

BUILD...
HASKELL

"WHY MAKE IT THUS"

"What fools these mortals be" is the thought we have in mind this week. Why make it necessary to pass by and State Laws to protect the people against themselves? That's the thought, that's the question before the people at this time. The fire alarm suggests there is need for the Fire Department. It does not mean nor is it intended that it should suggest, that every pleasure car, we mean automobile every car or what-not, dash madly along with the department nor does it encourage an audience that might cheer and encourage the fire fighters in their work.

A recent call of the department prevented another close shave in dashing death a pleasure car and damage to the State Statutes demanding that we as citizens take more care in selecting ourselves.

When the fire alarm sounds, sane men, those of common sense, those who to just the slightest item of thought, will NOT jump into the family car and dash madly out to see where and what into the rushing traffic, unmindful of the fact that just as they enter a cross street, others with as little judgment as they display, are dashing the other way and they might meet at the intersection and death or injuries result.

When the fire alarm sounds, locate the fire if you wish, and if riding an auto, see first of all, which way the department is going or see if it is coming behind you, then, drive to the curb, park your car, and stay there until the many cars that carry the firemen and the cars, two of them, painted red, belonging to the Department, have passed and progress is safe for you.

Do NOT follow the fire department trucks. Do NOT pass them, as you are sure where the fire plug might be located and the driver of the fast moving truck might be forced to drive into some other object to avoid hitting your car and kill or injure some one of the department truck or kill himself.

You cannot be that unmindful of the selfish service rendered by the volunteer firemen of Haskell, your neighbors, as to wish to throw them in line with such dangers just because you do not use nor display enough judgment to get off just such accidents as well as delay the department in their efforts to have a home, property or lives, as the case may be.

The recent call to the school house was an example we must touch upon. Driving like wild, cars passed and crossed the route of the fire trucks. Others dashed up onto the school grounds, just missed the young trees, stopping so close to the building that firemen had to go around cars to get to their trucks and get into service.

Parking too near a fire plug is again every law, City, County and State, and of National scope. Why will those who seem to appear to have common sense, with no duty to perform at a fire, and would not get wet, help if they were needed, it seems because if they show no better judgment than to do as they do they would be in the way rather than a help, park their cars in front of a fire plug without regard to the danger of the plug being needed any moment. Is it possible they have tried to think and their thought got twisted and they KNOW a fire won't occur while they are parked there? What's your belief, gentle reader?

"Why Make It Thus?" Can't we muster enough fair minded people in our little city who can think, just a minute, and will begin to help others think, from here-on, and stop such foolishness, if that covers the practice. Let's all of us line up and help the fire department by getting out of the way as they come onto a street. And let's all look twice before we turn onto a street that suggests the fire wagons might be coming our way.

You don't want to get in their path any more than we do, we are sure of that, however, sooner or later, you and me will be among those injured because we drove right smack in front of the approaching fire truck and some unthinking party did likewise and was trying to pass the fire truck so the driver of the fire truck could not turn out and you or me or some one we love was killed in the crash.

If you can't get your name in the press without making it a funeral notice stay out. Rather than it never appear than to have it read "A Driver Drove In Front of The Fire Truck" and believe us, neighbors, when the details are

SANDERS-CRAWFORD
GIN PLANT BURNS

The Sanders and Crawford Gin was destroyed by fire early Sunday morning. The fire was discovered about 5 o'clock and the alarm turned in but the flames had gained such headway that nothing could be done to save the building and its contents from destruction. It is believed that the boilers are badly injured if not totally ruined. The engines were burned so badly they can not be used any more. The building was large and built of wood and heat was so intense that it is believed that every piece of machinery was totally ruined or badly damaged. The origin of the fire is not known. The building and machinery were partly covered by insurance.

Mr. Sanders was in New Braunfels on a deer hunt at the time and he did not learn of the fire until late in the afternoon Sunday. He came home at once on receiving the news of the fire. Mr. Sanders has been in the gin business here since 1901 and this is the first fire he has had in all these years. The present gin plant was built in 1908 and was rebuilt in 1922, and latest machinery installed and this gin kept up to the minute in machinery and equipment and the burning is a serious loss to Sanders and Crawford owners.

Mr. Crawford had purchased a half interest in the gin early in the spring and this was the first season. The office scales and coal sheds were not damaged.

The proprietors have not given out any statement as to whether or not they will rebuild, but it is hoped that they will and that they will remain in Haskell.

GINNERS REPORT SHOWS
INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR

Haskell county will excel for 1925 production of cotton over 1924 by almost four thousand bales according to the ginner's report up to December 26th. Cotton ginned for 1925 is 43,000 against 39,639 in 1924, making a difference of 3,364 bales. The increase was brought about by a great deal more land being planted to cotton this year. There have been thousands of acres of new land put into cultivation which was all planted to cotton. South of town through the Bunker Hill Plainview and Sagerton sections there was a much greater production of cotton than in 1924, but north of town the crops were not so good as the 1924 crop. It is believed that Haskell county will have saved enough feed to run the county for the next year. The late rains coming and thousands of bundles of sorghum and other forage crops were harvested.

MOTION PICTURES
TAKEN LOCALLY

The local pictures taken of the various clubs, societies and organizations last week by the Southern State Picture Company and shown since at the Haskell Theatre, proved a great success as all were good and each one could be plainly seen. The hundreds of teachers pouring out of the Haskell High school was inspirational. Each group was splendid and well captioned, but special appreciation is heard on every hand of the "Early Settlers." This picture should be preserved to be used in comparison some years hence.

W. A. Anderson of Durango Colo. is here this week visiting his brother Uncle Ike Anderson of this city. He will spend the winter in the south. He wishes to get away from the land of snow and apples for awhile.

R. L. Hudleston wife and daughter Miss Lela Troy returned by the way of Haskell from a trip to Uvalde County to their home in Rochester.

known the sympathy you deserve as a corpse will be greatly diminished and flowers be less, because the impression you did not have sense enough to use that which God supplied you with, brains, and stay off the street you ought to have known by stop look and listening, to see which way the department was headed, and that is our answer and the question is up to you, "Why Make It Thus." Build Haskell gladly steps aside for this presentation this week, believing dead and injured do NOT count, but that wide awake, thinking people, will, if they will just think and work to an end, BUILD HASKELL.

All Aglow



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HOME OF FARMER
BURNED SUNDAY

The home of J. D. McCurdy of the Howard community was destroyed by fire at 9:30 Sunday morning. Before the family who were in the house knew the house was burning the roof was falling in and there was no time left to save any of the furniture from the burning building. A Mr. Andrews was also living in the house which was a large six room framed building with upstairs and he too lost all of his furniture. The origin of the fire is not known but it is thought by Mr. McCurdy that the fire started from inside some of the upstairs rooms. He had sold his farm and was planning on moving the next few days to the south plains. No insurance was carried on the house or the furniture.

TWO GOOD WRESTLERS
ON ELKS CLUB CARD

The local lodge of Elks is sponsoring something new in the way of holiday entertainment here this year, for the benefit of their Charity Fund. Two good wrestlers have been booked for a match at the club rooms Wednesday night, and quite a bit of interest is being evidenced from the sale of tickets reported.

Bonar Moore of Anson, well known locally, and classed as one of the best amateurs in this section, if not the entire state, meets M. Barackman, hailing from Knox City, but a newcomer to this section. These two men met several weeks ago and Moore came out victor with two falls but Barackman's backers herald him as an unknown quantity and his readiness in signing up for a return match professes the belief that he has quite an opinion of himself and thinks he can beat Moore. Local followers of the pastime are awaiting the match with interest and prophesying a real warm contest of strength.

CURTAIN CLUB GIVES
SUCCESSFUL PLAY

The play "Getting Acquainted With Madge," put on at the high school last Thursday evening by the Curtain Society and directed by Miss Lois Wear was a big success. Those taking part were: Misses Anita and Francis Grissom, Mary Sherrill, Brucile Bryant and J. L. Odell, Ray Eastland, Lewis Sherman and T. B. Bagwell.

Mrs. J. U. Fields on Short Tour.
Mrs. J. U. Fields left last week for a short tour in response to special invitations. (She was first entertained in Wichita Falls, then in Dallas, and was tendered a 12 o'clock luncheon in Eastland on Saturday. Clubs of Ranger honored her Monday and on Wednesday, "The Country Club" of Abilene entertained especially for her. Mrs. Fields will reach Haskell Wednesday night.

Number of Haskell
Boys and Girls are
Home for Holidays

One of the real joys of the holiday season for many is the home coming of the college boys and girls. Those who will give this pleasure to their families and friends by spending the fortnight holidays in Haskell are: Thelma Williams, Veta Weaver, Velma Hambleton, Beatrice Weibert, Galen Robertson, Johnny Morgan, Maurine Couch, Maybell Taylor, Lena Ethel Hill, Marion Grant, Mattie Leake, Pippin, Bernice Mack, Marjorie Whiteker, Melba Bledsoe, Frances Ferguson, Mary Ella and John Pace Jr., Lucy Cummins, Madeline Hunt, Ryan Pierson, Annie Kate Ferguson, Velma Martin, Henry Wilson, John Wiley Whiteker, Jerome Sanders, Michael Watson, Walter Murchison, John L. McCollum, I. D. Killingsworth, Bailey Taylor, Gregor McGregor, Jack Sutherland, Cecil Weaver, Walter Glenn, Harry Lee, Kenneth Oates, Frank Kimbrough. There are four or five others who are off at school but it could not be learned whether or not they were coming home.

