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## CITY RECOVERING FROM COLD WAVE

**Coldest Weather In History Takes Great Damage Toll In Sweetwater—Temperature Rising**

**WATER FLOODS BUILDINGS**  
Radford Grocery Co. Suffers Severe Loss When Pipes Burst—Many Water Lines Damaged.

With a slowly rising temperature Sunday afternoon and Monday, Sweetwater began to recover from the worst cold spell in the history of the town, and to take stock of the toll of property damage that is expected to run into thousands of dollars. After three days of near-zero weather, the mercury went up to 31 degrees Monday morning after hovering around the 15 to 20 degree mark through Sunday.

With the warmer weather thawing out things in general, a flood of reports of burst water lines, hydrants, and mains came into the office of the water commissioner Sunday and Monday. A crew of men was kept busy all day Monday in answering calls, cutting off water and repairing broken lines. Five men, employees of the water department, were also rushed Sunday after a big 6-inch main burst and scores of reports of broken service lines came in.

The sewage disposal plant was temporarily out of commission Monday morning as the result of a burst pipe, but the damage was repaired by noon.

A 6-inch main at the corner of Walnut and 9th streets, after freezing during the cold spell, burst open Sunday, cracking the pipe for two whole lengths, a distance of 32 feet. Reports of flooded kitchens caused by bursting hydrants and service lines, came in by the dozens throughout Sunday and Monday.

During the cold spell, a stove was set up in the pump station and the pump was kept in operation day and night to keep the stand-pipe full in case of emergency.

What is probably the heaviest property loss caused by the cold weather in this section was suffered by the Radford Wholesale Grocery Co., when the entire three stories of the building were flooded Sunday afternoon after an automatic fire extinguishing sprinkling system froze and burst. The accident occurred about 2 o'clock when the burst pipe released the water from all the sprinklers on each floor. An automatic fire alarm bell was rung as the water commenced flowing and the fire department responded and aided in cutting off the water. The flow lasted nearly 15 minutes, soaking the grocery stock thoroughly. J. T. Hughes, manager of the firm here, estimated the damage to the stock at approximately \$2,000, although it is possible that the loss will exceed that amount.

A slight loss was sustained by the H. Berman dry goods store after a hydrant was left running nearly all of Sunday night in the Odd Fellows hall over the store. The water leaked through to the dry goods, soaking and damaging several items of merchandise. A night policeman discovered the leak and notified members of the firm.

Train service in Sweetwater was running practically on schedule Monday, after two days in which trains on the Orient, Santa Fe, and Texas & Pacific were from one to six hours late.

Prohibition is working smoothly now, and the only job left is to stop the sale of liquor.

## TO INVESTIGATE

**Grand Jury May Probe Soo Line Wreck in Which 8 Lives Were Lost in Ice River.**

CHIPPEWA FALLS, Dec. 22.—A grand jury investigation may be held in connection with the Soo Line wreck here Saturday which resulted in a loss of eight lives and injury to several others, when a dining car was pitched into the icy waters of the river.

The District Attorney indicated that he was working on an independent investigation to determine what caused the switch to lock under the passing train.

## CROWDS IN TOWN

**Stores of City Thronged With Eager Christmas Shoppers Monday.**

The crowds who were prevented from doing their Christmas shopping last week by cold weather were very much in evidence Monday and the stores of the city were crowded with eager buyers. Finishing touches on the Christmas list will be arranged this week.

Stores of the city are remaining open evenings for the convenience of those unable to do their shopping during the day.

The holiday mail rush opened at its full height Sunday afternoon when the local post office opened a few nights ago to accommodate patrons and received enough parcel post to fill 50 large mail sacks. Postmaster M. B. Howard announced Monday that the office would remain open each night until Christmas, beginning Monday night.

## HOLIDAY CRIME WAVE REPORTED

**Chicago Reports Worst Epidemic In Years With Quarter Million Dollars In Loot Taken**

**LOOT PANHANDLE POSTOFFICE**

**More Than \$500 In Stamps and Money Taken When Panhandle Postoffice Is Burglarized**

By The United Press.  
CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 22.—Chicago's heaviest holiday crime wave was being experienced when six robberies were reported to police within less than one hour. More than a quarter of a million dollars losses were sustained by merchants in the outlying districts.

The heaviest loss of any reported was that of the fur store of Nathan Biedlebaum which was looted of more than \$100,000 worth of furs last night. Robbers entered their way into the concrete vault from beneath so as not to sound the burglar alarm. The robbery was discovered this morning, when the store was opened for business.

**Loot Postoffice.**

By The United Press.  
PANHANDLE, Dec. 22.—Bandits looted the safe in the postoffice here early this morning and escaped with \$500 in stamps and money. A posse has been organized and started in pursuit.

## FIRE LOSS HIGH

**School Burns at Pittsburg, Texas—Little Rock, Ark., and Nearby Towns Have Big Loss.**

By The United Press.  
PITTSBURGH, Texas, Dec. 22.—The Pittsburg public school building was destroyed by fire shortly after midnight at a loss estimated at \$75,000.

The city recently voted a bond issue of \$55,000 to construct an annex to relieve the overcrowded condition of the schools.

**Loss In Arkansas.**

By The United Press.  
LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 22.—Damage to property amounting to more than \$350,000 has been caused by a series of fires in and around Little Rock last night and early this morning. All were a direct result of overheated stoves.

At Womble, in Montgomery County, an oil stove in a guest room of a hotel started a fire which razed the entire block with a loss of \$50,000.

Another fire threatened to wipe out the entire residence district at Stuttgart was extinguished with a loss of \$150,000.

A series of small fires in the residential district of Little Rock caused damage estimated at \$15,000.

