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The Magic Touch of Christmas

by Thomas Taylor

TRANSFORMED and filled with sacred light,
With music lifting and sublime—
Inspiring like a Gothic arch,
Or like a great Homeric rhyme—
So all appears, again has come
The joys of Christmas time.

What magic power has swept the land?
Good-will to men where yesterday
Most had forgot the lessons taught
That night to shepherds far away!
The prince of peace again has come,
With his celestial way.

More wondrous than the Midas touch
That turned the flowers and walls to gold,
That spirit that transforms where'er
The story of the Christ is told,
And adds a splendor to surpass
All Eden's flame of old.

So in the maddening rush of life
Let us remember why He came
And tested sorrow, let us pause
To honor once again his name,
Whose loving kindness and whose law
Will ever be the same.

His plan, though unfulfilled today,
Must last till skies and starlight fade,
Enhancing all the things of life
For human joy and welfare made,
And spreading radiance far and wide
To farthest waste and glade.

The Magi, following the star,
Had learned the golden lesson well
Of why One from beyond those heights
Should come to earth to humbly dwell,
Each knew the thrill we feel today
Of sleigh and Christmas bell.

They saw before the winding way
O'er wastes and plains of striving years—
And farther on, beyond it all,
The shining castles free from tears,
Where some day man shall know the truth
And drop his hates and fears.

Peace on the earth, good-will to men—
At last they'll reign from shore to shore,
Unceasing, bearing perfect light,
Then on the desert sands of yore
The rose and lily shall appear
To bloom forevermore.

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Snyder, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a sleepy doll
and a little buggy, and a little
pair of Roman candles and a pair
of gloves, and some candy and
nuts. That is all. Goodbye. I
will close.
Mildred Juanita McClammy.

Snyder, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me a toy
motorcycle and a new wheel for
my tricycle, and I want some mit-
tens. I have been a nice boy and
I want some nuts and also some
fruit. I have been a good boy. I
help mama wash the dishes.
Your little friend,
John Tyler Jenkins.

Snyder, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a big byelow, a little
cook stove, a little blanket, a
little bathrobe, some house shoes,
a little cart, and two little test-
aments. Goodbye Santa.
Dorothy Wade Winston.

Snyder, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a big byelow and a baby
cart with a top on it, a set of dis-
hes and a table with four chairs and
a little rocking chair, and some
writing paper, a little desk, a
chair. I want a little pair of
house shoes and a bathrobe.
Goodbye Santa,
Florentz Winston.

Snyder, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:
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DWKIBK ILYQK NUPJ— *!";
Your little friend,
SMFGR JQKQDOL.

Snyder, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:
We want a cap pistol, a foot-
ball, some candy, niggerettes, pe-
cans, walnuts, grapes, firecrackers,
Roman candles, sky rockets, toy
horses, plums, and cherries. We
want our stockings full.
Your little friends,
Billy and Eugene Smith.
P. S. Naoma wants some dishes.

Snyder, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a story book,
a tractor, a picture show, and
some apples, oranges, bananas and
a sack of candy. I am eight years
old and I am in the second grade.
Don't forget the other children.
Your friend,
Jay R. Huckabee, Jr.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

Is your time out? Look at
the yellow label on your pa-
per and you can tell. If the
last figure is a "26", your
time has expired, as the next
issue will be in 1927.

Do you want the Times-Sig-
nal a weekly visitor to your
home in 1927? If so, better
attend to the matter of
renewing before your
name is dropped from the
list, as it is our intention to
drop all names that are in
arrears on the first of the
year. We regret to lose a
subscriber, but we cannot
continue to send the paper
unless we get pay for it. So,
don't forget your subscrip-
tion to the Times-Signal.

HOME DEMONSTRATOR RESIGNS

Miss Laura Belle Roten, who
only recently tendered her resig-
nation as Home Demonstrator for
Scurry County, left Sunday for
home at El Campo, Wharton
County.

Miss Roten's resignation came
as a surprise to many people of
the county as they feel that losing
her as home demonstrator will be
keenly felt, as she has done much
that will prove an everlasting ben-
efit to the women and the numer-
ous clubs and organizations
throughout the county.

RETURN FROM CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Curtnute
went to Colorado City Sunday to
meet their son, Robert, and Ivan
Dodson who were returning from
California. Robert has been in
California for some time spending
a part of the time with his sister,
Mrs. Harold Enfield. Mrs. En-
field will arrive some time near the
first of the year to pay a visit to
her parents and other relatives
in Snyder. Fritz E. Smith, Jr.,
who went to California with
Robert, will not return for the
holidays, having secured a
nice and well paying position
with a film company.

WILL SPEND CHRISTMAS IN MERKEL

Misses Bill and Annie Mae
Swann will leave Thursday for
Merkel where they will spend the
holidays with their parents. Miss
Annie Mae will return after the
vacation days to resume her duties
as a teacher in the Snyder school.
Miss Bill will not return for the
present, but after the first of
February will be glad to
again greet her friends at the H.
L. Davis store.

MR. AND MRS. WELBORN HOME

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Welborn
returned the latter part of last
week from Temple where they
had been for the past month. Mrs.
Welborn being under the care of
a specialist. The Times-Signal is
sorry to say that Mrs. Welborn
was not greatly benefited as a re-
sult of the trip or the treatments.

Mrs. H. B. Winston is visiting
with her sister, Mrs. Davis, on
the plains.

1927, and carry out that resolu-

Oh, that all of God's people
would read the Bible more and
live on their knees more in 1927
than they have ever done before.
Reader, I wish you would finish
the subject. The printer is wait-
ing for this article.

Resolutions

It is natural for the human
family to make resolutions. Those
resolutions may be good or bad.
The most vile, the most debased,
the most criminal characters who
are under the influence of Satan
are resolving to do more devil-
ment out of which they anticipate
more satisfaction than they have
had in 1926.

I am getting down to where
some of your seeming friends live.
Bad characters will make bad res-
olutions. Good characters will
make good resolutions.

The good are resolving to be
better, and do better in 1927 than
they were and did in 1926. They
are resolved to go to church and
prayer meeting and Sunday school
more than ever before. They are
going to try to get others to do
the same. They are resolved to
get others to forsake sin and Satan
and enlist under the blood stained
banner of Prince Emanuel.

O, that one hundred and seven-
ty millions of Christians would re-
solve to win one soul to Christ in
1927.

THE PAST AND THE FUTURE

E. C. Dodson

The year of 1927 with all of
its mistakes and failures, its sad-
ness and sorrows, its troubles and
trials, its hope and disappoint-
ments, is in the past. Yes, its
duties, responsibilities, obliga-
tions and opportunities are fore-
ver gone.

A Bitter Past

An unthoughtful husband would
often stay out at night, leaving
his wife at home with all the
drudgery and work of every kind
to do, besides duties of the home
life. She would often remon-
strate with him because of his
neglect of herself and the chil-
dren, but he would use words that
cut like a dagger to her heart.
She pleaded with him one day, es-
pecially, to stay at home and see
after the children while she would
get out her washing. She asked
him lovingly, tenderly and sym-
pathetically to stay with her that
day. She received words of bit-

SANTA KNOWS HOW



BORDEN COUNTY HAS GASSER

A. J. Towle and the Times-Sig-
nal man drove out to the Califor-
nia gasser between Snyder and
Gail last Saturday.

The well is 1440 feet deep and
has a strong artesian flow with
considerable gas pressure. The
drill is now in red sand, a forma-
tion similar to the formation en-
countered at this depth in the Big
Lake field.

HOLIDAY VISITORS

Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Hicks and
children, Patty Joyce and Bobbie,
and Mrs. Lee Newsom will leave
Wednesday for Munday, Texas,
where Mrs. Newsom will spend the
holidays. After a few days visit,
Dr. and Mrs. Hicks plan to go on
to Frederick, Oklahoma, to spend
their vacation with Mrs. Hicks'
parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L.
Bailey.

MISS KAY LEAVES

Miss Kay, who at present
is employed at the Economy Store,
will leave Friday of this week for
her home in Dublin. Miss Kay
will spend Christmas with her par-
ents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Kay, but
has not yet decided where she will
be during the coming year. Miss
Kay has many friends in Snyder
who will be sorry to know she
will not be with us after the holi-
days. The Times-Signal joins
others in wishing her happiness in
her new location, wherever that
may be, and we sincerely wish she
will leave many of our smiles for
the one who may take her place
here in Snyder.

STATE GINNING REPORT

The government ginning report
for the state of Texas prior to
December 1 showed that 4,649,
205 bales had been ginned in the
state, as compared with 3,663,165
in 1925.

Ellis County was in the lead
with 106,788; Nueces second with
102,215; Williamson third with
97,125; Hidalgo fourth with 89,
636; McLennan fifth with 82,492;
Jones sixth with 74,913.

Of the West Texas counties,
Jones was first; Russell second
with 57,684; Taylor third with
50,104; Crosby fourth with
44,422; Lubbock fifth with
43,370.

Some of the other leading West
Texas counties had ginned the fol-
lowing: Mitchell, 33,163; Scurry,
32,457; Lynn, 33,101; Kent, 8,
466; Howard, 21,819; Coleman,
14,085; Nolan, 22,339; Stone-
wall, 41,021; Dawson, 28,394; Dickens,
18,073; Fisher, 41,533; Haskell,
41,268; Garza, 13,502.

Mrs. Veda and Zada Maxwell
of Clovis, New Mexico, will spend
the Christmas holidays in Snyder
with their parents, Mr. and Mrs.
J. C. Maxwell.

ON HUNTING TRIP

Earl Grantham, Seth Bertram
Gerstle Vaughn of Colorado City
left Sunday on a big hunting trip
near Big Spring. Mrs. Vaughn ac-
companied Mr. Vaughn to Snyder
where she will visit with her mo-
ther, Mrs. W. F. Bertram.

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE OF MRS. H. B. BOYD

She was born in Boone County,
Arkansas, March 1, 1896 and
came to Scurry County in 1897.
Effie was converted in July, 1908,
and joined the Baptist church at
Moore's Creek.

She was married to H. B. Boyd
January 19, 1916.

Effie lived a life that all who
knew her loved her. She was
kind and affectionate to all. Oh,
how we miss her smiling face. A
happy home in broken and hearts
are made sad.

She is gone, but we can meet
her again if we will look to Jesus,
the Savior of the world. We know
Effie is sleeping in Him that sweet
sleep where pain or sorrow will
come no more. We miss her
from our home, dear one. We
miss her from this place. A
shadow o'er life is cast. We miss
thy kind and willing hand, thy
fond and earnest care. Our homes
are dark without thee, dear. We
miss thee everywhere.

Written by one who loved her
and will always miss her loving
face.

Mrs. R. N. Miller of the Miller
ranch near Gail was in Snyder
Saturday doing her Christmas
shopping.

W. W. Cork returned to Sny-
der Sunday after a few days in
Hillsboro looking after business
interests.

MISS ROTEN LEAVES SNYDER

As I am leaving Scurry County
I wish to express my appreciation
to all who have lent a helping
hand in cooperating with me in
my work. The business men, the
club women and girls, the Cham-
ber of Commerce, telephone girls,
high school superintendent, county
superintendent, the commissioners
court, every teacher in the rural
schools, the Dixie Station and the
Times-Signal. Especially do I
wish to thank Misses Myrtle Mar-
tin and Vernelle Stinson for their
loyal support in giving the club
women publicity.

I am leaving to work with my
brother in Wharton, Texas, and
will be engaged in work entirely
different to my work in Scurry
County. I have never worked with
people whom I love any more than
the people here, and a visit from
any of my Scurry County friends
will be appreciated at any time.
May I ask that you cooperate with
my successor.