Builds New Fence and Shed
W. M. Mask has made considerable improvement on his pasture south of town. He has set new posts and new wire and now has one of the best fences to be had. He has built a 40 foot shed and is prepared to take care of his cattle in fine shape until he slaughters them for the market.

Miss Willey Riley teacher of the Irby school left this week to spend the holidays with her aunt Mrs. Hampton of Megargel.

IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?—A MESSAGE TO CHILDREN

A little girl once wrote Charles Dana, a great editor, inquiring if there is a Santa Claus. She said her little friends denied his existence. Dana's reply was as follows:

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

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

"Not believe in Santa Claus? You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not; but that's no proof that they are not there.

"Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world. You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man nor even the strongest strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond.

"Is he real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding. No Santa Claus? Thank God! he lives and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, may ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the hearts of childhood."

Some Sidelights
On the Recent
Teachers Institute

Three hundred and ten, not six hundred, nor five hundred just three hundred, ten, and all glad they came to Haskell.

Haskell, Knox and Stonewall counties, associating smoothly side by side let's make it five counties next year and show we can behave in company.

A. A. Heathington, presiding elder, pardon us, presiding officer, "Isn't he grand" who said that girls, fess up?

Sure, we have Mrs. H. D. Neff, who said we ain't? Ladies and gentlemen, H. D. Himself is paid to do so, but, where could we find another Mrs. H. D. Don't everybody speak at once—you can't make the grade—there ain't no more.

Dr. H. H. J. Fling, of Commerce, said "I want you to know, sir, I have enjoyed the stay here every moment I am sure I speak for the whole bunch when I say this to you." That man is correct in the statement and correctly quoted and he was not "Fling-ing," at that.

Sure, Mrs. J. U. Fields, was also there. If more than one talk, outside "shop" was enjoyed by the assembly, Mrs. Fields' talk and discussion, in general, was boff of 'em. What'll you bet?

Did you see them folks go over our dandy High school plant from garret to roof—hold on now we did not say cellar?

Well, Senator Jesse R. Smith claimed he was no speaker but was bashful and timid like, we didn't believe him—until he kept pointing and addressing Courtney Hunt as a Minister. He was some rattled, don't you agree?

R. C. Couch said, "I am at a loss as to what to say to the institute folks, why ask me to invite them back" well he said enough, at that, 'cause they voted 101 per cent to come back.

Senator Smith wants a teachers' near every rural school house—did you see them old boys smile and make eyes at them good looking school mams. Oh! boy.

Anyway, what school master wants a teachers' near the school anyway? Taint no fun in batchin, is it?

Anyway, gosh, them girls who voted 100 per cent with a smile when the Senator asked how many favored a teachers' with every school house in the rural sections, sure they did, they can cook, can't they?

From Heathington on the North to the most smallest little mite on the South, and taking it East and West and through the heart, Haskell's educational representatives "sold Haskell."

Not even a Minister of the Gospel missed his engagement, not a member on the program was substituted, not one hitch was recorded, and why—because Haskell folks know how to sell Haskell.

1925 Consolidated Teachers Institute is recorded in Haskell County history, "the best institute ever and everybody happy," aint that fine?

Those who stepped up and took their assignment, those who threw open their homes and invited the visitors in, those who assigned a-d assisted and those who motored and stood ready, in fact all who did any little thing to help, feel happy and though some had a little more than their equal share to face they are happy now they could hold their own and they don't envy those who now recall they DID NOT DO ANYTHING AT ALL. Even though they could have if they took an interest in things of interest to Haskell.

The 1925 Institute has come and gone and everybody knows some little detail that could be worked out in favor of an improvement, so let's have 'em folks, 'cause 1926 Institute aint but 12 months away, right now.

Merry Christmas Everybody, whether you worked with the Institute committee or not, and a Happy New Year, also, goes with these greetings and well wishing, and, here's hoping to find you and me working harder than ever when the gong sounds in 1926 opening the preparation for the Consolidated Teachers Institute.

HASKELL SCHOOLS TO OPEN
TUESDAY DECEMBER 29

The Haskell City Schools will open Tuesday, December 29th.
H. D. Neff, Supt.

Earl Bishop and family from Crosbyton are here to spend the holidays. Mr. Bishop recently moved from the Howard community to the south plains and of course we would not expect him to spend the holidays in a strange country. We are sure that Earl did not burn any bridges when he went away.

J. L. Wright and family left Friday for a trip to the Gulf Coast where they will spend the holidays. Returning after Christmas in time to begin with the term of school.

BUSINESS BLOCK AT
ROCHESTER BURNED

One entire business block was wiped out by fire which originated in the Cleveland Theatre in Rochester Sunday afternoon. Relief was called from nearby towns and other buildings which were threatened for some time were saved from damage. An estimate on the loss could not be made Saturday night, but it will total several thousand dollars.

The blaze broke out in the projection room of the Cleveland theatre and spread to the buildings housing Liles Garage and the Western Produce Co. These three establishments were totally destroyed and the Cottage Hotel in the same block was damaged before the flames were checked.

Local volunteers unable to gain control of the blaze were aided in fighting the flames by firemen and equipment from Haskell and Knox city. With the assistance of these two departments the fire was checked at the Cottage Hotel and three buildings which for a time were threatened were saved from damage.

Owners of the property destroyed in the fire Saturday were unable to give a definite estimate of the loss but it is known that the damage will amount to several thousand dollars. The fire Saturday was the third disastrous fire in Rochester within the past ten days. One of the Haskell fire trucks left for Rochester that afternoon in response to a telephone call from Rochester.

CHRISTMAS TREE AT
VONTRESS WEDNESDAY

There will be a school Christmas tree at Vontress school house Wednesday night December 23. Every one is invited to come and enjoy the occasion with the pupils. Miss Ouida Fenderson is teacher of this excellent school for this term.

TRACTORS USED IN
TERRACING FARMS

Terracing is the order of the day in Haskell County. Farmer after farmer is rapidly turning to this practice. In the minds of many the land, which is as "flat as a floor," does not need terracing, yet the converts to the practice are now many with the followers increasing in number daily.

As a means of increasing crop yields, preventing soil erosion and the conservation of soil moisture, no farm practice has been found the equal of terracing in this section of the State, according to the opinion of many veteran farmers of this county.

Two years ago, when the first farms in the county were terraced by the county agent W. P. Trice, many farmers were skeptical, and did not want any crooked rows on their place as it would prevent the use of two-row equipment. However this theory was shown to have no backing to it, for both J. D. McClaren of Weinert and Walter Nanny of Post community, the first two farmers to terrace in the county, used two-row equipment on their winding rows as well as they had been using them on their straight rows, with the result that many farmers are now using tractors on their terraced farms.

Some of the county schools have added farm levels to their equipment and the boys in the agricultural classes are being taught the use of the implements by their teachers and the county agent. Local hardware stores are becoming interested in the practice and are now carrying farm levels and terracing machinery as a part of their regular stock. Terracing demonstrations are being given by the county agent, and many farmers are attending. Great interest is being manifested in the work, with the result that thousands of acres will be terraced before the 1926 crops are planted.

Receives Wire of Son's Operation
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lovell of Roberts received a wire from Detroit Michigan that their son Henry underwent an operation for appendicitis on last Tuesday December 16th in a Sanatorium in that city and was doing nicely and would soon be able to go away from the Sanatorium.

Return From School
Misses Ella Mae and Faye Fraz returned Saturday morning from the Stamps Music School of Jacksonville where they have been for the past two weeks studying Sight Reading, Advanced Harmony and Voice.

WHY RACE WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT?

Traffic jams at fires have become a most serious problem for fire departments everywhere.

The hundreds of automobile drivers who flock to the scene of fire, not only crowd the streets and alleys, drive over and damage fire hose and otherwise hamper firemen in their work, but these curious citizens subject themselves to injury or death and their automobiles to destruction by fire. A fire chief told us recently that he responded to a fire alarm not long since sent in from the outskirts of his city and found traffic so dense in the vicinity of the fire that he was forced to leave his car three blocks from the burning house.

An ordinance rigidly enforced requiring all vehicles other than those of the fire department to drive to the right hand street curb and stop, and not follow fire apparatus within 600 feet or approach a fire within that distance, undoubtedly would help.

This situation prevails in about all of the protected cities and towns in the state, and it should be corrected before a serious conflagration occurs as a re-

sult of the fire department being unable to function.—Bulletin State Fire Marshal's Dept.

Did She Fall For It.

On Johnny's return to school after being away several weeks the teacher told him that he must bring a written excuse for his parents. The next day he presented this note from his mother:

"Dear teacher: Please excuse Johnny for being out of school for the past three weeks. He fell from a tree and broke his arm. By doing the same you will oblige (Mrs.) Jennie Jones."

Self-Control.

She—Before we were married you called me an angel.

He—I know it.

"But now you don't call me anything."

"That shows my self-control."

The Quinine That Does Not Affect the Stomach. Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness or ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of S. W. GERRY, M.D.

New Experience for Santa Claus

By W. D. PENNYPACKER



APTAIN and Mrs. Pickering promised to play Santa Claus. They loved to do a little towards making the day bright and spreading the holiday spirit. Christmas after Christmas they had taken some part—if not for the children, then for the sick or aged—but always some part.

This time it was different. They themselves, nervously awaited the day. It was to be unique. They were to help in a festive occasion at a state's prison. They were to carry gladness and the spirit of Christmas with them and radiate it within four sombre stone walls. It seemed almost impossible.

The Pickering were to impersonate Santa and Mrs. Santa Claus. When the time arrived and everything else was in readiness Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus found there was but one way to get into the assembly hall to create the proper effect. That was by climbing three tiers of fire escape and entering a window. This was the plan chosen as there was no dressing room in connection with the hall and no place where Santa and his party could be detained in comfort throughout the first half of a lengthy program without being observed by all.