**Opens Office Here.**

George C. Wallis, of Hamlin, graduate of the Colorado University School of Journalism, has opened an office in Sweetwater in the Cowen building under the name of the Commercial Advertiser. Mr. Wallis is specializing in various forms of advertising, including newspaper, signs, and specialties.

## DIE IN CRASHES TRAIN AND CARS

**Dallas Groceryman Instantly Killed and Negro Driver Fatally Injured By Santa Fe.**

**STREET CARS COLLIDE**  
Slippery Rails Cause of Head-On Collision in Tulsa—Motorman Is Probably Fatally Hurt.

By The United Press.  
DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 22.—Henry Boedeker, Dallas groceryman, was instantly killed when a Santa Fe passenger train struck his car at a grade crossing here today. Boedeker's negro chauffeur was fatally injured.

**Street Cars Crash.**  
TULSA, Ok., Dec. 22.—Four persons were injured in a head-on collision between two street cars here today. One unidentified woman had her leg nearly severed.

Motorman Yates, on one of the cars, was probably fatally injured. The accident was caused by slippery rails.

**Lost Many Poles.**

AMARILLO, Texas, Dec. 22.—In the general report of wires down 400 poles were reported broken between Sayre, Okla., and Groom, Tex., by officers of the Rock Island and 500 wire breaks by officials of the Southwestern Telephone Company. Local Manager J. H. Hill reported 300 poles down between Groom and Shamrock, 58 poles between Canadian and the state line, and from 50 to 100 poles down between Amarillo and Fort Worth, in the recent cold spell.

## MOSS ARRIVES

**Mystery Negro Whose Bloody Clothing Was Found In Box Car Says He Was Shot By White Man**

John Moss, the mystery negro whose bloody clothing was found in a Santa Fe box car in the yards here some weeks ago, arrived in Sweetwater Sunday morning to begin work on the Lon Hall farm 15 miles north of town. Moss is just out of a Temple sanitarium where he was treated for bullet wounds and made his first statements Sunday regarding his strange disappearance.

The negro entered a box car of household goods at Longview, Texas, to accompany the shipment to Sweetwater for a local negro family. When the car arrived here, the seal was intact, but the only traces of Moss was his bloody shirt, hat and shoes.

According to the story the negro told officers here Sunday, the train stopped between Longview and Silby. He was asleep in a corner of the car he said, and awoke as a white man was crawling through the door of the car which was opened about two feet.

"He threw a pistol on me and told me to hand over my money," Moss said. "I threw my pocket book on the floor and said 'here it is, cap.' He said, 'Don't get smart with me,' and commenced shooting. That's all I remember until I came to in a hospital at Temple."

Following the finding of Moss' bloody clothes in the car here, Santa Fe officers as well as local police staged a search for the negro, but he was not located until a week later in the sanitarium.

The train crew found the unconscious body in the car and the negro was sent to the sanitarium at Temple, it is reported. Moss has a large scar on the cheek where the bullet entered, and another scar on the throat where Temple physicians removed the bullet.

Mrs. George Truitt and little daughter are here to spend the Christmas holidays at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Kendrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Harrell and son, Sheldon, of Tucson, Ariz., arrived Saturday in their car to spend the holidays here with her sister, Mrs. J. H. Fultz and family. They formerly lived in Sweetwater, where Mr. Harrell held a position with Radford's Grocery Company. They find many changes in the city during the ten years' absence.

## GASOLINE BLOW TORCH EXPLODES

**One Dead, One Fatally Injured and Several Persons Severely Burned In Wichita Falls.**

**USED FOR THAWING WATER**  
Attempt To Open Frozen Water Pipes On Farm Proves Fatal In Odd Accident Sunday.

By The United Press.  
WICHITA FALLS, Dec. 22.—One person was killed and five burned, one fatally, when a gasoline blow torch used in thawing frozen water pipes exploded at a farm near here Sunday. James Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Wright, Roderick, Okla., was killed. Mr. and Mrs. Wright, another son, Carl, and a daughter, Clara, were painfully burned. Henry Wilde, son of the owner of the farm was fatally burned.

**Weather.**  
West Texas: Tonight and Tuesday, unsettled; probably rain or snow in the north portion; somewhat warmer Tuesday.

**Attend Sunday School.**

In spite of the unusually inclement weather, 537 people attended Sunday school in Sweetwater Sunday. They were distributed among the churches of the city as follows: First Baptist Church 120, collection \$11.75; Presbyterian Church 113, collection \$17.20; Methodist Church 124, collection \$18; First Christian Church 85, collection \$7.50; Church of Christ 83.

## CONCERT GIVEN

**Ten Piece Saxophone Band Presents Fine Program At Palace Theater Sunday Afternoon.**

The Sweetwater ten-piece saxophone band entertained with a free concert at the Palace Theater Sunday afternoon from 3 to 4 o'clock, offering a program of unusually splendid numbers.

Only a small crowd was present to enjoy the treat, the inclement weather preventing a large number of Sweetwater folks from attending the concert. The saxophone band, directed by Harry Le Maire, is Sweetwater's newest musical organization and shows ability of exceptionally fine quality.

The program offered by the band included 12 numbers of varied nature, including classical, semi-classical and march numbers.

An offer to play over the Fort Worth Star Telegram broadcasting station WBAP is being considered by members of the organization.