Laura B. Roten.

BUYS SHOE SHOP

Hub Taylor left the latter part
of last week for Brownfield with
the intention of buying the shoe
shop of that place. F. H. Curry
received word from Hub Saturday
stating the deal had been consum-
mated. Hub is a good shoe man,
having owned and operated the
shop in Snyder now owned by E.
D. Curry. The many friends of
Hub will wish him success and
prosperity in his new location.

HOLIDAY VISITORS

Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Lawlis and
daughters, Misses Ruth and Fran-
ces, went to Colorado Saturday
evening to meet their daughter,
Miss Mary, who attends T. W. C.
at Fort Worth and will spend the
holidays with her parents in Sny-
der. Paul, son of Rev. and Mrs.
Lawlis, and principal of the Olney
school, will also spend Christmas
here, arriving Thursday of this
week.

SAM WILBORN'S CAR STRUCK BY LOCOMOTIVE

While Sam Wilborn, one of our
rural carriers, was coming in from
his trip late Monday evening, a
locomotive that was switching
some cars, backed into Mr. Wil-
born's car as he was making the
crossing at the Santa Fe station.
The car was carried by the loco-
motive until it got in front of
the station.

Mr. Wilborn escaped with a bad
cut over the left eye and a num-
ber of bruises, but his car, a
Chrysler, was almost demolished.

ACREAGE REDUCTION LAWS ILLEGAL

Law of this kind do not come
under the police powers of the
state. Police powers can be in-
voked to quarantine against con-
tagious diseases affecting people
and livestock, and to eradicate
dangerous insect pests that de-
stroy crops, but they cannot be
invoked to protect against igno-
rance and bad business manage-
ment. Cotton is not a danger-
ous plant, but a highly useful
plant, and the growing of it can-
not be controlled or restricted
under the Constitution of the
United States.

If laws of this kind were legal,
they could not be enforced. It
would be impossible to estimate
how many thousands of state of-
ficers it would require to inspect
the 450,000 farmers in the state
and see whether or not they were
planting too much cotton and vi-
olating the law. The very people
who are now advocating such laws
would rebel against their enforce-
ment when the state police officers
came around to "tag them as
state wards," or to collect the ten
dollars a bale on every bale pro-
duced above the maximum allowed
by law, or to tell them what to
plant and what not to plant on
their own land. The enforcement
of such laws would be almost im-
possible and would cost hundreds
of thousands of dollars and would
likely cause civil war, or a reign
of terror, the like of which has
not been equalled in this country
before. It is foolish to waste time
in the discussion of such propo-
sitions.

The foregoing was taken from
a bulletin issued by the State De-
partment of Agriculture.—Editor.

WIN PRIZES RAISING TURKEYS

The Snyder Produce Company
has awarded three prizes to three
contestants in its turkey raising
contest, as follows:
First prize goes to E. J. Haw-
kins, 128 turkeys, weighing 2,240
pounds, \$100.00.
Second prize goes to C. A.
Richie, 97 turkeys, weighing 1801
pounds, \$50.00.

Third prize, Mrs. Walter Wil-
liams, 110 turkeys, weighing 1484
pounds, \$25.00.

Such prizes as the above with
the good price for turkeys this
season ought to stimulate the tur-
key business in this trade ter-
ritory. And the Times-Signal be-
lieves that it will, as many who
are going to reduce their cotton
acreage another year, will turn
their attention to turkeys, chick-
ens and pigs.

MRS. ANNIE PARSONS

Mrs. Annie Parsons, widow of
the late Dr. Parsons, died at a
San Antonio hospital December
14th, her death being due to pel-
legra. Her remains were shipped
here where funeral and burial ser-
vices were held by Rev. W. F. Fer-
guson December 17. She leaves
two sons and one daughter, Mrs.
W. A. Williams.

Pierce Caton and family of
Lubbock are visiting with Mr.
Caton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L.
Caton.

CHRISTMAS TREE

There will be a Christmas tree
at the Scarborough Street Chur-
ch of Christ. Everybody is cordi-
ally invited to be present.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The Times-Signal office
will be closed the greater
part of next week, and any
one in need of job printing
during the week will please
call 383-J. We will be able
to handle printing that must
be had on short notice.
The Times-Signal.

Marshall Higgins and Mrs. Dixie
Smith went to Spur Monday
where Mrs. Smith will be at the
bedside of her mother, Mrs. Hig-
gins, who is very ill.

Harold Brown, who is attend-
ing school at the Lubbock Tech
will spend Christmas with his
parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P.
Brown.

Misses Dorothy Strayhorn and
Dorris Buchanan of Trinity Uni-
versity, Waxahachie, Texas, are
among the college students who
will be home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Covey and
son, John R. Jr., plan to go to
Fort Worth where they will be
holiday guests of Mr. Covey's mo-
ther, Mrs. S. J. Covey.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Gross were
Snyder visitors of last week. Mr.
and Mrs. Gross have recently
moved to a ranch near Sweetwater
from Abilene where they have
been living since leaving Snyder
some time ago.

A. M. Rhoades and a Mr. Wil-
son, both of Dallas, visited H. G.
Towle the past week. Mr. Rhoades,
who has been a life-long friend
of Mr. Towle, is connected with
the American Optical Company,
the largest concern of its kind in
the United States.

On Christmas Morn

by Katherine Edelman

THE miracle is wrought again,
The Lamb of God is born
And angels sing the song of peace
Above the earth this morn.

And echoing round the whole wide world
Their voices fill the air
And bring new hope and faith and love
To mankind everywhere.

In every heart there wakes anew
Sweet yearnings and desires,
In every home new cheer is born
Around the Christmas fires.

All hate and doubt and fear have fled,
All bitterness and greed,
Our joy is now to give and serve,
To fill another's need.

O would that Christmas peace and love
And all its hope and cheer
Could live within our hearts and souls
Through every day and year.

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Standing By on Christmas Eve

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"Houston Purchases Three-Eye Pitcher." Hear the Star-Telegram. With three eyes, he ought to be able to find the plate.

We see where an Ellis County man fell dead just after receiving his pay for the sale of a sack of pecans. It would have seemed more natural had the fellow that did the paying fallen dead.

The Times-Signal still maintains that one of the best ways on earth to kill a town is to overload it with more businesses than its trade territory can support.

Old and experienced bank robbers and hi-jackers seem to be giving way to the youth of both sexes. Every paper tells us of some lad or lass that robbed some bank or got away with a huge payroll.

Make it really and truly "A Merry Christmas" for some poor child or a shut-in that can't make it merry for himself or herself. Don't forget the poor, who shall be with us always, declared the Savior. The rich don't need your help.

We see where what might have been a destructive fire was put out near Sheridan, Wyoming, by milk, which was used on account of the scarcity of water. The report didn't say, but maybe they had used all their water in their milk.

A report from Los Angeles states that the prizes offered for the Cataline swimming contest are drawing the "best of the world." Well, they ought to draw—some of the contestants want to enter the race with nothing on but a coat of grease.

The fine season that is now in the ground will almost assure another big cotton crop. With enough under season to assure a good yield, we are wondering if it won't be a temptation to the farmers to "pour it on" again this year. Better let your slogan be, "Remember, remember the awful fix we got into in '26."

"Man Knocked In Head and Robbed;" "Bank Cashier Held Up and Vault Looted;" "Hi-Jackers Hold Up Two and Rob Them;" "Cracksmen Blow Bank Safe and Get Away With Several Thousand;" Pages of nearly every issue of the leading dailies contain several such headlines, which leads us to conclude that carrying money on your person is almost as dangerous as putting it in a bank.

Although the Times-Signal has opened its columns for the discussion of both sides of the Parish Bill, personally the Times-Signal is not in favor of the enactment of such a law. The old saying, "You can take a horse to water but you can't make him drink," holds good in this particular case. However, if a majority of the farmers of Scurry County favor such an enactment, the Times-Signal will be tempted to support it. Goodness knows, our farmers need something!

Resolve now that during the coming year you will do for your town something really worth while. Boost, then back up your boosting. Tell the world that you have a good town, then do what you can to make it better. Don't declare that Snyder is the best town in all West Texas and then let it down by patronizing merchants in other cities. Don't be a parasite by sitting down and doing for some other merchants trading trade to Snyder. Don't altogether by their boosting ability, but do a little boost yourself. Don't be a leech living where you have not earned a living. Don't let a few live mer-ear all the burden, do yourself.

OF THANKS

cannot express our appreciation for the pouring given by friends. May this be "More blessed to give than to receive." We want to thank every one that had any part.

Respectfully,
G. W. Land and Family.
W. M. U.

Members of the Baptist ladies society met at the church Monday evening, December 20. Mrs. Lockhart led an interesting program on "Awakening of China," with the scripture, "The Christ of Today," followed by a prayer by Mrs. Woodfin. Special music, "Holy Night," was sung by Mrs. Melvin Newton. Dishes serving parts on the program were Mesdames Clark, Alexander and Bibbee. A prayer followed, "That We Do To China as We Would Like China to Do To Us," by Mrs. Land. Special piano music was rendered by Mrs. Alfred McGlaun, also a reading, "The Average Society," by Mrs. Patterson. Delicious refreshments were served to the members by Mesdames Melvin Newton, Clyde Boren, Bradberry and Hamilton.

EAST SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Song and Bible study, 10 a. m. Preaching, 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. by Brother Showalter.

A treat is in store for those who hear Brother Showalter next Sunday.

The Lord's Supper, 11:45 a. m. Miss Ellen Buice Johnson of State University will spend the holidays in Snyder with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Johnson.

Christmas Decorations



The Peace Offering
by ALEC TUPPER

AFTER a continuous fall of snow for forty hours, the small town of Bethel was covered with a pure white mantle on the day before Christmas.

Over the hills the tinkling sound of sleigh bells was music upon the frosty air of the early winter morning as Judge John Walnwright looked out of the chamber window of his farmhouse. As he peered out of the little panes of glass with their tiny draperies of snow he saw Jasper Jones with his two-hitch plow breaking a way through the narrow main street of the town.

While an occasional salute of "Good mornin', Jasper!" came from neighbors as they shoveled paths from their gateposts.

"Reckon we'll have a real Christmas—snow nearly two feet deep—came down pretty heavy," remarked Jasper.

The words "a real Christmas," with the sound of sleigh bells, rang all day long in the ears of Judge Walnwright, even after he had finished his supper in company with his wife and son Roland. "Rolley" and his wife, Marion, lived with Judge and Mrs. Walnwright. Marion, being somewhat ill in her room, was unable to join in the evening meal.

After supper Judge Walnwright climbed the handsomely carved old colonial staircase, and when he had reached the seat on the landing he sat for a moment on the red velvet cushion to glance down at the hall with the tall clock ticking merrily and the log fire snapping happily.

His eyes fell on the white walls and their decorations of greenery—such a picture! And the Christmas joy of the olden days came to him.

He had romped on these same stairs with a happy heart, with his sister Lucy at his heels. Yes, Lucy—there was the one shadow on the joys of Christmas Eve. Lucy had married against the wishes of her family, and as a result none of the family were on

speaking terms with her. Lucy, a widow, feeble, but graceful in her age of seventy-five years, lived in the little cottage on the Walnwright estate, cut off with a very slight income by the will of her father, John Walnwright.

Lubbock Sanitarium

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DR. F. B. MALONE
Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat
DR. J. H. STILES
Physiotherapy
DR. L. E. SMITH
General Medicine
MISS MABEL McLENDON
X-Ray and Laboratory
C. E. HUNT
Business Manager

A chartered Training School for nurses is conducted in connection with the Sanitarium.