To climb three stories of fire escape on a winter's night with ever so small a bundle is difficult enough, but to ascend the cold iron stairway each with a large basket or bag filled with oranges and candy, and to have to replenish their supply through this same dangerous way was almost more than they bargained for or were, indeed, able to do. It was work, and Captain and Mrs. Pickering never denied it.

When Santa poked his bewhiskered head through the window and dragged his lumbering bundle after him there was a hum of suppressed voices, and a marked increase in noise and merriment when Mrs. Santa appeared.

All the time they were distributing candy and fruit they were besieged by questions from the crowd, and replied with as much spirit and gaiety as the place and the condition of the assembled audience would allow. It is but fair to say that Santa and Mrs. Santa both enjoyed their visit to that unusual place, and that they lingered longer than their usual custom on holiday visits.

Christmas is always a day of joyful interest, and Santa was glad to look squarely into the faces of the many gathered in that hall that night. In spite of the clouds and mists of circumstances that engulfed them his visit during that holiday season seemed to have touched a chord that was welcome in the memory of each. Countenances at first hard, softened with the recollections of happier years. Flashes came into eyes that bespoke all that is good, and ambitious, and noble. Regrets, and remorse, and sorrows—if there were any—were this day swallowed up in the more sentimental and romantic myths about Christmas.

That was a memorable day for Mr. and Mrs. Pickering. They had given a little of themselves in their desire to cheer others, and in doing so the shines of gladness were started with renewed vigor in their hearts. They had learned something, too. They were wiser. They became conscious that there is no soil so dark that it will not respond promptly to the sunshine and gladness of Christmas. The almost instantaneous change in the expressions of many faces was entirely convincing. Christmas had come, and again it had impressed the old, old message of peace and good will to men.

When the Pickering went back to their own comfortable home that night and sat in front of a welcome log fire they were conscious of wishing that this good spirit of Christmas might last throughout the entire year. It doesn't, of course, for human nature will be human nature while the world lasts. And they felt grateful for the sense of good will which it had brought them, and hopeful that it might linger with them for many weeks, at least.

As for the scores of persons who that day had seen their first Santa Claus since their happy childhood days in the old home, there can be no question but that their hard, unresponsive feelings were temporarily swallowed up in the more tender, humanizing strains of the shepherd's hymn:

Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace, good will to men
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CHRISTMAS AND GHOST TALES

Festival is Naturally Associated With Stories of Haunted Halls and Things Supernatural.

CHRISTMAS being celebrated in the depth of winter, when "lang's the neist frae e'en to morn," the festival is naturally associated with tales of haunted halls and "things" that are supernatural. Thus Dickens in his "Christmas Carol," gave us the Spirits of the Past, the Present, and the Future, but Christmas in mind, clothed each of them in a fascinating mantle of kindness, and sent them out on a message of mercy that made itself felt over all the earth. Over many a stony Scrooge have they cast their mellowing shades, teaching them to say:

"I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year. I will live in the Past, the Present, and the Future. The spirits of all three shall strive within me. I will not shut out the lessons that they teach."

Scrooge, concluded Dickens, "had no further intercourse with Spirits, but it was always said of him that he knew how to keep Christmas well, if any man alive possessed the knowledge. May that be truly said of us, and all of us! And so, as Tiny Tim observed, 'God bless us, every one.'"

CHRISTMAS DINNER

EVERY Christmas they invited one or two to have Christmas dinner with them who would otherwise have been alone. It gave them so much pleasure that they never felt they were being "kindly" nor that they were "doing a real charity." So that their guests always had a real Christmas with real Christmas cheer. For they never felt that they had been invited out of kindness, nor out of charity!

Midnight Matinee

BEBE DANIELS

in a FRANK TUTTLE PRODUCTION



Haskell Theatre

CHRISTMAS NIGHT, DEC. 25th

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Pains Very Severe

"I suffered from womanly troubles which grew worse and worse as the months went by," says Mrs. L. H. Cantrell, of R. F. D. 3, Gainesville, Georgia.

"I frequently had very severe pains. These were so bad that I was forced to go to bed and stay there. It seemed to me my back would come in two."

CARDUI

For Female Troubles

"I taught school for a while, but my health was so bad I would have to stay out sometimes. This went on till I got so bad I didn't know what to do.

"One day I read about the merits of Cardui, and as I had some friends who had been helped by it, I thought I would try it. I began to get better after I had taken half a bottle. I decided to keep on and give it a thorough trial and I did. I took in all about 12 bottles and now I am perfectly well. I do not suffer any pain and can do all my housework."

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HASKELL THEATRE, Wednesday Dec. 23rd

WE KNOW YOU'LL GET A LOT OF THEM

But somehow we hope you'll be impressed with these Good Wishes we send to you so that at least to some measure we may add to your joys as the Greetings reach you from every direction.

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Clubs.

the many splendid Clubs and
the civic, social and religious of
all, this department of The Has-
kell Press extends greetings and
for you, and all a progres-
sive and happy New Year.

Club Cantata.

Harmony Club gave their an-
tata at the First Christian
last Sunday evening December
21st, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

antata proper was supplemented
pageant depicting the Nativity
that was very effective. Grow-
ing plants, potted ferns and mis-
cellaneous Christmas color,

canopy of stars to the extreme
of the pulpit, beneath which was
a improvised manager, with lighted
above, supplied atmosphere for
occasion. The special electrical
equipment that shed just the right
and coloring, was a courtesy on
part of The West Texas Utilities
company. Mr. Scott doing the work
were greeted by the ushers,
Ella D. Koonce and Mary Helen
who supplied them with pro-
grams. During the rendering of
the "On To Bethlehem" by Nor-
mally, directed by Mrs. H. D.

with Mrs. O. E. Patterson piano
pianist. Mrs. M. B. Lebo imper-
sonated Mary the mother of Jesus;
Kila May Ratliff the Angel and
following men the prophets, wise
and shepherds; Messrs M. B. Lebo,
W. Pace, Leo Southern, Clarence
T. A. Pinkerton, J. B. Post, O.
Patterson, H. D. Neff and David
Neff. Those who so beautifully
singing, duets and trios were: Mes-
srs W. O. Wallace, Wayne Koonce,
Morrison, Clarence Lewis, T. A.
Patterson, D. L. Cummins, Misses
Tucker, Elma Kinnard and Mr.
Young. Miss Lois Wear read,
Dyke's Lost Word; Piano Solo,
Traum—Last by Mrs. M. L.

—Elder W. W. Starnes of the
of Christ did the special read-
ing of the scriptures; opening prayer,
Vaughn; word of appreciation of
the Harmony Club stands for in
all, Rev. G. R. Forrester. A free
offering was then taken by Misses
Hellen Barron, Ella D. Koonce,
Rie Rogers and Katherine Rike.
unique and appreciable feature
that this splendid program was
led of home talent.

members who came down the
single file, dressed as virgins carry-
ing lighted candles, were: Mesdames
Southern, W. O. Wallace, D. L.
Patterson, B. M. Whiteker, J. G. Foster,
Bailey, T. A. Pinkerton, Wayne
Pace, M. L. Baker, Clarence Lewis,
Morrison, D. Scott and Misses
Lee Tucker, Mary Sherrill, Kath-
erine Rike, Mary Couch, Frances Gris-
Ruth Robertson and Marjorie
Benediction by Rev. W. H.
Patterson.

Christmas Carols Sung by
the School Class.

Carlton Couch's Sunday School
of the Baptist church gathered at
Couch home last Friday evening
accompanied by the Morris String
band of Monday went to the home
of the sick and shut-ins of our city who
treated to some splendid music by
imported musicians and Christ-
mas carols by the class. At mid-night
the serenading was over the

There's wishing the
people of Haskell a
Merry Christmas
and prosperity
through the New
Year.

Mrs. CRAWFORD
Florist

A TONIC

Dr. V. V. Robertson's Tonic restores
vitality and vitality by Purifying and
strengthening the blood. When you feel
weak, listless, and nervous, see how
it brings color to the cheeks and how
it improves the appetite, you will then
appreciate its true tonic value.

Dr. V. V. Robertson's Tonic is simply
iron and Quinine suspended in syrup. It
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"LOVERS IN QUARANTINE" BEBE DANIELS' LATEST

Bebe Daniels and Harrison Ford—
there's a combination which should
tickle the comedy-loving public's pal-
ate.

These two laugh-makers play oppo-
site each other in Bebe's latest Para-
mount starring picture, "Lovers in
Quarantine," coming to the Haskell
Theatre for midnight matinee.

Frank Tuttle, who made "Miss Blue-
beard" and "The Lucky Devil" directed
the production, which was written for
the screen by Townsend Martin and
Luther Reed from F. Tennyson Jesse's
New York stage success, "Quarantine."

The story is one of a ship's bride and
a strange honeymoon—of Bebe, as
Diana Gordon, a daring little society
miss who elopes with her sister's fiance
It's fast and furious fun from start to
finish.

Alfred Lunt, Eden Gray and other
big stage and screen favorites appear in
the cast. Christmas night at 12 o'clock
Midnight Matinee.

In Memory of R. P. Chamberlain

R. P. (Pleas) Chamberlain was born
Dec. 12, 1887 in Caldwell Co. Texas;
died Nov. 4, 1925 in the Routen com-
munity in Haskell County.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. L.
W. Chamberlain and moved with his
family to Knox County in 1899. Eighteen
years since that date he has lived in
Haskell County.