**ARREST "JAKE" DRUGGIST**

**Lynn County Authorities Stop Sale of Intoxicants.**

TAHOKA, Texas, Dec. 22.—C. M. Cox, druggist, and Wesley Marr, drug clerk, of O'Donnell were arrested on complaints filed in the Justice Court at Tahoka charging them with unlawful sale of intoxicating liquors. Four complaints were lodged against Cox and two against Marr. Each of them made bond in the sum of \$750 in each case and were thereupon released to await the action of the next grand jury. The liquor they are charged with selling, according to County Attorney Maddox, is extract of Jamaica Ginger, better known as "Jake." Large quantities of this liquid were seized by the officers at the time the arrests were made and are being held by them as evidence.

**No Loss At Merkel.**

MERKEL, Texas, Dec. 22.—With the thermometer hovering around the zero point for three days, Merkel experienced one of the worst blizzards in many years, without any precipitation. Notwithstanding the severity of the storm no loss of livestock has been reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Fitzgerald and children returned to their ranch home near Blackwell Sunday following a week's visit in the city with relatives.

## HELP THE POOR

**Salvation Army Asks For Clothing, Food, Checks for Needy People.**

The Salvation Army is planning to distribute clothing, Christmas baskets and other needed items to the poor on Christmas day and ask all who will to donate clothing, food, or money.

Gifts may be made to the Army representative in charge of the kettle at the southwest corner of the square.

If anyone knows of any poor and needy family that needs attention, the representative of the Army requests that he be notified.

**Car Turns Over.**

LUEBOCK, Texas, Dec. 22.—M. R. Fry of Sweetwater, was here this week, enroute home. He was injured slightly in a car accident. The car he was driving having turned over. His injuries were not considered serious however.

## ANOTHER COLD WAVE PROMISED

**New Storm Forming In Canadian Northwest According To Weather Bureau Forecast Today.**

**WILL REACH SOUTH LATER**

**Storm To Hit Great Lakes Region Tuesday Night and Will Reach South Later In Week.**

By The United Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—Another cold wave, following on the heels of the mild spell prevalent over the week-end will hit the Great Lakes region Tuesday night and Wednesday, the Weather Bureau announced today. Sections further south and east will be affected shortly thereafter the weather man stated.

The new storm is forming in the Canadian northwest where the last one originated.

**Marriage License.**

The following marriage licenses were issued last week by County Clerk Gus Farrar:

R. J. Brown and Miss Lorea May Hair, Roscoe; Jesse Oakley, Nolan, and Miss Verna Keating, Blackwell; Claude Carpenter and Miss May Armstrong, Shon, Texas; C. W. Latham and Miss Abbie Martin, Cisco; Ford Phyllips and Miss Myrtle Magee of Dora.

## AWARD DAMAGES

**Wife and Children of Fireman Killed In Sunshine Wreck To Get \$10,000 From Railroad.**

BAIRD, Texas, Dec. 22.—By an agreed judgment in the Ninety-first District Court at Eastland Monday, the Texas & Pacific Railway Company will pay Mrs. Clara Pratt and her two minor children, Louie and Frank Pratt, \$10,000, being \$5,000 for Mrs. Pratt and \$2,500 for each of the children, on account of the death of the husband and father, Frank Pratt, senior, when the engine on which he was fireman, was overturned in a railroad accident near Sweetwater.

The engine of the Sunshine Special on which he was firing struck a horse which had become entangled, derailing the engine and causing the death of both Fireman Pratt and the Engineer, Mex Weisen.

**PLAN NEW JAIL**

**Hale County To Have Modern Three Story Bastille.**

PLAINVIEW, Texas, Dec. 22.—Hale County is to have a modern three-story jail to cost \$48,000, the contract having been let last week by commissioners' court to the Southern Steel Co., of San Antonio. It will be located on the southeast corner of the court yard, and be made of faced brick of the same kind as the court house. The jailer and family will have quarters on the first floor, and the two other stories will have the cells and accommodations for the prisoners, insane, juveniles, etc.

Work is to begin not later than March 1 and the structure is to be completed by August 1.

## AIR MAIL FLYER DIES IN CRASH

**Charles Gilbert Loses Race With Grim Death When Engine Fails Over Plainville, Illinois.**

**BODY IN CORN FIELD**

**Find Dead Aviator After All Night Search—Carried Sacks Christmas Mail In Snow Storm.**

By The United Press.  
PLAINVILLE, Ill., Dec. 22.—Grim death took up the pursuit of Charles Gilbert, air mail flyer as he left Chicago last night and whirled through the falling snow with thousands of letters of Christmas cheer for western points.

One and one-half miles from here death won the race and Gilbert crashed to a cornfield where his body was picked up today after an allnight search. The body was several hundred yards from the demolished plane. Engine trouble caused the crash. The mail bags had not been tampered with.

**Lost In Snow.**

By The United Press.  
OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 22.—The mail airplane piloted by Charles Gilbert, reported lost last night has been found demolished near Kanawha, Ill., according to advices reaching here today from the General Superintendent of the Night Air Mail Service.

The telegram said that no trace of the missing aviator had been found. An airplane has been ordered out from Chicago to help hunt for the missing aviator.

Gilbert left Chicago on his regular run at 7:10 last night. Another pilot who left Chicago five minutes before Gilbert, said he saw the missing aviator and his plane several hundred feet below him while passing over Kanawha, Ill., he said, was evidently reducing altitude, due to possible trouble with his plane.

Several hundred men hunted thru the night with lanterns but were unable to find any trace of the missing aviator.

**EVERYONE INVITED**

**Methodist Sunday School to Aid Needy on Christmas.**

The committee in charge of the White Christmas entertainment at the Methodist Church held their final rehearsals Monday.

They extend a hearty invitation to every Sunday school and to the public generally to join them in making this the greatest example of "Golden Rule" observance ever held in Sweetwater.

The program opens at 7:15 o'clock and all characters will be in white costume. The "Child King" receiving offerings from the "Wise Men" will be an attractive part of the program.