Young women who desire to enter training may address the Lubbock Sanitarium.

Judge Walnwright went up to his study and looked out of the dormer window upon the night. The sky was clear and a large star shone brightly above the distant hill of pine trees and all the other stars seemed to twinkle happily about it. The loveliness of the landscape charmed him, and, relaxing from any other thoughts, he turned the light very low and lay upon a couch near the window.

When a loud knock upon the door startled him he realized he had fallen asleep and the excited voice of Sarah, the colored maid, called to him that "Missus Marlon done took very sick."

It was the midnight hour when Judge Walnwright again stood by his study window and glanced out again into the night. The big star was high and luminous and long beams seemed to stream from it as it hung aloft, over the little town of Bethel. A new joy had come in to the judge's heart, for a newborn babe had come into the home. And as he turned from the window he glanced at a pictured motto on the wall, placed there by his own mother. It read: "Blessed Are the Peacemakers, for They Shall Be Called the Children of God." Speedily the bitterness toward poor Lucy which had been in his heart for so many years had departed and the tears came to his eyes. He determined then to make the grandest peace upon the Christmas day. He would call upon Lucy himself, ask for her forgiveness and announce the glad tidings of a son—a most glorious gift bestowed by God in the old Walnwright homestead. It was a day of real Christmas rejoicing, upon which the spirit of the man who said "Peace upon earth" rested and the little town of Bethel had its share in the advent of a new citizen—John Walnwright III.

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American Santa Claus

The American Santa Claus is a corruption of the Dutch San Nicholas. G. H. McHughes says: "Santa Claus, the name derived from Saint Nicholas through the familiar use of children in Teutonic countries, crossed to America. The direct route followed by him is somewhat open to question. On the way he traded his gray horse for a reindeer and made changes in his appearance."

CHRISTMAS HOLLY

THERE are four kinds of Christmas holly, two of which are not in reality a true holly. First, native American holly, grown along the eastern and southern Atlantic coast from Cape Cod to Texas for about 50 to 100 miles inland. Second, European holly (more glossy and larger leaved), grown in Oregon for Christmas decoration. Third, California holly is known as typon or Christmas berry. The leaves are nearer like the mountain laurel, and the plant is grown along the coast of California and in the foothills. Fourth, Oregon holly, or Oregon grape; the leaf is similar to the true holly, but it is not a holly. It is the native barberry.

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The Community Supper Really Like Christmas

THESE community suppers are always a success. A pretty girl to a small group around her. "I wish we could put some pep and fun into this one and give the people a good time. Something really like Christmas and not so dull."

The others looked dubious and scratched their heads. "What'll we do?" they asked. "I know," declared the pretty girl. "Just get the idea. Now listen everyone: Why not imitate the way they used to do in olden times? A minstrel in the gallery, lots of minstrels! Singing and playing on home and things! Hide them—by—screens covered with greens. Let the people get seated at the tables, then pipe up with old songs every one knows. Dress the minstrels in gay colors. Then have them come down the stairs singing and playing. Let them wind among the tables. Have a jester in front joking and making fun. A real old English custom. It will help a lot and give the diners a good time."

"And," added another, fired with enthusiasm, "red candles on the tables, wreaths at all the windows, waitresses with red ribbons about their heads and a sprig of holly tucked over one ear."

"Not to mention," laughed a third, "a dinner of roast turkey, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, rolls, coffee and mince pie!"

"Right-o!" said the rest. "And so it was done. The very merriest community supper that was ever given in that town.—Patience Eden."

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Sing Heigh-Ho! Unto the Christmas Holly

NOTHING quite so typifies the spirit of Christmas as a bough of beautiful, glistening foliaged and scarlet-berried holly. Holly seems the quintessence of Yule and should, and generally does, occupy the place of honor in Christmas decorations.

There are states where the holly isn't to be found in great abundance. In some sections of the South a limited supply must be made to serve the purpose. For profuse decorations other greens fashioned from sprays of Irish yew whose fan-like and lacy foliage is ideal for this use; and, too, there are the beautiful, waxy leaves from the hollyhock as well as cedar.

But the holly bough, of course, of all Christmas green is the loveliest and most popular not only here but in other lands, and in France, in particular, as Britanny grows it in quantities. The holly

is of slow growth and propagated by seed which do not germinate until the second year. We think of holly berries always as being red, but some kinds bear yellow fruit, some white, and some others black.

The holly has a commercial value that isn't generally known. Its even-grained and hard wood is ivory white and is used for inlaying and as an ebony substitute for tenon handles and other articles, when stained. The leaves are used in medicine.—Frances Marshall Morgan.

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Some Hubbies Are Brave

A couple of Snyder men can talk almost as long about the kind of tobacco they like best as a couple of women can talk about the proper age at which not to bob.

If Chicago gunmen were all deported would she still be the second city in size in this country?

European nations love us when they want to borrow money and hate us when it comes time to pay.

It is safe to wager that the Snyder girl who knows all about the new movies doesn't know all about the newest recipe book.

Those entombed Michigan miners who ate their coal pipes may have thought it was some kind of new-fangled breakfast food.

It must be awful to think of prize-fighting as brutal and then have a son get three ribs fractured in a football game.

Frost on the pumpkin is all right, but the average Snyder man prefers the kind of frosting that comes on pumpkin pie or cake.

Our idea of a real optimist is the woman who believes a beauty shop beautifies all cases.

We guess it's a fact that love makes the world go round. But it takes money to keep the machinery lubricated.

What has become of the old-fashioned Snyder girl who used to get a kick out of a ping pong set for Christmas?

A Macon man says he has never talked over a telephone. Then he'll never know how many wrong numbers he has missed.

Some people follow the doctor's advice so thoroughly they eat what he orders them to eat right after their regular meals.

There are a lot of habits our Snyder boys should not be encouraged in, but carrying out the ashes isn't one of them.

We haven't seen any suggestions that the five-day week be extended to include housewives.

First Christmas Tree

Christmas trees became popular in the United States about the same time that they were introduced into England. In England the first Christmas trees were set up in the royal palace of St. James at the time Queen Victoria married the prince consort in 1840.

"Scissor Painted" Vase

"Scissor painting" is an easy new method of decorating pottery, lamp shades and other things so that they look as if they were hand painted.

It is a pretty vase decorated with designs cut from crepe paper and pasted to it, and glazed with thin, transparent amber sealing wax paint. The pattern is cut out carefully and the paste applied with the grain of the paper, being sure to cover the edges. It is then put in position and pressed down securely. Paint over the entire surface with the thin sealing wax paint, and after it has dried paint in a background with thicker paint, about as thick as cream, in one color or in shaded effects.

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Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. Twenty-Sixth Dividend

The regular quarterly dividend of one dollar and seventy-five cents per share on Preferred Stock will be paid on Saturday, January 1, 1927, to stockholders of record at the close of business on Monday, December 20, 1926.

R. N. NICKERSON, Treasurer.

Automobile Loans

We make loans or re-write present notes on your car. Monthly payments.

SNYDER INSURANCE AGENCY Snyder, Texas.

The First Line of Defense

Your medicine chest should never be neglected. This is your protection against disease. Medicines must be fresh to insure its effectiveness. Replenish your shelves. Just a few value suggestions:

Iodine Gauze Unguentine Cotton Boric Acid

Tape Glycerine Zinc Salve Epsom Salts Castor Oil

Reliable Prescription Druggists

Stinson Drug Co.

Telephone No. 33 Prescription Druggists

TIMES-SIGNAL SIGNALS

Next to buying a Christmas present to suit some wives the hardest things to do is fix the fire to suit them.

The greatest curiosity in the world to some Snyder people is the couple that has lived together long enough to celebrate a golden wedding anniversary.

Indications are that Congress has all it can attend to this winter, but there are no indications that it will attend to it all.

It pays a man to have a good lawyer to defend him—unless his wife is the judge in the case.

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Herein Fail Not, but have you then and there before said court, on the said first day thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Snyder, Texas, this 21st day of December, A. D. 1926.

(Seal) KATE COTTEN, Clerk County Court, Scurry County, Texas. By INEZ BAZE, Deputy.

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As You Well Know, We Are Headquarters for Christmas Merchandise

OUR GOODS MUST GO

We have a full line of gift sets—all kinds—Candy, Toys, Dolls, etc. If you want any of these items, it will pay you to purchase from us.

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LOAN RATE, FEDERAL LAND BANK

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Sounds too good to be true—But it is true!

Do you realize you can borrow money for five per cent interest?



New Currency

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The First State Bank & Trust Co.

"Your Bank"

ERNEST TAYLOR, President
H. P. WELLBORN, Vice-President SAM HAMLETT, Cashier

FRIENDLY



The POSTMAN and CHRISTMAS



EVER since she had been a child she had thought that the postman was about the most interesting person in the world. He it was who brought all the letters and packages and papers and magazines, who always might be bringing any number of surprises.

To be sure, he often passed the house without leaving anything, but then there was always the chance that he might bring something.

At Christmas time he was the most wonderful sort of a person, with his bag filled with presents and cards and calendars and letters from friends she was sure would not forget her and from friends she was so pleased had not forgotten her.

Sometimes he brought just the most delicious mail of all—sometimes he brought a fruit-cake, or a box of candy that a friend of hers had made.

So it was that she, Minnie, had always loved postmen in general, and now it seemed as though she were being particularly fond of one postman in particular. He was on their route, and he often came in and chatted after the day's work was over.

She had gone to school with him and she had always liked him. The old postman was a dear—no matter how many bundles he was carrying at Christmas time he always seemed to be happy that his load was heavy, because it meant just that much more joy along the route.

But he had retired and now every Christmas they took his present to him and sat and chatted with him and with his wife, who always brought out her Christmas cake to be shared by all.

She had not been displeased when the school-day friend had been given this route.

Not displeased at all. Ray was tall and very good-looking. She thought he looked so well in his postman's uniform. And certainly he seemed a little interested in her.

She was not displeased in this. Not displeased at all. Christmas Day, he had said, there would be no mail delivery. So she was a little surprised to see him coming down the street and up the steps of their house.

"I wonder if we're going to have mail after all," she said to herself. It hadn't occurred to her that he was not in his postman's uniform, and that he was coming to see her.

To be sure, he sure, he stopped in when he was off duty, but she had never quite felt he was so much interested in her as that he enjoyed the whole family. She did belong to such a nice family, so jolly and cordial and friendly as they all were, and such fun.

And then it was all so clear, as they sat before the fire that Christmas afternoon, that he was interested in her—very, very much interested in her. More so than she had ever thought or hoped or dreamed.

In fact, he told her all about it. And she was not displeased. Not displeased at all. Nor was he displeased. For she agreed that to be a postman's wife was not such a bad idea, and that, apart from everything else, it would be so particularly nice to know that the postman was going to come to one's house every single day in the whole year—to their own house.

And, as she said, it was such fun being engaged to a postman in the Christmas season.

He had not been too busy to think of her!

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Christmas Tie

Wife gave him a surprise. A tie made for his sale. 'Twas very like the tie That mother used to make.

—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Large Christmas Trees

The white pines are best for community and church Christmas trees as their size is more adapted to larger spaces. The spruce is one of the most common of Christmas trees.

Guard Against Fire

Careful citizens keep a painful of water handy near the highly inflammable Christmas tree.

Christmas Team Work—and It Was for Keeps

IT HADN'T been a good Christmas season for the little maiden lady in her little Economy store. Economy was an apt word for it—only the strictest economy prevailed there.

