the rural clubs could not be represented yet many phoned that they were interested. Each club that was represented had a splendid report. Such reports as story hours for children, books and magazines sent to the prison farm, helping rural schools, organizing and equipping girls clubs, tree campaigns were given. The Health Christmas Seals were distributed and the organization hopes to do its part in helping to stamp out tuberculosis. Mrs. J. F. Carey was elected general

manager of the campaign. Mrs. Jack Smith was asked to place them in the school, Mrs. Shropshire, the Hesperian; Mrs. Dobbs, the 1921 Study club; Mrs. Van King, the Daughters of the King; and Mrs. Merritt, the business district. The two clubs which are not federated were invited to join in entertaining the district meeting next April. The committee to nominate the chairman for the different committees on this entertainment reported. Mrs. Broadus, program; Mrs. Ed Jones, finance; Mrs. J. B. Dobbs, publicity; Mrs. P. C. Coleman, hostess; Mrs. Merritt, entertainment. These committees will meet at an early date and select their assistants from the various clubs over the county.

The Civic League offered to furnish the pecan tree which is the custom for the district to dedicate at its annual meetings and have it planted at the proper season. Mrs. Broadus gave a short report of the State meeting recently held at Wichita

paper on Egypt, her monuments and her schools, which was written by her cousin, who taught several years in Egypt. Mrs. W. R. Smith of El Paso a former member of the club and Mrs. C. H. Earnest were guests. The hostess served persimmon punch and gingerbread. The club will meet this week with Mrs. Smoot.

Vote For The Bonds
The Shakespeare

The Shakespeare met with Mrs. R. O. Pearson, Mrs. D. H. Snyder, Jr. led the lesson on Coriolanus and Current History. One special topic in current history for discussion was America's duty to Europe, and the club was unanimous with ex-president Wilson's views. Miss Martha Earnest was a guest. The hostess served chicken salad, saratoga chips, cheese straws, doughnuts and coffee. The meeting this week will be with Mrs. Thomas R. Smith.

Vote For The Bonds
Delphian Meets

The Colorado Delphian society met

in Judge Leslie's office last Thursday. A very interesting program was given on social life of Mesopotamia led by Mrs. Cramer. Special topics were given by Miss Eloise Pond, Mrs. J. E. Pond, Mrs. E. H. Winn, Mrs. Carey and Mrs. Whipkey. This will be the last meeting till the first Thursday in January.

Vote For The Bonds
Home Department

The Home Department of the Methodist missionary society met with Mrs. M. H. Berry Monday. Although it was cold and raining, yet there was a good attendance, mostly the elderly women. A good report was given by those who attended the Harvest Day meeting at Sweetwater. Plans were made for the aged and shut-ins of their number. Ten dollars was voted for the worker at Canyon normal. The hostess served sandwiches, cake and coffee. At the social hour the road bond issue was discussed and all present were highly in favor of it.

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1885	.30	.63	5.05	2.71	2.73	2.46	4.59	4.07	3.71	1.69	1.74	.57	29.85
1886	.29	.73	1.43	3.10	6.61	2.12	3.19	1.82	2.95	2.77	2.33	.62	33.32
1887	.21	.90	2.04	.34	2.10	2.33	8.42	.15	1.7	6.68	1.98	.44	25.76
1888	.45	.68	.33	5.73	6.61	.52	3.71	1.22	1.54	.62	1.71	.00	21.32
1889	.05	.02	.37	.09	1.33	.91	2.75	1.69	1.18	1.33	4.58	.00	13.96
1890	.00	.29	.48	.59	1.49	.13	1.6	1.14	.90	5.52	.58	.00	11.42
1891	.41	4.48	.72	2.12	.97	.99	2.03	2.97	2.11	.00	.45	2.90	19.36
1892	.00	.90	.00	1.11	.59	1.67	1.08	3.92	.96	1.92	.00	1.56	12.11
1893	2.17	.40	2.07	1.75	1.30	2.77	2.69	.16	.00	2.69	2.75	4.57	23.23
1894	.17	.21	.21	5.95	2.24	2.41	2.55	2.36	6.58	2.63	.00	.43	25.34
1895	.09	.08	.84	2.22	1.72	.69	.38	.38	.62	.90	.30	.31	7.94
1896	.11	.99	.96	1.55	.47	1.4	1.59	.37	.99	.07	.00	.00	4.47
1897	.15	.47	.11	.59	2.58	3.48	.74	.24	.96	2.56	.81	1.66	14.36
1898	1.19	.24	4.48	2.48	2.19	6.81	7.94	1.65	3.74	5.28	.83	.29	36.28
1899	2.11	.49	.16	.49	7.04	5.56	.27	7.67	3.31	2.94	2.09	.27	32.81
1900	.26	.90	1.48	.42	.57	4.96	.48	1.09	2.27	.69	.00	.46	12.51
1901	.73	.17	1.27	12.28	4.98	2.65	.14	.21	.7	.81	1.61	.22	25.07
1902	.70	3.35	1.79	3.78	3.64	5.13	.13	1.70	2.15	5.32	.00	.00	25.94

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LOOKING FORWARD

Keeping a development pace equal with any county of West Texas, Mitchell County has indeed maintained a record of "looking forward" during the past few years. Farm values have largely increased and the towns of Colorado, Loraine and Westbrook have advanced as never before, all because the people who demanded that every opportunity for bettering the conditions about them and increasing their property values be utilized. Bank deposits are large, the rural school system among the best in the State and people generally over the county are working in a spirit of co-operation to do even greater things for the county in which they have come to live.

The program that is just now demanding the attention of the citizenship of the county over is that recently inaugurated by representative citizens of the county to vote bonds and improve the road system. As an asset to every interest, whether it be farm, ranch, or the varied interests in the towns, nothing could be described as promising of more actual worth to the county than a system of good roads traversing into every rural community of the county, such as proposed in the bond issue, to be voted upon next Tuesday.

The fact is undeniable that a system of good roads in Mitchell County such as proposed by the bond issue, would directly benefit every interest in the county. There is not a tract of land in the county but that would not be advanced in value by the addition of a good road passing near it. There is not a business enterprise in any of the trade centers but that would benefit in some way from the bond issue. Even the tenant farmer and the laborer will come in for his share of these benefits. The expenditure of such a large sum of money in the county will encircle almost every citizen in the benefits to be distributed.

The benefit to the rural citizen may be computed from more than one angle. The large road building program will necessitate a stupendous amount of teaming work, presenting to the man with teams and wagons the opportunity of receiving profitable employment. This work will bring in a wage earning to more than repay the average farm owner for the outlay he would be called upon to pay in tax to support the bonds. If you are paying taxes on a property valuation of \$2,000, your tax would be increased \$14.40 per year. How many days would you have to work with one team on the road to reimburse for the annual tax?

Then, again, the rural citizen, if living on a good all weather road, can more easily market his products than under the present conditions. If the roads in your community are bad now, you could, with a good road, haul two bales of cotton to gin and market with the same ease you are now hauling one bale. The satisfaction of having good roads should be worth many times the nominal cost the proposed bonds are to cost in taxes.

The conservative citizen will be quick to recognize the practical business side of the issue, which assures the citizenship of the county a fund of \$1,300,000.00 for road improvement purposes, on condition they themselves assume \$403,000.00 of the amount. This is about thirty per cent of the entire cost, the State and Federal governments and non-resident

property owners paying the seventy per cent. There is no citizen who is able to successfully contradict the argument that Mitchell County is in need of road improvement. If in every county there is a need of permanent all weather roads, this county must be that one. Then, is it not good business to take advantage of the opportunity we now have of receiving foreign money to supplement that of our own in building these roads?

In case the voters fail to authorize the bonds, they will continue to pay their proportionate share in State and Federal tax to the expense of building good roads in other counties of Texas. There are a number of counties in the State which are at this time making surveys for extensive road building projects, financed to the extent of two to one by foreign money, allotted as aid by the State Highway department. The property owners of this county are furnishing a part of the money represented in aid allotted to every one of these counties. Unless Mitchell County meets the conditions under which aid is allotted, this county will continue to assist in a financial way to build permanent roads and highways in other counties and never receive anything for ourselves, in so far as aid is concerned. There is no way of getting around this fact.

The theory advanced by opponents to the bonds that Commissioners' Court may not carry out the proposed road improvement program in detail as outlined, is but theory and advanced for no other purpose than to defeat the issue. To claim that Commissioners' Court, after acknowledging petitions from 243 resident property owners of the county, requesting that an election be ordered to vote on bonds to improve and maintain roads in the county, a certain amount of which shall be expended on the highway and a certain amount of which shall be expended on lateral roads in the four commissioners' precincts, and then, Commissioners' Court, in ordering election to be held, outline in the order, which is being published in the Record and the Loraine Leader, that these identical conditions shall be adhered to, may change or alter the program in any way, in so far as expenditure of the road bond funds are concerned, is inconsistent. Commissioners' Court has further officially ordered that every condition set in the petition and order of election will be carried out, and such orders are a matter of record in minutes of the court now on file in the office of the County Clerk. In addition to this, the Commissioners' Court has officially accepted the appointment of two resident citizens in each of the four precincts to act in an advisory capacity with the commissioner and the court as to expenditure of every dollar of the lateral road improvement fund. The cards are all on the table and the whole program is founded upon the basic principle of fairness to the entire citizenship of the county as a whole.

Opposition to the proposed bonds is developing more aggressive as the eve of the election draws. At the same time those sponsoring the campaign for good roads and who recognize the practical business value of the question involved, as to whether we will accept State and Federal aid to improve our roads, or continue to assist other counties of the State to improve theirs, are working harder than usual to carry the election with a decisive victory.

ANENT ADVERTISING

This is the age of advertising. Advertising is the greatest business builder in the civilized world. Without intelligent, honest and truthful advertising there can be in this progressive age no great and conspicuous success. Advertising is not an expense, it is an investment. Ignorance of this fact has ruined many a business man. It is only the rich who can afford not to advertise. Advertising is the poor man's friend and his business creator.

John Wanamaker knew this when he first started in business and the first day he opened his store he spent practically every cent he had in advertising and took a chance on getting returns on his money. Advertising

OUR GREETING AND WISH

AS THE three wise men rode on that first Christmas to find the manger-cradled Babe of Bethlehem, they bore gifts on their saddle bows; gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And so the spirit of Christmas giving crept into the world's heart.

The injunction was to go into the highways and byways and seek out the poor and distressed, the humble and afflicted, the ragged children and the outcasts and the aged, and in the name of Him who was born on Christmas day, carry some sunshine into their lives. Give unto the poor and afflicted and your hearts shall glow with that peace which passeth understanding.

The two dominant characteristics of the Christmas season are kindness, expressed by good will toward men, and the inward joy wrought by kind acts, and suggested by peace on earth. "The earth has grown old with its burden of care, but at Christmas it always is young," and with each recurring Yuletide we like to think of the spiritual blessings brought to the children of men on that first Christmas.

Our greeting to you is one of kindness in return for the good will you have displayed toward us. Our wish is that you may be filled with the fresh, clean joys of the season and receive a liberal endowment of that spirit which at this time rises like a mighty flood over the world.

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ing made Wanamaker the merchant prince of America. But advertising to be effective must be intelligent. It must be truthful. The merchant who studies advertising as he would study any other subject and then advertises intelligently and persistently is bound to win. The object of advertising is to burn your name and business into the public mind so that when the people think of anything in your line they think of your name first. This is the drawing power. This is the psychology of advertising.

But you must keep everlastingly at it. You can no more build up a permanent and prosperous business by spasmodic advertising than you can build up a permanent character by spasmodic virtue. As we have already said, this is the age of publicity of advertising. Advertising is the mighty motive force underlying the whole business world. It is the mainspring, the motive power in our modern industrial competition.

There is no power on earth equal to advertising. It is the only power that grows by its own momentum. Other powers lose by expansion. Steam is powerful only when confined. Electricity is powerful only when confined. When steam and electricity are radiated and diffused they lose their force and become as nothing. Sound dies with distance and light itself is lost in infinite space.

Not so with advertising. Its mysterious dynamic power increases with expansion. Radiation is its strength, diffusion its life. It grows and increases in power by what it imparts. It carries ideas from the mind of one to the minds of many. In this way it multiplies its energy and intensifies its power. Advertising is the only harvest that grows the more by reaping.

Advertising rears skyscrapers; it creates telephone and telegraph lines it constructs steam and trolley railroads and it multiplies mammoth department stores. Its potency and power extend far beyond human needs and necessities. It creates and multiplies human wants, refines and intensifies human desires. It gives timid and hesitating people the courage to buy that which they would like, but which under different circumstances they could easily get along without.

Vote For The Bonds—SOUNDING TAPS

The Record publishes an article today concerning a large land deal at Lubbock in which some 17,000 acres of Plains land belonging to the Ellwood interests have been acquired for colonization purposes. The tract, the article relates, is to be cut up into small farm tracts and offered on the market to homeseekers. From Kent County comes the report that the old O Bar O ranch, comprising more than 200,000 acres of land, is being surveyed into small farm tracts and is to be transformed

from the open range to the home of a new settlement of West Texas farmers. Similar reports affecting other of the large cattle ranches are being received from time to time, indicating that everywhere in this fast developing section "taps" are being sounded for the large cow ranch and in their places are rapidly springing into existence densely populated rural farm communities.

One of these ranches may be found in Mitchell county. Recently owners of the H S Ranch in this county announced that a part of these valuable holdings would be offered for sale in small farm tracts. Scores of farmers have availed themselves of the opportunity to purchase farm homes in this pasture and today, where formerly nothing was to be seen save roaming herds of cattle are to be noted newly erected farm homes and fertile fields which this year produced their virgin crop yield.

Vote For The Bonds—SELLING GOLD BRICKS

From Plainview comes the information that solicitors for a supposedly credited benevolent organization swooped down upon the citizenship of that city recently and adopting tactics of the gold brick peddler, made a cleaning up, in so far as getting the cash was concerned. Of course the solicitors may have not had any connection with the organization they represented themselves to be with. Any rate, the average citizen has no way of knowing the merits or demerits of the average solicitor who blows into town, fills up his pockets with coin donated by a generous hearted public and then leaves probably never to return. Make them show their credentials, and if they cannot satisfy you they are doing business on the square, show them the door.

The story of how solicitors for the "Volunteers of America," fleeced citizens of Plainview, is told in the following article, taken from the Plainview Herald:

"Several Plainview citizens are indignant over the methods used by Mrs. Blanche Welch and Miss Lillian Blanford of Fort Worth, who purported to be raising money for the Volunteers of America. In their zeal to get from the citizens of Plainview the amount they thought the organization ought to get they raised the subscription to list to certain individuals and presented the list to others, using the amounts as raised as a "prize" to get contributors to give large amounts. One banker started the list with \$1.00. His amount was changed to \$10.00 and the list presented to another banker. He gave \$5.00. His amount was raised to \$15.00 on the list and a grain man, thinking that the others had investigated the proposition gave \$10.00. When the matter was brought to the attention of the authorities County Attorney Frank R. Day questioned Miss Blanford. She said to him that she did not intend

to defraud and told that she intended to turn the money secured over to the Volunteers of America, for whom she is working and from whom she bears proper credentials.

County Attorney Day is convinced that a swindling charge against the workers would not be sustained by the court and no charges were filed against either of the women, who left town in their car.

Vote For The Bonds—PROMISES

It has been rumored the past few days that the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company is going to install a new switch board at Roscoe. We hope it really means that, but we are afraid this promise will be like all others that have been made before.—Roscoe Times.

The Southwestern Bell Telephone Company has also promised to do some improvement on its service system in Colorado, among which is a new exchange. This, according to promise, is to be done in 1924.

Vote For The Bonds—WEST GROWS BETTER ALL TIME

The misfortunes of one individual often prove the good fortunes of another. So it is with States; with sections of a state and with cities. The misfortunes of the South Atlantic States cut short this year's cotton crop with the result that the price has soared steadily and Texas has benefited.

So it is with West Texas. The boll weevil, that great destroyer of cotton in other states and in sections of Texas, is unknown in West Texas. And his very absence, the conditions that make it impossible for him to live in that region, promise to make of West Texas the greatest cotton growing section of Texas. This year cotton was grown in sections of West Texas where it never has been grown before and the yield was satisfactory. Cotton, with the \$280,000,000 it is estimated will be poured into West Texas from this one crop alone, has made West Texas rich this year. But it is only one crop.

Most any crop that can be grown anywhere can be grown in some sections of West Texas and this proven fact is destined to make of that region one of the greatest agricultural sections in the country. The development has started. The big ranches have given way to the advance of the farmer. More and more they are being cut up into tracts of 160 acres and sold to farmers—mostly from other states.

These farmers, and for the most part they are expert farmers, too, have learned that they can buy land in West Texas for from \$20 to \$60 an acre that will produce as much as the land in the older states that cost from \$200 to \$400. And they have been coming into some sections of West Texas for many months. The South Plains particularly has received a large influx. They are buying their lands, improving them and bringing with them the improved methods of farming that have done so much for the older states.

Vote For The Bonds—THE BUYING POWER OF THIS TERRITORY

The buying power of this territory—unlike that of the already thickly settled territories tributary to other Texas cities is steadily increasing.—Editorial in Star Telegram

Vote For The Bonds—THE CITY COMMISSION OF SWEETWATER

The City Commission of Sweetwater has recently granted a franchise to the Postal Telegraph Company to extend their lines through the city, on condition the company opened and maintained an office there. The Postal Company, in addition to delivering messages by telegram and cable, handles toll telephone messages. The company was granted a franchise to build its lines through this county by Commissioners' Court at the regular November term. Colorado would welcome an office of the company in this city. Competition is the life of trade, so the old adage goes, and experience has taught there is a lot of truth in that adage.

Vote For The Bonds—SHOP EARLY AND TRADE WITH THE HOME TOWN MERCHANT

Shop early and trade with the home town merchant seems to be a timely and appropriate suggestion. The merchants of Colorado were never better prepared with seasonable merchandise than they are at this time. There is no gift too pretentious for the home firm, they have planned and provided for the gift season. It should be a pride and a pleasure to spend our money at home with them. Gifts bought at home will be real home pleasures. They will radiate an influence of community good will and cheer that will be a lasting value. Why not form some Christmas shopping parties and get some real pleasure out of shopping with the home town merchants. Get the spirit of the season and trade at home.

Vote For The Bonds—THE COLORADO MERCHANTS HAVE VERY LARGE STOCKS ON HAND

The Colorado merchants have very large stocks on hand, and all of our people can find what they want without the necessity of going out of town to do their shopping. Keep Colorado money in Colorado.

Story of a Stocking That Was So Empty

JOSEPH SCRIM was accounted a prosperous man. Early in life he had adopted a motto of get-there-when-you-can that had apparently served him well. He could surely promise that yielded good rentals to him, mortgages that were a first claim upon good farms, stocks and bonds that were called gil-edged. Sitting in his dingy office he did not appear to have any very exciting business, but his clients found there was plenty of action before they were done with him. It was a favorite amusement with him during the intervals of occupation to go over his books, gloat over his securities, and refinance a stock of gold that he kept to assure himself of the reality of his power and the possibilities of his life, should he ever care to use them. This glittering illusion he strangely kept in an old stocking, hard by another in the massive safe, the second containing a collection of gems that he lived to handle without letting any of them slip through his fingers.

He was thus amusing himself one Christmas Eve, all unconscious of the radioed and radiant hopes and purposes that filled the atmosphere outside and ever surged through his room in which he sat, and all unable to tune in with any of them, when he seemed to see upon the wall a handwriting and to hear a voice that interpreted it to him, saying: "Oh poor dupe of falsity! When will you hang up a stocking emptied by benevolence and make an investment in real happiness? When will you serve love, that it may present you with his best gifts? Are there none who need but cannot have in this great city? Are there no hopeful children who will creep down to disappointment on Christmas morning? Power of light and heat, of truth and love, of purest happiness is in these baubles that you handle, but your heart is shriveled up into nothingness. You have lost your income and must leave your principal. Come with me."

Was it a dream? Who can say? But they found him there the next morning, cold with a new coldness and grasping with a futile hand the little stocking that was so empty.—Christopher G. Hazard.

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CHRISTMAS CAROLS

IN A SMALL village every Christmas eve the organist of the little church and some of the girls and boys of the choir go forth and sing carols. They go to homes where there are older people, perhaps where they cannot get out during the winter time, and they give their Christmas concert. And they sing under the windows of these homes so that their voices sound truly as carols sung under the stars on the night before Christmas. A simple enough thing to do, perhaps, but very lovely. It brings pleasure to those who hear the carols and those who sing them love this Christmas-time festival of their very own.—Mary Graham Bonner.

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THE TRADE



The Christmas gift she gave to me, From it I never will part. I gave her a diamond; And she gave to me her heart.

DESERT HOLLY

Though not profuse enough for general gathering at Christmas time, and not as suitable as the regular holly for wreath-making purposes, the desert holly (Perezia nana) of the Southwest is a peculiar little plant with stiff, smooth, dull bluish-green leaves with prickly edges, like holly leaves, but not so stiff. The plant bears one light purplish-pink flower, the head about an inch long, with purplish bracts. The plant grows but two or three inches high and looks somewhat like a little spiky stick in the sand. Another plant with bluish-white leaves and erroneously called "desert holly" is sometimes used for wreaths on the Pacific coast.—C. F. Wadsworth.

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THE REASON OF REINDEER

"I know why Santa Claus has reindeer," announced little Mary. "Why?" asked her mother. "Cause they have Christmas trees growing on their heads!"—M. R. Thomas.

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IT'S A GOOD TRYOUT

The man who has tried to hide some gifts from the wife or kids knows how futile is the attempt to secrete the jewelry from burglars.

A GENEROUS PRAYER

There is no finer Christmas sentiment than the words of the "God bless us every one."

Special Bargain

Millinery Sale!



ONE LOT OF HATS \$1.00 to \$3.00

Lady Francis Pattern Hats at a great reduction

MAKE YOUR SELECTION

Mrs. Meda Robinson

Allathians Meet.