The door fee will be either a potato or an apple. Bundles of clothing and any kind of eatables are asked for, which will be distributed to the poor and needy about the city. These are more numerous than many people know about, the scouting committee has discovered the past few days.

**Odd Fellows Plan.**

MERKEL, Texas, Dec. 22.—The local Odd Fellows lodge will celebrate the home-coming season here on Tuesday evening, December 23. Plans are being perfected whereby one of the most pleasant occasions will be held in its history.

## MAY CONTEST

**Mrs. Samuel Gompers Believes Undue Pressure Upon Husband Caused Cancellation of First Will.**

By The United Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—Mrs. Gompers, wife of the late labor leader, will confer with her attorney today to determine whether or not she will contest the will of her late husband, which cut her off with a "minimum legal amount."

She stated that she is unable to understand the cancellation of the previous will which left her all the property of the labor leader. She believed that undue pressure had been brought to bear upon her husband.

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**PROSPERITY**

There is every reason to believe that prosperity is facing us in 1925, not necessarily because Republican campaign managers promised it so liberally in their pre-election statements, but from a survey of general business conditions.

In the first place some big loans have been floated in the U. S. by various European nations which will be spent, for the most part, in the purchase of American commodities. This will provide the needed outlet for our surplus with consequent good markets. This alone means good business nationally.

In West Texas, development continues at unprecedented speed. More people are coming to this section. This means new homes, new furnishings, needs of every description with enlarged trade channels to care for the business thus created.

Several big firms have located in Sweetwater the past year, and more and more manufacturers, wholesalers and distributors are looking upon this city as the ideal point from which to serve West Texas. We can confidently look forward to much growth from this one cause.

Nolan County's big road program will be well under way during 1925 and funds released by this activity will be sufficient to accelerate business in most lines this coming year.

Business prosperity in 1925 in Sweetwater looks promising indeed.

**STORES CROWDED**

The Christmas spirit is very much in evidence the first of the week, with stores crowded with shoppers making up for the time lost during the cold of last week. The Sweetwater stores were never brighter in their elaborate Christmas trimming and gorgeous window displays as local merchants vie with one another in friendly rivalry.

Some last minute advice to Christmas shoppers would include the words "Shop Early in the Morning" and in that way avoid the crowds of late afternoon.

**Snow Blockades**

—And—

**Zero Weather**

Won't worry those who get their

**Demine**  
—COAL—

**How About**  
**YOU?**

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First and Orange Streets

Likewise, when shopping, do not forget the poor, whose Christmas is utterly dependent upon your thoughtfulness.

Folks appreciative of the good service rendered by the fire boys, will not forget something appropriate for their Christmas tree Wednesday at the City Hall.

Nor will the telephone girls nor postal employees find Sweetwater folks served so faithfully by them during the past year have occasion to regret the coming of Christmas.

**Denaturing Classic Advice.**

As it appears in one of the editorial departments of a Cleveland newspaper the classic old quotation reads:

"A little knowledge is a dangerous thing;  
Drink deep or taste not of the Pyrean Spring."

If the people up there take this advice and add natural fire-water to the deep draughts of factitious gin, white mule and occasionally other imported liquors, all the hospitals would prepare for a rushing holiday business.

It's all over, Mr. Coolidge. Talk when you are ready.

The people who know how the Chinese war came out include six Chinese.

Well man's inhumanity to man made some darned good football games.

It's fair enough. The Reds have too much cheek, and the cheeks have too much red.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Simpson and family of Moran are here to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Simpson.

Mr. and Mrs. Simpson went to San Angelo Monday on a business trip but will return Tuesday. They will move to San Angelo after Christmas to make their future home.

**DOUTHIT, MAYS & PERKINS**

ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW

Sweetwater, Texas

**ENTERTAIN OLD TIMERS**

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Daugherty Have Turkey Dinner For Pioneers.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Daugherty entertained a group of old time residents of this section at their home south of Roscoe Sunday with an elaborate turkey dinner. There were eight men present whose combined ages totaled 599 years.

Among the guests were G. W. Adams of Roscoe, aged 76, who came here 38 years ago from Tennessee; G. W. Kelley, 77, who came to Texas 35 years ago from Missouri; Joe May, Roscoe, 80 years, born in Texas; N. A. May, Roscoe, 71, born in Texas; W. B. Howard, 70, came to Texas 40 years ago from Tennessee; W. T. Coper, 77, came to Texas 58 years ago from Alabama; J. C. Seale, 66, came to Texas 41 years ago from Mississippi and A. M. Sheppard of Sweetwater, who came to Texas 70 years ago from Georgia. George Sheppard, son of A. M. Sheppard was also in attendance and efforts were made to secure a high chair for his use. The guests were very much pleased with the unique originality of the affair as well as the hospitality of the host and hostess.

Mrs. Bob Hall of Annona is here to spend several weeks with her cousin, Mrs. Bud Brown and family at 503 Lamar street.

**Dr. P. T. Quast**  
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Eyesight Specialist—Glasses Fitted and Furnished.  
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**Otto Carter**

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fultz and family and Mrs. Victor Harrell motored to Abilene Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Fagan. Mrs. Fagan will be in the city Wednesday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fultz.

Miss La Nell Snell reached home from Georgetown Sunday, where she is a student at Southwestern University, to spend the holidays at home. Her brother, Harp Snell, is expected to arrive from Roswell, N. M., tonight.

Mrs. Charles F. Shugart and daughter, Miss Fritzie, of Tulsa, Okla., arrived Sunday night to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Crutcher and sister, Mrs. Carl Williams. They formerly lived here.