The next day was the last before Christmas, she reasoned, and a lot of her cheap toys were not sold. The little maiden lady made a resolution. She had always wanted to be rich that she might bestow fine presents upon all the boys and girls. She liked boys and girls, but somehow they always treated her distantly when she made her timid overtures. It was very evident she was never going to be rich—she would do something now; so she made a big sign and put it in her window:

"A Christmas toy for each of the first fifty children who come in at four o'clock the day before Christmas."

Miss Watkins didn't think there were fifty in the whole town, but she was mistaken. At four o'clock the next day they came trooping in—in such numbers she never knew how many toys she gave away.

It was all exciting and very thrilling. It was the most fun she had ever had. The "Thankyous" and the "Merry Christmases" were all so genuine and overwhelming, and right in the midst of it who should appear 'tut the kind-faced, white-haired gentleman who kept the small candy shop across the street, and he invited them all over to partake of his wares. He looked like Santa Claus himself with his round, rosy cheeks, shining blue eyes, and white hair curling over his fur collar.

When everything was quiet once more and Miss Watkins sat with folded hands thinking about the Christmas joy the simple giving had brought to her, Santa Claus from across the street again appeared: "Pretty good team work we made of it, didn't we, Miss Watkins?" he chuckled.

And Miss Watkins uttered a surprised "Yes, indeed!"

Santa Claus chuckled again and put his hands on the surprised lady's shoulders: "Don't you think we could team it together the rest of our lives? And Miss Watkins looked up and blushing stammered: "Yes, indeed!"—Florence Harris Wells.

Miss Ruth Walker returned to her home in Waltham, South Carolina, Wednesday of last week after an extended visit of nearly three months in the home of her sister, Mrs. H. E. Rosser, and family.

F. H. Taylor returned to Snyder last Friday after an extended visit of nearly two months in Dallas with relatives.

Misses Lucile, Mary and Eva Strayhorn, Ma Martin and Hattie Herm were Abilene visitors Saturday.

Burton Phillips left Monday for a few days visit at his home in Winters.

Friends of Mrs. W. R. Merrill will regret to know she is quite ill at present with the flu.

SCHOOL NEWS

We are all rejoicing that Christmas is almost here. Each grade in school and the Home Economics Club will celebrate the occasion with a tree or box or some sort of amusement Wednesday, December 22, and open January 3, 1927.

The out of town teachers are planning to spend the holidays with homefolks.

There have been several new students within the last three weeks, namely: Eka Mag and Eira Phillips of Sulphur Springs, Bryan Moore, Milton Davis of Hermleigh and Fannie Bell Smithers of Sweetwater. Others are expected next term.

Miss Lura Bee West, who is in school at C. I. A., Denton, and Errol Taylor of A. & M. College, were visitors at the school Tuesday.

Harold Brown of the Tech is also home for the holidays.

All are rejoicing because doors have been put in between the new and the old building, because some of the noise has been shut out.

The friends of Miss Lillie Karney regret to learn that her mother died last week at her home at Dike, Texas. She had been ill for a long time.

The girls and boys have been very busy practicing basketball the last few weeks. They expect to be seen making some winning scores after the holidays. Since they have an indoor court, the weather does not interfere with them.

FLUVANNA NEWS

Christmas

By far the greatest and most extensively observed of all holidays! All honor and majesty and praise and glory be unto the name of Him whose advent into the world we celebrate at this season. We are far from being what we should be, and world conditions are far from being what they should be, but had He not come—the greatest of all doctors and lawyers, the teacher of all teachers, the preacher of all preachers—had He not come, who can imagine what our condition today would be? The mental picture is too dark to paint. Therefore, in view of heaven's richest gift—the first and greatest of all Christmas gifts—let us, dear reader, keep the day in a becoming manner. The writer hereby extends the warmest felicitations and greetings of the season to all his readers.

Church Services

As often happens of late, we

ther conditions interfered last Sunday to some extent with our general Sunday school and church work. Nevertheless, there was a fairly good attendance out to hear Rev. Hardy at the Methodist church and Rev. Barnfield at the Christian church.

We understand that Rev. Charles Leslie will preach at the First Baptist church next Sunday. The Village Preacher will hold Christmas services at the Presbyterian church next Sunday Dec. 26. He invites the public.

School Entertainments

We understand that the pie supper served at the Snellings school house last Friday night was a real success, the sales amounting to \$41. Of course the people had a good time.

A beautiful play, representing the Child of Bethlehem, was put on in the Fluvanna school auditorium on the same night. The writer did not have the pleasure of attending, but reports say it was fine, wholesome and inspiring.

Accidents and Sickness

R. B. Wills suffered a broken ankle on Wednesday last week when the horse he was riding after cattle fell and caught Mr. Wills' leg under him. The accident occurred in the western edge of Fluvanna.

A rather serious car wreck occurred last Friday night about a mile east of the Snellings school when the car driven by Earl McDow went into the ditch. Besides the driver, one of the Fulford boys and Miss Olive Sheed were

riding in the car at the time of the accident. We understand that the boys were not hurt, but that Miss Olive was badly cut about the face, inasmuch that fourteen stitches were required. The patient is said to be doing well.

Mrs. Ellen (Bos) Staveland, accompanied by her husband, went to Abilene last week where she underwent a surgical operation Saturday.

Misses Nealy and Edna Squyres returned to the parental home last Saturday from Clairmont where they are teaching. Miss Nealy will spend the vacation period here, but Miss Edna departed Monday for Anthony, Kansas, where she will visit her brother, Ambrose, and his family.

Rev. C. W. Hardy departed very early Monday for Brownwood, where he meant to spend the holidays with his people.

Miss Phemie Weems departed Saturday for Eastland where she is to live with her brother, Cyrus, and attend school.

Amos Whitely and family have recently moved from the J. C. Johnson place to Lorena, Texas.

Monday brought us an additional rainfall of 7.8 of an inch. This raises our record for the year to a point a little above the 30 inch mark.

JAS. H. TATE, Correspondent.

Wind Whip

Just what do we mean when we say the "Wind Whip?" It's this: An electrically driven machine that thoroughly dries ladies' silk dresses without a wrinkle.

This is just another step forward in keeping with our policy to give modern, satisfactory tailoring service to our customers.

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This sign is your guarantee of Master Service.



PATENTS GRANTED TO TEXANS

Of 947 patents issued in the last week, Texas inventors obtained 19.

Howard C. McKenna, of New Braunfels, Harness Motion for Looms. This relates to harness actuation on looms, principally those of the Crompton & Knowles type, having a plurality of shuttle boxes and a box of motion for vertically shifting said boxes.

Grover Negley King, of Sander-son, Pump Valve. This invention relates to improvements in pumps and has reference more particularly to a valve structure for use in conjunction with deep wells.

Harry W. Whited, of Nachodoches, Portable Electric Lumber and Timber Grade Marking Device. This provides a device which is portable, simple in construction, strong, durable, easy to handle, efficient and reliable in use, and otherwise well adapted to the purpose for which it is designed.

Alexander Thomson of Sourlake and John H. Hill of Houston, Pitman. One of the objects of this invention is to provide a pitman specially designed for use in operating oil pumps used in pumping the fluid from an oil well. The inventors assign their patent two-fifths to Hill and three-fifths to R. E. Brooks, Jr., of Houston.

Ewing H. Taylor, of Beaumont, Card Holder. An object of this invention is to provide a card holder formed of wire or similar material with means for locking the supporting member at a desired

angle to the stand. Mr. Taylor assigns his patent to Universal Specialty Company.

John J. Renois, of Corsicana, Belt Buckle. The object of this invention is the provision of a belt buckle which may be formed of a single rigid piece of ornamental metal in an economical and simple manner.

William R. Newton, of Hillsboro, Planter Attachment for Tractors. An object of this invention resides in the provision of a planter attachment which will readily be attached to this particular type of tractor in a minimum of time, by the use of very few nuts, bolts and other means of attachment.

Roy L. Williams, of Van Alstyne, Magazine Hammer. This provides a novel trigger assembly as well as a feeding means disposed in such a manner as to progressively hold the nails in a position which will not interfere with the operation of the hammer or hatchet as the case may be. Mr. Williams assigns his patent to Oscar T. Hunt (forty-eight per cent).

Harold M. Druce, of San Antonio, Portable Rock Asphalt and Concrete Mixing Machine. This provides a portable mixing machine which is simple in construction, inexpensive, strong and durable and furthermore adapted for the purposes for which it is designed.

Thomas J. Jones, of Dallas, Pencil Vending Machine. This refers to that type of machine adapted to singly dispense small articles of merchandise such as

lead pencils, when a coin is deposited therein and upon movement of a convenient operating lever.

James of White of Westfield, Composition of Matter. The object of this invention is to produce a mouth wash composed of ingredients combined in a novel manner.

Hub Taylor went to Brownfield Thursday where he will look after business interests.

Errol Taylor, a student of A. and M., arrived in Snyder Sunday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Taylor.

Cecile Strayhorn and Mrs. J. W. Templeton, Jr., went to Rotan Thursday evening to attend a party given by their sister, Mrs. Rob Strayhorn.

Misses Zona and Lynn May of Kidd Key College, Sherman, Texas, arrived in Snyder Saturday to spend the holidays with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. May.

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had sickness, disappointments, adversities, but stop and count your blessings. You are still living and as long as there is life, there is hope. If you have lived right you have friends, and a true friend sticketh closer than a brother. You have your presence and right use of your mind. You can see and hear and enjoy a thousand things. Look around you, your blessings are more than you can number. Come next Sunday, then, and give thanks unto the God of all good for His mercy to you. Sunday, 10:45 a. m. The service is in charge. at 8

THE POLAR NEWS

We are having some rainy weather this week. The young folks enjoyed a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mitchell Saturday night. The dance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Weatherby was well attended.

Singing was well attended Sunday night. We all enjoyed the play and Christmas tree at the school house Friday night.

Miss Gill and Miss Todd went home Saturday.

Dan Blair went to Snyder Sunday to get a tooth pulled.

W. S. Cumble and family are visiting relatives and friends at Polar.

Crops are almost gathered at Polar.

O. O. Capps was in Polar Sunday.

We will have Prof. Jeff Gargile with us until after Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Squares and Miss Treacy Cumble will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. T. U. Cumble.

Miss Dell Marie Cumble spent Sunday with Mrs. Gargile.

We wish you all a merry Christmas.

DOTTS.

Mrs. Lee Newsom spent last Friday and Saturday in Roscoe.

Henry Rosenberg was a Roscoe visitor Sunday.

Ivan P. Oliver will spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Oliver, at San Saba.



CHRISTMAS morning broke bright and clear, sending rays of glistering sunshine through the thick blanket of new-fallen snow with its ever-wonderful message of joy and love. Nowhere in all the world,

perhaps, was there a keener appreciation of Christmas cheer than in the heart of winsome Ina Walton, the affectionate and resourceful younger sister of Edith, just now recovering from a long and desperate illness.

Seventeen-year-old Ina, the only living relative of the sick girl, had gone down into the valley of death with her, suffering in mind and spirit as severely almost as did Edith, physically. But now Edith was greatly improved as to be able to sit up in bed for her breakfast. Near her stood a small table on which was a vase of red-and-white roses, and dishes of very tempting food. She took up the saucer containing a half-orange and looked in bewilderment at the well-buttered toast, eggs and coffee.

"I don't understand," she announced. "I simply can't see how you manage to do all this, Ina, with a significant gesture toward the table."