He was married to Miss Lillie Par-
sons October 11, 1908 and to this union
seven children were born. In 1920
little twin babes came only to remain
a few days then their little souls went
back to God who gave them. Then
last October 1924, the mother passed
away, leaving Pleas with the five
children Dora Mae, Joe, Parker, Clar-
ence and Doris, who kept their little
home together till his death in Nov.

He joined the Methodist church in
the summer of 1908 and has supported
its institutions since. I have never
known him to turn down a worthy
cause. His children were dedicated to
God in infant baptism. He knew bet-
ter than any one I know the value of
the second mile. It was never too cold
for him to lend a helping hand to friend
or neighbor. No one hesitated to call
on him because he was always glad
and willing to do—thus proving him-
self a friend indeed by being one of
those in need.

He was one of the biggest hearted
men that I ever knew always smiling
and cheerful and friendly. He was a
great lover of children, not only did
he love his own; but there are not
many children in the Routen commu-
nity under ten years of age that he

has not carried in his arms or petted
in some way. Most Friday afternoons
found him among the school children,
where he was a great favorite, cheer-
ing for them in their games. Victory
was made more thrilling and defeat
less terrible to his home team by his
being there.

In politics he lined up with the peo-
ple of the churches. He was ever for
school advancement and church bet-
terment.

His funeral services were conducted
by his pastor, Bro. Burns, and his re-
mains were laid to rest by his wife and
babes.

The surviving children are making
their home with their grandparents
Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Chamberlain of
Haskell.

A Friend.

"IRISH LUCK"

"Irish Luck," the picture Thomas
Meighan went to Ireland to make, will
be at the Haskell Theatre Christmas
Day. The story, directed for the screen
by Victor Heerman, was adapted by
Tom Geraghty from Norman Venner's
Saturday Evening Post serial, "An Im-
perfect Imposter." Lois Wilson is fea-
tured at the head of the cast.

Meighan, as Tom Donahue, directs
traffic on Fifth Avenue and Fifty-
ninth Street, New York City, little
dreaming that a few weeks would see
him with his hands full of adventure
in foreign lands. But that's just what
happens when he wins a newspaper
popularity contest and goes to Ireland.

From the moment he puts his foot
on "the old sod," the action starts—
a band of conspirators, who plan to do

No Worms in a Healthy Child
All children troubled with worms have an un-
healthy color, which indicates poor blood, and as a
rule there is more or less stomach disturbance.
GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC given regularly
two or three weeks will enrich the blood, im-
prove the digestion, and act as a General Strength-
ening Tonic to the whole system. Worms will then
throw off or digest the worms, and the child will be
in perfect health. Price 10c per bottle.

a pretty girl and her brother, a young
nobleman, out of their lawful inheri-
tance, are involved. And when the plot-
ters are all rounded up in jail where
they belong, Tom sails for home again.
Instead of an armful of shamrocks to
convince the boys of his precinct that
he has really been to Ireland, Tom Don-
ahue takes back a bride which makes
him the brother-in-law of an Earl.

Meighan is Irish. Tom has never be-
fore been seen in an Irish story, but it's
a sure bet that, after seeing "Irish
Luck," you'll be hollering for more like
this one. It's the finest thing Tom
Meighan's ever done. And that's some-
thing!

W. H. Thomas and his little daugh-
ter of Throckmorton county were in
the city Monday shopping.

ATWATER KENT RADIO

THIS companionable little set has
all the power, all the good qual-
ities of a big set which occupies
much more space.



Model 20 Compact
We are equipped
for demonstration
**McNeill & Smith Hdw.
Company**

End the worry of Christmas Shopping

Nothing you could discover in a month of
Christmas shopping would be quite as accept-
able to the whole family as a Better Buick.

If you wait until spring to buy it, you will lose
the satisfaction of having it during the holidays.
This is the time when it will bring the most
pleasure to those you love—and to you.

Pick out their car today. Make it possible to
have their Better Buick at the curb on Christ-
mas morning, waiting to wish them a Merrier
Christmas, and the happiest of New Years.

BUICK MOTOR COMPANY, FLINT, MICH.
Division of General Motors Corporation

R. M. KINARD MOTOR COMPANY

STAMFORD, TEXAS.
W. B. SILVERS, Local Representative.

MAY THIS CHRISTMAS

BE TO YOU
ONE FILLED
WITH EVERY
HAPPINESS
AND JOY

During 1925 it has been a pleasure to
us to serve you and if it is within our
power we want to help make

**1926 A PROSPEROUS
HAPPY YEAR FOR YOU**

Accept, if you please, our thanks for
each favor of the past.

R. V. ROBERTSON CO.

At This Joyful Season

Our thoughts revert gratefully to those whose
courtesy, good will and loyalty made possible our
progress. We extend our heartiest wishes for a
Merry Christmas and Happiness and Prosperity
throughout the New Year.

JONES COX & COMPANY

Greetings Friends

Just like we should meet all of you face to face,
we say: Greetings, Friends!

**WE HOPE SANTA CLAUS WILL
BE GOOD TO YOU**

And that the New Year, so near at hand, will
usher you in to days of pleasure in which you will
find contentment in the service you give to make
the world better.

R. J. REYNOLDS
Groceries

A Merry Christmas —

1925—1926

—A Happy New Year

TODAY--
If We Could

We'd take you by the hand, one by one
and with the clasp of sincerity make you
understand our appreciation of your
patronage in the past. But since we are
denied this privilege we utilize this
method to reach as many as we can with
our message of thanks and the season's
choicest greetings.

HASKELL ELECTRIC GIN CO.

Relay Christmas Plan

Affords Entertainment

A SUCCESSFUL pre-Christmas plan for old and young in clubs, school groups, etc., which lessens responsibility and labor, is a Relay Christmas, when, a week or more before Christmas, a series of socials are indulged in. One or more of the group is a hostess, assisted by others who decorate, plan the stunts and games, arrange the menu provided by the hostess and which consists of things usually served as the first course of a dinner. The second social will be held at another home with fitting food for the second course in a dinner.

If the hostess desires to present gift favors she plans a novel way of distributing them. On packages on a line across a room, blindfolded guests may tie Christmas tags on a parcel which becomes his gift. Magic tricks are performed and prize gifts are awarded those who guess the tricks. Winning in various stunts is an excuse for a gift to be presented, the object being that each guest shall receive a package of equal value. A post office with postmistress may hold a coveted gift which may be procured only by performing some task or stunt peculiar to the individual.

The last early social may be served with popcorn, candy, nuts in holiday baskets distributed from a tree, or cleverly hidden in the fireplace which may later have a fire around which refreshments are eaten.

This relay idea may be carried out during holiday week, called "New Leaf Year" parties, with games savoring of prophecy for the New Year. A New Year's Eve wake may terminate festivities.—Gertrude Walton.

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Every Christmas Fair and Happy for Swinton

IT WAS an unusual Christmas; Nature had made it so. The rosebuds were still bursting into bloom; the sunshine was broadcasting far and near; a warmth that doesn't usually continue was over the land; but one fire was needed and that the Christmas blaze, to kindle in the hearts of the cold and selfish the warmth and sunshine which God had settled over the land and intended for every heart.

Abe Swinton came from his shanty, yawned and looked around. Old Scrooge himself couldn't hold a candle to Abe, who was selfish and stingy to the bone. The chimneys of the First church were pealing forth "Merry Christmas, Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas to all!" The boys and girls were playing in the street and shouted to Abe: "A Christmas of sunshine and flowers, we bring you today. We hope you'll enjoy them and your grinch will pass away."

Abe went into his hut and muttered to himself; he felt chilly but couldn't venture out again. He took from hiding a bag of shining gold—he felt of it, started to put it back, but instead took it to the Provident association. "Use this he said, for the poor. This is the best Christmas I ever had and I feel happy. It's because the sun shines so warm, I suppose; never another like it, to me at least."

The sunshine continued and every Christmas was fair and happy and joyous.—Emily Burks Adams.

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A GOOD SUBSTITUTE

ALAS! NO MORE XMAS GOOD CHEER

IS THAT SO? WELL, LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO—



MR. PLUM PUDDING!



For Little Folks

It seems as though Santa Claus has gone to more trouble making things for the little girls than the little boys this year. There are complete tea sets of lusterware, electric sets that really cook food in sufficient quantities for a good sized tea party, real cedar chests, floor lamps, and sewing tables, all just as nicely finished as the grown-ups' furniture.

Charity at Home

"Pardon me, sir, I am soliciting for our Christmas rummage sale. What do you do with your old clothes?"

"Why, I brush them and fold them carefully at night, and I put them on again in the morning."

Irate

The bride buried the cookbook out of the window.

After it went the remains of a Christmas pie.

"Now," said she, "just let me get one crack at the fellow who invented the phrase 'easy as pie.'"

The Christmas Sock

Christmas Eve is about the only time a stocking is nearer whole than hole.

—THE—

New Year

Reminds us that we have much to be thankful for—

SO WE THANK YOU!

—and then too it brings us to plans for the future and in our planning we are thinking of how we can serve you better to the end that we may show our appreciation of your patronage.

WE EXTEND BEST WISHES

For Your Success and Happiness
During 1926

DUNCAN GIN COMPANY

LIKE AN OLD FRIEND—

We linger to say good-bye to 1925 because you patrons of ours made it a good year.

LIKE A NEW FRIEND—

We welcome 1926 because we hope to hold our old friends and make many new ones.

Accept Our Best Wishes for Peace,
Plenty and Happiness During 1926

ENGLISH MOTOR CO.

Sales and Service

Ford

Fordson

Lincoln

RAINER, COUNTY SEAT ONCE, STILL PLACE OF BEAUTY

"The best laid plans of mice and men oft go awry."