The Allathian class of the Baptist Sunday school met with Mrs. J. H. Greene last Thursday. The president Mrs. Gustine, presided at the business period and Mrs. Mannering conducted the Bible lesson, the last chapter of Mark. The hostess served sandwiches, tea and cake. There was a good attendance of the members and three visitors. The next meeting will be January 3rd with Mrs. M. C. Ratliff.

Vote for the Bonds

Friends of Miss Alma Browning received announcement of her marriage to Mr. Ed J. Moser of Dallas, Nov. 16th. Mr. and Mrs. Moser are now at home in San Antonio.

Vote For The Bonds

Books, Books, the latest fiction, always acceptable for Christmas gifts. Jno. L. Doss Pharmacy.

W. H. Hale, who lives out on Route A, brought a turnip to the Chamber of Commerce office Saturday afternoon that is something out of the ordinary, in so far as we have seen in these parts. The turnip is called by Mr. Hale as the "cow horn" variety, and judging from the length of the vegetable, it must be of the long horn species. The turnip is about a foot in length and will measure less than two inches in diameter.

Vote for the Bonds

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Get your Christmas candy while the line is fresh and complete, Jacobs made last night.—Jno. L. Doss Pharmacy.

LORAINNE NEWS

Local and Personal News About Loraine and Vicinity

MRS. ZORA DEAN

Plans are being perfected to have a Christmas tree in the school auditorium Friday, Dec. 21. A short program will be given, each room taking part. Everyone cordially invited.

Mrs. Minnie Decker and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Foster were in shopping Friday from Bauman.

Wilmer Teague arrived Monday from Greenville and will make his home near Valley View.

Mr. Rauer Bell has accepted a position for the coming year with Hutchins & Hall Drug Co.

Mr. S. M. Hallmark is having a six room bungalow erected on lots north of the railroad adjoining the cotton yard block. He expects to occupy same between now and the new year.

Mrs. Thelma P. Lee of Abilene spent the week end here visiting relatives.

Fred Brown left Monday for McKinney, where he goes in the interest of the Brown, Abbott Co., to bid on an \$80,000 bridge job to be let there Tuesday.

A deal was closed last week whereby W. H. Jones purchased 43 acres adjoining the town site on the west, from A. M. Jackson. Consideration \$100 per acre. Mr. Jones is moving in soon for the benefit of the school. Mr. Jackson expects to build a new bungalow in town, on lots adjoining C. M. Jackson's home on the east.

The school board met Tuesday afternoon and made final settlement on the school house contract. Mr. J. E. Abbott of Dallas, secretary and general manager of the Brown, Abbott Co., was present at the settlement.

L. A. Williams of Silver was transacting business in the city Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Wenkin made a business trip to Colorado Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Waiker and Mrs. Wyley Walker left Friday night for Fort Worth, where they were called to the bedside of Mrs. W. W. Potts, who was not expected to live.

Joe Roberts of Coahoma, accompanied by his uncle, J. F. Bennett Sr., left Thursday night for Glen Rose.

Misses Mildred and Caselle Marsh returned to their home at Plainview Thursday after a weeks visit with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Givens.

Mr. Virgil Henderson of Straw is here for a few days visit with his sister Mrs. Earl Hallmark.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Pillingington of South Champion were in Saturday shopping. Mrs. Pillingington left on the night train for Highlands, Arkansas, where she will spend Christmas with relatives.

Clarence Palmer is home from Tucson, Arizona, where he has been for the past three months, working for the government.

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Remington Portable

THE Remington Portable is a capable, companionable, individual typewriter, built for the use of the man in his business or profession, the woman in her home, the child attending school—in fact for every man, woman and child who writes.

It is the most compact of all writing machines. Fits in a case only four inches high. Like every Remington, it is strong, speedy, durable and turns out beautiful work.

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Goods Bought now laid

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Diamonds and Gold Jewelry

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Look the world over and you will not find a more pleasing or more complete array of Gift Jewelry and Novelties than we have here assembled to make Christmas Gift buying easy

Howard, Hamilton, Illinois, Elgin and Waltham in White Gold Green and Yellow Gold Cases, the gift to please him.

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FOR HIM

- Traveling Sets
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- Smokers Sets
- Bill Folds
- Military Sets
- Fountain Pen
- Waldemar Chains
- Belts

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FOR HER

- Diamonds
- Bracelets
- Pearls
- Ring Watches
- Ivory Sets
- Cut Glass
- Boudoir Lamps
- Bar Pins

\$12.00 to \$100.00

GIFTS OF SILVERWARE

Casseroles

Sandwich Trays

Parfait Sets

Tea Sets

Chests of Silver

Mesh Bags \$5 to \$30

Vanities \$2 to \$15

Compacts 65¢ to \$5

Leather Bags and Card Cases

For All The Family - Brunswick or Columbia Phonographs \$27.50 to \$200.00 terms to suit

J. P. Majors, Your Gift Store

Miss Bessie Clement commenced work Monday with Hutchins & Hall Drug Co., and will assist through the coming holidays.

Mrs. Lillie Mearns of Clarendon spent a few days here this week in the interest of educational lines.

Mr. James A. E. Walker, Ledbetter, Misses Lenore and Gustell McGee, Leta Givens and Beatrice Porter, were Sweetwater visitors Saturday.

Chester Dale of Abilene, has accepted work with the Brick Garage.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Wenkin and Miss Leola Mahoney, visited in Roscoe Sunday. Mrs. A. J. Hunter, sister of Mrs. Wenkin, accompanied them home for a few days visit.

Messrs W. L. Edmondson and J. F. Neill, left Tuesday night on business for Ranger.

Messrs C. F. Glass, J. A. Faulkenberry, C. L. Duren, Charlie and Floyd Coffee who left the 9th for Fort Davis and other points on a hunting expedition, sent a telegram Tuesday from Marfa, which stated "all are well, the ground is covered with snow, and we are going across the border."

Messrs Everett and Lavoy Burton, were here from Abilene, Sunday visiting their sister Mrs. Earl T. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Mahon and Mr. and Mrs. Elma Mahon, were Sunday afternoon visitors in the Ernest Meadow home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Gathings and Mr. and Mrs. Vick Whorton of Roscoe were Sunday afternoon visitors in the W. A. Jarrett home.

Misses Nora Sparks and Ella Lawrence, teachers at Coahoma accompanied Miss Swan Farrar home for the week end.

Mr. Albert Davis of Big Spring was a visitor in our city Sunday.

Misses Adene and Willie Howell and Jewel Spikes were Colorado visitors Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Bennett and Miss Thelma Blair visited Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bennett Sr., Thursday night.

Mrs. Jim Hanks is expected Tuesday night from Abilene and will visit in the G. A. Hutchins home.

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Vote for the Bonds

Senior B. Y. P. U. Program December 16, 6:00 p. m.

Subject—Some Common Temptations of Today.

Song.

Prayer.

Song.

Bible Leaders Drill.

Business.

Group No. 2.

Leader—Mrs. Robinson.

Introduction—By leader.

Beware the wiles of Satan—Baron Lindsay.

Purposelessness—Dale Hall. Neglect—Mr. White. Pleasure—Clyde Cook. Doubt—Mrs. White.

Inactivity—Laudry Smith. Discussion. Song. Adjournment.

Vote for the Bonds

LESS THAN TEN PER CENT POLL PAYMENTS MADE

Out of an assessment of 3,003 for the year 1923, only 298 poll taxes had been paid at the office of I. W. Terry, tax collector, up to Thursday morning. This is less than ten per cent of the number assessed. Poll tax payments to date are distributed in voting precincts as follows: Colorado, 130; Loraine, 116; Westbrook, 30; Buford, 6; Guthbert, 2; Spade, 12 and Iatan, 2. No receipts for payment of the tax had been issued to citizens of the Carr, Landers and McKenzie boxes.

Vote for the Bonds

Let it be a magazine subscription this Christmas—Jno. L. Doss Pharmacy.

Vote For The Bonds

Paints and wall paper from now to January 1st, will be sold at very low prices at W. L. Doss'

Vote For The Bonds

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LEGION MEETING

Oran C. Hooker Post, No. 127, will meet Friday evening at 8 o'clock at Roy Dotiers barber shop. Installation of officers and other important business will come before the body. Jack Helton Post Command

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Skates
Furniture
Hatchets
Tubs
Chairs
Pumps
Carts



Doll Dishes
Banks
Balls
Swings
Doll Beds
Doll Stoves
Dogs
Tops
Tool Chests
Cedar Chests
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Rocking Horses
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Air Planes
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BEAUTIFUL GIFT BOXES

Candy makes a Gift that will please—order now.



The Man of the Hour



DAINTY ARTICLES

—For her—

Parisian Ivory, Shell and Pyrolon Sets, Toilet Sets.

BOOKS, CAMERAS AND STATIONERY

The Colorado Drug Co.

Santa Claus' Original Headquarters

THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS SAVED BY CLUB MEMBERS

The actual saving to club members in Mitchell County during the fiscal year ending December 1, aggregated several thousand dollars, according to figures submitted by Miss Georgia Maxwell, home demonstrator, in her report to Commissioners' Court Saturday. The report covered every phase of the work here, including drying, poultry, canning, clothing and other branches of service rendered the public through the extension department, A. & M. College.

The report shows that during the year club members produced dairy and poultry products valued at \$12,370. Out of this amount, \$5,587.20 represented the value of these products consumed at home and the remainder was sold on the market.

In food preservation and canning, according to the report, \$4,485 was actually saved by the citizens of the county under supervision of the agent. The report in detail shows the following:

Thirty beeves canned, with a net saving of \$33 each above the market value of the animal on foot; seven

porks and 200 tins of spare ribs canned at a saving of \$325 in the aggregate. During the year 12,000 tins of corn were put up and these were given a value of \$2,040.00. 3,000 tins of tomatoes with a market value of \$450, and other vegetables and chicken tinned was valued at \$630, placing the total at \$4,485.

The market value of clothing made from discarded garments and from such other materials as flour sacks, etc., were placed at \$1,116.40. During the year 11,099 women and girls were registered at club and demonstration meetings in the county. The report showed that the demonstration agent spent 313 days out of the year in actual work, and that during 17 days of the time an expert from A. & M. College was in the county.

During the year a total of 53 steam pressure cookers were placed among the housewives of the county at an actual saving of \$11.40 each to the purchaser, 48 sealers were placed during the same time at saving of \$7.75 each. Cans, aggregating about 30,000, were used by women of the county in food preservation under supervision of the agent.

—Vote For The Bonds—
SACKS WANTED
Will pay 5c each for good Oat sacks at Lambeth's.

EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM

Social Service Study.
Subject—Serving the Neighborhood.

Teacher—Mrs. J. G. Merritt.
Song—Help Somebody Today.
Devotional—Mrs. Merritt.

Topics:
Baby Clinics—Tommie Smith.
Cost of Bad Health—Johnny Chesney.

Wage Earners—Millard Smith.
Average America—Mary Lawlis.
General Discussion.

Benediction.

—Vote For The Bonds—

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., J. M. Thomas, superintendent. Classes for all. We had the largest attendance last Sunday that we have had for a long time. You come back every Sunday and bring a friend, thereby building up our school.

No preaching service Sunday. Pastor will preach at Coahoma.

Christian Endeavor at 4:30. All the young people are requested to attend and help us in the young people's work. This is your meeting.

W. M. ELLIOTT, Pastor.

—Vote For The Bonds—

New Fall and Winter samples have arrived. You should see them at the Klassy Kleener and Hatter.

COLORADO MERCHANTS TO MEET EVERY XMAS NEED

Never before in the history of this city have the merchants and shopkeepers so universally acclaimed the holiday spirit as during the present Yuletide. In the show windows and on display in the stores are to be found every suggestion to assist the shopper to solve his or her gift problems. The stocks are large and more varied than ever shown before.

In the dry goods and department stores, one is to find a most impressive suggestion that Christmas is approaching, in the attractive display of beautiful things for gifts! These stores are vying one with the other in making their window and stock display especially beautiful. The hardware and furniture dealers are just as keen to the interest of their customers as are the others. Everything that one might desire as a gift to be selected from the large lines shown by these dealers are on display.

Passing from these shops to the drug and racket stores, the visitor will find a large and well assorted stock of holiday goods arranged in a most artistic display. They have spent considerable time in selection and purchased heavily of the articles that should be most pleasing to the holiday shopper.

Then, there are the jewelry stores, with their large displays of beautiful things for him or her for Christmas. No shopping center would be complete at Christmas without such shops where the buyer may select one or more gifts as a messenger of good cheer.

Just as important as any other class of stores are the groceries, and they, like the other dealers, have done themselves proud in completing their stocks for the holiday trade. Everything for the party and the Christmas dinner is offered and the quality of these edibles are in keeping with the good standard always dominating here.

Passing from these stores, one can easily see that the cafes and smaller shops of the city are co-operating in the spirit to bring Christmas thought to every passerby. The automobile distributors, and, in fact, every industry represented in the city, have caught the spirit of Christmas and

each has a timely suggestion to offer the shopper in timely gift purchases.

These large and varied stocks of holiday goods are not only attractive to look upon, but they are serviceable and priced at figures not to be undersold. The public of the Colorado territory can make no mistake in doing their holiday shopping here. Your peculiar desire in gift selection can be met, as an inspection of the varied stocks will show.

—Vote For The Bonds—

SUNDAY WITH THE BAPTIST

Had a fine day last Sunday. Two additions, a fine school of over 200 pupils. Miss Myrtle Barber spoke at the evening hour to the delight of a fine audience. We want to speak next Sunday on a very peculiar subject. Come and hear us. We promise that you won't go to sleep. Nuff sed.

M. C. BISHOP.

—Vote For The Bonds—

Among those who attended the Laymen's and Harvest Day meeting held with the First Methodist church at Sweetwater Friday were Messdames E. H. Winn, Logan Spaulding, Jeff Dobbs, Rube Hart, J. G. Merritt, Van King, Merrill, C. E. Maule, Q. D. Hall, J. W. Shepperd, Misses Byrdie Womack, Tommie Smith, Irene Dorn and Marie Maule. Rev. Lawlis, Rev. J. B. Shuford and Charlie Thompson.

Get your Christmas candy while the line is fresh and complete, Jacobs made last night.—Jno. L. Doss Pharmacy.

—Vote For The Bonds—
Star-Telegram bargain day, Colorado Record both one full year for \$8.25.

—Vote For The Bonds—

IF WOMEN ONLY KNEW

What a Heap of Happiness it Would Bring to Colorado Homes.

Hard to do housework with an aching back.

Brings you hours of misery at leisure or at work.

If women only knew the cause—that; Backache pains often come from weak kidneys.

'Twould save much needless woe.

Doan's Pills are for weak kidneys.

Read what a Colorado citizen says:

Mrs. L. A. Costin, says:

"I can gladly recommend Doan's Pills as being a fine kidney remedy. I use Doan's off and on when I do a little heavy housework which weakens my kidneys and cause me to have a bearing-down pain. By taking a few Doan's I always get relief from the trouble and it pleases me to recommend them to my friends."

60c, at all dealers. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

Special Announcement

Sale on Standard Brand Tires

We buy in large quantities and we quote the following low prices

LEE BAR TREAD, 30x3 1-2\$8.45

LEE ZIG ZAG TREAD, 30x3 1-2\$9.75

Other sizes in proportion—Get our new low prices on Goodyear Tires

COOPER CHEVROLET COMPANY

TELEPHONE 19

A Christmas Present Suggestion

THE WISEST AND BEST OF ALL, BECAUSE
ITS SAFE, ITS SURE, ITS REASONABLE, ITS PLAIN

It gives you real protection, it is Dependable. It protects your family, your investments, your credit, your old age, makes sure the education of your children, pays off the mortgage, the note at the bank, the grocery bill, the drug bill, the dry goods bill, perpetuates your honor, carries out your plans in life, makes CERTAIN-TIES out of the uncertainties of the morrow. Its most liberal loan values help you while you live to possess this protection makes you feel comfortable, BECAUSE IT PROTECTS. You feel secure, because it is Securifit Itself. To take this protection is only taking a privilege. A privilege to carry out your promises to your family, to do your best for them. Why not do it? Why have regrets? Secure to day for your wife, children, father, mother, or your OLD AGE as the case may require, one of these wonderful valuable contracts, the most sensible Christmas presents possible for you to give. Its a LIFE POLICY from the good old

SOUTHERN UNION LIFE INSURANCE CO.
WACO, TEXAS, and offered by the J. LEE SANDERS AGENCY,
Office Room 4, Wright Hotel Bldg., Colorado, Texas.

Jones Dry Goods Co. Gigantic Sale December 25th

Continues until

Christmas will soon be here, the spark of Yultide spirit is ignited. Christmas has begun in earnest and as your gift is a special messenger and its message expressive of your feelings, only the gift selected carefully and thoughtfully is worthy to carry such an important message. You will find our store full of many useful and beautiful Gifts which breathe the spirit of service and thankfulness thereby adding to the value of the Gift and the pleasure of giving.

MENS OVERCOATS
Give an Overcoat for Christmas. We have a beautiful line of Overcoats that will make a very appropriate gift for any man, priced at **\$16.50**

BOX STATIONERY
There is nothing that makes a more appropriate gift than stationery. We have a beautiful line in pretty boxes all go in our December Sale at reduced prices.

LADIES READY-TO-WEAR
We have many beautiful Coats, Jackets and Ladies Dresses in Silk, Wool and Crepes that we offer you in our December Sale at **ONE HALF OFF.**

NOTIONS
Good Brass Pins, per paper4c
Good Dress Snaps, 2 pkg for5c
Silkine Emb Thread Skein3c
Big Cabinet Hair Pins4c

MENS HEAVY CORDUROY SUITS
Extra Special prices to clean up these fourteen suits, Sizes 36 to 44. These Suits sold regular for \$15 to \$22.50 December Sale price**\$10.95**

DOLLS
A beautiful line of Mama Dolls in large and small sizes, all go in our December Sale at a big reduction. One lot of sleeping dolls with real human hair, regular \$1.00 and \$1.25 values, go in our December Sale at only**48c**

MENS SHIRTS
All of our \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75 Shirts go in our December Sale at only **72c**

FURS
Greatest Fur values ever known. Come take a look at them. They make an ideal gift for any woman or girl, December Sale price at only **ONE HALF PRICE.**
A beautiful line of Silk Umbrellas, all in Holly boxes, these are regular \$10.00, value sale price**\$5.98**

MENS UNION SUITS
We have a big stock of Underwear and at the beginning of the cold weather, you can make a big saving by buying here. Mens \$1.75 Union Suits**\$1.29**
Mens \$1.25 Union Suits**90c**
Boys Heavy fleece Suits**90c**
Boys Heavy Ribbed Suits**85c**

Folks Remember
This entire stock is included, everything is reduced, every nook and corner of this store is filled with Bargains. To all who appreciate honest merchandise and honest service, we say to you now is your time to participate in a genuine Sale.

MENS HEAVY PANTS
We have a big line of mens mole skin pants, the very best grades regular \$3.50 to \$4.00 values, sizes 29 to 42 waist, December Sale price**\$2.98**
Mens Khaki Pants regular \$2.50 values**\$1.98**
\$2.00 Values**\$1.68**

Jones Dry Goods Co.

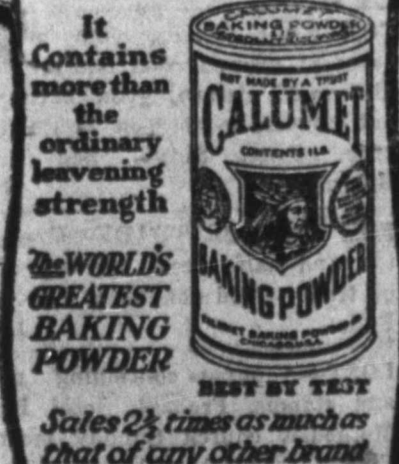
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Sales 2 1/2 times as much as that of any other brand

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS
Westbrook, Texas, Dec. 10, 1923.
Dear Santa Claus:
Would you be so kind as to bring my brother and I these things? We are not very mean, we only pull the dogs and cats tails, run the calves, or scare the Mexican children, but we will promise to be good so here is what we want. A wagon and pony, foot ball and some story books. By
By until Christmas.
J. E. and Clarence Airhart.
Vote For The Bonds

SLAT'S DIARY
Friday—Ma left me 2 tend 2 the chickens today & I forgot 2 feed em.
She was peeved & ast me did I ever hear of enny body getting kredit fur not tend ing 2 there bishness. I sed Yes & she sed Whom. I sed A Shaperone on a hay ride. I bet I am rite 2. 1 of the chickens is ded.
Saturday — Pa give ma five \$ to day 2 go a shoppin with. & he sed Now for Goodness sake have smthing 2 show for that money. When ma came home she had a Pare of Silk stockings.
Sunday—Went 2 sunday skool as usual. In the p. m. went swimming. Which I am keeping a seckret. From ma and pa.
Monday—Went with pa after Blak berrys and set down on a Bumbel be which was upside down. Am setting on a pillow 2 rite this today.
Monday—Jake's cuzzen wich has cum back frum Frants was a telling how the wimmen over there do there washing in the river. They take the close & put them in the Water and take a paddle & beet them till they air clean. But that is not a new way a tall. My ma offen does thataway with my close. She takes a paddle & beets-en them but I dont all Ways stay there till they are Clean. If I can make a getaway.
Tuesday—Jake is reel sick this p. m. with his Stummick. We had a Race 2 see whom cud eat the most apples and he win. Me I'm bearily able 2 eat. 5 times a day.
Wednesday—Went to a afternoon party where they was a lot of boys & girls and ice cream & cake. I slipt off for a wile 2 go swimming & cum back for ice cream & it was all gone. If hard luck was a speer of grass I must be a meadow. & Blisters walked home with Jane.
Thursday—Pa was gone all the after p. m. till late tonite. me & ma was setting on the porch wen pa &

Mr. Gillem cum home. We herd pa say That Dohbs sure is a luyk cuss. the only reason he diddent win a millyun \$ was because I diddent have that much on me. Then they wus— what the Preecher toll about in a sermon.
Vote For The Bonds
280 MILLIONS FOR ONE WEST TEXAS CROP
Editorial in Star-Telegram.
Two hundred and eighty millions of dollars.
Sounds like the national debt or the sum Uncle Sam has owing to him from the allied governments.
But it is not. It is just the amount it is estimated will be poured into West Texas this year from one crop alone—cotton. Chamber of Commerce statisticians have figured the crop of West Texas at an average price of 28 cents—and they insist that the crop will average that price—and have arrived at that stupendous figure. But that is only from one crop. Other crops in West Texas and the Panhandle have been good, dairying, poultry, pecans and other farm products that are considered more of a side line have added to the wealth of that wonderful territory.
West Texas and the Panhandle as a whole have not been in such wonderful condition for years. In most sections of the territory crops have been good for three successive years. In other sections, where one crop has failed, another has more than offset that failure.
The farmers are in wonderful shape. Merchants and banks report that current debts not only have been paid off but that in many instances obligations of years standing have been discharged.
The people of West Texas and the Panhandle are wonderful people. They have an indomitable spirit. They are farsighted and progressive and they are doing things every day. There are towns today, good thriving, hustling little towns, that were but villages a few years ago. The small towns of that short period are thriving little cities and growing bigger every day. These people are doing things. They are building good roads, paving streets, building good schools, furnishing their cities and towns with adequate water supplies, erecting substantial business buildings and excellent homes.
And they are going to do bigger and greater things this next year

because of the favorable conditions. Money is easy and available through out West Texas and the Panhandle for every legitimate business and commercial enterprise.
Nineteen twenty-three is certain to be one of the greatest of recent years for West Texas.
Vote For The Bonds
A remedy that will penetrate is necessary in the treatment of rheumatism. Ballard's Snow Liniment goes right through the flesh to the bone and relieves promptly. Three sizes, 30c, 60c and \$1.20 per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

Get your Christmas candy while the line is fresh and complete, Jacobs made last night.—Jno. L. Doss Pharmacy.
We are prepared to furnish anything in the Marble and Granite line at a reasonable cost and give you first class service. When in need of anything in this line see our agent REV. R. A. CLEMENTS. SWEETWATER MARBLE & GRANITE WORKS

GOOD YEAR Service Station

THE best footing your car can get on rain-swept streets and slippery hills is the gripping All-Weather Tread of a Goodyear Tire. The high, thick, sharp-edged blocks of that famous tread take a slipless hold and hang on with a wedgelike action that prevents side-slip or skidding.