Bernard and Edward Grant Tinsley have gone to Fort Worth to spend Christmas with their grandmother, Mrs. G. S. Tinsley. They will return to the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Pope Beall, in time for the opening of school after the holidays.

### Your Success Is Our Success

Our future business depends on our ability to sell your goods. It is only logical that we should be constantly studying improved methods for presenting the merits of your business to the public.

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We suggest:—

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Vacuum Cleaner

Toaster

Heater

Table Stove

Lampstand

Table Lamp

Water Heater

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Let us help you make your selections.

**West Texas Electric Co.**



Open  
Evenings

## Your Christmas Store

"The Store With  
The Spirit"

"The Store With  
The Goods"

"The Store With  
The Service"

**Two Pre-Christmas  
Shopping Days**

Open  
Evenings



It's none of our business, but we can't help wondering if Wales has caught up with his sleep.

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Melt in spoon; inhale vapors; apply freely up nostrils.

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**CIGARS**—He will like a box of his favorite cigars Christmas morning. Other nice gifts here include Pipes, Smoker sets and Cigarette Holders. At Palace Drug Store.

**NECKTIES**—Always the most popular gift with men; no man has too many. In all shapes, sizes, color and material; latest styles. At Heath's.

**SUITS**—Why not make him a gift of a new suit? Or a beautiful, new overcoat. Let us show you. He will appreciate a gift from Heath's.

**SOX**—We have 'em in every style and color and material. Wool or silk, best grade; sox that he will like; sox that he wants. The standard Christmas gift for years. At Heath's.

**RACINE SHOES**—What could be a better gift for him than a pair of our Racine shoes. We will gladly show you the new styles in men's footwear. Headquarters for Stetson hats. At Heath's.

**WATCHES**—The gift supreme; and clocks, fountain pens, Eversharp pencils, belt buckles, and belt sets. At J. R. Cox, Jeweler.

**STOP LIGHTS**—High grade "stop" lights, combined with tail light; well made; metal covered cord for connections; all brackets, bolts, etc., complete. \$5.00. Other styles. Every motorist wants one. The thoughtful gift for "him." C. S. Boyles Motor Company.

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**PHOTOGRAPHS**—Give him something that he can't buy; your photograph. It will be an everlasting reminder of your good taste. Let Willis at the Willis Art Gallery make your photograph.

**BOOKS**—All the most popular fiction; books by Zane Grey, James Oliver Curwood and other equally popular authors make unexcelled gifts. \$1.00 and \$2.00. Sweetwater Candy Kitchen.

**FOUNTAIN PENS**—All the standard makes in all the varied sizes and prices. A fountain pen is a useful gift that is sure to win appreciation. Prices range from \$3.00 to \$10.00. Sweetwater Candy Kitchen.

**HEATERS**—Automobile foot warmer; triangular shape; metal ends with metal sliding drawer for fuel, damper for regulating heat, asbestos wrapped and carpet covered, comfort for winter driving. Low prices. Motor Inn.

**TIRE GAUGES**—Shrader tire pressure gauge, for regulars and balloon tires. Enables the motorist to get more mileage out of tires by keeping them at proper pressure. A useful gift for him. \$1.50 and up. Motor Inn.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS**—Always appropriate and in good taste. Complete assortment of beautiful cards, both for Christmas and New Year, with appropriate sentiments. All styles. Sweetwater Drug Co.

**SEE THE**—Smoking sets, rockers, Victrola's, Sealy and Dreamland mattresses at Wright's.

### FOR HOME

**PIANO BENCHES**—Mahogany beautifully finished, with music compartment; a charming Christmas gift.

### PLAN FOR CHRISTMAS

**Lamar Street Church To Have Program For Wednesday Night**

Lamar Street Baptist Church is to have a Christmas program and Christmas tree Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. A fine time has been arranged for the little fellows and grown-ups as well. Everyone is invited to be present and enjoy an old fashioned Christmas tree entertainment. Presents will be put on the tree as of yore. The program follows:

Song—"Joy To The World"—Congregation.  
Devotional Exercise—Pastor.  
Welcome Play—Mr. W. M. Mullins, Preston Noah, L. T. Thannish.  
Tommy on Christmas—Gene Donnelly.

Who Can Guess?—Junior Boys and Girls.

For Our King—Virgil Barrett.  
Xmas Clock—Trena Green.  
Till Christ Was Born—Neita Bell

Gothard.  
O, But I Love Christmas—Hazel Gregston.  
Perhaps Johnny Knew Better—May Fred Penton.  
The Land of The Christmas Tree—Aise Gregston.  
The Best Day—Mary Dell Donnelly.  
How Does Santa Do It?—Cathaline McConnell.  
Song By Sunbeams.  
Times Have Changed—Mrs. Bethel Donnelly.  
The Closing Recitation—Austin Davis.

Owing to the inclement weather the Delphian Chapter dispensed with their regular study program at last week's meeting, and spent a pleasant social hour with Mrs. J. T. Hughes the hostess, who treated her guests to Christmas candies.

And if the nations will demobilize, they'll have so many more men to work on new war inventions.

### WEAK EYES? CAMPHOR

If you have weak, aching eyes try simple camphor, witchhazel, hydrastis, etc., as mixed in Lavoptik eye wash. One small bottle helps any case weak, strained or sore eyes. Aluminum eye cup free. For sale by Corbett-Hubbard Drug Store. Adv.

Miss Leta Singleton came home Sunday from the College of Industrial Arts at Denton to spend the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. D. D. Ford.

### He Tithed.

By International News.  
MARTHA, Ok., Dec. 22.—Tithing, so hard for most people, means nothing to T. B. Sampler, one armed man here.