It might well have been said of Rainer. He might well have been the dream of W. E. Rainer and of the frustrated effort to make this the first town of Stonewall county seat.

But the old ranchman's effort was defeated until he had tasted victory. And that made it all the more bitter for he was forced to submit to the will of the people and to see his own town dwindle away to nothingness. To nothingness it went, save and except the magnificent courthouse which still stands a beautiful monument to the enterprise and progressiveness of a generation and a half ago.

Rainer truly is "a town that was." Once a flourishing little village, the furthest outpost of a westward moving civilization in West Texas, it had every prospect of developing into one of the most attractive of them all. But that inexplicable something which either makes or breaks towns entered in and turned the center of population. It was only a matter of eight miles but Aspermont won the county seat and incidentally, the right to live. And the town of Rainer died.

The story of this bitter fight for the county courthouse was told by J. C. West of Stonewall county who now resides at Aspermont. He came to Stonewall county in 1896 when the town of Rainer was the county seat. The courthouse, L. L. Hitch and other vast ranching domains held sway in this section of Texas.

Shortly after his arrival W. E. Rainer started his town. It grew and flourished and soon several stores were in operation while a number of homes had been built. Then the county was organized in 1899 and the handsome two-story courthouse was built of sandstone and rock found on the Salt Fork river and south of town.

Competition Game.
A store competition developed. A store located eight miles west of Aspermont by a man named Richmond, began the fight to have the county seat removed. Several stores were removed. Mr. Richmond, who was kept busy moving the county seat from one town to another as dispute continued. Richmond and his friends finally won out. A plank court house was built at Aspermont and Rainer's town was left to dwindle. The jail at Rainer was torn down and moved to new county seat and the stores followed suit. A portion of the old jail

still stands, a crumbling mass of ruins behind the old courthouse. The courthouse was allowed to stand at Rainer. It was bought at auction many years ago by Tom Hoyle, who paid \$300 for the magnificent structure. For two years it served as a school conducted by Miss Jonnie Colbert, sister of R. V. Colbert of Stamford.

In 1916 the building was sold to J. H. Baldwin, owner of the ranch just across the road. It was remodeled by Col. Baldwin, the 42-foot tower removed, porches and other improvements added and it now serves as the palatial home of the Baldwin ranch.

The Rainer properties, some five or six sections, still are intact. The father of the town died many years ago but Mrs. Rainer still lives and is making her home with the only daughter in the east. Will Flowers of Aspermont, manager of the properties for several years during the original owner's lifetime, still is in charge of them.

THIRTEEN RULES FOR LOSING OUR HUSBANDS

Thirteen rules for losing a husband were recently given by Glen B. Winship, author of a recent popular novel, in a talk before prominent club women in Chicago. Mr. Winship guaranteed the effectiveness of his rules, which follow: "Always believe that your husband is guilty until he can prove he's innocent."

"Telephone frequently to his place of business."

"Smile wearily when he tells a good story."

"Always criticize his driving and make your remarks particularly sharp when acquaintances are in the car."

"Never 'dress up' except when visitors are expected."

"When he displays affection, start talking about money matters."

"Insist that he give up tobacco."

"Insist upon playing golf with him."

"Insist upon detailed accounts of his business transaction."

"If he makes a poor investment, remind him of it at every possible opportunity."

"Always insist upon going to the movies whenever you know he is tired."

"When he is late for dinner, demand an explanation before he has a chance to volunteer one."

"Be quick to resent any attempt on his part to correct the children."

"If a woman wants to lose her husband," added Mr. Winship, "I'm confident these rules will do the trick. They are diametrically opposed to those my husband has followed for fifteen years."

GAUNTT

(By Mrs. E. L. Conner)

The health of this community is pretty good at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Graham who have been living in this community moved this week to Angelina County. We wish them success in their new home.

Mr. Graham and family of Rule spent Sunday with his brother Mr. Perry Graham of this community.

E. L. Conner and wife spent Saturday night with Berry Norman and wife of the Pinkerton community.

Miss Mae Ellis taught in the Rule school a few days this week while one of the teachers was away.

E. L. Conner made a business trip to the Plains this week.

They Were Daisies

Mrs. Cornatell, from the rural districts, stopped her husband at the city's busy corner.

"Hiram," she expostulated "the way you stare at the limbs of those shameless city hussies is something scandalous. One would think you had never seen legs afore."

"Well, Maria," drawled Mr. Cornatell, "that's just what I was beginning to think myself."

Piles Cured in 5 to 14 Days.

Your druggist will refund money if PAIN OINTMENT fails to cure any case of itching, bleeding, swelling or protruding piles in 5 to 14 days. The first application gives ease and rest. See

Notice of Dissolution and Intention to Incorporate a Partnership.

To Whom It May Concern: Notice is hereby given that R. D. Bell and W. R. Moore, composing the partnership known as the Bell-Moore Chevrolet Co., intend to dissolve the partnership and incorporate under the name of the Bell-Moore Chevrolet Co., Incorporated, 30 days after this, the first day of December, 1925.

R. D. Bell.
W. R. Moore.

FOR SALE—Good flat top desk at a bargain. T. J. Arbuckle, at Jones Cox & Company.

NO. 617.

Citation on Application to Sell Realty THE STATE OF TEXAS

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

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of twenty days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Haskell County, a copy of the following notice:

The State of Texas:

To all persons interested in the estate of Samuel Hunter Deceased. S. R. Hunter, Sr. Administrator has filed in the County Court of Haskell County an application for an order to sell the following property of the said estate, situated in Haskell County, Texas, to-wit: 8.50 acres of land, Lot Five and Share

"D" and 401.1 acres of land, Lot "Six" share "A" containing in the aggregate 410.30 acres of land as shown in Robert G. Watson, deceased, estate by commissioners sub-division report duly recorded in Vol. 3, page 222, Minutes of the District Court of Haskell County, Texas, which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing the 1st Monday in January A. D. 1926, the same being the 4th day of January A. D. 1926, at the Court House thereof, in Haskell, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said estate are required to appear and show why such sale should not be made, should they choose to do so.

Flowers! Flowers!!

Phone 154

I am now ready to serve you in cut flowers and pot plants, cemetery vases sprays and funeral designs.

Lily of the Valley and Sweet Peas

Tulip bulbs four for 25 cents.

MRS. CRAWFORD

Florist

Two Blocks West of The South

Ward School.

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

Given under my hand and the seal of said court at office in Haskell this the 27th day of November A. D. 1925.
(Seal) Emory Menefee, Clerk,
County Court, Haskell County Texas.

MARLIN HOT WELLS

Where Life Giving Waters Flow

Come to Marlin, the year-round health resort, for rheumatism, neuritis, stomach trouble and all chronic diseases. Modern up-to-date hotels clinics and bath houses. Golfing and dancing. Ask your neighbor who has been here or write,

The Marlin Chamber of Commerce
MARLIN, TEXAS

WE MAKE IT IN HASKELL

Anything you want in the Sheet Metal line. No job too small or too large, we take care of them all. We have in stock now stoves, Drums, Stove Pipe, Camp Stoves, anything you will need for your cotton pickers or for your own home this fall and winter.

Service at our Filling Station that will bring you back—

GOOD GAS AND OIL

Lee Fabric, Cord, Balloons and Puncture Proof Tires, Tubes, Accessories. Try us, and enjoy "Miles With a Smile."

JONES & SON

TO OUR MULTITUDE OF FRIENDS AND PATRONS

GREETINGS

As we are caught up in this great inspiring, helpful spirit of the Yuletide season it is our wish that new joys not known before may come to you and abide with you through the days and weeks and months of the New Year.

MAY YOUR MIND BE BRIGHTER; YOUR
HEART BE LIGHTER AND MAY THE JOY
OF GIVING AND THE PLEASURE OF
RECEIVING CHEER YOU ON TO A FULLER
AND RICHER LIFE IN 1926.

Because of your fine loyalty to this business in the past we send this word of Greeting for Christmas and the New Year and wish here also to express our sincere thanks and lasting gratitude to each of you.

TO CONTINUE TO SERVE YOU IS A PRIVILEGE WE
SEEK AND IN WHICH WE WILL FIND PLEASURE

West Texas Utilities
Company

"Service with Courtesy."

We Feel Indebted

To Our Patrons for Many
Courtesies in the Past
and as We Come to

EXTEND GREETINGS

For Christmas and
the New Year.

We would not forget to

THANK YOU TOO

and tell you that in the days to come
it is our hope and ambition to SERVE
YOU BETTER.

PEARSEY & STEPHENS
Haskell, Texas.
Phone 28.

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Haskell, Texas, Friday Dec. 25, 1925.

The YULETIDE SEASON

Another Yuletide season is upon us; on next Friday we celebrate the anniversary of the birth of the Savior.

A few days ago we asked a little four year old child, "Why do we have Christmas?" and the answer came: "So Santa Claus can come." What a pity that this child had such a conception of Christmas. To be sure the child could not understand the significance of the birth of the Savior, but it could understand the simple story of the Babe of Bethlehem, the Friend and Lover of all little children, and that we were commemorating the birth of Him, God's Christmas gift to the world.

And not only do children receive the wrong conception of Christmas, but grown folks do as well. By so many people Christmas is looked forward to as merely a holiday or a day to exchange gifts or to gather around a festal board and make merry. What does Christmas mean to you? Will you celebrate with noise and hilarity with no thought of the blessed Christ, or will you remember him first of all and be glad and rejoice that nearly 2000 years ago the angels heralded the glad tidings "Unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior who is Christ the Lord."