As Goodyear Service Station Dealers we sell and recommend the new Goodyear Cord with the bonded All-Weather Tread and back them up with standard Goodyear Service.

FAIR FILL SERVICE STATION

GOOD YEAR

Feel this Power!

Give yourself a treat! Get into an Overland Sedan and "step on it"! The sensation of power is wonderful. The bigger new engine makes you master of traffic and hills! And the Triplex springs (Patented) give the road comfort of a long, heavy car. Before buying any car, find out how much better you will like an Overland. The price has just been reduced. Ask us for a demonstration.

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Colorado, Texas

Overland Sedan \$795
Eob. Toledo

GET IT FIXED
Like You Want It
— at —
ED JACKSON
SHOE SHOP
Between Ed Jones Barber Shop
and Pullman Cafe on Second St

LOCAL NOTES

NOTICE
I have moved my shop to No. 1 John L. Doss new building, just north of City National Bank, where we will be glad to serve you with first class barber work and baths.
Respectfully,
BURT SMITH.
—Vote For The Bonds—
All that is new and fragrant in the toilettries.—Jno. L. Doss Pharmacy.
—Vote For The Bonds—
Get prices on paints and wall paper at W. L. Doss'.

J. E. Garrett out in the Westbrook country came in this week and had his paper changed to Palacios, Texas. Mr. Garrett has a splendid farm in the Westbrook community which he has made money on the past 14 years and still retains it to move back on in case he does not like the Palacios country.
—Vote For The Bonds—
A modern discovery for the rapid healing of flesh wounds, cuts, burns, bruises, sores and scalds is Liquid Borozone. It is a clear, colorless liquid possessing marvelous healing power. Price, 30c, 60c, and \$1.20. Sold by all druggists.
—Vote For The Bonds—
Jno. L. Doss invites you to see his new line of cut glass, pyrex, stationery, fancy baskets, flowers, etc.
—Vote For The Bonds—
Jno. W. Person of Gambell, Calif., former citizen of Colorado and who for eight years was postmaster here, is rejoicing over the arrival of a new grandson, according to a communication received from Mr. Person Saturday. Person renews his subscription to The Record.
—Vote For The Bonds—
Try our services—White Filling Station.
—Vote For The Bonds—
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Miss Caroline Chambers, until recently of Colorado, has entered the government service in home demonstration work and has been assigned to Fannin county. Miss Chambers taught in the Colorado public schools several years.
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SACKS WANTED
Will pay 5c each for good oat sacks at Lambeth's.
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All felt and velveteen hats at a very great reduction.—Mrs. B. F. Mills.
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Mrs. Sam Wulfjen visited her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Henson in Sweetwater this week.
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Get your Christmas candy while the line is fresh and complete, Jacobs made last night.—Jno. L. Doss Pharmacy.
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W. O. W. Please Read and Heed.
Tuesday night, Dec. 18th, is our regular time for electing officers for the year. It is important that we have a good attendance and elect officers who will do what has to be done to keep up our insurance during the year. We have not been meeting as we should, but you are urged to come this time and to be there by 7:30 sharp.
Fraternally,
E. KEATHLEY, Clerk.
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Miss Myrtle Barber, senior student of Simmons and who has offered her life as a missionary spoke at the Baptist church Sunday evening. Miss Barber graduated with honors in the high school here five years ago.
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Star-Telegram daily and Sunday and Colorado Record one full year \$8.25.
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Did you know the price of paints is down. See paints and prices at W. L. Doss'.

WANTED—Young man about 21 years of age desires to make crop with some good honest farmer for part of crop, not afraid to work, willing to do the right thing with the man who will do me right. Have been raised on farm, prefer living near some church. Do not want ranch work. A trial is all I ask. If you don't like me, tell me so. Would like near Snyder or Colorado. Address Box 31, Colorado, Texas. Will work for wages until time to start crop. 12-21p
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FOUND—A rim and casing 30x3 1/2, prove property pay this ad and get same at Record office. 1tc
COTTON LAND
COTTON FARMERS—If you are in the market for a tract of land you can pay for with one crop of cotton, raw or improved, we have it near Midland, Texas, Midland county. This land is a heavy red catclaw sand but not too sandy, has a good clay foundation. This is the kind of land that will stand the drought. Most all of this land is level, with shallow water. Rainfall sufficient to raise good crops if you will work the land as you do in Mitchell county. Can sell you any size tract, raw or improved, well located as to town and school. Most all this land can be bought with reasonable cash payment down, and terms to suit on balance. Price ranges from \$10.00 per acre up, owing to location and improvements. We have sold over three thousand acres to farmers near Midland in the last few days. Make your arrangements to go with us on our next trip. See E. B. CANADA or C. C. BROCK at Colorado, Texas; or JIM LEE HART at Midland, Texas. Main office at Colorado, Texas, over City National Bank. Branch office at Midland, at Llano Hotel. 1tc
FOR Cheap farms or ranch lands anywhere on the Plains, see or write Stanton Realty Co., Stanton, Texas. 1tc
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Want Ads Bring Results—One Cent a Word, each issue—50c minimum price. No Classified Ads Charged. It's Cash.

I AM overloaded must sell or trade, bargains in used cars from \$100 to \$1250.00.
One Model 51 Cadillac
One Nash Coupe
One Buick Touring
One 1920 Model Ford
One 1923 Model Ford
One 1923 Chevrolet Sedan
One 1924 Ford Sedan
Night Phone 217; Day Phone 313.
—JACK CARTER. 1tc
FOR RENT—Mrs. Brooks Bell's furnished home. See J. M. Thomas at Colorado National Bank. 1tc
SILVER MOON Coffee — None better. Served Free all day Saturday at R. U. Bean's Grocery Store.
YOUNG couple earn \$10,000 a year. Abilene, Texas.—A young man and his wife, sweethearts in Draughon's College a few years ago, now have combined incomes of nearly ten thousand dollars a year as a result of the world famous Draughon training. Many similar instances could be given, it is stated. The College guarantees good beginning position, and its thorough training insures rapid promotion to ambitious young men and women. Its free catalog No. 10 will be an inspiration to you. Write for it and guarantee contract today, addressing J. D. Miracle, Supt., Box 38, Abilene, Texas, or Box 1593, Wichita Falls, Texas. 12-21p
POSTED—All of my lands are posted according to law and wood haulers and hunters are warned to stay out. This is a fair warning.—C. P. Conaway. 1-11p
FOR SALE—Good bunch stock horses, also work horses and mules and good Jack. Jack will serve in pasture. See or phone 311, 1 L, 2 Shorts. 1-11p
MULES LOST—Three mules strayed from H S Ranch. Last seen headed east. Two of the mules necked together, third mule following. Any information—Phone or write Archie Howard, Westbrook, Texas. 1tp
FOR SALE—Store fixtures consisting of shelving and bins at a bargain. See or phone Mrs. S. T. Shroshire, Colorado. 12-21p
NOTICE—I have for sale brand new Overland Red Bird car just broke in. Will sell for cash, \$725.00.—A. L. Baker. 1tc
HOME BEAUTIFUL FOR SALE—Seven room brick with breakfast nook, bath, basement, two concrete porches, tile roof, hardwood floors, all built in features, modern in every respect. Two lots facing south with east exposure, double brick garage, A real buy. See owner P. K. Williams, Phone 106 12-21

NOTICE COTTON FARMERS—We have several good 160 and 320 acre tracts of good red catclaw land well located close to Midland. Land will stand the closest inspection get water anywhere drill, and plenty of it. Not much grubbing on this land. For the next few days we will sell these tracts without any cash payment down, nothing until next Fall. The price is right, and the terms are easy. Buyer will be required to put half of each tract in cultivation, and drill a well on the land. Also have a few choice tracts to sell with \$1.00 acre down, terms for the balance, nothing more until next fall, buyer will be required to put half of the tract in cultivation. Can show you this land any day, as we have a man at Midland on the ground. Call in our office at once for full particulars.—E. B. Canada Land Company, over City National Bank. 1tc
POSTED—All lands owned and controlled by undersigned is posted and trespassers are warned to stay out. No hunting, wood hauling, etc. will be permitted. Take warning.—Landers Bros. 1tc
POSTED—All lands owned and controlled by the Wulfjens are posted by law, and trespassers must stay out. Hunters, fishermen and wood haulers take notice.—U. D. Wulfjen. 4-24p
HUNTERS TAKE NOTICE—W. T. Foster's Iatan pasture is posted according to law. A friendly warning to hunters or other trespassers to stay out, its cheaper.—E. B. Grogson, Manager. 1tc
BARGAIN DAYS—Star Telegram, daily with Sunday and Colorado Record both one full year for only \$8.25. Star-Telegram daily without Sunday and Colorado Record, both one full year for only \$7.00.
FOR SALE—Section of land nearest corner within one mile of town on Snyder road about 500 acres in cultivation, good terms. For price and terms see W. W. Watson, owner. 1tc
POSTED—The Spade Ranch lands are posted and notice is given to trespassers to stay out. Wood haulers, hunting, fishing and trappers. Bird hunters had better think twice and stay out.—O. F. Jones, Manager. 1tc
FOR SALE—And going fast. We have several small blocks of 2 1/2, 5 and 10 acres, just north of city limits, price cheap with terms. See J. L. Hart or L. A. Costin at the City Hall. 1tc
IF you want a house and lot in Westbrook see J. E. Skelton for a real bargain, four room house and corner lot, well improved. 12-14p
COTTON LAND FOR SALE
Four sections of rich tillable land about six miles southeast of Stanton, Texas, out of old Diamond Ranch: mesquite and catclaw red sandy loam with a clay subsoil. Will cut in tracts to suit purchaser, reasonable cash payment down and terms on balance. Address J. D. Oxsheer, Box 483, Big Spring, Texas, or phone 48 Diamond Ranch. Stanton Exchange and he will show you this land. F. G. Oxsheer. 12-14p
WOOD FOR SALE—Good wood for sale at \$3.50 and \$4.00 load at my place, 10 miles north of Colorado.—Come get it.—O. C. Powell. 12-21p
LOST—Between Sweetwater and Lorraine, suit case, Army barracks bag, bundle carrier and 16x16 tarpaulin. Finder express to me at my expense at Veedersburg, Indiana. Will pay reward.—A. E. Timmona.
WANTED—Want to buy a good used incubator, also brooder equipment.—W. E. Reid at Record office. 1t
POSTED NOTICE—The Reynolds ranch is lawfully posted and all trespassers must stay out. No fishing, hunting or wood hauling will be allowed and all parties must stay out.—J. BROWN, Manager. 1tc
FOR SALE—Seven room house, 3 acres of ground, well and windmill, also good cistern, good barn and out houses, located in South Colorado. Price \$1600. See S. W. Brown. 1-11p
FOR SALE OR TRADE—One good ton and half truck, will sell cheap or trade. Good condition. See Class Bell. 12-14p
LOST—A purse containing money and stamps. Probably lost in the Methodist church Sunday morning. Finder if honest, will bring it to the Record office and get reward. 1tp

Gifts That Please

A Few Suggestions

A FEW SPECIALS
Antique Dutch Silver in Silver Novelties
Pyrex Tea Pots and Dishes
Carafe and Thermos Bottles
Baby Sets and Plates
ARYAN POTTERY

PEARLS
The Gift Supreme

FINGER WATCHES

REAL GIFTS
Floor and Reading Lamps

- Gifts For All -

Diamond Rings and Pins, Chains, Beads and Pearls, Traveling Sets, Cuff Links, Belt Buckles, Baby Bunting Pearls, Vanities Compacts and Beaded Bags, Etched Glass and Perfume Bottles, Fountain Pens and Pencils, Smoking Stands and Sets, Grills, Perculators, and Toasters.

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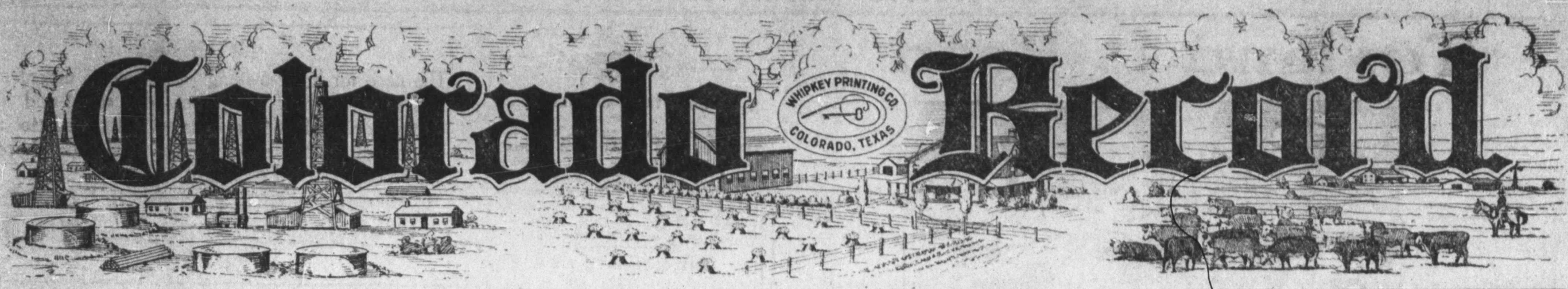
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COLORADO, TEXAS, FRIDAY DECEMBER 14, 1923.

WHIPKEY PRINTING CO.



The Christmas Spirit

WHO would not be merry, who would not be glad, when all over the earth there can be heard the jingle of Santa Claus' sleigh bells, the patter of his reindeer's hoofs and the chuckle of the jolly little man?

Who would not be merry when everywhere we see eager, expectant little children, their eyes and feet dancing in happy expectation of the joy which they know is coming?

Who would not be merry and glad at the sight of full stockings by the chimney, the gaily-ornamented tree with gifts on every bough?

Who would not be merry and glad at the thought of the gathering and feast that make Christmas a celebration of the home and of family ties?

Who would not be merry when everywhere we look we see men and women at their very best, filled deep with the spirit of love and giving—when everybody seems to have been touched by the magic hand of Christmas?

Who would not be merry when in every home there is happy whispering and planning and streets and shops are filled with a gladsome throng all bent upon the most unselfish mission in the world: to help bring joy to others?

Who would not be merry and glad when the whole country is radiating peace and joy and good cheer; when the Christmas spirit has spread itself like an encircling mantle over the nation?

Who would not be merry and glad and of good cheer in the conviction that some day, when the Christian citizen serves God in relation to his home his community and his nation, there will be literally "On earth peace, good will toward men."?



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Toyland Is Read



Bring the children to Toyland and let them see what a wonderful array of Toys Santa Claus has provided to help make this Christmas the Merriest ever. Largest stock of Holiday Goods we have ever shown in Colorado. Prices are right. Dolls, 10c to \$5; Fancy Stationery, 15c to \$1 per box. Every other article throughout the store priced in proportion.

R. L. McMURRY

E Z Tire Co. Vulcanizing

Your old tires made good as new. We have in stock a large lot of nearly every tire made, all at REDUCED PRICES.

WE SELL SERVICE—PHONE US YOUR TROUBLES AND WANTS

"FORD DISPLAY WEEK" IS OBSERVED BY HERRINGTON

"Ford Display Week," beginning Monday and continuing through Saturday, is being observed by A. J. Herrington, Colorado distributor for Ford Motor Company products. The week, designated by the Ford corporation at Detroit as an annual period of demonstration for the Ford car, truck and tractor, is being observed everywhere by dealers.

Mr. Herrington is giving varied demonstrations daily, showing the new Tudor Sedan, new truck body, cab and other things of interest to car and truck owners. The demonstration also included actual farming experiments by the Fordson with plow attached. Scores of citizens of the Colorado territory are visiting the display daily.

SEALS FOR AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION RECEIVED

The supply of 1924 motor vehicle seals for Mitchell county has been received by Sheriff I. W. Terry and registrations for the ensuing year are now in order. No number plates are to be assigned for 1924, unless in the case where the owner of a car, truck or motor cycle has lost the original number plates. In this case the owner is

required to apply for new assignment of number.

The new seals bear the seal registration number and designate the year 1924. Twelve cars has been registered for 1924 up to Monday. Between now and Jan. 1 cars may be registered for the remainder of this year and all of 1924 at the same time.

No motor vehicle may be operated after January 1 without proper registration for 1924 without subjecting the owner or operator to penalty under the law.

NOTICE

On Thursday night fire burned up everything I had in the way of Watkins Remedies and left me without funds as I had no insurance. This is to give notice to all who owe me to please pay your account now. Help me in this time of need. Please call and settle. 12-14

J. B. FULTON.

Vote For The Bonds

J. C. Beakley, merchant of Dunn, spent several hours in Colorado Saturday on business. Mr. Beakley is interested in the campaign to improve the quality of cotton staple in that section and is co-operating with planters of the Dunn territory in obtaining pure bred seed.

California Adopts Gay Christmas Berry

ROYAL to its own products, California has adopted the "Christmas berry" as its holly, and from some points of similarity it makes a very good substitute for the well-known holly of the eastern states.

The California holly—Christmas berry—toyon—is not very similar to the regular holly in structure, but the tint of the leaves and of the berries approximates the colors afforded by the regular sort.

The leaves of the California holly are not of the form of holly leaves, but the berries easily suggest the regular species. To make the effect seem more real, some florists of coast cities mix the berries of the California holly with the prickly foliage of the live oak.

The shrubs of the California holly grow 4 to 25 feet tall, and the flowers appear in July and August, and the berries, which grow in large clusters similar to cherries, are ripe by Thanksgiving and remain on the trees for some time; although they do not keep well after being plucked.

The plant is common in most of the southern half of the state, and at Christmas time the rich cardinal berries contrasted with the full green of the foliage adds a gay note to the florists' windows and the baskets of the street vendors.

The berries have a rather pleasant taste, somewhat acid and astringent, and are "sometimes eaten by the Indians with great relish," according to Mary Elizabeth Parsons Cunningham, in "Wild Flowers of California."

Such has been the wild scramble for California holly at Christmas times in recent years that it has been necessary to protect the shrubs by law, it now being a misdemeanor to gather the holly in the hills and along the highways without the permission of the owner of the property. Landowners, however, usually are willing for motor parties to avail themselves of a reasonable supply of the rich red and green decorating material for home use, but dealers are often at a loss to supply the demand at Christmas time.—C. F. Wadsworth.

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Mysterious Kindness Bound Up in a Bundle

AFTER the joyous excitement of Christmas Day they all sat about the blazing hearth fire with happy reminiscent thoughts and called upon the doctor to tell them a story.

"I will," he said, "upon one condition; each one of you must throw a small fagot upon the blaze and tell a story as long as it burns, then I will tell my story."

So they did, and pleasant and laughing interest went round until the turn came to the doctor.

"Well," said he, as he threw a larger fagot into the fire, "my story is not yet a day old, and still it is not a little one, for, as I went my round of calls this morning I was surprised to see a large bundle lying in front of the door of a cottage by the roadside that looked as if it were in need of paint and everything else. Curious to understand the matter, I stopped to investigate it and discovered by a card that was pinned upon the wrapper that the bundle was designed for Mrs. Cafferty. Knocking upon the door, I at last induced the woman herself to open it. Reading the card to her, I lifted the bundle into the room, whereupon she called out in a loud voice: 'Here you, Mike, Nora, Rose, Timothy, Patrick, Bridget and Kate, come here you spalpeens and see what the leprechauns have brought ye.'