The sister smiled sweetly. "Don't you know it is Christmas?" she naively asked by way of reply. "Oh, yes, of course. I know it is Christmas, Ina, dear, but the season does not put anything into our pockets, you know. We can't afford it."

"But I'm quite sure we can. So don't you worry."

Edith did not seem satisfied. Her expression of perplexity called for further explanation and Ina continued: "I've been a darling creature while you were ill. I'm quite sure you'll not approve, even though I did it for your sake; but it really doesn't matter, now that you are getting well. Nothing matters but just that. Oh, Edith! You are my precious Christmas gift."

"You've been so good to me, dear," quickly responded Edith, ignoring her sister's claim of during. "But you have not satisfied my curiosity. How do you manage to spread such sumptuous meals?"

"By my boldness," Ina tossed her head coquettishly and strode defiantly across the room, as if to characterize her words. Then she paused and leaned on the footboard of the bed, smiling teasingly. "I knew you would think it very dreadful. It is true, nevertheless, I had to do it."

"Nonsense, Ina. You couldn't be bold, even if you tried. You don't know how."

"I was, though, very bold, I guess. Listen. When I went to pay the gas bill last week, I just told the clerk at the window all

about it—your illness, my giving up my position to be with you, our lack of funds and our very great need, and just as good as asked him for help."

"Ina!" Edith paused with the spoon half-way to her mouth. "You were in a critical state," Ina went on.

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IRA NEWS

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The Christmas tree which was given for the school children was enjoyed by all, and the short program was excellent.

The community will have a Christmas tree Friday night at the Christian church. Come and be with us.

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New Year.

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W. R. BELL
WINSTON BROS.

We Voice
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Generous Support
WARE'S BAKERY

Here's Every
Wish that 1927
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**FARMER'S
PRODUCE**
SAM NATIONS, Prop.

Here's to
12 More
Months
of Sincere
Good Wishes
**Manhattan
Hotel**

May 1927
Find You
Awaiting
More Cheer

**BUSY BEE
CAFE**
OLLIE MORROW,
Prop.

We Extend
The Glad
Hand For
a Year of
Happiness

**Strayhorn
& Elza**

Tune In
On Our Happiest
Wishes
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SNYDER PRODUCE

May Peace
Prosperity and
Plentitude Pursue
You and Yours
in 1927

**GLOVER'S SERVICE
STATION**

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1927
Will Be
a Good Year

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We're Broadcasting
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We Wish
You Joy
During 1927

**STAR
MARKET**

Who's Calling?



PICKED UP ABOUT TOWN

The advice given the farmers since the first of the year includes everything but having his 'onsils taken out.

A hotel club woman says, 'girl workers should have men's vases. They usually get that by mauling the men.'

Speaking of the movement of youth from the farm to town, we think it should be restricted to about 55 miles a hour.

After she has attended several

two brothers, L. O. and S. H. Johnston of Lamesa, and three sisters, Mrs. R. A. Blackard of Snyder, Mrs. Ennis Deering and Mrs. J. M. Cuthbertson of Comanche, Oklahoma.

Funeral services were held at Dunn Friday, December 17, by Rev. McGaha, interment in Dunn cemetery.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT FROM I. O. O. F. LODGE

Whereas our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom and mercy has seen fit to call Sister Effie Boyd, wife of our Brother Homer Boyd, to her reward, therefore, be it resolved that we sincerely tender our sympathy to Brother Boyd in his great loss.

And be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be presented to Brother Boyd, a copy read on the minutes of this lodge and a copy be sent to the city paper for publication.

C. L. BANKS,
EARL WILLIAMS,
ED J. THOMPSON,
Committee.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Saylor will spend from Friday until Sunday in Winters with Mrs. Saylor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Lloyd.

Miss Grace Holcomb of C. I. A., Denton, will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Johnson.

F. Malcolm Crouch will be in Grandview for Christmas with his parents.

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The Pine Tree and a Christmas Inspiration

THE creaking, crunching snow under foot, as well as the crisp, frosty air bespeaking a temperature some degrees below zero. However, native mid-westerners looked for, anticipated and expected a quantity of snow and cold weather for the Christmas holidays. Their expectations were usually right, with an added cold stretch long before the holidays, and long after them.

The hard lines of the massive, bulky, stone Central Administration building of the college was delightfully contrasted against the dead white, fluffy, fairy-like snow all about it. This building, as did four others, faced a huge stretch of campus, with groupings of trees scattered pleasingly about to break the wide expanse. Trees, heavily hung with the almost artificial-looking cottony webbing formed an artistic group across the road and in front of the building. In the center of the group stood a well-formed, tall, perfect specimen of a long-needed pine. It was singled out to be the proud possessor of many-colored lights distributed about generously among its branches. Deserving of praise was this awesome tree, and its surroundings.

Silhouetted against the sky, forming a background for the proud pine tree stood the campanile, the pride of every student on the campus. In the dull afterglow of the winter twilight the chimneys were extolling the Christmas carols. At the foot of the narrow winding staircase of iron which leads to the belfry of the campanile, upon close inspection could be seen a maid and young man—not the first time, nor would it be the last that the campanile should witness such a sight. The meeting had been planned in view of their separation on the morrow when both would go to their homes. Moved by the sight of the proud pine, its symbolism, and the chimneys, they bade each other farewell in fond embrace, carrying away with them the spirit of the proud pine tree in their hearts.—Eleanor E. King (© 1926, Western Newspaper Union.)

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

HAPPY fatigue. Rushing, hurrying, sitting up late. Doing up bundles. Posting packages. Delivering presents. Getting so tired out you don't know how you can ever finish, and then a new vigor and energy and Christmas spirit coming over you so that you feel you can continue through the night, wondering whether it will snow and the snow arriving just in time for Christmas, the stars twinkling down on the white, white earth. Bright red apples with the real flavor of the country. Memories of other Christmases and New Year's, blurred at other times somewhat, but poignantly vivid in the happiness of Christmas-tide. This is the Christmas season.—Mary Graham Bonner (© by Western Newspaper Union.)

Making Others Happy Will Bring Happiness

AUNT ELIZA had lived alone for many years, her finances had dwindled, and her health as well. It was Christmas Eve, and as Aunt Eliza returned from town with a few little things that her want purse could buy, her heart

was a little heavy, for the winter was before her and her strength was falling fast.

"I'm glad I got that knife for crippled Jim; he so enjoys cutting out these animals. Life is worth while so long as we can give others pleasure, and there is always some one that we can help. I'll read to blind Jane tomorrow, and that will help her and me pass away the day. Tonight I must try to think of some way that I can earn money. Sister would help me if she knew, so would the church ladies, but I simply can't tell anyone. Well, the only way to be happy is to make some one else happy, so I'll take Jimmy's knife to him. God has never forsaken me." All this was going through Aunt Eliza's mind.

As she opened the door she stood face to face with her only sister. She was overcomen with joy. "Oh, Eliza, all the children want for Christmas is you, and they sent me to you. We have a nice home next to ours, for you. We will start tonight so we can get there for dinner tomorrow. You shall never feel lonesome again."

Eliza continues to believe that making others happy brings happiness.—Emily Burks Adams (© 1926, Western Newspaper Union.)

For the Tree

Has any one ever tried cutting little stars, circles, fir trees, etc., from pumpkin rind for the Christmas tree? Peel pumpkin with a wide, shallow knife. Then cut out your circles, etc., with scissors or knife and fasten to a piece of card.

Christmas Day Brides

According to an old belief Christmas Day brides are inclined to be frivolous and fond of pleasure.

The Lonely Old Lady's Christmas Valentine

THE lonely old lady sat in the twilight as the evening star looked through the window and wondered why she seemed so sad. The star was bright enough that Christmas Eve to guide anyone to gladness, but she who sat there did not appear to know it. There were yet a few sparks and the heart of the lonely old lady, and warmth had not wholly departed from the room; there were points of light in the maze of memories that kept the past alive, and heart the silent thinker was not cold; but darkness was creeping over solitude, and time was registering age, and the old lady was lonely.

There was a picture on the wall of one who had been the strength and joy of earlier days, but years had passed over his grave in a distant land.

There were other pictures looking down upon her with young and happy faces, but they were pictures of children who had blessed other homes, placed about to keep company with her dream children, and reminding her now again that she had none.

So the star might have known that there was reason for pensiveness as it tried to penetrate the gathering gloom and the mystery. It wondered whether it learned the secret or not, it witnessed as it watched, a light in the dim room. For she had taken from a portfolio her most precious possession, and she was smiling upon it. It was an old valentine, the first that she had received from him who had never returned. It was inscribed "To My Valentine." Upon it sat Cupid, in a wreath of forget-me-nots, holding a high pyramid of large roses over a large, circular spider web, with two hearts entangled in it!

The star must have recognized that it was shining upon the deathlessness of love, and helping it to share the Christmas fellowship and cheer.—Christopher G. Hazard.

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A troop of amusing and efficient Chinamen are due to arrive at Christmas time. They are destined to hang about the rooms of uncareful bachelors, or any other men who may need needles, pins, buttons, thread and such. Bits of colored flannel, or other smooth cloth, account for the costume of the jolly Chink pictured here, and the black wool yarn or darning cotton will serve to outline his features, finish his garments with buttonhole stitch and provide the fringe which serves to hang him in a handy place. Cardboard will serve as a foundation for the small oriental picture, or he might be fashioned like the flat rag dolls that are stuffed with cotton.

Christmas Greens

The custom of hanging evergreens in the house during the holiday originally had a purpose beyond that of decoration. In olden days each kind of evergreen was believed to confer special blessings on those who passed beneath its boughs. To pass under holly insured good fortune throughout the year, bay meant victory, while laurel was supposed to impart a spirit of beauty and poetry.

School News

Latin Club Meets

The Latin Club Duces again met at the regular period, Friday, Dec. 10. The roll call was answered with a Latin proverb by each member. The regular officers presided.

The following program was given by members of the club: Minutes read by Lee Francis York.

Roman House—Rachel Sanders. Roman Marriages—Harvey Carrell.

The Roman Funerals—N. R. Clements. Occupations of the Romans—Howard Robinson.

A Roman's Daily Life—Lily Frazier Winston. Religion of the Romans—Benjamin Davis.

Roman Government—Maxie Chenault. The program and the meeting were brought to a close by a spell-

ing contest between two chosen sides.

We were glad to have several visitors and also honorary members. The club is prospering very much by the hard earnest work of its members. We are fighting to put our club at the head of all the clubs of the Snyder High School, and we hope to succeed.

Reporter.

There are several new pupils in school this week, namely, Emma Mae and Mina Phillips of Sulphur Springs, Fannie Bell Smithers of Sweetwater, Bryan Moore, and Melford Davison.

The Aggies entertained the high school teachers and the H. E. Club in the basement of the Methodist church last Friday night. All had a good time and departed saying that the boys know how to entertain as well as the girls.

The teachers met in their regular institute last Saturday. Mr. Gordon of the Texas Technological College, Lubbock, made two interesting speeches.

In the afternoon the rural school teachers and Mr. Bullock met for the purpose of electing officers for the Inter-scholastic League work. It was decided that the county school fair would be held during the inter-scholastic meet.

Since examinations are over, all

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are settled down to work again with renewed energy.

The girls are diligently practicing basketball. Several games are planned for the near future. The whole school is rejoicing because the doors have been put in between the new and the old building and some of the noise is shut out.

Demotheos Literary Society

At the last meeting of the society, which was on November 23, a Thanksgiving program was given. At the business meeting a program committee, consisting of Clarence Walton and Kendal Clark, was appointed.

The following Christmas program was made out and will be given December 22 at which time we will also have a Christmas tree.