FACT AND FICTION

The proposed reduction in the federal tax bill brings the glad smile to the taxpayers face.

The most beautiful girl in America has been chosen again at Atlantic City. But there are 65 girls at least who do not agree with the decision of the judges.

You can't blame the old maid for being particular. If she hadn't been particular she wouldn't have been an old maid.

Most of the cures for the farmer's troubles are compounded in front of a mahogany desk.

A conservative is one who is willing to concede that a "wet paint" sign probably means what it says.

Nothing will make a man forget his rheumatism quicker than crossing a street when the traffic is heavy.

No, the women do not want all the offices. Only a few, so they can show the men how to run the others.

A great many things have been started on a shoe string, including a bad day, if the shoe string breaks.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture survey predicts a bumper corn crop. Hope that don't mean the farmers of the corn belt will have to use it for fuel again.

Music printed in white ink on green paper is said to be easiest on the eye. If doesn't mean, however, that music will be any easier on the ear.

This business of bone grafting won't reach full flower until some surgeon finds a way to take bone out of an office holder's head and graft it to his spine.

The sun's age has been placed at five million years by some scientist with a weakness for figures. Probably it attained that ripe old age by following the "early to bed, early to rise" plan.

Punctuation.

"Daddy, I've got a sentence I would like to have you punctuate. You know something about punctuation don't you?"

"Yes, a little," said her cautious parent, as he took the slip of paper she handed him.

This is what he read:
A \$5 bill flew around the corner
He studied it carefully and finally said:

"Well, I'd simply put a period after it, like this."

"I wouldn't," said the high school girl, "I'd make a dash after it."

Trouble Brewing.

Husband—Didn't I telegraph you not to bring your mother with you?
Wife—That's what she wants to see you about.

X-Ray.

Sam—Ever see one of them machines that tell when a person is lying?
Fred—Seen one? I married one!

Along the Way

Frugal Finance.

He—And when we're married we'll go to light-housekeeping.
She—Why, darling! You know we can't afford a lighthouse.

Why It Is Great

"Poultry is the greatest business under the sun."
"Why?"
"Because the hen's son never sets!"

So Easy

"Grocery butter is so unsatisfactory dear," said Mrs. Citybride, "I decided today that we would make our own."
"Oh, did you!" said her husband.
"Yes; I bought a churn and ordered buttermilk to be left here regularly. Won't it be nice to have really fresh butter?"

Incriminating

A clergy gave out the hymn, "I Love to Steal Awhile Away," and the deacon who led the singing began: "I love to steal—" but found he had pitched the note too high.

Again he began, "I love to steal—" but this time it was too low. Once more he tried, "I love to steal—" and again got the pitch wrong.

After the third failure the minister said, "Observing our brother's propensities, let us pray."—Western Christian Advocate.

Progressive Nomenclature.

He was introduced to me and called me—"Miss Mabel."

Half an hour later he called me—"Mabel."

He took me out and called me—"Kid."

During our engagement he called me—"Sweetie."

On our honeymoon he called me—"Tootsies."

Six months after the marriage he called me—"Dear."

After five years he called me—"Hey you."

Peace and Quiet.

It was during the impaneling of a jury the following colloquy occurred:
"You are a property owner?"

"Yes, your honor."

"Married or single?"

"I have been married for five years, your honor."

"Have you formed or expressed an opinion?"

"Not for five years, your honor."

WE SEND OUR GOOD WISHES

In the hope that we may add to the brightness of Christmas Day for all our loyal friends and patrons.

During 1925 the people bestowed a generous patronage on this business. In fact we have been greatly encouraged and inspired to greater efforts to make this business a great asset to the people of this community.

In the spirit of service in its truest and highest sense we will strive in 1926 to be true to every trust.

SHAVING PARLOR

B. T. Clift.

J. L. Beaty.

TO THE PATRONS WHOM IT HAS BEEN OUR PLEASURE TO SERVE

WE EXTEND HEARTY GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FOR 1926

In this holiday message we are joined by all the members of our organization. We only hope your dealings with us have been as pleasant to you as they have to us and that during 1926 it may again be our good fortune to continue to claim you as our patron.

Accept our hearty thanks for your patronage and for any kind words spoken in our behalf in 1925.

R. B. SPENCER & COMPANY

J. A. COUCH, Manager.

EVERY MEMBER OF
OUR ORGANIZATION
JOINS US IN WISHING
YOU

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a full measure of Happiness and Prosperity in 1926.

We thank you too for your 1925 patronage and ask that we may serve you in 1926.

GRISSOM'S
The Store with the Goods.

Resolved

That we may best show our appreciation of your loyalty and patronage to this business by

SERVING YOU
BETTER IN 1926

And if you present us the opportunity we will do it.

ACCEPT OUR THANKS

for your patronage during 1925 and our wishes that 1926 will be good to you.

Bert Welsh

"The Best Service You Can Get"

Telephone 110

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS TIME—THE SEASON OF
HAPPINESS AND GOOD CHEER

At this season of joy we come to you in the spirit of good will to express our good wishes for your happiness and from the depth of our hearts to thank you for your loyalty to this business during the 12 months now drawing to a close.

Toward 1926 we look with pleasant anticipation in the hope that we may be afforded the opportunity of giving you full benefit of our program of better service and greater values.

W. M. MASK
Groceries and Market.

A YULETIDE EXPRESSION BUT WITH US IT IS AN EVERYDAY WISH

Were it not for happiness we derive from the loyalty and friendly interest of the people our business would grow cold and dull to us. We feel deeply indebted to our patrons not only for their patronage but for their **FRIENDLY INTEREST** in our business.

We rejoice at Christmas time and sincerely exchange

THE SEASONS GREETINGS

But we do not stop at wishing you the joys of the season. We hope and trust that the days ahead of you will be happy days.

As for us, we will count each day a happy one when we are privileged to serve you. As the last word of this Holiday message to all our patrons let us add our thanks for all favors of the past.

J. F. KENNEDY GARAGE

LOCAL NOTES

Miss Annie Beth Thomason is visiting friends in Wichita Falls.

Press Hitchcock and family of Knox City were Haskell visitors Friday.

Will Richey of Belton is spending the holidays with home folks at Gilliam.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Richey of Gilliam were shopping in the city Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Frierson of Midway are spending the week end on the plains.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Leclair of east of town were shopping in the city Saturday.

Mrs. J. T. Sowel of Oklahoma City is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Jim Walden.

Misses Ruth and Oleta Stanley of Stamford are visiting friends in Haskell this week.

Don Means and daughter Miss Orlean of Lamesa are here this week visiting friends.

Mr. D. L. Gasway of Childress was last week end's guest of Miss Era Elinor Jackson.

Mrs. J. D. Higgins of Lewisville and her son Durard are visiting with Mrs. A. Mayfield of this city.

was here Friday looking after his business interest in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ivey and their son M. L. of Jud were Haskell visitors here Friday shopping for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Galloway of Ft. Worth are holiday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Ballard.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cannon of San Antonio are the season's guests of her parents Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Post.

Mrs. Alva Mitchell of Lockney is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. Mayfield of this city for the holidays.

Miss Agnes Cox is spending the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Burl Cox. She is teaching in the Anson school.

Rev. Vaughn, pastor of the Methodist church and family are spending a part of the week with relatives in DeLeon Texas.

Little Miss Jenny Berry of Ft. Worth is the guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Cummins and other relatives.

Mrs. H. O. Puett and children of Slaton, Texas, stopped over and visited Mrs. Dorothy Wilson, on their way to San Angelo.

Superintendent and Mrs. H. D. Neff and David Ray and Mary Helen Neff are in Commerce, Texas with relatives for the holidays.

Bill Patterson was called to Seymour three days of last week to help at the ticket office of The Nolen Theatre in a special show.

Miss LaVerne Cummins who is teaching school in the Ft. Worth schools will reach Haskell Thursday to spend Christmas with the home folk.

Misses Irene Kintchen of Breckenridge and Elizabeth Parks of Denton, who are in attendance upon the Teachers' Institute of Stamford this week, spent last Sunday the guest of Miss Nettie McCollum.

J. W. Burrow was in the city from Sagerton Friday. He says everything is lovely in his home town and that every body made a good crop and have just about every thing in the way of crops in the barn and the cotton yard.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Lebo and Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Pierson and family will go to Abilene on Christmas day to attend the wedding ceremony of Miss Bettie Lee Castles and Mr. Tanner Walker that will take place in the Castles home in Abilene.

Mrs. Juanita Youngblood Sparks of The Vogue Beauty Shoppe, will leave Thursday night for Kansas City by way of Okla. City where she will visit friends and will return the first of Jan. by way of Ponca City, Okla. where she will visit her mother Mrs. H. D. Craig.

Cards have been received from Abilene by friends, announcing the marriage of Miss Bettie Lee Castles of that place and Mr. Tanner Walker of Eagle Lake on Christmas day, December the 25th. Miss Castles was the popular expression teacher of the Haskell High school for two years and counts her friends by the score.

W. J. Jeter of Center Point was in the city Saturday. He is through picking cotton and has his maize all headed and is now ready to begin plowing for another year.

C. G. Barnett and W. D. Johnson of O'Brien were Haskell visitors Friday.

CHRISTMAS

The season when the ties of friendship are strengthened and good cheer permeates the air. We trust it may also be a season in which our associations may grow in mutual accord and confidence.

In pleasant remembrance of past associations with our friends throughout the county we extend to you the season's greetings with best wishes for the New Year. Our service is yours and at any time we can be of assistance during the coming year, we are at your command.