"They came, from above, below, and from all sides they came, and it is many a day since I have seen as much joy as came out of the mysterious kindness that was bound up in the good things of that bundle."

Before they went to bed they voted the doctor's story the best Christmas story of them all.—Christopher G. Hazard.

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CHRISTMAS CANDLES

It is a pleasant custom, when the Christmas tree is lighted and its many candles fastened to give all the needed cheer, to light a candle from its fires and give the taller candles on the shelf and on the table a share in the happy illumination.—C. G. Hazard.

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THE OPTIMIST'S VIEW

The optimist reflects that the shopping rush would be much more uncomfortable if Christmas came on July 26.

IT TAKES COURAGE

The true diplomatist is one who can say "Just what I needed" while speculating on his chances at the exchange counter.

THE POSTMAN SETS THE PACE

There would be merit enough for all if everybody worked as hard as the postman.

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CHRISTMAS ALONE

A fellow that is far away from his home folks on Christmas day may make an effort to be gay, but doesn't have much luck, says a writer. For though he occupies no chair, across the miles his heart is there, with mother, dad, and sis to share the dressing and something in his throat grows tight and makes him dream of home.

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS CAROL

Fear not, for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

Chorus: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will toward men.—St. Luke's Gospel.

SOME PEOPLE

Some grownups are so childish that they do not even believe in Santa Claus.

ON SHOPPERS' LIST

The next event in the Christmas season will be the January sale.

LISTEN

The need for home-owning was never so urgent as it is now. Much of the present day social and industrial dissatisfaction and unrest, if traced to its origin, will lead to rented homes and landlords receipts. BUILD YOU A HOME.

ROCKWELL BROS. & CO.
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Windmills, Pipe, Pipe Fittings, and Plumbing Goods

PHONE NO. 495

Colorado, Texas.

BURTON-LINGO COMPANY

LUMBER AND WIRE

SEE US ABOUT YOUR NEXT BILL OF LUMBER WE CAN SAVE YOU SOME MONEY

COLORADO

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Beautiful Christmas Cards.

We have in stock the largest stock of the latest designs in Christmas cards. We suggest you come early and select your greeting cards before the stock is broken. We will lay them aside for you. Come look at the new beautiful designs. Don't wait until the last minute and then be disappointed. Come see them whether you buy or not.

Also see those beautiful new 14 k gold Wahl fountain pens. The finest holiday present in the world. We have them from \$6.00 to \$25.00—Whipkey Printing Co.

Vote For The Bonds—Driverless Ford service. Try us—White Filling Station.

LU DEN'S
MENTHOL COUGH DROPS
for nose and throat
Give Quick Relief

Irregularity in the bowel movements makes you feel uncomfortable and leads to a constipated habit which is bad. Herbine is the remedy you need. It restores healthy regularity. Price, 60c Sold by all druggists.

Consider This List For Christmas Groceries

Mince Meats, Chocolate and Cocoa, Candies and Nuts, Sliced and Grated Pineapple, Heinz Olives and Pickles, Jello, Jellies and Preserves, Spices, Extra Fancy Apples, Grape Juice, Swans Down Cake Flour, White Lily and Amaryllis Flour, extra high patent, guaranteed Extracts any flavor, Celery and Lettuce, Sultana Raisins, Club House Currants, Fancy California Pressed Figs, Fancy Crystallized Cherries, Fancy Crystallized Pineapple, Del Montes Glace Fruits, Pears, Apricots, White Pears, Peaches, Stuffed Prunes, Fancy Lemon and Orange Peel, Extra Fancy Drained Citron.

CANDY AND CONFECTION DEPT.

We have the most complete assortment of Candies, Confections and Christmas Novelties to be found in the city. Come down and take a look for yourself.

FRUIT CAKE INGREDIENTS

Currants, Raisins, Figs, Evaporated and canned Dates, Candied Cherries, Lemon and Orange Peel, Citron, Shredded and fresh cocoanuts with many other nice things to make any cake delicious.



Wishing You a Merry Christmas

'Tis Christmas! The spirit of love's in the town.
The tingle of frost in the air,
The holly wreaths brighten each corner and street,
And joy bells ring everywhere.

Pritchett Grocery

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OPPOSITE PASSENGER STATION

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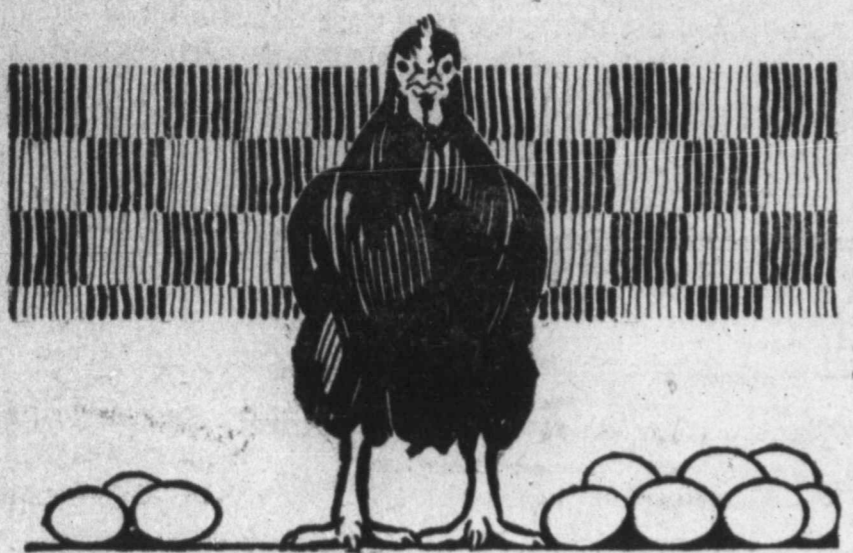
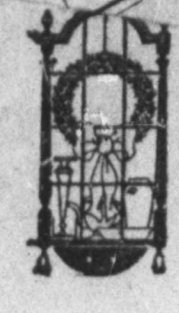
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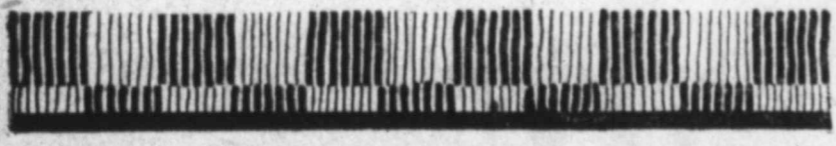


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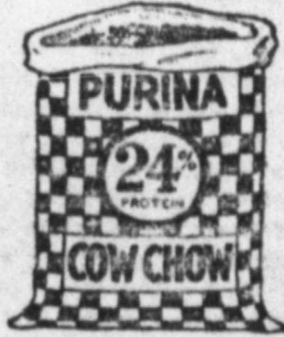
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MITCHELL COUNTY COTTON IN LIVERPOOL SHIPMENT

The largest single water shipment of cotton ever made by any one shipper from Texas to Liverpool or other foreign consuming markets will leave Houston December 22, according to W. W. Porter, secretary-manager of the Mitchell County Farm Bureau, when approximately 20,000 bales of co-operative members cotton will be shipped. Porter states that cotton pooled by members of Mitchell county will be included in the large shipment.

"The cargo is valued at approximately \$4,000,000," Porter said, "and the entire cargo will be cotton from the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association. A particular outstanding and important fact in connection with this shipment is that the approximate 20,000 bales represents sales made from our members direct

to the consuming members."

Porter states that these sales were consummated during the ten days when the market was at its peak and represents a big profit to the members of the Association. It is announced that Texas will be widely advertised through this shipment, steps being taken to extensively mark the boat so that "the world will know 'It's from Texas' "

Officials of the Texas Farm Bureau will accompany the cargo to Liverpool.

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GREAT RANCHES IN WEST BEING CUT INTO FARMS

One hundred new farms are to be added to the South Plains country as a result of a land deal of more than passing importance that was completed at Lubbock last week. Dr. S. G. Bonney and wife Jessie Ellwood Bonney of Denver, Colorado sold to W. O. Stevens, W. L. Elwood, S. C. Arnett and T. B. Duggan, all of Lubbock, a 17,712 acre tract of land lying 11 miles due West of the Tech College.

This land will be immediately cut into 177 acre farms and sold on long term payments to prospective home owners who are pouring into this section. Just a year ago this month W. L. Elwood opened a tract of 19,000 acres upon favorable terms to homeseekers and today 75 per cent of the 177 acre tracts cut from the 19,000 acres have a farm home, a windmill and an average of 90 acres of cultivated land on the farm.

Careful estimates show that more than 1,000 new farms were added to the South Plains section during the past season with a total increase of more than 150,000 acres of new land under cultivation. Today with more than a million and a quarter acres of land on the market in various of the South Plains Counties a much larger increase is predicted for the coming year.

Figures gathered over a period of years show that at the customary rent of a third of the feed and a fourth of the cotton the average South Plains farm will pay in rent, during an average ten year period, enough to pay the principle, interest, cost of improvements and taxes on a 160 acre farm at the present price asked for the land. In this survey farm after farm was found that had been entirely paid for from the proceed sfrom two and three crops. A sod farm six miles east of Lubbock is making one-half a bale of cotton to the acre. The land can be bought for \$50 per acre. The cotton is bringing \$100 per acre with an average cost of less than \$15 per acre for production.

The slightly less than 50,000 acres of land cut into small farms from the original Elwood ranch lands hardly makes a dent in this vast area of undeveloped agricultural land. More than 350,000 acres of land, 98 per cent of which is suitable for profitable cultivation lying in a vast rolling

plain just as far as the eye can see—without a tree or a creek or a hill—ready and waiting for the turn of the plow to profitably produce its average of .49 of a bale of cotton per acre year after year—(records of State Experiment farm)—that is the Elwood ranch, better known to the west as the Spade Ranches. A team could be hitched to a plow and a straight furrow run 125 miles without making a bend, striking a stump, a bed of gravel or rock, crossing a creek or any other obstruction.

Throughout the South Plains established towns are doubling their population in less than three year periods, new schools, retail stores, modern residences are springing up on every hand. Not content with the present towns new towns are being builded to meet the growing demands of newly opened sections. Amherst a \$40,000 hotel building nearing completion, five retail brick stores under construction, a score of residences, a model farm, a school building, three lumber yards—and all of the other requirements of a progressive little town—has been started and is building in less than four months.

Leveland, the county seat of the 100 per cent county where it is claimed that there is not a waste foot of land in the entire 558,000 acres that comprise the county, was a barren grass pasture only a brief year ago and today is the growing center of a rapidly developing country, with a county judge, commissioners, schools and the other necessary requirements and evils of a progressive county.

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Vote For The Bonds—VALLEY VIEW.

Mrs. S. E. Carstensen was very sick Saturday night.

Misses Laura and Alma Carstensen and their mother spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Moody.

Mr. A. C. Moody sold his old jitney Saturday for a hundred bucks.

Truman Henderson spent a few hours with Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Moody Saturday evening.

Nearly everybody around Valley View are through picking cotton.

Simon and Fred Carstensen were in Colorado Saturday shopping.

Little Buck Leon Moody spent Saturday night with his grandma, Mrs. S. E. Carstensen.

CASEY.

HOWARD COUNTY MAKES RECORD COTTON CROP

According to the Big Spring Herald, the Howard County cotton this year will aggregate 18,000 bales the largest in history. Mitchell county will in all probability not establish a new record for cotton production this year, as the crop in 1919 was 32,500 bales and in 1920, 32,000 bales. It is estimated, however, that the 1923 crop will reach 30,000 bales and probably 31000.

The Herald published the following article last week in reference to the cotton crop in Howard County "There has been received at the Angel cotton yard in this city up to Wednesday, 11,400 bales of cotton. More than 4,000 bales have been received at the Thompson yard at Coahoma. It is estimated that from 1500 to 2000 additional bales will be received at the local cotton yard and over one thousand bales at Coahoma. This will give our county for the total something like eighteen thousand bales, the greatest number ever produced in Howard County.

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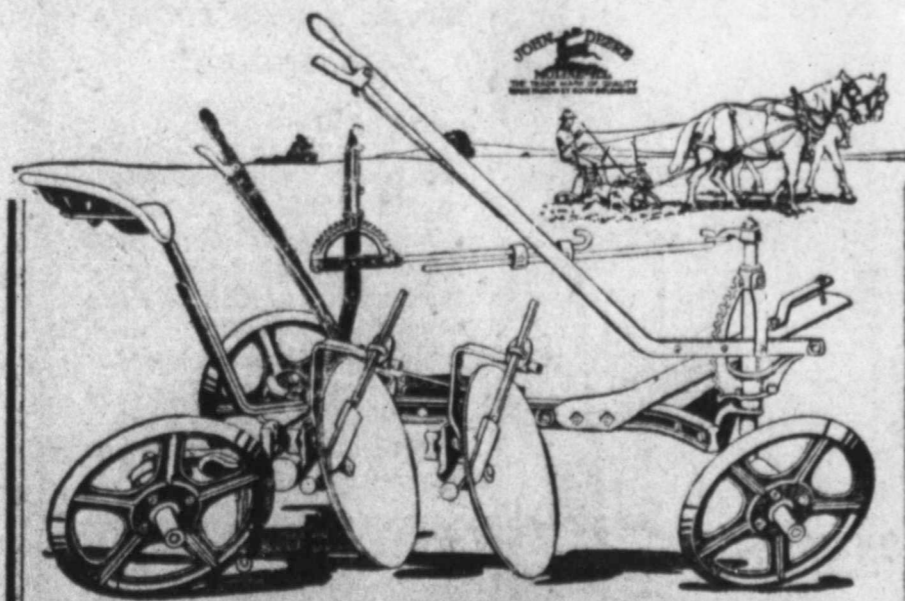
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Merry Christmas to All



Old St. Nick Sends Greetings To Boys and Girls of County

From the far frozen North comes an interesting letter from Old Saint Nick, affectionally known among the children as Santa Claus, in which he promises to pay his annual visit to the homes of all good boys and girls of Mitchell County during the coming Christmas season. In keeping with the unusual good prosperity prevalent throughout the county this good benefactor and messenger of cheer promises to pay his annual visit to the best things he has in store when filling the stockings of each anxious little fellow the county over.

"I hear with considerable interest," he writes, "that Colorado and Mitchell County folk are prospering this Yuletide, which is as it should be, because there are so many really good boys and girls living in the homes of that section. I am pleased to know that the parents of every good boy and girl is prospering, because when their daddies are making good money

from his cotton crop, oil interests, mercantile business or in wage scale received at labor, the children will consequently receive more of the good, interesting and instructive things of life."

"In keeping with these good times, it shall be my plan, when stopping, to be liberal in the gifts left to bring good cheer. I have left many of my Christmas gifts at the various stores and shops in Colorado, for your inspection. Look up the announcements of these representatives of mine in The Record today and read them carefully. If you find what you would like to have for Christmas, and I know that you can, suggest to your parents that they take you to the store and allow you to purchase the toy or whatsoever it might be that you desire."

"I would suggest that every boy and girl of the county remember just what the Christmas spirit really

should mean. It is indeed a season of good cheer and the most to be desired of all times in the year. Every boy and girl should strive to be unusually obedient to father and mother during this season, and by all means look about them for some unfortunate boy or girl whose life may be brightened by a cheerful word, or a good deed.

"How many of you boys and girls are familiar with the beginning and history of Christmas? Can you tell me why the Yuletide, December 25th of each year, is observed by Christian people everywhere? It is indeed a most interesting story and I trust you will request your mother or Sunday school teacher to tell you all about the origin of Christmas.

"Remember, boys and girls, that I am always pleased to visit the homes where the children are good. I am coming to Colorado and every other community in the county soon and the children who are really deserving will be the ones to bring the real heart throbs of appreciation to me."

—Vote For The Bonds—
BIG COMPANY ENTERS MITCHELL COUNTY FIELD

From Fort Worth Star-Telegram: Purchase of the production and acreage holdings of the Underwriters Producing & Refining Co. in Mitchell County, where that company was a pioneer operator, by the California Company, a major company of the West Coast, is reported from Colorado. The consideration for the properties, which involves about five producing wells in the field near Colorado, with a production of better than 600 barrels daily, four drilling wells and several hundred acres of Mitchell County leases, is reported around \$650,000. Negotiations for such a transfer have been under way for some time, but consummation of the deal is just being reported.

The new company is taking over the offices of the Underwriters at Colorado and will proceed at once with the development of the property according to the reports. The entry of this large company, said to be a subsidiary of the Standard Oil Company of California, into the Mitchell County field will give it a tremendous impetus in the interest of oil operations throughout this district, it is believed.

While the production is not large, the average completion from the 3-100 foot sand being around a 175 to 200 barrel pumper—perhaps a little less—it is declared to be an extremely long lived production, and its presence is the inspiration of the steadily spreading exploratory drilling in the county in the hope of uncovering large production in the vicinity of that already uncovered.

Mitchell County is at present credited with a production slightly under 900 barrels. Operators and lease owners in the field, however estimate the actual production at 1,100 to 1,200 barrels, declaring that a sufficient amount of crude is being used under the boilers to tests in this and nearby counties to account for the difference.

The latest completions reported from the county were the Underwriters No. 5 E. Morrison, a 175-barrel pumper from 3,110 feet, and the No. 1 Wright of S. A. Sloan et al, a 165 barrel pumper from 3,115

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We have just received a few good looking Fisk Hats, also a line of inexpensive Satin and Metallics. Come in and see them.—Mrs. B. F. Mills.

MAIL XMAS PACKAGES EARLY, BRENNAND SAYS

Postmaster R. S. Brennand is seeking co-operation of the public in mailing Christmas packages early in that the postal department may have ample time to make deliveries without being overruled. The postmaster would also recommend that the public in mailing packages, adhere to the following suggestions of Third Assistant Postmaster General Glover of Washington:

Address all matter plainly and completely, giving street address whenever possible.

Place sender's name and address in upper left corner of addressed side. Pack articles carefully in strong, durable containers.

Wrap parcels securely, but do not seal them except when bearing a printed label or indorsement reading: "Contents, Merchandise—Fourth class mail. Postmaster: This parcel may be opened for postal inspection if necessary," as sealed parcels not so labeled or indorsed are subject to postage at the letter rate.

Parcels may be marked, "Do not

open until Christmas."

Insure valuable parcels.

Do not inclose letters with parcels, as doing so would subject entire parcel to letter postage.

Written greetings, such as "Merry Christmas," "Happy New Year," "With Best Wishes," and names, numbers or symbols for the purpose of description may be inclosed with fourth-class (parcel post) mail.

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LOUTEX GIVEN SHOT BEYOND 3000 DEPTH

The Loutex well at Ira was shot last week at a depth between 3100 and 3200 feet. No perceptible increase of oil was noticeable.

In conversation with Mr. Leckner one day this week he stated that he contemplated shooting the well at the shallow depth where the first oil was struck, between 1700 and 1800 feet. He did not think the first shot showed more than a ten barrel well. No plans have been announced as to the second well, but it is generally understood that the Loutex people will drill the second well as soon as the value of the present well is determined and arrangements can be made to start operations. In propounding the question of drilling the second well to Mr. Leckner, he stated that no definite answer could be given at this time in reference to the matter.—Scurry County Times.

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A. LEVY,
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—T. W. Farris.
—Vote For The Bonds—

MITCHELL COUNTY AGENT ADVANCES COTTON STAPLE

During the past eight or ten years cotton produced in the Colorado territory has swung the pendulum gradually forward in staple grades. At first there were only a few scattering bales offered on the local market to receive special consideration among buyers because of the unusually good staple but as the years passed the percentage registered a material increase until now the number of bales of inferior quality brought to this market is insignificantly small.

This record is the direct result of a campaign inaugurated in the county by W. A. Dulin, county farm agent, soon after he was assigned to the county some ten years ago. Dulin, himself a practical farmer and realizing the importance of growing only pure bred varieties of such a type which through experiment might be found peculiarly adapted to this soil and climate, discouraged the cotton planters in the practice of using just any seed for planting and began to demonstrate with crops grown on farms scattered over the county that pure bred cotton would pay.

At first there were those who scouted the suggestion of the agent and gave small consideration to his claims that a cotton producing a better grade of staple would be more profitable to the producer, in view of the fact that pure bred seed represented an additional cost. They had been growing cotton for all these years with at least some profit and were satisfied to let well enough alone.

But Dulin, knowing that he was right and that in the end his efforts would mean thousands of dollars annually to the cotton growers of the county, persisted in talking pure bred seed for planting. Farmers were taken in his automobile to one or more of the experiment crops and shown that the contentions of the agent were to be supported by the facts, when he claimed that pure cotton would produce more per acre than the mongrel type. He, too, soon convinced many of the leading cotton

growers of the fact that a pure bred cotton would produce a bale of five hundred pounds staple from one hundred to three hundred pounds less of seed cotton than the old variety.

Not stopping with these demonstrations in the field and at the gin, the agent brought his campaign to the streets of Colorado and invited the growers to note for themselves the difference in price offered for a bale of pure bred cotton with good staple, as compared with the price offered a bale ginned from the old type. The result was all that the agent could desire and now there are few farmers in the county who would consider for a moment the question as to which type of cotton to grow on their farms. They are demanding the very best that money will buy for their planting seed.