Roll Call, Christmas quotations, Christmas Story from Bible, Clarence Walton.

The Origin of Christmas, Travis LaRue.

Holy Night.

Christmas shopping, Bobby Jean Chambers.

Story of the Nativity, Kendal Clark, James Pritchett, Tarrence

Riley, Blanche Turner, Mavis Webb, Kathleen Thomas.

Santa's Plan, Burgess Brown. Christmas at Home and Abroad, Kenneth Alexander. Fay Williams, Ada Marie Weaver, J. T. Trice, Creston Fish, Vernon Autcutt Jack Dozier, Dodson Smith. Christmas Doesn't Change, Neva Doak.

Joy to the World. Reporter.

What If

No one talked in the library? All pupils knew what a study hall is for?

Every pupil's motto were "Be 100 per cent," rather than "Get 70 per cent"?

Mr. Covey lost his temper? Miss Muse should lose her permanent?

Any one could read Hugh Bowen's writing? All boys who wore boots had rubber on the heels?

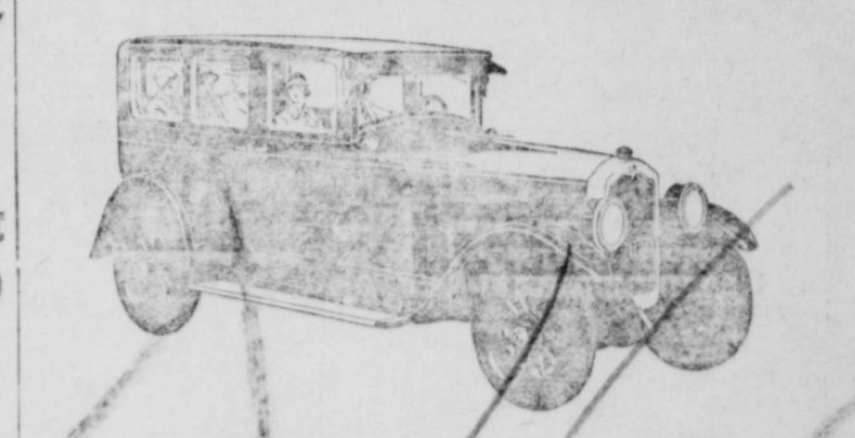
Mariwaide stopped studying? William Miller never talked? Lucile should curl her hair?

Miss Philen painted her lips like Gwendolyn Chambers?

Mary Edith got scientific? There were no Christmas spirit?

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Society AND Clubs

MISS MYRTLE MARTIN
Society Editor



POPULAR COUPLE WEDDED RECENTLY IN WINTERS

One of the prettiest weddings of the season took place Tuesday morning, December 5, at eight o'clock at the First Baptist church of Winters when Miss Lela Mae Lloyd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Lloyd, became the bride of Mr. Sims C. Saylor, Rev. H. H. Stephens officiating, using the impressive rite ceremony.

The altar was banked with ferns and tall baskets of gorgeous chrysanthemums with a luscious arch entwined with ferns and autumn leaves, making a most effective background for the bridal party.

Miss Lyle Kornegay, beautifully attired in gold metallic, and wearing a hat of the same, played "The Flower Song" preceding the ceremony, followed by a violin solo, "Told at Dinning," by Miss Cecil Bishop of Killeen. Miss Bishop was lovely in black and white crepe, her hat being of corresponding colors. Mrs. W. S. Cole of Rule, attractively attired in pencil blue crepe, sang, "At Dawning," accompanied by Miss Kornegay, who played Mendelssohn's Wedding March as a processional and as a recessional played Lohengrin's Wedding March. During the ceremony Miss Bishop very softly played "Trommer" on the violin.

The bridesmaids, Miss Clara Mae Lloyd and Miss Clara Mae Saylor, entered at opposite aisles, followed by the matrons of honor, Mrs. C. L. Robinson and Mrs. George Lloyd. Mrs. Robinson wore a most appropriate, georgette of light tan, combined with blended trimmings of a darker hue, while Mrs. Lloyd was attired in gorgeous beige crepe. Each carried an arm bouquet of orchid chrysanthemums. Little Misses Carl Lesta Davis and Mary Maddox, very dainty in sheer pale pink adorned with hand made roses, carrying glistening silver baskets and plucking and strutting creamy chrysanthemum petals, preceded the bride, who entered with her brother, Ralph Lloyd, who gave her in marriage. The groom entered from the opposite aisle with the best man, Ralph Lloyd, brother of the bride. They met at the altar and stood beneath the arch where they took the solemn vows which made them man and wife.

Miss Lloyd was pleasingly attired in a beige and silver combination, wearing a hat of corresponding colors, and carrying an arm bouquet of cream chrysanthemums. Miss Saylor wore an elaborate gown of rose georgette, velvet trimmings completing a pretty effect. She carried a bouquet of cream chrysanthemums. The bride was most charmingly dressed in Harding blue mingled with a touch of silver, with harmonizing accessories and carried a bouquet of bird's roses with a shower of valley lilies.

Both the bride and groom are well known. The bride was reared in Winters, is a very charming young lady, popular in social circles and loved by all who know her. She received her high school education in Winters High School, graduating with the class of 1920, and is a Simmons University graduate.

The groom is a son of Mrs. C. Saylor of San Angelo, and is a fine young man. For two years he was manager of Cornelson Bros. Tailor Shop of that city. He is now engaged in the tailoring business in Snyder.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Saylor left for San Antonio, and returned to Snyder December 12 where they will make their future home.

Out of town guests attending were: Mesdames and Messrs. Jean Cornelson, and E. E. Smith, and Messrs. U. E. Boss, Bill Green, Hudson Hanks, Paul Coulter, Tom Liddell, Hugh Roark, and Hillard Sperry and Miss Lillian Sheffield, all of San Angelo; and J. T. Lloyd, Roscoe, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Max Standard, Tuscola, Texas, W. S. Cole, Rule, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Routh, Abilene, Texas, Miss Juanita Powell, Rotan, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Will Street, Ballinger, Texas, and Misses Kathryn Packwood and Juanita McClaran, Hamlin, Texas.

MR. AND MRS. SMITH ENTERTAIN WITH DINNER PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Smith entertained their friends with a most enjoyable dinner Thursday evening, December 16. A color of red and green was artistically carried out in the place and table centers, which were burning red tapers. A delectable two course dinner in keeping with the Christmas season was served to Mesdames and Messrs. Taylor, Joe Monroe, J. G. Beck, Billie Sims, Wade Winton,

W. D. Begg, Joe Caton and J. C. Dorward, and Mesdames Jack Smith, Dixie Smith, W. M. McLaury and Mr. G. F. Allen of Colorado City.

D. P. YODER HOME SCENE OF CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Crusaders class of the Methodist Sunday school met at the home of their teacher, D. P. Yoder, Thursday evening, December 16, and were the guests to a very enjoyable Christmas party. A cheery tree was placed in a corner of the spacious living-room, adorned with the usual Christmas decorations. Each member brought a gift which was placed on the tree to be given to the one whose name they had drawn. Each one present thereby received an attractive Christmas remembrance. Forty-two was also a means of pleasing entertainment of the evening.

Delicious refreshments, attractively carrying out the colors of red and green, were served to Mesdames Lou Woodley, Eva Strayhorn, Georgia Bolin, Mary Strayhorn, Mildred Robinson, Lucile Strayhorn, Eddie Lynn Howell, Joe Bailey, Mae Anderson, Ruth Lawlis, Ma Martin, Vernele Stinson, David Curry, Myrtle Martin and Frances Lawlis, and Mesdames Loree Curry, Lee Newsom, and Melvin Blackard, and Mr. John Mac Brooks of Dallas.

MESDAMES BROWNFIELD AND CURRY HOSTESSES TO LA NOUVEAUTE

Members and guests of the La Nouveaute club met at the home of Mrs. Morris Brownfield Wednesday afternoon, December 15, with Mesdames Brownfield and Loree Curry as hostesses. The living-room was hung with mistletoe and other greenery, and was further decorated with a real Christmas tree. A lovely Christmas bell centered the room, gathering ends of pretty red and green streamers, which were beautifully draped to the four corners of the room. The tree was placed in a large doorway, being adorned with Christmas motifs while the blend of candles in a variety of shades made a most splendid light effect.

Tables were arranged where bridge was enjoyed during the afternoon, after which a dainty gift was received from the tree by each one present. Miniature Santa Claus were appropriate favors.

A very nice two course luncheon was served to Mesdames Alfred McLaughlin, G. B. Clark, Jr., Ixon Joyce, Melvin Blackard, Tom Gates and Wayne Williams, Misses Alma Nell Morris and Tommie Jenkins, who were club members, while Misses Punk Waskom and Vesta Green were afternoon guests.

EL FELIS MEET WITH MRS. CARMICHAEL

One of the prettiest and most elaborate parties of the Yuletide season was given Friday afternoon Dec. 17, when Mrs. Jno. F. Carmichael was the charming hostess to the El Felis club members and guests at her home. The entire house was very attractively decorated in cut flowers, baskets of lovely carnations and rose buds in delicate pink filling the living-room, while the dining-room bore a profusion of gorgeous chrysanthemums in pastel shades mingled and blended with beautiful tinted autumn leaves. A dining room were equally as admirable in house geraniums and ferns, all forming an ideal setting for the guests.

Tables were arranged throughout the rooms for the players where colorful table markers and tallies were noted with centers of dainty sweet peas also in pastel shades and interspersed with fern. A number of games of forty-two provided a pleasant diversion for the afternoon.

A very delicious two course dinner was served, the holiday colors of red and green being carried out in every detail in a most unique manner. The mint baskets in corresponding colors contained imitation nuts, the kernels proving to be small gifts of various descriptions, while corsages of

sweet peas were appreciated favors.

Club members present were: Mesdames H. L. Davis, Hugh Boren, Dixie Smith, W. E. Smith, W. W. Wilford, J. C. Stinson, O. P. Thrane, Fritz R. Smith, W. W. Hamilton, Lee T. Stinson, Wade Winston, George Northcutt, Ivan Woodson and C. C. Higgins. Mesdames W. B. Johnson, Ernest Taylor, Walter Scott, W. J. Scott, E. J. Anderson, Joe Strayhorn, C. J. Yoder, W. B. Standfield and Miss Myrtle Martin were guests.

MRS. SMITH ENTERTAINS LITTLE FRIENDS

Mrs. W. E. Smith entertained seven little girl friends with a nice Christmas party at her home Saturday morning at ten o'clock. The living room was very attractively decorated with an unusually pretty Christmas tree containing many gifts for the little girls. Name places in walnut shells were drawn thereby exchanging gifts. To their delight the little guests were also presented with stockings of candy, fruit and nuts as well as dolls with little beds and blankets and horns from the limbs of the pretty tree. Delicious marshmallows and cake were served to Misses Frances Stinson, Mary Elizabeth Brown, Mary Margaret Towle, Frances Northcutt, Ellen Louise Wilford, Estine Dorward and La Frances Hamilton. Each little girl expressed her thanks to their nice friend who so kindly made them happy at Christmas time.

A SURPRISE DINNER

Mrs. Louise McCann was hostess to a most beautiful surprise birthday dinner Wednesday evening, December 15, in honor of O. R. Collier. Many neighbors and friends were present, a most enjoyable evening being spent by all.