Early this year he promised his pastor that if he sold \$5,000 worth of cotton from his 60-acre farm, he would give \$1,000 to the church building fund. He got his crop and the church got its \$1,000.

## Sweetwater Dry Goods Co.

LADIES AND MEN'S WEAR

### THE STORE AHEAD

Shopping Center of Sweetwater

**Only Two More Days  
—And Then Christmas**

*Bring your Christmas Gift List here. In this large store will be found just the right thing for everyone—at just the price you want to pay.*

**Sale Prices, You Know**

### PARENTS BLAMED

**Ohio Grand Jury Reports on Drunken Student Orgy.**

By The United Press.

TOLEDO, Ohio, Dec. 22.—Fathers and mothers who keep liquor around the house within the reach of adolescent children were blamed for an "alleged drunken orgy" given at a Thanksgiving dance by students of Scott High School, in a report to the federal grand jury investigating the party.

Many witnesses testified that liquor was brought to the dance from the homes of the students, the report declared. The jury sought to determine the source of the liquor which was supplied the dance and was shocked to learn that most of the supply came direct from Toledo homes.

The report of the grand jury was a sermon to fathers and mothers who keep liquor in the same homes with children.

### Community Christmas.

By International News.

CHANUTE, Kas., Dec. 22.—This will be a Community Christmas here. A giant Christmas tree was set up to

## A GOOD LAXATIVE

**Black-Draught Recommended by an Illinois Lady, Who Says It Helps Her.—"Fine for the Liver."**

St. Elmo, Ill.—"I have used Black-Draught for three years," says Mrs. J. W. Boyd, a well-known member of this community. "I was visiting a friend who had used it for some time. I was in need of a laxative and I had a burning in my stomach. I was constipated. She gave me a dose of Black-Draught and it helped me, so I used it from then on. It certainly benefited me. I think it is fine for the liver, too. I am glad to recommend it. One day our pastor was visiting us, and he said his system seemed clogged and asked me to give him something to take. I gave him Black-Draught. He was much pleased with the results and bought a package, himself."

Constipation forces the system to absorb poisons that should be thrown out, causing pain, discomfort and tending to undermine your health. Black-Draught helps to relieve this condition by acting on the bowels, and by regulating the liver when it is torpid, thus helping to drive out many poisons in an easy, natural way.

Don't take chances! At the first indication of constipation, take Black-Draught. Costs only a cent a dose. Your local druggist, or dealer, sells Black-Draught. NC-153

day in Santa Fe park and there will be a public distribution of gifts Christmas afternoon.

## RUB PAIN OUT OF RHEUMATIC JOINTS

For 65 years, millions have rubbed soothing, penetrating St. Jacobs Oil right on the tender spot, and by the time they say Jack Robinson — out comes the rheumatic pain and distress. St. Jacobs Oil is a harmless rheumatism and doesn't burn the skin. It takes pain, soreness and stiffness from aching joints, muscles and bones; stops sciatica, lumbago, backache and neuralgia. 35 cent bottle guaranteed by all druggists.



### Ideal Gift

—For the Boy or Girl, regardless of their age.

Prices—

**\$25.00, \$35.00 —  
\$40.00, \$50.00**

**\$1.00 Down, Balance  
\$2.50 per week.**

**MUSIC OF QUALITY**

**Dr. Quast Music  
Store**

## The Shop-o-scope

TRADE MARK

### To Brighten Your Christmas Outlook!

The Shop-o-scope is always ready to throw its interesting and helpful light on your holiday shopping difficulties.

The cheerful, practical gleam of this "shopping telescope" that shines from the "Christmas Gift Suggestions" Columns in the Classified Section falls on all sorts of gifts for everyone on your Christmas list.

Here's the real spirit of this greatest of holidays—it's easy and sensible and joyous to do your Christmas buying through The Shop-o-scope!

Prices \$8.50, \$12.50 and \$17.50. Dr. Quast Music Store.

**THERMALWARE JAR**—Every one has wanted a Thermalware Jar; it's the ideal gift for home. Keeps contents hot or cold. Always needed for picnics and auto trips. Holds either food or liquid. One gallon capacity, with large opening at top. The most popular type of vacuum jar made. \$5.00. C. S. Boyles Motor Company.

Everyone wants nice stationery and it's always an appreciated gift. Also beautiful writing sets; Bibles; ladies' purses; bill folds; and other gifts that will be greatly appreciated. Palace Drug Store.

**PIANOS**—A piano is the ideal gift for the home. See our pianos, Grands and Players. From the cheapest that's good to the best that's made. George Allen Music House.

**BIBLES**—Leather-back, red letter reference Bibles. Exceptional values. \$3.25 and others. The greatest home gift of all. Sweetwater Drug Co.

**MOTTOES**—Artistically printed mottoes and motto calendars. Nicely framed, with mottoes of an inspirational character. A thoughtful home gift. Sweetwater Drug Co.

**THE NEW COLUMBIA**—With its self-start and stop console type at \$75.00 and \$100.00, and \$125.00 is the best Graphophone your money can buy for the family for Christmas. Dr. Quast Music Store.

**PLAYER PIANO ROLLS**—Best in the world, Q. R. S., the old time songs, Hawaiian tunes. All the latest music. The children will enjoy staying home with more new music. Dr. Quast Music Store.

**VICTROLA**—Only real Victrola with the Victor dog as your guide with or without radio equipment will be a wonderful, useful and enjoyable gift for the family. Prices from \$25.00 to \$1200.00. Dr. Quast Music Store.

**NEW EDISON**—Console or Upright, plays all records and plays them better; they make an unequalled musical gift of quality and creates a remembrance that is never forgotten. Dr. Quast Music Store.