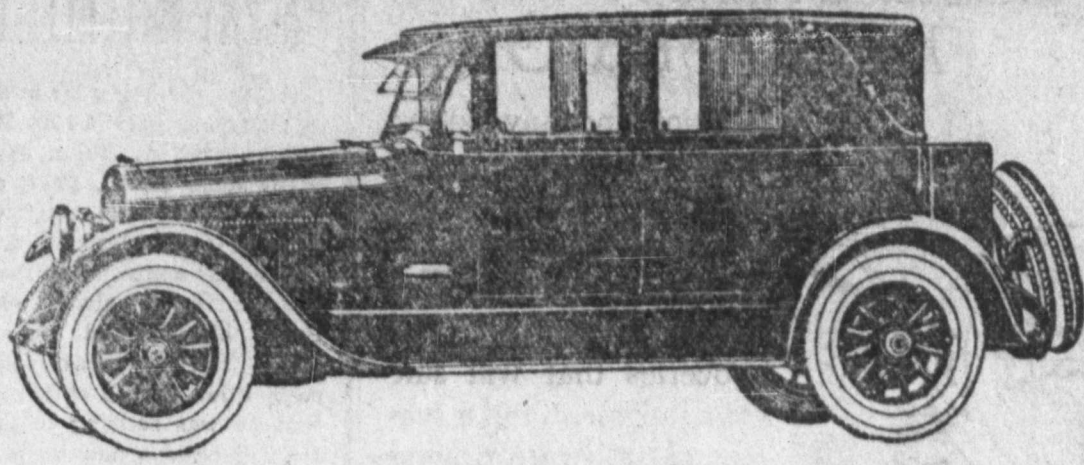
That Mitchell County cotton is rated above the average throughout West Texas is a fact to be attested by some of the local buyers. It will be recalled that one of the arguments advanced by Colorado to the Technological College locating board was the statement of C. T. Harness Colorado cotton factor, showing that the Clayton, Anderson Company of Houston, one of the largest cotton factors of the Southwest, in wiring market quotations to Colorado from day to day would state: "Colorado cotton (price quoted); all other grades less."

Whatever else Mr. Dulin might have done for advancing agriculture in this county during the ten years of his service as county farm agent, nothing will surpass the achievement of placing the quality of its chief agricultural product on a par with any produced in the South and in particular the best in this section of Texas. This accomplishment is bringing big returns to the varied interests represented in the county.

—Vote For The Bonds—
COLORADO WOMEN ATTEND MEETING AT SWEETWATER

Several Colorado ladies attended the district missionary meeting of the Methodist church at Sweetwater Friday. Mrs. J. G. Merritt, chairman of Social Service in the Northwest Texas conference, addressed the meeting. Ladies of Sweetwater served lunch in the church basement at noon. Among those to attend from Colorado were the following: Mesdames Q. D. Hall, J. W. Shepard, A. P. Allmond, Mattie Merrill, Van King, E. H. Winn, C. E. Maule, E. B. Smith, J. G. Merritt, R. D. Hart, R. L. Spalding, F. S. Dobbs and H. E. Grantland, and Misses Marie Maule, Irene Dorn, Tommie Smith, and Berta Womack.

Mesdames Fannie McDonald, B. A. McDonald, Van Boston, J. C. Costin, R. O. Bailey and O. T. Bird of Westbrook and Mesdames W. L. Edmondson, W. T. Thweatt, J. W. Smiley, D. P. Land, Ruby Robertson, H. W. Hanks and W. H. Hurd of Loraine were others to attend the conference.



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MITCHELL ELECTION

Taylor county will soon have a paved road through the county east and west, the Bankhead Highway, perhaps the best known highway in the State, and north and south, on what is now known as State Highway No. 30. Stephens county has just about completed a very fine system of highways, Callahan county a few weeks ago voted a big bond issue to complete the Bankhead Highway sector as a paved road. Nolan county has more recently done likewise. Callahan, Taylor and Nolan counties will soon have an all-weather road to Fort Worth, to Dallas and other points in East Texas—Western Enterprise. (Anson)

been called for that county for December 18. That the election will carry, seems to be conceded through out this section. The fact that such a large number of petitions were presented to the Commissioners' Court asking the election and that such a large number of names were signed thereto, is convincing proof that the taxpayers of that county want the election and will see that it carries—Abilene Reporter.

—Vote For The Bonds—
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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

OCCUPANTS INJURED WHEN AUTOMOBILE OVERTURNS

At a late hour Saturday night a car was overturned off of a small bridge about three miles west of Lorraine and the occupants were all more or less seriously hurt. Three boys by the name of Sanders were in the car at the time of the accident. For some reason the driver lost control of the machine and it went off the bridge into the creek or draw, landing bottom upwards. One of the boys was seriously bruised and hurt and the other two pretty badly bruised up. No bones were broken.

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DULIN RESIGNS AS FARM AGENT MITCHELL COUNTY

After submitting his annual report to Commissioners' Court Monday afternoon, W. A. Dulin, county farm agent since March, 1914, almost ten years, tendered his resignation to become effective January 1. Dulin expressed his appreciation for the pleasant relationship always existing between himself and the court, and stated that he was tendering his resignation for no other reason than that he was retiring to private life. He will build a new home on one of his farms near Colorado and move to the place soon after the first of the year.

The report of the retiring agent, in addition to covering activities of his work during the past twelve months, gave a brief resume of activities of the agent over the ten year period. Members of the court expressed their appreciation for the services Dulin has rendered the county and regret was declared over his determination to terminate his work as representative in the county of the extension department, A. & M. College.

Figures were submitted by the agent showing that during the drouth a few years ago a saving of \$65,000 was realized to the farmers of the county through special prices obtained on planting seed and feed through the agent. The banks of the county were given much credit for this saving by Dulin. He stated that he had never gone to any bank in Mitchell County with a request to purchase seed or feed for the farmers but that these institutions had responded readily. He spoke of the cooperation of the banks in furthering club work among the boys and girls of the county. "The banks of Colorado and Lorraine have always furnished loans to the boys and girls to purchase poultry, pigs, calves and planting seed, taking the individual note of the child without interest, and to date the first of these notes is to be defaulted," he said.

The report covered activities of the agent in conducting experiments in cotton seed breeding, grain sorghums and other crops. During the past two years experiments in cotton variety have been conducted in

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- So. Texas Valley Grape Fruit
- Evaporated Apricots
- Evaporated Peaches, Del Monte
- White Figs
- Seedless Raisins
- Prunes, large size
- Dates
- Ripe Olives, Curtis Brand
- Pimentos, imported
- Pineapple, Sliced No. 1 tall cans

- Preserves, assorted flavors
- Shredded Cocoanut
- Grated Pineapple
- Red Ball Naval Oranges
- Glace Pineapple
- Glace Cherries
- Citron
- Lemon Peel
- Orange Peel
- Jiffy Jell, all flavors
- Table Peaches
- Pie Peaches
- Pears

ALL KINDS FRESH VEGETABLES, MEATS, OYSTERS

- Veal or Beef Roast
- Loin, Round or T-Bone Steak
- Pork Shoulder
- Pork Chops

- Pure Pork Sausage
- Sausage, mixed
- Hams, whole
- Country Sausage,
- Backbone and Spare Ribs

Pickens' Market & Grocery

YOURS FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS

seven different communities of the county. The report showed that two leading varieties of pure bred cotton had been generally adopted by the planters as the best for this section. During the past year six field meetings where terrace work was discussed were held in the county, the report showed 117 farmers attended these meetings. Twenty farms, aggregating 2,000 acres were terraced during the year. This work alone, the report stated, had increased the value of these farms \$5.00 per acre, or a total of \$10,000. Dulin stated that there was more demand for terracing in the county at the present time than could be done by four experienced men.

The report covered activities of the agent in conducting experiments for extermination of grasshoppers and leaf worm. 200 farmers were given instruction in grasshopper extermination and 15 demonstrations were given in leaf worm extermination.

Ten meetings were held during the year with stockmen and farmers at which instructions in breeding, feeding and the care of livestock were discussed. As one result of these meetings 27 pure bred beef and 10 pure bred dairy bulls, 3 pure bred stallions, a number of pure bred mares and a large number of pure bred hogs have been purchased by citizens of the county. Eight meetings, at which instructions in vaccinating cattle for blackleg were held. The report showed that during the year the agent had personally treated 2,000 calves for this disease. Losses from blackleg are seventy-five per cent less today than in former years, as a direct result of these demonstrations, the report outlined.

In referring to activities of the agent in bringing farm labor into the county, the report showed that during the present year 250 laborers for cotton chopping and 1,800 for cotton picking had been brought into the county. This labor was obtained from Fort Worth and El Paso. Many of these laborers will remain in the county to become permanent citizens, Dulin stated.

The following summary report, covering activities of the agent during the year, was given: Telephone calls, 837; days in field, 236; days in office, 68; calls at office, 1135; letters written, 225;

farm homes visited, 25; demonstrations held, 46, with an attendance of 265; traveled by rail, 1728, by automobile, 8405; cotton seed ordered for planting, 3900 bushels, at a cost of \$1950 to the farmers; hogs ordered, 2,000; farms visited, 25; cattle vaccinated for blackleg and treated for other diseases, 5 head; horses and mules treated, 58; pure bred hogs for club boys, 25; raised for farmers, 2150.

TWO MEXICANS KILLED AND SENT TO PEN

Antonio Ojinaga, Cipriano Arzeta, Mexicans, were convicted in district court here last week on charges of manufacturing illicit booze. Ojinaga received two years in the pen and Arzeta one year.

The jury tried the case and reported they could not reach a verdict. McAbee was charged with violation of the liquor laws.

POINTS OUT

The State's Attorney, Iatan Resident Will... Our neighbors... points the words of one of its most respected citizens: W. G. Sw... which was caused by a whole lot of resting time. I was often sick from the pains in the stomach. This trouble caused me times I could hardly walk three or four times on the street. A few Doan's Kidney and Bladder Pills finished me as entirely relieved. W. G. Sw... Foster-Milburn Co., N. Y.

ALL DIGESTIVE ORGANS AFFECTED

"I was primarily affected with congested liver for many months, which was followed by muscular rheumatism and lumbago. My kidneys and bladder were affected in sympathetic form and this followed by an acute form of indigestion and nervous headache. I was advised to try FERRASAL. I am now taking the third box and believe I am completely relieved of the trouble. I heartily endorse FERRASAL as one of the best remedies I have ever known."

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THE FLAVOR LASTS

Miracles and the Christ Child

By Katherine Edelman

Indian Brave, Guided by Great Spirit, Reveals Story of Christmas

Everywhere that the message of the Christ Child had reached, men and women were busy and happy preparing for the great day, a new and added joy of life surging within their hearts.



from the Star of Bethlehem had not yet burst upon them. Moonlight Brook was very lonely—she had only little Silver Star, her daughter, with her now—the big chief had sent Strong Oak, her husband, with other braves, on a mission to a distant village.

With Silver Star in her arms Moonlight Brook started in the direction of the village, walking with the swift, strong stride of the woman who lives much in the open.

But the prairie has many stories to tell of strange things that have happened there, and on this day there was added to the list another of those coincidences which happen oftener in real life than some would have as believe.

had wrought that Strong Oak should have found her. And Strong Oak told her that while he had been gone he had heard the story of the Christ Child who had come upon earth on this day, which ever since has been called Christmas.

With Christmas Love Came Understanding

"Well, girls, I have made it up with Beatrice," Ann, "the hard-boiled" of the office, yanked off her coat and hat and placed them in the locker that ranged across the end of the room.

"It was not the present so much, Ann, that came by mail," said she. "What made me feel good was that you had been thinking of me."

"Well, I always thought Christmas was to get people to spend lots of money to send things to other people that they did not want," rattled off Ann.

Ireland Hunts Wrens Day After Christmas

IN IRELAND Boxing Day (the day after Christmas) is known as St. Stephen's day. On this day there is practiced an old custom that has come down through the ages and which is called "hunting the wren."

The wren, the wren, the king of all birds, St. Stephen's day, she was caught in the furze, Although she is little her family is great.

And so much is the spirit of hospitality and good will in evidence at Christmas time that they very seldom meet with a refusal and by evening the pile of small silver pieces has grown into large enough proportions to warrant a big celebration at which all the young folks in the district make merry.

NOTICE OF ROAD BOND ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Mitchell:

To the resident property taxpaying voters of Mitchell County, Texas:

Take notice that an election will be held on the 18th day of December 1923, within Mitchell 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 order entered by the Commissioners' Court, on the 17th day of November, 1923, which is as follows:

Be it remembered that on this the 17th day of November, 1923, the Commissioners' Court of Mitchell County, Texas, convened in regular session at the regular meeting place thereof, in the courthouse in Colorado, Texas, all members of the court, to-wit:

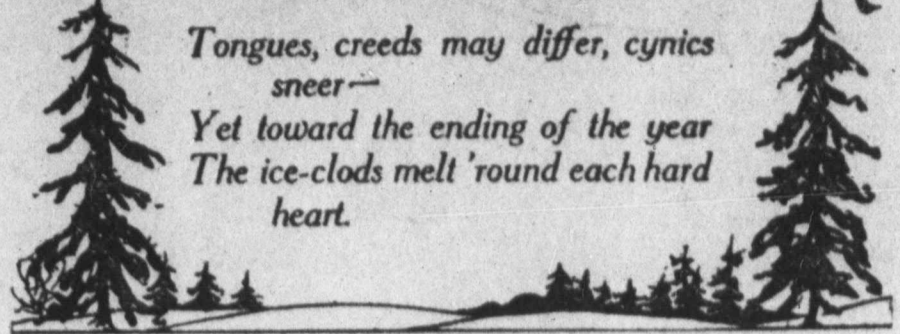
J. C. Hall, county judge; U. D. Wulfjen, commissioner of precinct No. 1; H. A. Lasseter, commissioner of precinct No. 2; Jno. D. Lane, commissioner of precinct No. 3; W. D. McAdams, commissioner of precinct No. 4 being present came on to be considered the petition of P. C. Coleman and 241 other persons, praying that bonds be issued by said Mitchell County, Texas, in the sum of Six Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars.

paying the interest on said bonds, and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof at maturity; provided if said bonds are issued, there shall be expended the sum of Three Hundred and Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$325,000.00) or as much thereof as may be necessary, in the construction of concrete paved highway running through said county from Mitchell-Nolan county line to Mitchell-Howard county line, and now known as Bankhead Highway, and any unexpended balance, together with the remaining Three Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$325,000.00) of said issue shall be set aside for construction of graveled roads and lateral highways in the four Commissioners' precincts of said county; provided further, that said remaining amount of money and the said sum of Three Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars, (\$325,000.00) of said bonds, shall be proportioned among said precincts in proportion that the taxable values based on the tax rolls of 1923 rendition in each precinct bear to the assessed values according to said rolls of the county as a whole.

And it appearing to the court that said petition is signed by more than fifty (50) of the resident property taxpaying voters of said Mitchell County, Texas; and

It is therefore considered and ordered by the court, that an election be held in said County, on the 18th day of December, 1923, which is not less than thirty (30) days from date of this order, to determine whether or not the bonds of said county shall be issued in the amount of Six Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars, (\$650,000.00), bearing interest at the rate of not exceeding Five and One-Half per cent (5 1/2%) per annum payable semi-annually and the principal of said bonds to mature at such times as may be fixed by the Commissioners' Court, serially or otherwise, not to exceed thirty (30) years from the date thereof, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating graveled or concrete paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof, and whether or not a tax shall be levied upon the property of said county, subject to taxation for the purpose of

May Your Christmas Be Happy



Tongues, creeds may differ, cynics sneer— Yet toward the ending of the year The ice-clods melt 'round each hard heart.

The Holiday Spirit

Then why not take advantage of the pleasures of life, keep up a buoyant spirit, and join in the festivities of the Christmas holidays. Assemble the family and friends and provide a sumptuous dinner for the great day of days and let joy reign supreme.

Suggestions

- Oyster or vegetable soup
- A fine fat Turkey, oyster dressing, cranberries
- Macaroni with cheese
- Turnips and greens, with fresh pork
- Creamed Irish potatoes
- Rice and eggs in casserole or fruited
- Peach cobbler, apple roll with sauce; mince, apple, apricot, pineapple, cherry, coconut, custard, transparent and other pies.
- English petit peas, creamed
- Baked sweet potatoes
- Potatoes, Au Gratin
- Cabbage with ham hock
- Baked beans stripped with breakfast bacon
- Asparagus tips on toast, Fruit, potato or fish salads.
- Olives, pickles, cellery, young onions, radishes, fresh tomatoes, apples, bananas, etc.
- Assorted cakes, ice cream, cherries, pineapple, peaches in cream

Everything and lots more suggested above is kept in this store.

C. C. BARNETT

THE STORE WITH THE GOODS

of." And those opposed, shall have written or printed on their ballots, the words: "Against the issuance of bonds and the levying of the tax in payment thereof." The polling places and presiding officers of said election shall be respectively, as follows: For voting Precinct No. 1, held at Colorado, Texas, in the Courthouse thereof, in the County of Mitchell, A. A. Dorn, presiding judge.

The said election shall be held under the provisions of Articles 627, to 641, inclusive, of Chapter 2, Title 18, Revised Statutes 1911, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 203, Acts of 1917, Regular Session.

For the issuance of bonds and the levying of the tax in payment there-

Notice of said election shall be given by publication of a copy of this order in the Colorado Record and the Lorraine Leader newspapers published in the County, for four consecutive weeks before the date of said election, and in addition thereto, there shall be posted other copies of this order at three public places in the County, one of which shall be at the Courthouse door, for three weeks prior to said election.

The county judge is hereby directed to cause such notices to be published and posted, as hereinabove directed, and further orders are reserved until the returns of said election are made by the duly authorized election officers, and received by this Court.

Given under my hand with the seal of the Commissioners' Court affixed, this the 17th day of November, 1923. J. C. HALL, County Judge, Mitchell County, Tex.

For voting precinct No. 2, held at the Methodist church in the town of Westbrook, J. C. Costin, presiding judge.

For voting precinct No. 3, held at the school house at Spade, R. A. Hood presiding judge.

For voting precinct No. 4, held at the Landers school house, W. E. Wimberly, presiding judge.

For voting precinct No. 5, held at Bozeman's store in Cuthbert, W. C. Berry, presiding judge.

For voting precinct No. 6, held at the Carr school house, G. W. Sweatt, presiding judge.

For voting precinct No. 7, held at J. J. Riden's office in the town of Loraine, J. L. Pratt, presiding judge.

For voting precinct No. 8, held at the storehouse in Iatan, E. B. Gregson, presiding judge.

For voting precinct No. 9, held at the McKenzie school house, G. A. Brown, presiding judge.

For voting precinct No. 10, held at the Buford school house, L. K. Gailey presiding judge.

The manner of holding said election shall be governed by the general laws of the State of Texas, regulating general elections, when not in conflict with the provisions of the statutes referred to.

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**MITCHELL FEDERATION
AMONG BEST IN STATE**

Upon the occasion of a recent visit to Colorado, Mrs. Phebe K. Warner of Claude, one of the leading club women of the State and a writer of unusual recognition, expressed keen surprise at finding the Mitchell County Federation of Women's Clubs to be such a strong organization. The visitor declared that this federation was among the best in Texas and was profuse in her praise of the work club women of Colorado, Loraine, Westbrook and the rural communities of the county are doing.

Mrs. Warner is a member of the editorial staff, Fort Worth Star-Telegram, and in a recent number of this paper, she gives to the public her views of the Mitchell County Federation in a most interesting article, as follows:

Did you know that good things are just as contagious as bad things? So many of us have the idea that nothing is contagious but diseases. My my! What a mistake. Nearly everything in this world is "catching." Thoughts are contagious. Ideas are contagious. Inspiration and ambition are contagious. Not many of us ever have any of these things until we catch them from somebody else who has them. Not many of us ever meet a man or woman, boy or girl, but that we catch something from them. And we are all broadcasters of a lot more things than mere disease germs. If we could all only realize this, more of us might be more careful what we radio through our lives.

The Mitchell County Federation of Women's Clubs is the outgrowth of a contagious idea. The only difference between a contagious idea and a contagious germ is, there is no set time for the idea to incubate and break out. But it is sure to do it if you give it time. About two years ago Miss Ella Dry of Colorado, Texas, went to visit a friend at Cisco. Miss Dry is a federated club woman and club women are noted for not being immune to new ideas. They seem to catch new ideas easier than anything else, and while visiting in Cisco Miss Dry became thoroughly exposed to the idea of a city federation for her home town. She went home and immediately took a case of city federation. And sometimes, you know, one disease gets so in earnest it runs into another. For instance, the measles often run into pneumonia, and then things get interesting, sure enough.

Well, Miss Dry first had a case of city federation which she caught at Cisco, and she sent for some of her club friends to come to see her, but before they could get it checked the idea developed into a county federation instead of a city federation. And in just a few days every federated club in town had it. And a little later the club over at Loraine took it and then one of the rural clubs got it. Why not have a county federation instead of only a city federation? Why not work together as a county as well as a city? Why not get all the clubs in the county into one working group for the good of the whole county instead of working only for the home town? That's what they all thought. And they needed a home demonstrator so badly for the good of all their homes and communities.

The first meeting was called in July, 1922, in the Chamber of Commerce of Colorado. There were five clubs present—The Hesperian, the 1921 Study Club and the Civic League of Colorado; the Philomath Club of Loraine, and the Pioneer Home Demonstration Club, the only rural club at that time in Mitchell County. Mrs. J. G. Merritt was elected president; Miss Ella Dry, vice president at large; Miss Ewell Coffey, secretary; Mrs. Charles Coffey, treasurer. A constitution was created and the Mitchell County Federation became a living, active reality.

The first thing to do was to secure a home demonstrator, for those women started out to improve the homes and the lives of everybody in the county. That was the chief motive of calling this new body into existence. When the Commissioners' Court saw the women were in dead earnest they did as most men do, they gave them what they wanted. And in August of 1922 Miss Georgia Laceywell of College Station was sent to Mitchell County to inaugurate the home demonstration work. Miss Laceywell was no novice in the business, but knew exactly what to do and how to do it to interest every club and every community in the county in her work, and before a year had passed since the idea had been incubating in the county, Mitchell County had one of the most active bodies of women in the State, all working for the welfare of Mitchell County.

As one club member stated it, "the



MRS. A. L. WHIPKEY

President of Mitchell County Federation of Women's Clubs, and one who helped, to make the "idea" county-wide instead of city federation.

forming of the Mitchell County Federation and the securing a home demonstrator placed our feet in the path of service, a path which has opened into a broad thoroughfare of co-operative service through which we have accomplished big things for our county and through which we have come to appreciate our own women and to realize there is no happiness like Service."