RECENT BRIDE HONORED

Honoring Mrs. S. C. Saylor, Misses Annie Mae and Bill Swann entertained with five tables of bridge at the lovely home of Mrs. C. E. Ferguson December 15. The house was attractively decorated with a motif of red and green carrying out the holiday idea. Tables were arranged and centered with pretty Christmas poinsettias, with bells and other decorations adding to the festive effect. The color scheme was also carried out in the place cards and tallies. A very delicious two course luncheon was served to the honoree, Mrs. Saylor, and Misses Lucile Strayhorn, Hattie Herm, Ella Martin, Ella Maye Joyce, Mildred Robinson, Gladys Boren, Lillian Chapman and Mrs. J. W. Templeton Jr. of Houston, and Messrs. Brent Templeton, F. Maleonin, Crouch, J. D. Scott, J. E. Strayhorn, Leslie Davis, Ivan P. Oliver, Louis Blackard, Holder, S. C. Saylor and Forest Sears.

SAN SOUCI PARTY

Little Misses Hattie Herm, Gladys Boren and Mildred Robinson entertained their little club friends with a most enjoyable Christmas party and tree at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Herm Monday evening, December 20. After the little girls had been prettily dressed for the occasion in starched dresses, Sunday shoes, dainty hair-ribbons, a fresh handkerchief and instructions not to lose it, and after placing a package for the tree under their arms and telling them to be sure and tell the hostesses they had a nice time, their mothers started them on their way.

After weeks of patient drilling, a program for the evening had been prepared, consisting of recitations, Christmas solos, and songs in concert. The little folk also enjoyed many interesting games.

It was then announced Santa Claus was on his way. All the children sat in a group around the tree and suddenly he appeared (in the form of Miss Gladys Boren). Each one there received a real pretty gift from the tree from some friend present, as well as little bags of fruit, candy and nuts. To their glad surprise Santa also gave them dollies, horns, fire works and just words of

things that make little girls happy on Christmas. Of course, no one was left out. Here came Santa with a big sack on his back for those who had otherwise been forgotten.

Very delicious refreshments were served to Misses Lucile Strayhorn, Georgia Bolin, Lucile Strayhorn, Edith Grantham, Mary Lillian Chapman, Bill Swann, Mabel Wilkerson, Rhoda Martin, Eula Richardson, Myrtle Akers and Lia Martin, and Mrs. Anna Smith. The little girls had so much fun they forgot to say they had a nice time but they really did.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Richards will be in Ballinger for Christmas. Miss Mildred Robinson will spend Christmas in Paris with her parents while Miss Gladys Boren will be in Ennis.

Oris D. Carter will spend the Christmas holidays with friends and relatives in Lockney, Floydada and Lubbock.

Miss Claribel Clark of Simmons University will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Clark, Sr., of that city.

GINNINGS IN SCURRY COUNTY TO DEC. 23.	
Snyder	15,952
Dunn	2,242
Hermleigh	5,910
Inadale	3,341
Ira (Estimated)	1,650
Fluvanna	2,557
Camp Springs	1,353
China Grove	1,642
Total	34,879

Meant to Be Useful



There are a number of things that this pretty lady can do besides merely being pretty, and therefore she presents herself as a pleasing Christmas gift for other dainty ladies. A little doll torso mounted on a wire frame is dressed up in panned skirt and surplice bodice, like a colonial belle. Her dress may be of crisp silk or of fine crepe paper and she wears a cluster of lithe flowers on her corset and a band of ribbon about her hair. Sometimes she shades an electric light, and sometimes conceals a telephone, or she may cover a bottle of toilet water.

Odd Laundry Bag



The head of this slant-eyed gentleman, who will carry laundry for his lucky owner, is cut from unbleached domestic stuff with cotton and sewed over the book of a coat hanger. The wacky face is sketched on with black paint, bits of black ribbon contribute the cap and collar and wool yarn provides the hair. A long strip of cretonne is open near the top and sewed together at the bottom, forming a clever laundry bag.

Nervous hot flashes

"SOME time ago when in a very nervous, run-down condition," says Mrs. Martha F. Marlow, of Broken Bow, Okla., "I tried numerous remedies to try to get back to normal, but I could not. I was weak and tired—just no good at all. My back ached and I had hot flashes until I was so very nervous I smothered."

I couldn't sleep and I was never hungry, and I kept getting weaker. I couldn't stand on my feet. This was an awful condition for me as I had been pretty strong all along. I knew that I would have to do something, and that pretty soon."

Some friend suggested that I take Cardui, and it certainly was a good suggestion, for after taking one bottle I could do more. I was stronger and better. I didn't quit. I kept it up and did fine. I felt like a different person after I began taking Cardui.

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HULDA POTTSFIELD was very unhappy. For two months she had fretted herself because a sum of money which she had invested had been lost. She had entrusted it to an old friend of her girlhood in a nearby city, and when the news came that the money was lost Hulda made up her mind then and there that all humanity was alike with her and she had no friends if there was a chance. She grew more bitter and sullen each day and withdrew herself almost entirely from the circle of friends that she had known so long. She never stopped to think that even without this amount she could still live in comparative ease; that there was nothing in reason she would have to deny herself, as the income she still had was quite large. Blindly she shut her eyes to all this and would not allow her



self to think of her many blessings or to frame even the slightest excuse for the friend who had failed. Now, with Christmas approaching, she grew even more bitter than usual. "I'm not going to do a single thing this year," she repeated to herself over and over. "Why should I, anyway, after my great loss?"

So when the Ladies' Aid called for an offering for the annual entertainment and Christmas baskets to be given to the poor she was ready with her answer. But when they left hurriedly after her curt refusal she was more unhappy than ever. "No one seems to have any sympathy for my great misfortune," she wallowed to herself. "What a cruel world it is; no one seems to care."

The window where she sat brooding opened out on Arbor street. Soon after the Ladies' Aid left she looked out to see that some one was coming up the steps. This time it was a young girl, and Hulda sniffed to herself as she saw her. "Another who comes seeking," she said under tightened lips.

But the young girl who entered had not come begging. Instead, she had come to tell Hulda that she was the daughter of the man to whom Hulda had entrusted her money and that she had heard that Hulda was in need—that her loss had left her stranded. Her father had been ill for several months, crushed by the failure of his hopes, all of which was due to the treachery and deceit of his partner in business. He was now better and things were beginning to look brighter. There was every hope that no one would lose a dollar. In the meantime the girl came to offer Hulda some money from her own savings—she was private secretary to some big man in the city. After the girl left Hulda sat huddled in her chair. God! how selfish she had been—how blind—how ungrateful! Great tears trickled slowly down her cheeks, tears that carried away forever the bitterness and selfishness that had been in her heart of late. The world, after all, was a wonderful place and its people were wonderful people! Making her way to the phone, she picked it up with hands that



LET THERE BE LIGHT—but not fire

Christmas trees call for lights, and too often, lights mean open flames. FIRE is quick to seize this opportunity in many homes each year. Then he turns the merriment of the happiest of holidays into black tragedy.

PROTECT the lives you love and the property you own. Keep matches away from the tinsel tree. Keep candles out of your windows.

BE CAREFUL! Then take one step more. Make absolutely sure of your fire insurance. Call this Hartford agency.

Snyder Insurance Agency
Phone 24—Courthouse

H. J. Brice I. W. Boren, Jr. I. W. Dodson

remitted and called for the president of the Ladies' Aid.

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Appropriate
Hubby—What kind of a tree shall I get for Christmas? Wife—A fir tree might help suggest a suitable present for me.

Gay Holiday Aprons



Here is a gift that everyone, from grandpa down to the youngest sub-bub, will rejoice in at Christmas time—and long thereafter. It is a gay and quaint apron, made of brilliant, flowered cretonne, bordered and finished with black satin, and is prettily in cretonne having a black background with many-colored garden flowers blooming against it. The black satin borders the bib and pockets and makes the apron shoulder straps.

Conceals a Gift

This demure colonial dame, with her quaint poke bonnet, conceals a box of talcum powder and provokes pleasant and grateful thoughts at the same time. Crepe paper, narrow ribbon and wire are required for her construction. Her head is made of a bit of domestic stuff with cotton, the pretty face painted on with water colors, topped by curly, artificial hair.

Special

Dallas Morning

News

Daily and Sunday

One year.....\$6.95

Warren Bros.

The Retail Drug Store

Snyder, Texas

Miss Georgia Bolin plans to spend her Christmas vacation in San Angelo visiting with relatives and friends.

HAPPY HAMMER CLUB

The Happy Hammer Club met in regular session Friday, December 17. Despite the fact that only a few were present we had a most enjoyable and profitable meeting.

Plans for a new year's work were discussed after a short business session. It was decided to put the \$10 we won as first prize at the county fair in the general treasury.

Our next meeting will be Friday, Jan. 7, 1927. Let every member put forth an effort to be there as we will elect officers for another year.

Each and every member of our club feels a keen disappointment and sorrow in the loss of our beloved leader and co-worker, Miss Ruten. Too much cannot be said in praise of her work in our community.

Below is a copy of the petition presented by our Miss Murry in behalf of ten:

"We, the members of the Happy Hammer Club, regret much the resignation of Miss Murry, and wish to express our appreciation of her splendid, monious and efficient work in our club and our community. We also beg your influence in sending her to continue to work with us."

The petition was signed by the following:

Mesdames Byron Wren, president, Homer Bentley, secretary, Bob Wren, Ernest Pemberton, A. B. Cayce, Maude Blakley, J. L. Carrell, Effie Ramsey, Pearl Martin, R. Lee Sanders, Ben Scott, J. A. Morgan, Nellie Maben, H. H. Jeffries, A. P. Berge, J. T. Beggs, Henry Shuler, Jake Glover, Annie Eicke, W. H. Huckabee, H. G. Moore, Elmer Bentley, Ruthie Davis, R. L. Stilton, Miss Lois Huckabee.

Reporter.

FRIDAY Is The Last Day Money Raising SALE

- \$1.25 and \$1.50 value boys' and men's dress caps, this sale 69c
- \$1.25 value men's bleached winter weight unions, this sale 83c
- \$5.00 value patent covered ladies' hat boxes, a special for this sale \$2.95
- \$1.25 value ladies' satin house slippers in all colors, special this sale 83c
- 25c value fancy bordered men's handkerchiefs, special this sale 19c
- 65c value men's guaranteed silk sox in all colors, special this sale 49c
- \$1.75 value men's felt house slippers in all sizes, special this sale \$1.39
- \$2.50 value men's wool work shirts in all sizes, special this sale \$1.69
- 35c value men's fancy initial handkerchiefs, special this sale 19c
- \$1.50 value ladies' gowns, lace trimmed, fancy made, special this sale 98c
- 50c value heavy ribbed towels, size 20x40, special this sale 33c
- \$3.00 value children's muffler and scarf fur set, this sale only \$1.69
- \$1.25 value men's dress shirts, collar attached, special this sale 89c
- \$1.50 value ready made bed sheets, size 81x90, special this sale \$1.15

Men's Stetson hats go on sale from \$6.65 up.

SPECIAL SALE On Mama Dolls

13 inches high, has composition head, composition arm, with strong crying voice, regular 75c value, this sale only 48c

18 inches high, dainty percale dress, composition head and forearms, slippers and sox, crying voice, regular \$1.50 value, This Sale Only 88c

21 inches high, mohair wig, organdie lace trimmed dress, composition head, arms and legs, with sox and slippers, clear mama voice, regular \$3.50 value, This Sale Only \$1.95

ECONOMY DRY GOODS CO

"THE PRICE IS THE THING" HENRY ROSENBERG, Manager. South Side Square Next Door to Manhattan Hotel

SNYDER HATCHERY

Ready to run capacity, 2690. Later we will add a larger machine. Custom hatching, 3/4c per egg. Guarantee 50 per cent or discount order. Baby chicks sell after Jan. 1st, from range flocks of Rocks, Reds, Anconas and Brown Leghorns, 20 cents each. White Leghorns, 15 cents each.