**OUR CHRISTMAS PLAN**—Of buying either a Victrola, The New Edison, or Columbia will surprise you. It's so easy to own one and have it to play right now. Phone or call us for information. Dr. Quast Music Store.

**CABINETS**—Sellers and Border Queen Kitchen Cabinets; oil cook stoves, laundry baskets, waste paper baskets, telephone sets, dining room suits; Linoleum and Congoleum. See them at Wright Furniture Co.

### FOR EVERYBODY

**THE XMAS STORE**—Is now ready with "Gifts" for father, mother, brother, sister and for all the many others that you will want to make happy. Hubbards.

**FRUITS**—Get your Christmas fruits here; apples, oranges, bananas. The best in fruits, nuts, candy and confectionery of all kinds at Dutch Freeman's Bargain House. East of Willis Art Gallery.

**MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS**—Guitars and banjos, low priced. Branswick Radiola, the ideal gift. Let us demonstrate it for you. George Allen Music House.

**RECORDS**—Victor, Edison, Columbia Records will always be appreciated as a gift because they are records of quality, made by the best artists the world has known. Dr. Quast Music Store.

**JEWELRY, DIAMONDS**—Diamonds at the wholesale cost, and jewelry at prices that will bring you back to buy more. And remember that it's all new and the latest designs. Compare prices is all we ask. Dr. Quast Music Store.

### FOR CHILDREN

**VIOLINS**—All kinds of violins and cases, low priced. A gift the children will appreciate. Other small musical instruments. Make this a musical Christmas. George Allen Music House.

**CEDAR CHESTS**—Beautiful cedar chests, all sizes and prices. Also floor lamps, bridge lamps, small fiber rockers, upholstered rockers, small desks and chairs, breakfast tables and chairs. At Wright's.

### FOR HER

**HAND BAGS**—Also, vanity cases, necklaces, beads, manicure sets, silver or gold thimbles, mesh bags, bracelets, pen sets, pen and pencil sets. J. R. Cox, Jeweler.

**MANICURE SETS**—All styles and sizes; beautiful ivory sets; individual ivory pieces. Come and look over this wonderful assortment of splendid gifts. Headquarters for Christmas shoppers at Palace Drug Store.

**HER CHRISTMAS**—Furs, negligees, hand and traveling bags, hosiery, toilet articles, silk underwear, dresses, and coats. All at Hassen Co.

**CHINA**—Hand painted China in sets or individual pieces. Also, silverware, cut glass, serving trays and fancy glassware. J. R. Cox, Jeweler.

**DASH CLOCKS**—Every woman driver would like a neat, reliable clock mounted on the car dash board. We have them ready to install, at \$3.50 and up. Also, desk clocks, spot lights, dash lights, horns, steering wheels, drivers' gloves. C. S. Boyles Motor Company.

**SWEETS**—The ever-popular gift for "her" is King's Candy, the best that's made. A big assortment at popular prices. From one to five pound boxes. Palace Drug Store.

**MUSIC ROLLS**—She will appreciate these as gifts. Records and sheet music are always in good taste. Give a gift from George Allen Music House and win everlasting gratitude.

**BOX CANDY**—All ladies are fond of good candy. Give "her" a box of our Adolphus or Vassar chocolates and add the finishing touches to her holiday pleasure. Adolphus and Vassar candy are sure to win their way to her heart. We have them in varied sizes and prices. Sweetwater Candy Kitchen.

**TOILET SETS**—The distinctive gift. Elizabeth Arden Toilet set. Davis Drug Co., The Careful Druggist.

**IVORY SETS**—Beautiful toilet and dresser sets in two colors or amber. Best of quality, reasonable prices. The real gift for "her." See them at the Sweetwater Drug Co.

**LUCY AND JESSIE**—Suggest for "her" Christmas, hats, hat boxes, coats, dresses, sweaters, petticoats, gowns, teddies, pajamas, step ins, garters, boudoir caps, beads, wall vases, flowers for wall vases, hanging baskets, incense burners, Christmas cards. At Mrs. Hudson's.

**SHEET MUSIC**—All Century music, 15c per copy. All new popular music, 30c per copy. Classical music makes nice gifts at 40c to 60c per copy. Dr. Quast Music Store.

**VIOLIN CASES**—Covered with black cowhide leather and lined with fine velvet; brass nickel plated lock and clasps; leather handle; end and center compartment for strings and rosin; best quality throughout. Dr. P. T. Quast Music Store.

**VIOLINS**—Stradivarius model; back and side of selected flamed Maple; top of evenly grained Spruce; figured neck and scroll; ebony fingerboard, tailpiece and pegs; beautifully reddish-brown color; tone even and mellow on all strings; an exceptionally fine instrument. \$25.00. Dr. Quast Music Store.

**FOR HER CHRISTMAS**—Visit Brashear Style Shop. Our lovely gifts include furs, hosiery, millinery, dresses, silk underwear; All appropriate and appreciated presents. Brashear Style Shop.

**APPROPRIATE GIFTS**—This Christmas, give "her" furs, hosiery, millinery, dresses, silk underwear. In all styles and prices. Do your Christmas shopping at Brashear Style Shop.

**BEGIN YOUR**—Christmas shopping early. Have you seen the many gifts at the Rita Gift Shop? A full line of choice selections. You will find a host of suggestions at the Rita Gift Shop.

**A NICE**—Living room suit, bed room suit, art squares, at all prices. Small rugs. These are beautiful and useful gifts that will be appreciated the year round. Wright Furniture Co.

## Without Formality

"And just like we would meet you on the street we say 'Hope you have a nice Christmas and that Old Santa Claus will be good to you.' And then add 'we sure appreciate the good business you have given us. Hope we can serve you next year."