In little more than a year the Mitchell County Federation has grown from the five charter clubs to thirteen clubs. Those that have been added during the first year of its existence are three Parent-Teacher organizations, three home demonstration clubs, the Delphian Society and the Daughters of the King, a Sunday school class. The Mitchell County Federation now has a membership of 240 active members, all busy building up their county.

Some of you who have not yet caught the idea of the county federation are wondering what a county federation finds to do. Some folks even to this day think the only place you can do anything is in the city, where there are streets and parks and picture shows and libraries and ordinances to look after. But here is what the Mitchell County Federation found to do the very first year.

A health campaign was sponsored by the federation and 600 children were given free physical examinations. A nurse from the State Health Department was secured to help with this work. One local nurse, five local physicians and 25 local women assisted in this campaign. A baby clinic was held and 127 babies were examined. The people gave three days to this work. Four hundred and ninety-one magazines have been distributed through the county, and 75 volumes of reading matter have been distributed to different State institutions. Through the nited work of the whole county, the home demonstration work has reached almost every home in the county.

Look at these figures: The home canning done in Mitchell County this year includes the following: Vegetables canned in tin cans other than corn, 8,751 cans. Corn alone, 400 cans; meat, 3,624 cans; fruit in tin cans, 834 cans; chicken salad, 196 cans; fried chicken 32 cans. Canned in glass jars—Preserves, 1,656 quarts; jam, 110 quarts relish 3,123 quarts; pickles, 839 qts.

Other work for the home—Home made soap, 84,681 pounds; lard, 17,408 pounds; sausage put up, 3,488 pounds; eggs produced, 32,337 dozen; chickens raised, 10,416; butter made, 7,858 pounds; gallons of milk sold, 5,056; cream sold, \$305.80 worth. Total saving on these products \$7,072.70.

Renovating and remaking of household things: Dresses made over, 147; hats made, 83; flour sack garments, 46; layette, 1; garments made by girls' clubs, 340; other articles made such as slippers, baby toys, Christmas gifts, flowers and other things, 3,603. Total savings on home made articles, \$900.34. Grand total saving to the homes of the county, \$7,973.04.

The Mitchell County Federation meets once a month at the different towns and rural clubs in the county. A report of work done is given at every meeting. The women say they can not get along and keep up the work of the county and not meet once a month because there are always new things to be thought about. The June meeting this year was held in the basement of the Methodist church of Colorado and took the form of a biscuit contest. There were nine contestants. Miss Mabel Spann, county home demonstrator for Nolan county and Miss Helen H. Swift, district home demonstrator, assisted Miss Laceywell with this demonstration. The contest biscuits were served with home made jam and butter to all visitors present (including the county

commissioners, the secretary of the Sweetwater and Colorado Chambers of Commerce, and 78 club members. One of the motives of the county federation the coming year is to raise the standard of bread in every way throughout the whole county. Great interest in the food of the county is being shown.

The last meeting was held at Loraine with the Philomath Club as hostess, in the directors' room at the Loraine bank. Fifty women were present and the officers for the new year were elected. This year every club in the county federation has promised to sponsor one girls' club in the county.

Folks, this is the club work that counts. This is the club work that will make Texas a self-supporting and self-feeding State. This is the club work that will build up the whole State because it bids up every home in the county. There is everything to do in a county that needs to be done in a city only there is more of it and it needs doing worse and there is nobody to do it unless you have a county organization of some kind to think and plan and work for the whole county.

Vote For The Bonds—
So many requests have come for our Constitution and by-laws that we take pleasure in having them printed:

Constitution
Art. 1. This organization shall be called "The County Federation of Mitchell County."

Art. 2. The object of this organization shall be to bring the women together in fraternal intercourse; to promote the interests of the day; and to secure all benefits of co-operation.

Art. 3. Sec. 1. Any women's organization in sympathy with the object of the Federation shall be eligible to membership.

Sec. 2. Any woman wishing to join the "County Federation" may do so by having three members of said Federation endorse her application.

Sec. 3. Any man's organization in sympathy with the object of the Federation shall be eligible to associate membership.

Art. 4. Sec. 1. The officers shall be: A president, vice-president at large, first vice president, second vice president, third vice president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer, Parliamentarian.

Sec. 2. The officers together with an individual member shall constitute the Executive Board.

Art. 5. The regular meeting of the Federation shall be held on the Second Tuesday in each month at Four o'clock in the afternoon.

Art. 6. This Constitution may be amended by filing with the Recording Secretary, the proposed amendment to be adopted by two thirds of those present at any regular meeting, provided a previous reading has been given.

By-Laws.
Art. 1. Sec. 1. Officers shall be nominated and elected by secret ballot annually, on the Second Tuesday in February.

Sec. 2. In the nominating ballots, the three receiving the highest vote only shall be considered nominees.

Sec. 3. No member shall hold more than one office at the same time, nor any office longer than one year.

Sec. 4. The resignation of an officer shall be presented in writing two weeks before the resignation is to take effect.

Sec. 5. The duties of the officers shall be those usually attached to such offices.

Art. 2. Sec. 1. All organizations belonging to the Federation are entitled to three delegates or three alternates to vote on all matters of business.

Sec. 2. All members are entitled to the privileges of the floor, but only accredited delegates and paid individual members may vote.

Sec. 3. The annual dues of each organization coming into the Federation shall be one dollar and fifty (\$1.50) to be paid the Second Tuesday in January. The annual dues of an individual member shall be fifty cents.

Sec. 4. Organizations and members failing to pay dues within thirty days after they are due, shall be notified by the Secretary. Those not paying before the next meeting shall be declared delinquent, and their names dropped from the roll.

Sec. 5. Any organization desiring membership shall make it known to the President or Secretary, and on paying dues, be admitted to membership.

Sec. 6. The quorum of the Federation shall be seven.

Sec. 7. By-laws may be adopted or amended at any meeting by a two-thirds vote.

Vote For The Bonds—
Best Christmas present you can make is to give him one of those Remington Portable Typewriters. We sell em on time.—Whipkey Ptg. Company.

FACTS
Pertaining to
\$650,000 Road Bond Issue
IN MITCHELL COUNTY
Election December 18th, 1923

HOW THE MONEY WILL BE SPENT

\$325,000.00, or so much of \$325,000.00 as may be necessary, to be spent in building a concrete highway from the Mitchell-Nolan County line to the Mitchell-Howard County line (Bankhead Highway). The State Highway Department has agreed to pay not less than two thirds of the cost of this highway, on condition the bonds are voted. The maximum amount Mitchell County can receive from the Highway Department is \$686,000.00. \$325,000.00 and any unexpended balance of \$325,000.00 as above set aside to be spent in constructing and maintaining lateral roads and highways in the four Commissioners' Precincts, said money to be divided among the four Commissioners' Precincts in proportion that the taxable values of the precincts bear to assessed values of the county as a whole, based on 1923 rendition. (This method of proportioning the money cannot be altered or changed, at any time, as it was in the petitions requesting election and is also incorporated in court order ordering election).

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The following men have been appointed as a citizens advisory committee to work with the commissioner of their precinct in the designation of roads to be improved and the expending of all funds from said bond issue allotted to their respective precinct: In event of a vacancy of any member of the Advisory Board, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment of the Commissioner of that precinct, and approval of Commissioners' Court:

- Precinct No. 1—A. B. Blanks, J. S. Curry.
- Precinct No. 2—G. W. Womack, J. C. Costin.
- Precinct No. 3—G. W. Plaster, O. F. Jones.
- Precinct No. 4—W. D. McCarley, S. A. Martin.

MAINTENANCE FUND

Under provisions of petitions requesting election and court order ordering same, it is provided that a maintenance fund be set aside for maintaining lateral roads in the four Commissioners' Precincts built with funds provided by the bond issue. This maintenance fund is to be proportioned and expended as follows:

\$2,250.00 per year for a period of five years in each of the four Commissioners' Precincts, making a total of \$11,250.00 for each precinct for the five year period, or a grand total of \$45,000.00 for lateral road maintenance in the four Commissioners' Precincts during the five year period. This maintenance fund to be reserved out of each Commissioners' Precinct allotment in his proportionate share of the \$325,000.00, and any unexpended balance out of the \$325,000.00 set aside for Bankhead Highway.

WHAT THE BONDS WILL COST

The present county tax rate is ninety cents on the one hundred dollars of property valuation. If the bonds are authorized, it will require a tax of seventy-two cents additional on the one hundred dollars valuation to create a sinking fund for same and redeem the bonds at maturity, making a total county tax rate of \$1.62 on the \$100.00 of property valuation.

Example how to figure your increase in taxes. If you render property at \$386.00, your increased tax at 72 cents on the one hundred dollars would be, 386x72, equals \$27.78. The table below gives increases in taxes over present rate:

Valuation	Rate	Cost Per Year	Cost Per Month
\$ 500.00	\$.72	\$ 3.60	\$.30
1000.00	.72	7.20	.60
1500.00	.72	10.80	.90
2000.00	.72	14.40	1.20
2500.00	.72	18.00	1.50
3000.00	.72	21.60	1.80
3500.00	.72	25.20	2.10
4000.00	.72	28.80	2.40
4500.00	.72	32.40	2.70
5000.00	.72	36.00	3.00
7500.00	.72	54.00	4.50
10000.00	.72	72.00	6.00
12500.00	.72	90.00	7.50
15000.00	.72	108.00	9.00

According to the tax rolls for 1923, property values are assessed at \$6,621,726.00, of which \$2,512,886.00 is owned by non-residents, railroads, telegraph and telephone companies and unknown owners. This is 38 per cent of the taxable values of the county as a whole. This fact shows that if the bond issue of \$650,000.00 is voted, the resident property owners of Mitchell County will pay \$403,000.00 of said bonds and the non-resident property owners will pay \$247,000.00 of the issue.

That Commissioners' Court has officially ordered that every condition set forth as to proportioning said bonds in the four Commissioners' Precincts and provisions set forth in petitions and order of court ordering the bond election will be complied with, is shown in the following court order, recorded in minutes of Commissioners' Court, page 287, Vol. 6:

"The Commissioners Court in session November 14th, 1923, hereby agree to carry out the program as outlined in petitions being circulated in Mitchell County regarding a \$650,000.00 bond issue to build and maintain roads, etc., in Mitchell County, Texas.

"Examined and approved Nov. 14th, 1923.
"J. C. HALL, County Judge."

That an equitable division of the road and bridge fund is to be made hereafter, is shown in the following court order, recorded on page 286, Vol. 6, minutes of Commissioners' Court:

"Moved and carried that beginning November 1, 1923, each Commissioners' Precinct shall receive all road tax paid by the property owners in his precinct to be expended on the roads in his precinct.

"Examined and approved November 14th, 1923.
"J. C. HALL, County Judge."

IF THE BOND ISSUE CARRIES

The State and Federal governments will give us two dollars for one dollar, and possibly more, on the construction of Bankhead Highway. Maximum amount aid available to Mitchell County is \$686,000.00.

Contracts will be let and work done under supervision of Federal, State and County engineers.

The County money now being used to maintain the Bankhead Highway and lateral roads will all be diverted to construction and maintenance of lateral roads. With maintenance fund provided for a period of five years to care for lateral roads built out of proceeds of bond issue, a reserve will be created in each Commissioners' road and bridge fund sufficient to enable each precinct to build and maintain within a few years a connected system of highways.

Approximately \$1,300,000.00 will become available for road construction and maintenance in the county, which will be a great stimulus to business and give employment to many men and teams.

Each automobile owner in the county will save each year in gasoline, tires and depreciation several times what the bond issue will cost him in taxes.

Land all over the county will become more valuable, because it will be more accessible.

Expense of getting farm products to market will be greatly lessened.

Good roads will mean better schools, better homes, better living conditions. Good roads are the pathway of progress.

IF THE BOND ISSUE FAILS

The State and Federal aid conditionally allotted to Mitchell County will be allotted to other counties which do vote bonds for highway improvement.

Our highway (the Bankhead) will be maintained by the State Highway Department after January 1st in its present condition.

We will continue to pay our State and Federal taxes and lose our opportunity of receiving the maximum amount of State and Federal aid.

The above statements are officially accepted and approved by the Commissioners' Court, and ordered recorded in the court minutes thereof, and by a committee of four resident citizens of the county, selected from each Commissioners' Precinct, as follows:

- J. C. HALL, County Judge.
- U. D. WULFJEN, Commissioner Prec. No. 1
- H. A. LASSETER, Commissioner Prec. 2
- JNO. D. LANE, Commissioner Prec. No. 3
- W. D. MCADAMS, Commissioner Prec. No. 4
- H. OHLENBUSCH, Chm., Citizens Com.
- B. F. HARGROVE, Member, Cit. Com.
- J. W. BIRD, Member, Cit. Com.
- W. S. COOPER, Member Cit. Com.

**WHO MAY VOTE IN THE
BOND ELECTION**

Judge W. P. Dumas of Dallas, former attorney general of Texas, has submitted the following opinion to the Commissioners' Court of Mitchell County, outlining qualifications to vote in the bond election December 18:

"In my opinion, any person who has resided within the State twelve months, and in the County of Mitchell six months before the date of the election and who has paid his or her poll tax, or secured certificate of exemption, where such certificate is required, prior to the first day of February, 1923, and who owns property within the county (real or personal) subject to taxation, would be entitled to vote in the county road bond election soon to be held in said county. The fact that the name of the party offering to vote does not appear on the last assessment roll, nor the assessment roll for the current year, will not disqualify him. If he owns property and is otherwise qualified, he should be entitled to vote. (See 57 SW 921; 21 SW 571.)

"The law in respect to community property qualifies women as property taxpayers. A married woman who is otherwise qualified as a voter under the law of this State, and who owns property subject to taxation, including the community property jointly owned by herself and husband, should be permitted to vote in any bond election in the county in which she resides, if the property is situated in such county. (Attorney General's Report, 1920-22, page 324.)"

His Christmas Spent at Club

By MARY GRAHAM BONNER

Lonesome Rich Man Finds Happiness in Playing Santa Claus

HE WAS SITTING alone in his fashionable club. It was quite deserted. It had been for some days now. Everyone seemed to have other things to do than to come to the club. They had talked, a number of them, the last time many had been there, of the busy days ahead, shopping, wrapping up Christmas parcels, helping their wives or their daughters or their grandchildren in the gay plans for Christmas.

Only he had no plans to make. He gave his employees, and a number of others with whom he came in contact, money at Christmas time. That fulfilled his Christmas demands.

Other years he hadn't felt it so much as this year. This year the loneliness seemed lonelier than ever before. His solitary condition saddened him.

Well, he would go back to his suite. He would leave the club. Perhaps among his own books, his own things he would not feel so

lonely. He would not dine at the club; he would have some cheese and crackers and coffee at home. His excellent valet could always prepare a little supper for him.

Outside of the club his chauffeur and car were waiting.

He got in and sat down on the soft, luxuriously upholstered cushions, and the chauffeur closed the door, shutting out the clear, cold Christmas time air and the noise of the streets—the noise of many voices of many people going shopping, with the higher voices of children rising every once in awhile above the din.

His soul seemed to ache. He was alone. Rich, comfortable, luxurious, alone! No one wanted him, needed him, cared for him. He had everything which money could buy; he had enough money to buy everything he wanted.

No, not everything! He wanted love and affection, he wanted to be a part of all this going on outside the luxurious confinement of his car and that he couldn't buy. Mix with the crowds? Yes, he could do that, but not as one of them. Only as a lonely man who had a fat bank account which didn't help in the slightest.

And yet couldn't it help? Suddenly he had an inspiration. He called through the speaking tube to his chauffeur. "I think," he said, "I will get out here and walk the rest of the way home."

The chauffeur was surprised, but he was too well-trained to show surprise.

He got out before a large store where in the window was a decorated Christmas tree. He went inside the store. No longer did he feel so lonely. He, too, had a purpose in mind. He was a part of all of this now.

Tinsel, candies, red colored paper, ribbons, small toys, decorations, oh, how much he bought. His arms were filled with bundles. Just as were the arms of others. It was such fun to carry bundles, too. He had never known before the joy of overcrowded arms.

Home he went, carrying his beloved purchases with him. And then he summoned the janitor to his lonely suite, which now seemed filled with the Christmas cheer. He talked it all over with him, the plans for the tree, for his own Santa Claus suit.

He had given the janitor money before, of course. This time he would take part in the Christmas of the children of the janitor.

Christmas morning came. Never had he arisen so early on a Christmas morning. Dressing himself carefully, he went downstairs. He had worked until late the night before, decorating the tree, but he was not tired.

Suddenly there was a cry, a cry of joy such as he had never heard.

"Why, there's Santa Claus! Dear, dear Santa Claus."

The janitor's children had always

been afraid of him, but not so of Santa Claus! He undid his pack, he took gifts off the tree, and the children climbed over him, kissed him, hugged him, loved him. With what a splendid gusto they loved him!

And the children begged Santa Claus to stay for dinner. Curious thing for him to be doing! But he stayed, and for the first time, almost since he had been a child himself, he had a Christmas, a real Christmas, a Christmas filled with love which had driven the loneliness out!

HER CHRISTMAS TRIP

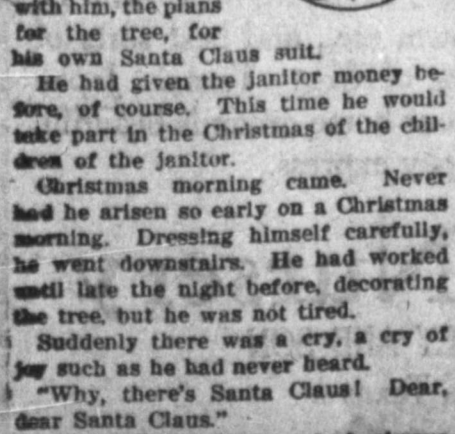
The family were going away for Christmas to their old home in the beautiful country which they loved so much. They hadn't gone back at Christmas time for ever and ever so long.

They said, at first, they would give their faithful, wonderful cook a check and a holiday, and then they asked her if she would like the Christmas trip as her Christmas present.

Would she indeed? Just because she was no longer a child it didn't mean that she couldn't enjoy as a child!

She went and she loved it all—even the over-crowded trains, the hurrying masses of people in the jammed stations—for wasn't it her Christmas trip?

She, too, was a part of the great holiday travel!—M. G. Bonner.



Our Christmas Thoughts

IF HUMAN NATURE is the combination of self-seeking, ambition and greed which some materialistic philosophers assert it is; if life is a contest in which all finer sentiments are subordinated to self-advancement and success at any price, how is it that the spirit of Christmas has not only endured but grown in power during nearly 2,000 years? If the pessimists are right, it would seem that the light would have been extinguished long since and with it the spirit would have departed.

Were history and our daily lives not replete with evidences—noble evidences too—of the unselfishness in men's hearts, we might be impressed with the teachings of the sordid and the carpings of the morbid. Christmas is the symbol and a celebration of love—love which is synonymous with charity and which our purest teaching tells us is the finest attribute of the soul. We, who during the past few weeks have watched the Yuletide preparations, are prepared to say that they represent a beautiful manifestation of that attribute.

We have noted the working girl taking home at night her parcels; contributions wrung from the dole of her necessities, in order that she may testify to her love and bring a measure of cheer to some child, some relative, some friend. Tired from her daily toil mayhap, but in her eyes that something which transcends all fatigue; transcends, in fact, everything else in the world and comparable only to that which shone from a mother's eyes upon the Babe in Bethlehem. Friends, in the face of these and so many other manifestations which we are all witnessing during this season, what right has one of us to say that the Light of the World grows dimmer?

Our hearts tell us there is no dimming. Let us be thankful for the extra radiance of Christmas. Let us seek to carry it into our daily lives. Our wish is, that this occasion, at least, will help all of us to forget our tribulations and sorrows, our complaints and animosities, and that it will be to all a day of cheer and everything which Yuletide typifies. The words of Tiny Tim have never been improved upon and we here invoke them: "God bless us all!"

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Puts a Halo on Another Head

By Christopher G. Hazard

Artist Finds New Place for Circle Because of a Service to Mankind

DAVID SPENCER looked again at his watch with some anxiety. The hospitality of the old southern home had been lavish, the exhibition of his paintings had been successful beyond his hopes, there had been congratulations, and flowers, and commissions. Quite overwhelmed with courtesies and attentions, charmed by the quaintness and beauty and customs and scenes new to him, the artist longed to linger, and was loth to leave the old city. But the northern train that he must take was almost due, the station was distant, and his hosts had seemingly forgotten all about it, until they suddenly appeared with apologies and delivered him to the black coachman and the family coach. Fortunately, the train, burdened with its load of Christmas cheer, was late, also, so that when it moved on Spencer was among its passengers.

The rather monotonous landscape threw him back upon reflection, and he found himself reviewing the sights and experiences of his visit with pleasant amusement.

Again he witnessed the bargaining of the old market. "Is you got any aigs?" "I ain't got dat I ain't." "I ain't axed yer is you ain't, I axed yer ain't you is." He recalled the curious operations of the revival meeting that had so illustrated the picturesqueness of negro character and hummed to himself the song that had there been so intensely sung:

There's a halo on His haid,
A halo, oh my Lawd,
But dere's one for me He sed,
A crown oh glory wen I'm daid,
A halo, oh my Lawd.

Dat's de kind oh hat ter git,
A halo, oh my Lawd,
In rain or shine hit's bou'n' ter fit,
I sholy am a-wantin' hit,
A halo, oh my Lawd.

And I kin feel hit sproutin' now,
A halo, oh my Lawd,
A crown oh shinin' on my brow,
Each time to Him I mek a bow,
A halo, oh my Lawd.

As the train sped on the artist's reminiscences were interrupted by the voices of the conductor and one of the passengers. "But this train does not stop at Redfield," the conductor was saying, as he looked at the old man's ticket. "It must stop here this time," answered the passenger. "I just got to see Jim once more before he goes. I only got the message this morning. I want to wish him a merry Christmas and a happy New Year where he's goin'."