We have Eggs to Set Brown Leghorn Cockrels to Sell These incubators to sell or trade. We breed the famous MODERN WONDER STRAIN of Dark Brown Leghorns. Come look over our reliable strain by the expert Brown Leghorn breeder in Texas. H. C. NIEDECKEN Proprietor

Snyder, Texas Box 525

CHRISTMAS CHEER

to everyone. We thank you for your patronage during 1926. May we have more of it in 1927.

PETE BENBENEK

Across Street from Palace Theatre



CLASSIFIED ADS

Classified ads are strictly cash with the order, not accept Classified ads over the Phone. One word, or 10c a line, for each insertion.

SALE

FARM AND RANCH LOANS, low rate of interest, 38 years time, annual interest. Dodson & Spear. 28-4tc

A GIFT for each one in the family. Prices right. Landrum & Boren, South Side. 9-1tc

FOR SALE—20 acres at city limits, will sell all or in blocks. Priced to sell. Ed Darby. 9-1tc

FOR SALE—Brand new player piano, A bargain. Ed Darby. 9-1tc

FARM AND RANCH LOANS, low rate of interest, 38 years time, annual interest. Dodson & Spear. 28-4tc

DON'T FAIL to see our holiday line of good merchandise at right prices. Landrum & Boren, South Side Drugists. 27-2tc

FOR SALE—Pure bred Mammoth Bronze turkeys, young toms \$10. Hens, \$7.50. Mrs. B. F. Brooks, 1 mile north Plainview. 25-4tc

FARM AND RANCH LOANS, low rate of interest, 38 years time, annual interest. Dodson & Spear. 28-4tc

BEAUTIFUL Perfume set \$2.50 to \$12.50, a gift sure to be appreciated. Landrum & Boren, drugists. 28-4tc

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Small farm, close to town. Will trade for town property. McKinnon. 25-4tc

FOR SALE—Electrical Rotorex Washing Machine, practically new. Will sell for half price. Phone 147 or 184. 26-1tc

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BIG ASSORTMENT gifts for men. Buy his gift here. Landrum & Boren, South Side Drugists. 28-4tc

FOR SALE—Rhode Island Red pullets, \$1.00 each. See Judge Holley. 27-2tc

FOR SALE—Complete set of blacksmith tools. Will sell at a bargain for cash. A. L. Poteet, Snyder, Texas. 27-2tc

ONE OF THE BEST small farms in Crosby County to trade for good farm in Scurry County and pay the difference. Dodson & Spear. 28-2tc

FOR SALE—One span good honest work mules. Coming eight years old, 16 hands high. Safe and gentle for small boy. Priced to sell. Holly Shuler, Snyder, Texas. 28-4tc

FOR SALE—Fifteen white leghorn chickens. Also some furniture as good as new. L. F. Head, Phone 261. 1p

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Several unfurnished rooms. Will rent all or part. Phone 156. 27-4tc

FOR RENT—Furnished and unfurnished rooms. W. F. Baze. 25-1tc

FOR RENT—New four room house east of Snyder. Call Mrs. J. T. Ramsey, 9631F5. 1p

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms well located and close in. Mrs. J. Longbotham, Phone 262. 28-1tc

FOR RENT—House, six rooms, all modern conveniences, double garage. See Bill Doak at Snyder Garage. 28-2tc

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WANTED

TO TRADE—Ford for a closed car, any car difference. Roy Baze. 27-2tc

Wanted—Second hand Baze. 28-2tc

LEASES

Lease—Property to be in Scurry County. 28-4tc

More good office positions than we can fill. Write for Catalog C and Holiday Rates. Draughon's College, Abilene, Texas. 28-1p

NOTICE

The public is hereby notified that the John W. Moor properties within the town of Dermott are in charge of Mr. Arthur Townsend. Persons desiring to buy town lots or horses, or rent concessions, see Mr. Townsend. Trespassers will take due notice. John C. and Lydia Louise Moor. 11-1tc

CHOICE ABILENE property to trade for farms in Scurry County. Dodson & Spear. 28-4tc

No hard times for office help. Big demand. Write for Catalog C and Holiday Rates. Draughon's College, Abilene, Texas. 28-1p

SLEEP easy mattress factory, one mile east of square, reflects your business. Prices reasonable. 23-1tc

IDEAL XMAS GIFT Corona Four, the standard Portable, \$60.00 cash or \$65.00 terms, \$10.00 down and \$5.00 a month. Mail orders promptly filled. Write ABILENE TYPEWRITER EXCHANGE, Abilene, Texas. 27-2p

If interested in a business career, write for Catalog C and Holiday Rates. Draughon's College, Abilene, Texas. 28-1p

BIRDS FOR CHRISTMAS—Plenty of good Canary singers at \$5 each. Also have love-birds, crows, goldfish and globes. Phone 259, Ed's Flower Shop. 27-2tc

AUTOMOBILE LOANS

We make loans direct to owner. Also extend present notes at reduced rates. Prompt service. **SNYDER INSURANCE AGENCY** Phone 24, Snyder, Texas 28-1tc

STOCKHOLDERS NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the regular meeting of the shareholders of the capital stock of the First State Bank & Trust Co., Snyder, Texas, will be held in the offices of said bank on Tuesday, January 4th, 1927, at 10:00 a. m. for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year.

Sam Hamlett, Cashier

WANTED TO TRADE—Ford touring car for a closed car, any make. Will pay difference. Roy Garner. 27-2tc

CUT FLOWERS AND POTTED PLANTS—Nothing finer than flowers for Christmas. We will deliver them for you any time. Phone 350, Bell's Flower Shop. 27-2tc

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W. C. REA, Cashier. 25-5tc

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We make loans direct to owner. Also extend present notes at reduced rates. Prompt service. **SNYDER INSURANCE AGENCY** Phone 24, Snyder, Texas 28-1tc

An Ill Omen

In the Balkans it is believed that to die on Christmas Day is of ill omen as regards one's place in the after-death life.

A Christmas Dish

Eels baked and rolled in laurel leaf is a favorite Christmas dish in Italy.

Lovely Homemade Shade

Scissor-painted and "crystalline" lamp shades are going to shed radiant joy in the homes and hearts of many happy recipients this Christmas. These homemade shades are beautiful and any that can be bought. They are made of handkerchief linen stretched over a wire frame and decorated with designs cut from printed crepe paper. Here is one in which the figures are silhouettes in black. After they are pasted on, the shade is painted over with this transparent sealing-wax paint and, after this is dry, a background of soft yellows, reds and browns, is blended on.

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

Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, in Snyder, Scurry County, Texas, this 23rd day of November, A. D. 1926. (Seal) Attest: Jean Griggs, Clerk, District Court, Scurry County, Texas. 24-4tc

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by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 32nd Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Scurry County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Snyder, on the 4th Monday in December, A. D. 1926, the same being the 27th day of December, A. D. 1926, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 30th day of November, A. D. 1926, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 2408, wherein G. L. Autry, Owen Williams, Morgan Smithers and F. M. Brownfield are plaintiffs, and Walter B. Whitlock, his executors or administrators; his heirs and the heirs of his heirs, whose names and places of residence are unknown to plaintiffs, are Defendants, and for cause of action plaintiffs allege as follows: Suit in trespass to try title and for title and possession of the North half of Lot 1, and all of Lot 2, in Block 36, and all of Block 35, all of said Blocks and Lots in the Landy Park Addition to the town of Snyder, in Scurry County, Texas, title to which property plaintiffs hold by fee simple and by the statutes of five years and ten years adverse possession, pleaded by plaintiffs in themselves and in their immediate grantors, whereby defendants' interest in said property is rendered void.

Herein Fail Not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given Under my Hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Snyder, Scurry County, Texas, this 30th day of November, A. D. 1926. (Seal) JEAN GRIGGS, Clerk, District Court, Scurry County. 25-4tc

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Scurry County, Greeting: You are hereby commanded, that by making Publication of this Citation in some newspaper published in the County of Scurry, if there be a newspaper published in said County, but if not, in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, you summon Evelyne Daugherty whose residence is unknown to beland appear before the Hon. District Court in and for the County of Scurry at the next regular term thereof, to be held in the 32nd Judicial District, County of Scurry, at the Court House thereof in Snyder, Texas, on the 27th day of December, A. D. 1926, the number of said cause being 2404, then and there to answer the petition of S. C. Daugherty filed in said Court on the 23rd day of November, A. D. 1926 against the said Evelyne Daugherty and alleging in substance as follows: That plaintiff and defendant were married October 5th, 1919; that the separation January 23rd, 1924; that shortly prior to their separation defendant began and carried on an illicit relation with another man and on the day of their separation defendant admitted such illicit relation and told plaintiff that she had been untrue to him. Plaintiff says there was born of said marriage one child and that he is a satisfactory person to have the care and custody of said child. Wherefore, plaintiff prays for a judgment for a divorce and for the care and custody of said child.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have you then and there before said Court this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

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paper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest County where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Scurry County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Snyder, Texas, on the 4th Monday in December, A. D. 1926, the same being the 27th day of December, A. D. 1926, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 30th day of November, A. D. 1926, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 2408, wherein V. B. Lee is plaintiff, and Mrs. M. A. Cocke and husband C. W. Cocke, and the unknown heirs of Mrs. M. A. Cocke, are defendants, and said petition alleges as follows: Plaintiff alleges that on or about the 23rd day of November 1926 he was lawfully seized and possessed of that particular property described as Lot No. 4, in Block No. 24, Blankenship Addition to the town of Snyder, in Scurry County, Texas, holding and claiming the same in fee simple; that on said day the defendants unlawfully entered upon said premises and ejected plaintiff therefrom and unlawfully withheld from him the possession thereof to his damage in the sum of \$2,000.00; plaintiff also claims title under the ten year statute of limitations and alleges that he has been in peaceful, open, adverse possession of the same under a chain of title, paying taxes thereon, for more than ten years, and that the reasonable annual rental of said premises is \$300.00; plaintiff prays for judgment for the title and possession of said premises, for his rents, damage, and all costs of suit and for general and special relief.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given Under my Hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Snyder, Scurry County, Texas, this 23rd day of November, A. D. 1926. (Seal) JEAN GRIGGS, Clerk, District Court, Scurry County. 25-4tc

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Scurry County, Greeting: You are hereby commanded, that by making Publication of this Citation in some newspaper published in the County of Scurry, if there be a newspaper published in said County, but if not, in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Scurry County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Snyder, on the 27th day of December, A. D. 1926, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 18th day of November, A. D. 1926, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 2408, wherein James C. Dowdy is Plaintiff, and Helen Dowdy is Defendant, and said petition alleging Plaintiff is and has been an actual bona fide inhabitant of the State of Texas for a period of twelve months prior to exhibiting the petition herein, and has resided in said Scurry County, Texas, for at least six months next preceding the filing of this suit; that defendant, without cause, voluntarily left and abandoned the bed and board of plaintiff on or about Second Sunday in June, 1923, with intention of permanent abandonment, remaining away ever since, more than three years; said parties are still husband and wife; they married in Scurry County, Texas, Dec. 28th, 1922; defendant's residence is to plaintiff unknown; plaintiff prays for citation and dissolution of said marriage.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given Under my Hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Snyder, this 22nd day of November, A. D. 1926. (Seal) JEAN GRIGGS, Clerk, District Court, Scurry County. 24-4tc