W. P. TRICE
County Agent.

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

This bank of the Christmas spirit sends hearty Yuletide Greetings to its depositors and friends.

May the "back log" in the fireplace keep Life's fire burning brightly on this sacred holiday.

The steady progress we have scored is, we think, good cause for our gratitude toward those, who have not found their confidence in us misplaced. To them—Greetings.

To those whose acquaintance we have yet to make, Greetings also, and a cordial invitation to come in and enroll their names upon our books—books that stand for safety, service, and a desire to please.

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

R. C. MONTGOMERY, President.

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J. S. BIER, Assistant Cashier.

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Wants

WANTED—To know who don't read my ads. Mrs. Crawford florist.

FOR TRADE—First Class Brick Hotel and furniture, 22 bed rooms, 3 store rooms, office rooms, situated in good town in Central Texas on Santa Fe railroad, on Bankhead highway, price \$35,000.00, will trade for good land in Haskell county or Northwest Texas. Come and see me or write me what you have to trade. P. D. Sanders, Haskell Texas.

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WOOD FOR SALE—Cord Wood any length, will deliver to any part of the city. Call Phone 273. J. H. Free ttf.

PLAINVIEW COUNTRY—Improved quarter sections \$2,000 cash, long easy terms on balance; unimproved quarters, \$1,000 cash, \$1 per acre per year, cheap interest; have a good well improved section ready to give possession now, will take in \$7,500 good clear trade on this; also have a raw section well located will take in \$5,000 good trade. I own and control these properties. Write me in care of The First National Bank, Plainview, Texas. E. J. Morehead. 47-7tp.

FOR SALE—Modern cottage close in, has five rooms and bath furnished throughout. Can be bought worth the money. For information see W. M. Free at Free Press.

FOR SALE—One two burner oil stove and oven. Been used five weeks. See G. M. Williams. 51 2tp.

LUMBER FOR SALE—\$3.00 and \$4 per hundred. Thomason Oil Co., Haskell, Texas.

FOR SALE—Two choice building lots four blocks from square. See me at Payne Drug Co. C. V. Payne.

ONE OF THE BEST FARMS in Haskell County for sale. 225 acres, 130 acres in cultivation. Located 6 miles northwest of Haskell. Price \$60.00 per acre; worth \$75.00. Thomason Oil Co., Haskell, Texas.

FOR SALE—One five room house and lot in Haskell. For further information apply at the Haskell Mill & Grain Co. Elevator.

IF YOU HAVEN'T—Read my ad, phone 154.

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CAR LOAD OF MULES

A car load of mules will be here next Saturday. These mules are tip top work mules, will run from 15 to 18 hands high, in good condition. Every mule guaranteed as represented. Can be seen at the home of H. O. Case 1 mile north and one mile west of Court House.

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FOR SALE—Good span work mules \$75.00 cash, Will Whitman. 50 3tc.

FOR SALE—Registered Hampshire Boar, well marked and a good individual. Hughes Ranch Haskell Tex. 2p.

FOR SALE—Some good young mules, from three to five years old. J. S. Grand, Howard community. ttf.

FOR SALE—Choice lots with East fronts in the Northern part of the city. See J. R. Fouts.

Stockholders Meeting
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McCONNELL

(By Valentine Bland)

We have a norther this morning which seems very cold after so much warm weather.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Hartfield returned home after a visit with the latter sister Mr. and Mrs. Ed Tiptid of Abertnathy.

Miss Mattie Mae Kingston left Sunday for Alabama where she will spend Christmas with relatives.

M. V. Band and daughters Orie Lee and the writer spent several days in Abilene on business and visiting friends the past week.

Orie Lee Bland and the writer visited their cousin Miss Tena Bland of the Sayles community Sunday.

BUNKER HILL

(By Vergie McIntyre)

Grandma Reece is very low at this writing.

Little Miss Flora Wilson has been very sick with Pneumonia, but is said to be better at this writing. I'm glad to report.

It seems that the weather is preparing for hog killing or Santa Claus this week.

The first month of school has passed off real nicely. The teachers Mr. McKenzie, Miss Baker and Miss Burrow are attending institute at Haskell this week.

Sunday school and singing were both well attended Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Gabriel of Rule visited the former mother Mrs. W. T. Yarbrough of this community.

The Post girls and boys basketball teams gave us a visit Friday afternoon playing us a game. The Post girls winning with a score of 10 to 6, and Bunker Hill boys winning 20 to 8.

Mrs. W. J. Yarbroughs boys have begun moving the feeds to their place near Jud. We are sorry these folks are leaving Bunker Hill, but wish for them great success in their new home.

Santa Claus is expected to visit Bunker Hill Wednesday night, Dec. 30. Every one is invited.

Be Caught the Idea.
A mountaineer school teacher corrected a boy who had said "I ain't twine that."

"That's no way to talk. Listen: I am not going there; he is not going there; we are not going there; you are not going there; they are not going here. Do you get the idea?"

"Yessur. They ain't nobody gwine."

FROM ROOF TO BASEMENT

OF U. S. IN 7 HOURS, 28 MIN.

From the "roof" of the United States to the lowest point in its "basement" in 7 hours, 28 minutes.

A mountain timberline and a raging snow storm at the start, with the dust and blinding heat of America's most desolate valley at the end of the ride, these were features of the record run recently completed by a Studebaker Big Six Duplex Phaeton from the barren slopes of Mt. Whitney, highest point in the Union, to Death Valley, its lowest spot.

Charles, Brown Veteran Shoshone driver, and "Dad" Fairbanks, sole conqueror of the arid valley which lies 284 feet below the level of the Pacific Ocean, are responsible for the swift journey, practically over no road at all, made by E. J. Fortman of Los Angeles. Action pictures, made on the journey, are being shown by news reel in theaters throughout the country.

Customarily, the motor car journey to Mt. Whitney stops at Lone Pine. The rest of the trip is not. But the automobile Fortman driver kept on to the timberline, stopped many amid a blinding blizzard with its front bumper against

Habitual Constipation Cured in 14 to 21 Days
"LAX-FOS WITH PEP-SIN" is a specially-prepared Syrup Tonic-Laxative for Habitual Constipation. It relieves promptly and should be taken regularly for 14 to 21 days to induce regular action. It Stimulates and Regulates. Very Pleasant to Take. 60c per bottle.

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A Good Position—a big salary in what counts on the road to success. We quickly train you for a good position in a bank, wholesale house, mercantile establishment, and the like, and secure position for you. Chances will bring SPECIAL information Mail it today.

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\$1,000,000 To Lend Through the Rule National Farm Loan Association

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\$45 per \$1000 loan paid annually will retire the loan in 34 1-3 years, costing the borrower a total of \$2242.50.

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LAND OWNERS who have land-loans maturing or who need farm loans for any purpose should consult me for full information about the plan I am offering.

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Austin, Texas Since 1875

AT THE YULETIDE WE ARE REMINDED

of the kindness shown us back through the year and of the new friends and old friends. As we do so this Christmas our hearts are filled with gratitude and we are made to believe that 1925 has been good to us. Thus feeling and in the great spirit that fills our hearts and minds at this season we extend

GREETINGS

and good wishes for Christmas and 1926.

W. W. FIELDS & SON
Staple and Fancy Groceries.

COLD TYPE CANNOT CARRY THE WARMTH OF OUR Christmas Wishes

TO OUR HUNDREDS OF LOYAL PATRONS

But nevertheless we appreciate the medium of the press and take pleasure in sending our best wishes

To make you KNOW our sincerity we have RESOLVED to so serve you in the future as to add to your joys and take from your cares.

**MAY YOU WELCOME
1926**

and find it a happy year in which health and good times will be with you.

FOUTS & MITCHELL
West Side Square

Turning Over a New Leaf

NOW listen to me, Heppie," said Happy Brown, as he got up from his easy chair to wind the clock and put out the cat and lock the back door. "Listen to me. It's two days now till Christmas. Look at that lot of packages over there on the sofa that I've got to play Santa Claus on. Think of the piles and piles of bundles we've sent out already; big bundles and little bundles, to Jim's folks and John's folks, Sairy's folks and Mandy's folks, the preacher, the orphans' home, the old cobbler, the washwoman and the newsboy. It's got so that Christmas is a nightmare. Accordingly the next morning Heppie and Happy Brown started out on their last shopping tour before Christmas. As they turned the corner of the main street they came upon two children, a boy and a girl, poorly clad, who stood with their noses pressed against the window of a small shop, where-in were displayed a few cheap dolls and toys. They were so engrossed in their inspection of these articles that they did not notice the man and woman who stopped behind them and listened to their childish prattle.

"There's a Noah's ark," said the boy. "The baby could play with that a lot. There's animals inside, and if she'd play with one at a time it would seem like new toys all the time."

"Yes, but there ain't no dolly in there," said the girl. "She wants a dolly. How much money you got, Billy?"

Carefully drawing his hands from his pants pocket, the boy opened his fingers and slowly counted the few pieces of change in his palm. "Thirty-two cents, Sisay. I haven't lost any of it."

"Thirty-two cents! My, that's a lot of money! A lot of money, Billy, and it took a long time to earn it and save it. But—but somehow it isn't going to buy much, is it, Billy?"

"No, but thirty-two cents is better than nothing."

"Well, then, you could get the Noah's ark; that's only twenty-five cents. Then you'd still have money left—how much, Billy?"

"Fifteen and ten, that's twenty-five," carefully separating a dime and three nickels from the rest of the little pile. "See, Sisay, that leaves only seven cents to get something for you."