The conductor hesitated, then seemed to yield as he passed on, and the old man sat back in his seat, unmannerly of sympathy around him. Shortly after the bell rope was pulled, the train drew to a halt, and kindly looks followed him down the aisle and on to the platform of the little station.

The incident was barely finished and the train had attained but little headway when there was a sudden and terrible jolt, followed by a crash and the bumping of the cars over the ties, then a stop and an affrighted silence, broken by the voice of the Pullman porter, crying out, "We've run through an open switch and we're wrecked, but no min', de train am standin' on de ground." Engine, baggage cars and dining car were off and broken, but the Pullmans remained on the track. "If we hadn't stopped at Redfield," said the conductor, "we'd 'a' been going forty miles an hour and all heaped up at the bottom of the embankment."

In the artist's studio today there is a picture of the Christmas Christ, with the halo that believing love has placed upon His head. And just below it another halo rests upon the head of an old man, pictured there because of his unconscious but real service of mankind.

THE RIGHT SPIRIT

Put the Christmas spirit into your politics and keep the partisan spirit out of your Christmas.

THOSE SLIPPERS

Grandfather is pretty sure it will be a pair of slippers. All that remains is to see how many pairs.

Christmas Day in Own Home

By ETHEL COOK ELIOT

Mother, Father and Children Have Special Guests at Family Feast

AM ALMOST glad we're not going to our Grandmother's for Christmas this year," Mrs. Will confided to Mr. Will a week before that great day. "Do you realize we've never had a Christmas here in our own home, just ourselves and our family?"

"Yes, I've been thinking of that," Mr. Will replied. "Let's keep it just ourselves, and give the kiddies one truly home Christmas to remember."

As usual, Mr. and Mrs. Will were in complete agreement in their ideas and emotions. Mrs. Will sighed contentment, Mr. Will sighed contentment, too; for after all, such harmony as theirs is not so common in the workaday world of wives and husbands.

But as Christmas day grew nearer and nearer Mrs. Will suddenly realized there was something she had not the heart to confide to Mr. Will. Now Mr. Will had a sick conscience, too. There was something he had not the heart to confide to Mrs. Will.

But fortunately everything was straightened out before Christmas, that day of peace, dawned.

Billy, their oldest, didn't know what the word conscience meant. Of course he had heard mother and father whispering about how nice a strictly family Christmas would be.



He had heard them, but perhaps he hadn't understood their sentiment. Anyway, at luncheon, two days before Christmas, he suddenly blurted out, "Say, Mom, I've asked Jim Larkin to our Christmas dinner and the tree. You know his folks are in Europe, and he's just staying on at the school. Thought he'd like it here better. Most homelike."

"Oh, bother, Billy," Lucy cried—thirteen-year-old Lucy. "I've asked Patty Brown. She hasn't any folks anywhere, even in Europe. Just that snobbish great-aunt who's giving a big house party, all old folks and doesn't want Patty around. She needs a home Christmas more than your Jim!"

Father was eyeing mother anxiously. Her bright smile amazed him. "Well, I'm sure there's room for them both. I am glad you have such kind hearts, children."

But now Mr. Will spoke timidly. "I'm sorry, mother, but I, too, have asked a guest. Couldn't help it somehow! That young Miller at the office. He's so cut up about his mother's death, and a boarding house is a dreary place to spend Christmas." Mr. Will's voice was timorous, pleading.

But Mrs. Will's bright smile had now turned to a calm, relaxed one. "Oh, that's splendid, dear," she said. "For, do you know, I myself have invited that pretty little Gladys Haverhill. She looked so woe-begone when I met her at the grocer's Saturday. I asked her whether she was going home for Christmas. She said a poor school teacher couldn't travel way across a continent even for a Christmas at home. What could I do? And do you know I've always thought Gladys and Ted Miller ought to meet. They're such nice young people—and Gladys is so pretty!"

So that's what happened to the Willson family Christmas. But not one of the Willsons felt that he had been cheated of anything. On the contrary. And Mr. and Mrs. Will are in closer harmony than ever. You see, they've made the same sort of people—not a too common thing in workaday life. And Billy and Lucy are growing up rather like them.

RING OUT

Ring out! Ring out! ye hoarse bells and make a joyful lay. For Christ the gentle has come to us and we would have him stay. Make every still and valley ring, till earth and sky with cheer, For we who have received the Christ would show him welcome here.

—H. H. Sweet.

That Mask Which Grew on Mr. Philetus' Face

PHILETUS SOLEMCOOLLY could not understand why the children did not like him. He gave them good advice. He patted them upon their heads. He expressed the hope that they would be successful in life as he had been. He promised them rewards if they would behave themselves as he wanted them to. Yet they came to his school unwillingly and went home from it gladly. They were respectful, but unsmiling.

It was with hope, but not without difficulty, that a friend persuaded Philetus to officiate as Santa Claus at the Christmas festival and to assume the traditional garb of the part. Philetus did not see much use in such fanciful doings, but yielded to solicitation and appeared upon the occasion with as much grace as a feeling of foolishness would allow. His spare form was now rotund, his sober garments had become gay, and the jolly mask that had been adjusted to his long face gave him quite a new expression.

As the joy among the children progressed and the spirit of fun and frolic mounted high Philetus began to experience a change of heart. To his amazement he began having a good time himself and to feel like a real

Saint Nicholas. For this reason, perhaps, he overexerted himself to such an extent that his mask fell off and it was revealed to the surprised audience that it had been contradicting the face of Mr. Solemcoolly.

This was really the best feature of the evening, and it proved to have a permanence about it, for, from that time, the Philetus phiz shortened, and broadened, and fattened, and colored up, until it came to look a good deal like the face of that old fairy who is always young and kindly.

So the mask that fell off left its imprint and stayed on, and Philetus, able to be merry, became the familiar friend of the children.—Christopher G. Hazard.

A Christmas gift for the man with the average domestic supply of coal: A magnifying glass, a pair of tweezers and the framed motto, "Keep the home fires burning."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Put the Christmas spirit into your politics and keep the partisan spirit out of your Christmas.

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UNION ITEMS.

Since my last writing there has been many happenings. It has rained; turned cold; killed hogs; fasted on the fruits thereof, etc. A new preacher has been sent to our charge, and so far we all like him. Roy McCreless has sold out and moved to town to engage in the insurance business. T. H. Halbert has been elected to the position of Sunday school superintendent, and we think he's the right man in the right place. He launched out into the deep last Sunday and perfected arrangements for having a community Christmas tree at Union church Christmas eve night. Come who will and take part with us. N. J. Caloway, who moved away to the promised land in the east, last fall, got homesick, and his children will, and has moved back home, and now-a-days when his friends meet him with a good morning greeting, he commences singing Home, Sweet Home. E. M. McCreless has rented his home to Mr. J. C. Costin and Mr. Costin is occupying his residence at present, for another year. He is

a new comer and we welcome him in our midst. The oil well people on the Richardson site No. 1, have moved away. E. M. McCreless is at present domiciled in the home of B. B. McGuire. Mr. Ernest Thraillkill and family are anticipating a trip back to his old home in South Carolina. Mr. Jim Barlow and family have planned a trip to many places in Texas. **WESTBROOK** Miss Ira Bledsoe spent the week end with homefolks. Miss Ira is teaching at Iatan. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Phillips and son Elmo of Big Spring, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Gressett, Sunday. Mrs. E. P. Gressett and children were shopping in Colorado Saturday. Mrs. J. J. Morris is on the sick list this week. Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Morris and family are planning on moving to Stanton Saturday. Mrs. D. C. Gressett spent the week end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Widner at Stanton.

Mr. C. P. Conaway has returned from Fort Worth and Dallas. Mr. Conaway shipped some cattle to the Fort Worth market.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Danner, Mrs. Mellie Van Horn, Mr. Derryberry, Miss Marguerite Bentley and Mr. Bert Armstrong went on a hunt to the McDaniel ranch Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Costin were in Sweetwater Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Jefferies and family visited in Big Spring Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Bell and family are visiting relatives at Stanton this week.

Mrs. H. P. Allmond of Colorado is visiting her daughter Mrs. J. C. Costin.

The Westbrook basket ball boys went to Buford Friday afternoon and played. The score was 15-17 in favor of Westbrook.

Ben Brown, the 18 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Brown of the New Hope community, passed away Monday morning. He was sick only a short time and his many friends and loved ones were surprised at his sudden death. Bro. Bailey, pastor of the Methodist church, held the funeral services at the church Tuesday afternoon. The remains were laid to rest in the W. O. W. cemetery. Bennie was just entering young manhood, the brightest, happiest time of his life. How his brothers and sisters and parents will miss his smiling face; but our Master knows best. May God bless the grieving ones in their sorrow.

Vote For The Bonds—
The Second number of the Lyceum course given by the Civic League and High school students was given at the high school auditorium Wednesday evening. This was the Floyds, three in number and all artists in their line of work. Magician, telephist and musician. An enthusiastic audience of some of Colorado's best people and students greeted them. Those having it in charge are gratified with the numbers and the way in which they are received. There are three more numbers in the course and they promise to be better and better.

Vote For The Bonds—
There is higher priced Auto Oil, but none better than Supreme XXX handled by all leading garages.

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Saturday, Dec. 15

COMMENCING PROMPTLY AT 1:30 P. M.

We will not offer for sale but will sell to the highest bidder, regardless of former prices, one car load of Horses and Mules. These are not the cheap kind—some are as good as grow. Mules are from 3 to 6 years old, weighing from 1100 to 1400 pounds, all broke and right out of harness. Our Horses are extra good, big, young farm Horses, and ready to work. Horses and Mules will be at Oliver and Bells Mule Yard, Colorado, Texas, Tuesday, December 11 for your inspection and for sale or trade until Sale Day.

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\$13.50 Edwin Clapp Ox Now \$9.00
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\$6.50 Straps or Oxfords Now \$4.95
\$4.00 Straps or Oxfords Now \$3.00

LADIES HOUSE SHOES

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MENS WEAR

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MENS SHOES

\$12.50 Reynolds Shoes Now \$7.95
\$10.00 Reynolds Shoes Now \$6.95
\$8.50 Peters Shoes Now \$5.95
\$6.50 Dittman Shoes Now \$4.95
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Cosmopolitan Exchange Company

Mission Club

The young ladies mission club of the Presbyterian church met with Mrs. Jerold Riordan Tuesday. In the absence of the president the vice president, Mrs. Billie Hagler, presided. The scripture lesson was on the Wise Men from Matthew. After the lesson on Home Missions, Mrs. Elliott told how the Chinese keep Christmas. Mrs. A. H. Dolman how Christmas is kept in Japan. Mrs. T. B. Daugherty in Mexico. This was followed by a Bible lesson from Leviticus. The visitors were Mesdames Munday, John Brown, Womack and Miss Byrdie Womack. The hostess served snow pudding, with whipped cream and boiled custard sauce and cake.

Vote For The Bonds—
U. D. C.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy will serve Christmas dinner in honor of our Confederate veterans at the home of Mrs. R. N. Gary, Dec. 18th, at 2:30. If there is a veteran in the city who has not received a special invitation, we are sorry, so please come this dinner is for you and we want to meet you all Dec. 18, at 2:30 p. m.

Vote For The Bonds—
Junior Missionary

Twenty-eight of the Juniors met in their regular business session on last Friday afternoon with Mrs. Gaskins as hostess. The regular routine of work, including reports from officers was carried out. A vote of thanks was extended. Mrs. Roy Dozier for getting our Christmas box off to Mexico for us. Committees reported Thanksgiving cheer carried to many of our older friends. Our superintendent, Mrs. Garrett expressed thanks to the Juniors for their lovely shower of food things on Thanksgiving day. Little Misses Marie Maule and Irene Dorn were our delegates to the all-day meeting at Sweetwater Friday. At the social hour hostess assisted by Mrs. Hutchinson and little daughters served hot chocolate and cake.

Vote for the Bonds—
Intermediate Epworth League

Subject—Our Christmas Gifts of Love.

Leader—Rosalie Leslie.

The Christmas Story—Leader—Matt. 2:1-12.

Prayer.

The Father's Gift—Marie Maule.

Our Gift of Love—Riggs Sheppard

Song.
The Other Wise Man—Gus Chesney.
Benediction.
Vote For The Bonds—
Orders taken for your holiday fruit cakes. Give us your order early for Christmas.—Pickens Grocery.

Mrs. Milburn Doss left Thursday to visit relatives at Slaton after spending an extended visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Doss. Milburn Doss, who recently lost his drug business in a fire at Mingus, has purchased a drug store in Fort Worth.
Vote for the Bonds—

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That Gobbler for Christmas

By CLARA DELAFIELD

They just could not kill the bird they had watched grow up from babyhood.

But I dunno. He's the only one I've reared out of that brood, and I'm kinder attached to him."

However, he promised Mrs. James finally to let her have the gobbler. Silas Hicks was not a sentimental man. He was a farmer, and in business for the money it brought him. He had a brother John, who had gone to the city and made money hand over fist. John was a crusty old bachelor and largely devoid of the sense of family obligations.

There had been a time, five years before, when things went badly with Silas. There was a heavy mortgage to meet, the crops had been a failure, and he had been in danger of dispossession. Besides, his wife was on her sickbed, from which she was never to arise.

Silas had gone in his despair to the brother whom he had not seen for years. John had turned him down flat. "Father left you the farm because you played up to him, and kicked me out into the world," he said. "Now I've made my pile, you have the nerve to come to me for help. I don't see it, Silas."

"My wife's sick," pleaded Silas, "and you've got more money than you know what to do with."

"Oh, I can find a use for it," John rejoined caustically. "Maybe if you'd

shown a little sympathy for me when I was hoofing it on the sidewalks I'd have a little more for you, Silas."

Silas went home. Somehow he managed to survive the crisis. But his wife died, and he grew lonelier and lonelier. If he had had a few thousand dollars he would have sold out and gone south to live, somewhere away from this bleak New England coast. But he could just manage to make both ends meet. Daily he cursed his brother in his heart.

He started raising turkeys, and that was a failure. Only the gobbler lived. He used to watch the bird with interest. The gobbler would come clucking after him for crumbs. And it was odd how it looked like John.

He began to call it John. It had a queer way of putting its head upon one side and calling, as John used to do when he was a boy. Gradually, to old Silas' fancy, the gobbler became an effigy of John. He hated it. He hated it.

He hated it, and he was attached, too. He made a sort of pet of the gobbler. He wanted it to love him, so far as a turkey gobbler is capable of love. Then, when Christmas came, he was going to cut its throat very slowly, bending its head back to see the terror in its eyes. He would thus have his revenge upon his brother.

"Yes, marm, John's thriving nicely and putting on flesh," he told Mrs. James. "Here he comes. John! John!"

Up came the big gobbler, put its



head on one side and surveyed Silas to see if he had any bread crumbs.

"Isn't he the cutest thing!" said Mrs. James. "I don't wonder you can't bear to let me have it, Mr. Hicks."

"Oh, that'll be all right, marm," responded Silas cheerily.

An elemental hatred for the gobbler had come to fill his heart. Christmas was at hand. He pictured how, on the morrow, he would grab the bird, he would insult it with all the turkey abuse that he had picked up from it; then it should die slowly, as he would like John to die.

On Christmas morning he found a letter from an unknown correspondent in the city. Opening it, he read that his brother John was dead.

John had left forty thousand dollars, half of which was to go to Silas, "in memory of our boyhood times together, and in the hope that any ill feeling, if it existed, has long ago been canceled."

Silas stared at the letter. His eyes grew misty. He saw John again as a little boy upon the farm; his heart went out to him across the years.

Gobbler! Gobbler! The big turkey was standing in front of him, its head on one side, one claw raised, begging for crumbs.

"You great big faker, you!" bellowed Silas.

The gobbler, looking a little alarmed,

Vote For The Bonds

J. Wright Moorar, prominent citizen of West Texas, was in Colorado Sunday from his home in Scurry county. Mr. Moorar was among the earliest settlers of this country and some of the business buildings erected here in the 80's were built by him.

"Merry Christmas," the Big Policeman's Wish

THE big policeman standing in the middle of the road there where two streets cross isn't just a part of the street furniture like the hydrant or the bridge, of course; but I had seen him there so many times a day, week in, week out, season in, season out, I had quite forgotten that he was human like myself, perhaps a little more tired, but perhaps a little happier. But I woke up on Christmas day last year to his reality as a human being.

I was crossing the street with a very gloomy heart. Everything with my life seemed to have gone wrong, and the crisis had been reached this Christmas day. My eyes were downcast at the dirty, slushy snow underfoot, and I gave a glance at no one.

Then suddenly, out of the sky, out of the nowhere, came a deep-voiced, hopeful, "Merry Christmas!" Yea, there was the big policeman merry Christmasing me, and as though he meant it, too. In my surprise, I gave it back heartily, "Merry Christmas, yourself."

And with that cheerful spoken word bursting automatically from my surprised lips the day changed. There was a miracle for you! Not out of the New Testament, but out of today, this day of policeman and hydrants—and the Christmas spirit. On the opposite curb I met happiness face to face. In what form it came does not matter. That is my heart's secret. But it came! And this I know, it would not have come, or coming, I would have surely missed it, had I not lifted my eyes to return the big policeman's "Merry Christmas," and had not the surprised smile stayed with me until I reached that curb.

The policeman this Christmas is to me a symbol. Never again will he be part of the street furniture.—Ethel Cook Elliot.

MODERN SIMPLICITY



THREATENED REVOLT IN MEXICO BROKEN

Federal Troops Pursuing General Figueroa Who Fled to Hills.

Mexico City.—The week-end revolution which flashed like a skyrocket on the Mexican horizon seems to be coming down like a broken stick.

Federal troops are pursuing Gen. Romulo Figueroa, who, with 45 of his followers, has abandoned the territory near Iguala, in the State of Guerrero, and has fled into the hills, according to dispatches.

Figueroa was reported to have had 800 men at his disposal when he prepared to march on Iguala, where Gov. Rodolfo Neri fortified himself in the Governor's Palace. A bloody battle had been expected.

Three columns of Federal troops are on the track of Figueroa and the unlucky 45. The rest of the rebel forces remained loyal to the Federal Government, despite the fact that Figueroa was commander of military operations in the State of Guerrero and had thought the army would support him.

Concern here over the uprising is, practically ended and it is thought that the capture of the rebels will be only a matter of hours.

The situation in the State of Michoacan, where disorders also had occurred, is now said to be well in hand. Gen. Francisco Mugica, Constitutional Governor, who attempted to retake that office from an interim official, has been arrested, according to reports from Morelia.

THE KINDLY STAR

THE little boy was afraid of the dark, but, as he looked out through the low window, upon the panes of which Mr. Frost was making his pictures, he saw a bright star that was winking at him with a most friendly and assuring light. It shone through his tears and seemed to say that it would watch over his sleep. So he shut his eyes, and, stilling his sobs, the better to hear the carol singers across the street, was safely away to slumber and a dream. The dream lady looked like his mother, all dressed in a robe that glistened and sparkled like snow, and she was bringing him the hope of his heart, the sled that was to take him so delightfully down the hill. And when he woke so early on Christmas morning he found that his dream had come true.—Christopher G. Hazard.

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Paris.—An Anglo-French accord for the defense of sea routes is urged by the semi-official "Temps" in view of the Mediterranean situation created by the Italo-Spanish rapprochement.

French apprehension over the linking up of the two Latin powers is voiced freely here, but the "Temps" statement carries marked significance.

Declaring that Anglo-French interests dominate the Mediterranean, the newspaper states:

"It seems to us that an Anglo-French accord to check the possibility of aerial attack should be the necessary complement of any Mediterranean accord concluded between any powers.

The newspaper emphasizes that open Mediterranean communication with her African possessions is vital to France as communications with India are to England. It intimates that the Italo-Spanish accord would menace both.

The "Temps" concluded that an industrial accord with Britain is also most desirable, and suggests that Belgium, Poland and Czechoslovakia might join with France and England in establishing monetary and industrial equilibrium in Europe.

The flurry of editorial comment on the Mediterranean situation marks deep anxiety on the part of the Government. Unofficial circles are strongly advocating the strengthening of the navy in order to meet the "two-power standard" which close military union between Italy and Spain might force France to adopt.

Italy has long been suspected of imperialistic designs, and it has been charged that she wished to create a central European bloc dominated by Rome.

Critics of Italy have said her policy was directed toward linking Italy, Austria and Hungary in economic if not military ties, and, if possible, bringing Roumania into the combine. France hitherto has felt reasonably assured of support from Jugo-Slavia, but some see hints of an Italian-Jugo-Slav rapprochement in recent parleys between Rome and Belgrade.

Washington.—Representative Hatton W. Summers of the Dallas district has been elected chairman of the Texas delegation in the House of Representatives, and Representative Luther Johnson of the Corsicana district was elected secretary. Mr. Summers reached Washington Saturday, and all Democratic members of the delegation were at the caucus of House Democrats at night save Representatives Williams, Mansfield and Hudspeth.

Club Play

The 1921 Study Club put on a home talent play at the high school auditorium Tuesday evening. While there was not as big house as was hoped, yet those who braved the elements had an evening of enjoyment for there was not a dull moment from beginning to end. The play, Clubbing a Husband, a comedy in three acts, was directed by Mrs. C. R. Earnest, assisted by Mrs. Harry Ratliff, was well given. Each character did her part in a way that showed training and a personal interest in her character represented. This club, as well as the other clubs of the town, is looking forward to entertaining the Sixth District next April and took this means of having its part of the financial question solved. Quite a number of the friends, who were unable to attend have asked that the play be repeated but we have not heard the decision of the players. A list of characters in the play is:

Mrs. Blanche Newman, a bride, Mrs. C. E. Pritchett. Mrs. Henrietta Ashton, her Sister from Boston, Mrs. Ed Jones. Maud Ashton, an overgrown girl, Mrs. C. R. Earnest. Belle, the colored cook, Mrs. Jim Dobbs. Bridgett, a wash "lady" Mrs. Clara Hooks.