**Allredge & Hattox**

Finest Meats for Christmas  
Phone 630

# Classified Section

## FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—Two front bedrooms and garage. 500 W. W. 3rd Street. 27710dp

FOR RENT—Unfurnished rooms, close in. Call Sweetwater Dr. Goods Co. 27710dp

FOR RENT—One bed room, apply 308 Locust street. 27210dp

FOR RENT—One furnished cottage. Phone 581. 27210dp

FOR RENT—Hoover sweeper. Call 398-J. 26610dp

FOR RENT—New store building, 18x35 feet, on 3rd street. See R. K. McAdams. 26310dp

FOR RENT—Bed room and garage. 102 Beall Street. Phone 604. 26310dp

FOR RENT—Four unfurnished rooms with water, lights, bath and telephone furnished. \$20 per month. 808 E. N. 2nd street. Phone 715-J. 22310dp

FOR RENT—Three furnished apartment with modern conveniences. I. Lee Lusk. 26410dp

FOR RENT—Three room house, unfurnished. Call 312. 26710dp

FOR RENT—Three unfurnished rooms. All modern conveniences. 210 Orange Street, phone 390. 26810dp

FOR RENT—Store building on East side of square, now occupied by Andrews Furniture Store. See J. H. Smith, or phone 635. 26810dp

WANTED TO RENT—Five to seven room house. Phone Duff, 575. 25810dp

FOR RENT—Two unfurnished rooms, close in. 1001 E. Beall Street. 27410dp

FOR RENT—Small furnished room. Reasonable. 1001 E. Beall Street. 27410dp

FOR RENT—Four furnished rooms. 1002 Walnut St. 27410dp

FOR SALE—Buick Six 1924. Good mechanical condition. 27410dp

FOR SALE—1924 Ford Coupe, and 1924 Ford sedan. No livestock. 111 Pecan. W. H. May. 27410dp

FOR SALE—Land with the money. Liberal terms. 20 acre stock farm, five miles south of Sweetwater. 27410dp

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## THE COTTON MARKET

By The Sweetwater Cotton Exchange

|       | Jan. | Mar. | May  | Jul. | Dec. |
|-------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Yest  | 2352 | 2396 | 2433 | 2460 | 2348 |
| Open  | 2370 | 2412 | 2447 | 2465 | 2370 |
| High  | 2383 | 2428 | 2462 | 2478 | 2376 |
| Low   | 2355 | 2395 | 2436 | 2452 | 2358 |
| Close | 2360 | 2400 | 2439 | 2453 | 2360 |

## New Orleans

|       | Yest | Open | High | Low  | Close |
|-------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Yest  | 2378 | 2388 | 2418 | 2329 | 2389  |
| Open  | 2386 | 2406 | 2437 | 2453 | 2410  |
| High  | 2408 | 2420 | 2449 | 2461 | 2420  |
| Low   | 2379 | 2389 | 2422 | 2434 | 2392  |
| Close | 2383 | 2396 | 2426 | 2335 | 2392  |

## The Spot Market

|             | Today | Yest |
|-------------|-------|------|
| New York    | 2410  | 2395 |
| New Orleans | 2385  | 2375 |
| Dallas      | 2285  | 2280 |
| Galveston   | 2390  | 2385 |
| Houston     |       | 2375 |

## The Gifts Lasts

Artistically hand-carved bags, bill-folds, belts, art-leather goods. Will last ages for we use only the best materials. Navajo rugs, beautiful designs for everyone. S. D. Myers, 27712dc

## NO WHITE RESIDENTS

Boley, Okla., 2,000 Population, Inhabited Entirely by Negroes. By The United Press.

BOLEY, Ok., Dec. 22.—One of the most interesting small cities in Oklahoma is Boley, an ordinary appearing municipality, but the only city in the United States inhabited exclusively by negroes.

In fact, for many years, the sign conspicuous in another form in many southern towns which excluded negroes, flared across Boley's Main street, with the inscription, "White Man, Don't Let the Sun Set on Your Head." Needless to add, white persons avoided remaining long in Boley.

The sign was removed by federal officials upon order of the postoffice department, which threatened to discontinue the postoffice here unless it was removed. It was pointed out that white postal inspectors found it necessary to remain over night in making inspection trips here.

All of the 2,000 residents are negroes. Very few white persons are ever seen here. Most of these are traveling salesmen who leave as soon as their business is completed, though some of them are permanent residents.

Although short traveling men enjoy their visits because of the hot, soon-forgotten chicken dinners served exclusively to white persons who visit here.

The fertile land surrounding Boley is owned principally by negroes. Cotton is the chief agricultural crop and many of the farming negroes have become wealthy.

A state college for negroes is located on the outskirts of town. The town itself boasts public schools, churches, water and electric light plants, and other improvements of similar sized municipalities.

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## Jews Use Most Milk

By The United Press.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 22.—Jewish families drink more milk than any other nationality. Italian and negro families have the lowest milk consumption of all racial groups. Fifty-five per cent of persons drinking milk explained it was because "they liked it." These and many interesting facts were disclosed by a survey just completed in Philadelphia by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, announced Herbert C. Hooks, secretary of the Evaporated Milk association.

Oil in Yoakum. SEAGRAVES, Dec. 22.—While drilling at a depth of 350 feet on the farm of Mr. Kelly, twenty miles north of Yoakum in Yoakum County, oil was struck and late reports reaching here state that the well drilled several hundred feet deeper to test out the extent of the oil. The well is five miles west of Yoakum. A sample of the oil was brought to Seagraves and is on display at the Hotel Texan.

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