Mrs. Ottoway, a grandmother of the past, Mrs. Floyd Quinney. Mrs. Farris, her Daughter, Mrs. Hazel Costin.

Dr. Georgiana Jordan, unmarried, Mrs. J. T. Pritchett. Mrs. Whitney, inclined to be jealous, Mrs. Abe Dolman. Mrs. Reynolds, bargain chaser, Mrs. Chas. Thompson.

Mrs. Harry Hudson, timid and nervous, Mrs. Roy Dozier. Mrs. Skylark, a woman of ideals, Mrs. C. L. Root.

Cornet Solo, Sam Goldman. Song, Raymond Jones. Violin Solo, Jack Norris. Song, Miss Eleanor Thomas and P. K. Williams.

Comedy Skit, Joe Pond and Jake Merritt. Pianoflage, Joe Earnest.

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Just at this most opportune time we have received several unusual shipments of holiday goods, something that is suitable as a gift for any member of the family or friend. This merchandise was personally selected by our Mr. Landau, while in the market a few weeks ago and we can assure you that any article you may select will be greatly appreciated by any one. In order to avoid the rush that usually occurs before the holidays, we have arranged our store so that hundreds of small items will be strung up with the price ticket which will enable you to select just what you want. A good many times people overlook some of their friends on account of not seeing what they want. This will not be the case if you will visit us during the time before the holidays, as we will have many things displayed on counters and in cases. It is needless to say that you will save by making your holiday purchases at our store, as we have been here long enough and have proved it to you.

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ARE THE CHURCHES FAILING?

(BY M. C. BISHOP)
Some one said that Christianity was playing out but someone else said it had never played in. No other organization would accomplish as much as the churches do with the same chance the churches have. Christ started his work with a dozen men. One of that number was a traitor, another a "curser," while another was a denier, while yet another was a professional doubter. Even some of them were selfish. In spite of these difficulties Christianity has gone forward and revolutionized the thinking of the world. No nation today is without the influence of Christianity. Men and women will sacrifice for lodges, clubs, and other so-

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"I had very severe attacks of indigestion," writes Mr. M. H. Wade, a farmer, of R. F. D. 1, Weir, Miss. "I would suffer for months at a time. All I dared eat was a little bread and butter... consequently I suffered from weakness. I would try to eat, then the terrible suffering in my stomach! I took medicines, but did not get any better. The druggist recommended

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and I decided to try it, for, as I say, I had tried others for two or more years without any improvement in my health. I soon found the Black-Draught was acting on my liver and easing the terrible pain.

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Farm Bureau Members

Gentlemen:--you are urged to meet at Court House Thursday, 2:30 P. M., Dec. 20, 1923. Speaking on the subject of co-operative marketing and election of directors for ensuing year also selecting delegate to State meeting at Dallas in January will be the the program.

W. W. PORTER, Secretary

cial functions, while the churches are neglected. Yet the work grows and saves nations from wreck. Men delight to see good roads, paved streets, city decorations, and fine buildings for business but few are anxious for beautiful churches. Men and women can be aroused over the human suffering and will give time and money but the cries of lost souls fall on deaf ears yet in spite of that fact the world is being blest by the gospel of Christ.

Some things that militate against the churches of today. The more organization there is the more there is to detract from the churches. The more lodges anyone belongs to and keeps up the less interest he or she has in the work of the churches. That is natural as we only have so much energy to expend on these things. If we spend it on one thing the other things must go without us. We are training our people away from the churches instead of for the churches. We are laying more emphasis on "training" than we are on "doing." The worst man or woman anywhere knows better than they do.

We must come back to the proposition that the churches are the foundation of all society as go the churches will finally go all society. Lodges of the right kind are based on the churches.

If the churches are neglected the moral atmosphere becomes impure. Business men should see that it is to their interest to make the churches all they should be. Whenever a community will stand by and allow an open violation of the laws of the State and keep quiet about it you may expect other forms of crime to increase. Whenever the laws of the Sabbath can be violated, which violate the State laws and our officers will stand by and allow it to be so done what can we do otherwise? It is the business of the churches to cry out against these wicked ways of men.

But what are we to do when members of the churches have no conscience on the question? Yet in spite of it all the churches have a savory effect in the community. With the human mind absorbed with everything earthly and but one day in seven to devote to religious thinking and most people spending that day in worldly pleasure or pursuit how may you expect any great development in spiritual things? If people will stop a moment and reflect where France, Italy, Germany, and in fact, all of Europe has gone morally, financially, and socially, for no other reason than they sought pleasure and wealth to the exclusion of God and true religion. America is walking in their foot steps in all these ways.

God would have all men see their impending danger and would have them stop and right about. Why will men and women sit idly by and see the moral standards grow lower and with it see the younger generation drifting from the churches and from God? It is with the grown ups as to the future. What shall we do? Some folks are willing to rest on their oars and see the younger generation drift on in sin and pleasure and never raise a cry of warning. It falls to the churches to raise their voices of warning. We do not mean to cry "wolf, wolf" when there is no wolf but the wolf has come and is destroying the sheep, especially the lambs. Folks for the Lord's sake and for the sake of the churches awake and put on the whole armor of God and help fight the good fight of faith. Parents are in so many ways asleep to the highest and best interest of their children morally. Mothers should not forget that virtue still lives in the

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land and it is a priceless jewel but the lawless one is seeking on every hand to destroy this priceless gem-virtue.

Yes, the churches are doing wonders in the land. They are in a way holding out the torch of liberty to the down trodden and offering bread, the bread of Life to the perishing souls of men. They are creating what ever sentiment there is left for righteousness. They are teaching. They are teaching whatever is taught of the word of God to this present generation. The churches have won for righteousness in doing away with the saloon and now they must fight to do away with the boot-leggers.

Our highest appeal to thinking men and women is that you give more time and thought to the righteous claims of your church.

—Vote For The Bonds—

"Why all the crowd on the streets of Colorado? Is there a circus in town?" was the query of a traveling man who stopped here one day this week. When informed that large crowds of people from the surrounding districts were to be seen on the streets of Colorado every day, the visitor replied, "Well, this must be an unusually good town. They don't do it that way in many of them."

—Vote For The Bonds—

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Mitchell 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 Mitchell County, a copy of the following notice:

The State of Texas

To all persons interested in the estate of F. D. S. Pond, deceased, M. S. Pond has filed an application in the County Court of Mitchell County, on the 29th day of November A. D. 1923, for the probate of the Last Will and Testament of F. D. S. Pond deceased, and to be appointed Executrix thereof; which said application will be heard by said Court at the next term of said court, commencing on the first Monday in January A. D. 1924, the same being the 7th day of January A. D. 1924, at the courthouse thereof in Colorado, at which time all persons interested in said estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court on the said first day of 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 my office in Colorado, Texas, this November 29th, A. D. 1923.

(SEAL) **W. S. STONEHAM,**
Clerk County Court, Mitchell County Texas.

FRESH EGGS FOR SALE
Can furnish strictly fresh yard eggs at 75c dozen.—A. L. White. Phone 197.

—Vote For The Bonds—
The Record is edited principally by the merchants in this issue, and you will find some interesting reading.

—Vote For The Bonds—
A Dallas department store advertises cloth dresses at ninety-five to one hundred and ten dollars. No prices are quoted on tin wearing apparel.

If its a farm or ranch you need it will pay you to look over our list. It will not cost you anything to investigate our holdings. We may have just what you would like to own. We have, we think, some good values, be glad to show you. The J. Lee Sanders Land and Trading Co., Office roof four, Wright Hotel Bldg., Colorado, Texas.

—Vote For The Bonds—
Specials in Glassware for Saturday only at McMurry Racket Store.

Nothing could be better or cheaper than the Curtis periodicals for yourself or friends. The Country Gentleman \$1.00, The Ladies Home Journal \$1.00, the Saturday Evening Post \$2.00. Mrs. A. L. Whipkey, agt. —Vote For The Bonds—
Harvey Phillips of Dallas spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. D. L. Phillips.

—Vote For The Bonds—
Let it be a magazine subscription this Christmas—Jno. L. Doss Pharmacy.

The joy of Christmas is in the air, It's all about us everywhere. May it, we pray, descend on you And then remain the whole year through.

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Notice to the Public

I have sold my plumbing shop to Mr. John H. Sharp, who will continue to operate same at my tin shop for the present. Mr. Sharp is a first class plumber and will be glad to do your work or give you estimates on your plumbing.

J. B. PRITCHETT

ONLY THREE LIVING IN VILLAGE OF 500

Bergamo.—Six hundred dead, three villages destroyed and 50 square miles made desolate. This was the toll of the flood from Gleno Lake, when the great dike guarding it collapsed, releasing the irresistible force of the water, which, bursting forth in mad fury, carried all ahead of it. It swept over the hills and down into the valleys for a distance of 15 miles to Lake Isco, which checked the momentum of the vast stream, arresting its course.

Bergamo Valley is nothing but a barren waste of mud and water, a veritable lake in which it is dangerous to venture, for in some places it is over a man's head. In this soggy mass the bodies of the victims he tangled among fallen trees, telegraph poles, buildings and bridges. Here and there portions of the broken walls project as mute evidence of the tremendous might with which the waters engulfed the region.

The homeless are counted in the thousands, most of whom are mourning for lost relatives, or searching for their bodies. Relief parties from Milan and Brescia are on the scene, while all available troops have been mustered to aid the shelterless. The bishop of Bergamo received a telegraphic donation from the Pope, for the purpose of undertaking immediate extensive relief.

There is great fear among the survivors of other dams breaking, especially as Sunday is the feast of St. Bibbiana, on which, according to popular superstition, if it rains it will rain for 40 days and 40 nights.

The three villages almost completely destroyed were Dezzo, Corna and Boeggio. Of the 500 inhabitants of Dezzo only three survived.

The disaster threatens to be one of the greatest of its kind because of the vast amount of water let loose on the countryside. It destroyed hundreds of homes, where hundreds perished without realizing the tragedy that overwhelmed them.

The dike, situated three miles from the village of Dezzo, was an immense structure, four miles long and 35 yards thick. It served as a dam for the artificial lake, situated about 6,000 feet above sea level and containing 10,000,000 cubic yards of water, the source of which was chiefly the glaciers of Gleno Mountain. This basin measured about four miles by two and cost 30,000,000 lire.

Apparently the dike yielded through the immense pressure of the water at the two ends where the masonry was imbedded in the mountain side. Torrential rains had occurred and they continue, rendering the disaster more menacing for the homeless and hindering relief work. The could is intense.

Vote For The Roads.—We have just received a few good looking Fisk Hats, also a line of inexpensive Satin and Metallics. Come in and see them.—Mrs. B. F. Mills.

STATE RAILROAD ENJOYS SPLENDID BUSINESS

Lynch Davidson Says Line in October Had Best Month in History.

Houston, Texas.—The Texas State Railroad in October enjoyed the best month's business in its history, and the road is now in the best condition it has ever known," former Lieutenant Governor Lynch Davidson, chairman of the board of managers of the State Railroad, announced after a visit to Palestine, the road's western terminus.

During the present month, Mr. Davidson said, the State Railroad handled the entire outfit of a circus train over its line into Palestine.

"The circus train is the most ponderous and heavy train equipment, loaded with the most valuable cargo, of any single kind of train in the United States," Mr. Davidson said. "There has never been a time until now in the history of the State Railroad that its physical condition would admit of handling such heavy and valuable outfit."

"It is indeed notable from two streaks of rust, such as the State Railroad was a little more than two years ago, its physical condition now is such that it is able to handle the most difficult and ponderous traffic offering in the nited States."

New England Traditions Prevail. Washington.—The quiet of a secluded Vermont farm hung about the White House Thursday while Thanksgiving was observed according to all the New England traditions. President and Mrs. Coolidge attended church in the morning. They dined later alone. Neither of the two was able to leave their studies at Mercersburg, Pa., to join their parents at the White House for Thanksgiving and no guests were present for dinner.

In Grip of Worst Spell of Winter. Lockhart, Texas.—This section of Southwest Texas is in the grip of the worst spell of weather of the winter. Rain has fallen slowly for 12 hours. The thermometer is registering 38 degrees and there is a heavy frost.

"Oh, Mr. Hicks, I'm willing to pay for that turkey, but somehow I—I feel I just can't eat him after seeing him grow up from babyhood."

"Wal, Mrs. James, I was kinder feeling that way myself," said Silas Hicks, scratching his head. "You see, I'm selling out and going south, and I was figuring on taking him along and raising turkeys."

THE THREE "F'S"

THE important thing about Christmas is the way you feel. Not bodily feeling, but heart-feeling. And the heart-feeling should be one of fun, faith and frolic. Fun for as many as you can reach.

Faith in the fun of giving. Frolic with the nearest and dearest.

A Christmas filled with these three "F's" will shed sparks of happiness on many a day to come.

There is too much running about to find pleasure when the greatest joy can be found on our own thresholds. If we are determined to seek it.—Martha R. Thomas. (© 1923, Western Newspaper Union.)

GOOD IDEA



He—Don't you think it would be a good idea to hang up some mistletoe? She—Christmas is several weeks away.

He—Yes, but we could be practicing.

IN MERRIE ENGLAND

The English Christmas is not unlike ours, save that we do not have their pretty custom of "bringing in the yule." In almost every family in England the boys and girls gather about the burning log on Christmas Eve to sing carols and tell Christmas legends. Often the children who live in the country assist at the dragging in of the huge log. An English child would not feel that it was Christmas if there were not a bit of mistletoe hanging in the hall, under which the unwary are kissed soundly. Little and big eat the rich and blazing plum pudding, and all join in the singing of Christmas carols and churchgoing.

A WISH

A Merry Christmas, yes, a day of laughter. And here's wish for every day thereafter: When Christmas goes, as it of course must do, May every day that comes be merry, too.

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JACK CARTER
Local Agent

A PAINFUL EXPERIMENT
Having his Christmas joke, Harry Simpkins changed the road sign just a little to more perfectly express his holiday sentiment. The reading had been, "Go Slow, School Ahead," but when Harry left it the wording ran, "Go Slow To School Ahead." But afterwards the teacher taught Harry that this was too much.—C. G. Hazard. (© 1923, Western Newspaper Union.)

ALWAYS SOMEONE THERE
When a man tries to sneak a few gifts into the house, it seems that the family is always congregated around the front door.

Women to Protect Game.
Mount Kisco, Me.—Armed with an automatic pistol and dressed for the trail with knickerbockers and moccasins, Miss Myrtle Hodgdon, chief clerk of the state department of inland fisheries and game, has commenced her duties as game warden.

A Real Convincing Sale!

In this Sale we do not make big promises giving goods away or any other unreasonable promises

This Is A Real Sale

All we ask is for you to come here and see our prices before you buy and be convinced. Our whole stock--EVERYTHING goes in this SALE at Reduced prices. A good clean stock, second to none in Colorado.

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Just a little instance of how the bad roads in Mitchell county are ad-

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them talking about the roads stopped and heard what they had to say. They were from Memphis, Tennessee and were headed west, going by way of El Paso. They made the remark that if they could get through Iatan flat in Mitchell county that they would be alright as the roads were good from there on out. How many tourists do you suppose that a report like that will turn onto some other road where they can make better time and have the assurance of good roads?

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T. E. Pond of Parsons, Kansas, spent a few days of this week in Colorado visiting his brothers, Louis and Henry Pond. He will leave the latter part of the week to visit relatives in New Mexico. Mr. Pond is employed in the engineering department M. K. & T. Ry. at Parsons.

One-Half Dozen Happy Kiddies

By ELEANOR KING

Young Woman Gathers in Homeless Tots for Christmas Festivities

THE dining room of this exquisite home was beautiful, spacious and furnished in the best of taste. Its massive Jacobean high-backed chairs, long table, draperies all harmonized. But that quality which puts one at ease was lacking. It looked austere and unfriendly. The servants had decorated the table and room profusely, trying to give a little of the Christmas atmosphere. The forbidding look still asserted itself, though. From the length of the table and amount of edibles piled upon it, one might have judged there was to be quite a party, but only four places were set.

The dinner gong sounded. A middle-aged, well-dressed man and woman appeared.

"And you say Theima went out in the car?"

"She didn't say where she was going, Robert," replied his wife.

"She probably thought Hubert was taking too long in getting over here, so she took it upon herself to go after him."

"Undoubtedly," assented Mrs. Fremont.

Theima came soon bursting in upon her folks, coat and hat still on. To be sure, she had Hubert with her.

"Dad, mother," she exclaimed, "come and see what I have out here!"

She led her folks into the front hall. To their astonishment, they found the



butler and a maid occupied in removing coats and hats from six children.

"Well, where did you get these?" said Mr. Fremont in his bustling way.

"It's like this, Dad," began Theima with a rather apologetic air: "When I came downstairs this afternoon and saw that dining room table heaped up with good things—well, I just went for Hubert; together we found the name of the nursery or home or whatever you call it, near here and we went over there. I had the matron give me half a dozen children, and here they are."

She pointed to the group in front of her, who were busy taking in their surroundings. "Children, this is my father and this my mother. Now, Dad, here is Tony, Rose, Frederick, Charles, Anna and Marie," as she gathered the children to her. "Now, children, we are going in and have dinner. Let's see, Hubert, you take Frederick and Charles. Dad take Tony; Mother, you take Anna, and I will have Rose and Marie."

The children, ranging from six to eight, were rather shy until they set eyes on all the goodies on the table; then they were all excitement. Theima winked at Hubert, and then looked at her dad. He was busy keeping meat enough cut up for Tony, supplying his numerous other demands, and keeping up with his many questions. The children were fairly stuffed when they climbed down from the table.

"We are going to play some games now," said Theima. "Hubert, you get on that side of the circle; come on, Dad and Mother." But no amount of coaxing could bring Dad and Mother. Dad thought he had done his share.

"What do you think?" said Theima to the children a little while later:

"Hubert tells me he was just in the library, and Santa left a Christmas tree and some gifts for you in there." They all made a dash for the door.

"Where do you suppose she got these things?" queried Mr. Fremont of his wife.

"I can't imagine," she replied; "this must have been the planning of more than today."

It came time for Theima to give the dread announcement that they were to leave for the home. Before doing so she surveyed the scene before her: There was Dad, on his hands and knees, crawling about the floor with Tony, playing train. Tony had succeeded in winning over Mr. Fremont. There sat her mother reading a story to three of the youngsters, and Hubert—she could hardly believe her eyes—sat cuddling a little sleeping form in his arms. She went over and set down on the arm of his chair.

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How Four Old Maids Have Real Christmas

THEY were a family of old maids—four sisters. But they were the jolliest, nicest old maids I ever knew. I always swore it, and now I know it. What do you think they did for Christmas?

Did they have a tree for themselves and exchange costly presents with each other, and then eat a turkey with dressing and pies, alone in their charming white dining room? Not a bit of it. They know what Christmas was meant for, and they acted on the knowing. Their friends tell me they have done it every year; but since I'm only a new acquaintance, comparatively, I couldn't know that.

They invite in a dozen children who wouldn't ordinarily have a Christmas tree at all and give their presents to them. And they those twelve, poor little mites sit down at the table in the old maids' charming white dining room, and the old maids themselves serve them with turkey and all the fixings. And they don't do it for charity either. They do it because they adore children, and making them happy is to them a treat. You see, from their cradles, these four old maid sisters were blessed with the Christmas spirit, a spirit that lasts all the year around when it is genuine.

But why should I call them "old maids"? That term is in such disrepute? They are four angels! And knowing that, I am going to try my luck, some time when I can get the courage, and ask one of them, the one I happen to be in love with, to "have me." Perhaps if I make the proposal within the Christmas season she'll remember she's a Christmas angel, and take me. Don't laugh at my audacity. Anything may happen at Christmas time! For Christmas is a magical time. Even a child can tell you that.—Ethel Cook Eliot.

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That Plum Pudding and Some Twisted Mottos

OUTSIDE loved jokes. She caught people with questions and puzzled them with conundrums. So she had arranged a program that centered about the Christmas plum pudding. When that came upon the table each one was to put in his thumb and pull out a plum in the shape of a twisted motto; there they were, all around the sides of the platter.

Father was first, unfolding his plum he read off the pit of it, and as if to moderate the coming merriment, said "All is not laugh that titters."

Then mother read hers: "It's a wrong turkey that has no turning." As this did not apply to the bird that had just disappeared, the self-satisfied smile of the cook behind the door did not come off.

Then Aunt Mary: "A hitch in time saves mine." This reference to Bob's trousers asserted his independence of suspenders, but caused his relative to remind him that he was not as needless of stitches as he thought, upon which he replied that he could depend upon that tailor who had advertised "pants a dollars and a half a leg, seats free."

Then Susan: "We never miss the swatter till the flies go by." This was a fly paper upon a dead subject and it was filed for future reference.

Bob's plum was also laid on the table after he had read: "A strolling boy catches no horse." A sentiment that he was inclined to think a little too personal.

Louise had the last plum and declared: "All's well that ends swell." Expressing the traveler's satisfaction with terra firma, less terror and more firm.

But the pudding was cooling and that was no joke, so, as the temperature fell, they fell to.—Christopher G. Hazard.

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A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT

The greater happiness of the Christmas season is a direct result of the greater participation of men and women in the spirit of Christ. For then weakness has a power over strength; and then the laughter in the eyes of little children seems a better thing than our own good; and then the tired routine in the lives of those around us looks out upon us through enigmatic eyes, and we understand better, we pity, we cease to condemn—we would even ameliorate, we would show that we see and understand—and so we offer the dumb gift which mutely tells what our words could never tell; and then in our hearts, in our households, in our little world, there is Christmas joy and peace—earth's highest happiness.—Sister M. Fides Shepperson in Pittsburgh Dispatch.

THE GENUINE SPIRIT

The genuine holiday spirit consists not only in wishing a merry Christmas, but in making one.

MOTHERS' CHRISTMAS

After receiving her gifts, mother's Christmas will be devoted largely to washing an extra number of dishes.

NEVER TOO HIGH

It might be different with a lot of things around Christmas, but the mistletoe is never too high.