"For me? Ho! Never mind me. I don't want anything. I can dress the dolly, you know, and play it's mine when the baby's asleep. Maybe we can find something for mother. Oh, Billy, if we could get one of those green wreaths with the red berries—wouldn't it be lovely?"

"Mother needs stockings more than anything else. Besides, the green wreaths cost more than seven cents, apiece, I'm afraid. Come on; let's go in and see what they have got."

"Wait a minute," said Happy Brown, putting his hand on the boy's shoulder. "Where do you children live?"

The boy's hand closed tightly on the few pieces of money.

"Back on the next street, near the elevator. Why, mister? Where are you going?"

"Back on the next street, near the elevator," said Happy, as he took the boy's hand. "I want to see your mother and the baby."

"It ain't much of a place, mister. And mother's washing, I guess. She most always is."

"Never mind that. Come on, Heppie," turning to his wife, who was just behind, with the girl's hand in hers.

Their stay there was not long, but was momentous for Billy's mother and her little brood. Happy Brown had made Billy wildly happy by placing a dollar bill in his hand and another in Sisay's, and telling them to go on with their Christmas shopping. He had left a yellow-backed bill on the table under a plate. As he and Heppie turned the corner he pulled out a notebook and noted down as he muttered to himself: "Coal, blankets, potatoes, canned goods, apples—here, Heppie, take this money and get things for those children. You know what they want. I'm getting a few things the mother needs."

"Yes, but, Happy, I thought you'd sworn off."

"Heppie Brown, this doesn't count. This is an investment."

"An investment?"

"The safest and most satisfactory investment there is, Happy. No that given to the poor leads to the Lord."

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THE ENGLISH PARK CLUB

EXTENDS TO YOU A MERRY XMAS
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

We appreciate what you have done in helping us to make—

THE ENGLISH PARK

THE PLAYGROUND OF WEST TEXAS

We wish for you, our good friends, that our entertainments for Christmas Eve and New Year's Nights may bring you in touch with those you love and with friends and relatives in happy enjoyment.

THE ENGLISH PARK CLUB

1925—1926

The Seasons Greetings

We would like to meet you face to face and tell you in a friendly sort o' way that we appreciate you not only as a patron, but as a friend, and tell you that we wish you a full measure of the comforts that come from health and prosperity in the new year and that it will be our joy to contribute to your happiness if we are afforded the opportunity.

MCNEILL & SMITH HDW. CO.
Haskell, Texas.

A MOST CORDIAL GREETING

TO 1926

WITH ITS UNTOLD POSSIBILITIES
FOR ALL OF US

We are glad to pause, here at the beginning of 1926 to send greetings and thanks to all our friends and patrons and to pledge anew our strongest efforts to please you.

FARMERS GIN COMPANY
J. A. GILSTRAP, Manager.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

How we welcome this season of gladness and good cheer when kindness and love predominates in the hearts of the people and joy abounds in our midst.

IN THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON

We pause to send out this message of appreciation and of best wishes to our multitude of good patrons and friends wherever you may be today.

MAY JOY BE WITH YOU THIS
CHRISTMASTIDE AND MAY 1926
BE HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS

J. W. GHOLSON
Groceries

**All Did Their Bit to
Make Christmas Merry**
EVERYBODY in Brompton knew that it was all the Hammonds could do to make ends meet. A big family and a small income is not a combination to make easy living. Yet at Christmas time the Hammond family managed to have all the good things that go with the day and to be able to purchase the gifts of love that mean so much.

It was all due to the plan that Mrs. Hammond had worked out when the children were small. Several weeks before Christmas a contribution box was placed in the Hammond dining room; across it was written in big letters of red and green: "Do your bit to make Christmas merry." and each member of the family was supposed to contribute something, be it ever so little. And it was surprising, just as soon as the box was put up each year, how many wonderful ways cropped out for earning extra nickels and dimes. Even little Tim, in spite of being only five, contributed his mite to the cheer fund. And the fun the family had in trying to fill the box—why, it was nearly as good as Christmas itself! Each evening it was held up and weighed by the smaller children and they always agreed that it was getting so "awful" heavy; when it was opened just before Christmas there was always a shout of surprise and joy, and they declared that it contained much more than they had thought it would. And now they were spending the money that was made up of so much sacrifice, such planning and scheming as there was to get the most out of it. And when Christmas morning dawned there was no happier family in all Brompton—the Christmas family fund had brought them so many good things.—Katherine Edelman.

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THE HONORED COLORS

WE ARE the colors red and green.

How we are honored!
How could Christmas be Christmas without green and without red to help in the gay decorations?

Long ago we two colors were given this honor.

How gay and pleased it makes us.

It makes green so vivid and bright with delight.

It makes red so glowing and resplendent with enjoyment.

We are glad no other colors were chosen!—Mary Graham Bonner.

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Algernon Noseup—the Bundle That Cured Him

IT WASN'T his real name, but people thought he deserved it. Like a top, he carried a swelled head upon a small foundation. His nose was so much in the air that it distributed snubs plentifully. His idea of getting up was that of putting others down.

Algernon despised Christmas. He even felt ready to snub Santa Claus. This snob had a special snub for anybody who believed in Christmas cheer and generous happiness. He was an ardent member of the Society for the Prevention of Useless Giving. Indeed, he was the chairman of the branch of it that infested his town without bearing a gift. There may have been a streak of fat in his character, but there surely was a streak of mean.

It was a bundle that cured him. As he stalked to his door with his eyes on the church steeple he fell over it, and as he opened it that Christmas Day and found that a number of his neighbors had conspired to warm his heart with tokens of kind consideration, he felt so strangely humbled and ashamed of himself that he was never afterwards able to look down upon anybody.—Christopher G. Hazard.

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Tiny Tim
"And how did little Tim behave?" asked Mrs. Cratchit. "As good as gold," said Bob, "and better. Somehow he gets thoughtful sitting by himself so much, and thinks the strangest things you ever heard. He told me, coming home, that he hoped people saw him in the church, because he was a cripple, and it might be pleasant to them to remember upon Christmas day, who made lame beggars walk and blind men see." And so, as Tiny Tim observed, "God bless us every one!"—Charles Dickens.

Kerchiefs as Gifts
Pretty handkerchiefs may be made at home. One is a square of fine white linen with appliqued corners of mauve linen outlined with embroidery. The other has a tiny white linen center, surrounded by a wide footing lace edged and bordered round with daisies.

Creamed Dates
Stone the dates, roll in sugar, and put a piece of fondant in place of the stone. Roll again in granulated sugar. Fill with nuts or peanut butter instead of fondant if desired.

Just Before Christmas
The hour was very late.
Little Willie—Mamma, where do you suppose Santa Claus is right at this moment?
Mother—I wish I knew.

NOT LED BY CUSTOM BUT OUT
OF THE FEELING WE HAVE
FOR OUR PATRONS

WE EXTEND GREETINGS AND
GOOD WISHES FOR

1926

And we sincerely hope the new year
will bring you an abundance of Happiness
Prosperity and Good Health.



WE WISH FOR OUR PATRONS
OLD AND NEW

AS MERRY A CHRISTMAS
AND

AS PROSPEROUS A NEW YEAR
AS WE HOPE TO ENJOY OURSELVES

And we tell you now we'll try to make all your
days happy if it is within the power of our
service. May we have the opportunity in 1926?

Watch for our "Oliver Day" advertisement.

M'COLLUM ELLIS & COUCH

DATE OF BIRTH OF CHRIST

Nothing Certain Is Known as to Actual Time of Arrival of Child of the Virgin.

IT IS a remarkable fact that nothing certain is known as to the actual date of the birth of Christ, Dec. 25 being only a tradition, adopted by the church about the middle of the fourth century. Lupa, a learned Jesuit of the eighteenth century, says:

"There is not a single month in the year to which the Nativity has not been assigned by some writer or other."

The earliest celebration of Christmas on Dec. 25 appears to have been held in Rome in the fourth century, being first mentioned in a Roman document, the Philocalian calendar, dating from the year 354, but containing an older record, referring to the year 336. Christmas was brought to England by St. Augustine, and kept in 660, but it would appear that it was not established in Germany until 813, and in Norway about the middle of the tenth century, by King Hakon the Good.

The Romans of the empire used to celebrate the birth of the Unconquered Sun on Dec. 25, according to the Julian calendar, the winter solstice, when the sun began to rise in new vigor, after his autumnal decline. Therefore, the reason for the choice of Dec. 25 for Christmas would seem to have been symbolical.

Youth and Age

The young man did not seem to be enjoying himself. When he rose from the table to dance again, as the orchestra started playing, he seemed languid—lacking in zest.

His companion was tireless ever ready to go out on the floor at this first note of the music, beating time with a restless, slippery foot if her escort, delayed a moment.

She was of the extreme type. Skirts a trifle too short, hair obviously "touched up," rouge and lipstick too freely used. There was little conversation between them. She was all for action.

When the music began for the fourth dance the youth did not rise. She leaned toward him provocatively.

"Oswald—aren't we going to dance this?"

With a little sigh the boy got on his feet.

"Gee, grandma, can't we go home after this one? You know we've got to pick up mother on the way back. She telephoned that she had forgotten her latch key."

Disguising His Heroism

The swain and his swainess had just encountered a bulldog that looked as if he might shake a mean lower jaw. "Why, Percy," she exclaimed, as he started a strategic retreat, "you always swore you would face death for me."

"I would," he flung back over his shoulder, "but that dog ain't dead."

NOT WHAT HE EXPECTED

LITTLE DICK was too young to spell—he went entirely by sound. Consequently he suffered a great disappointment on Christmas morning. When he beheld his Christmas tree he said solemnly: "You said it would be a fur tree, daddy!"

"It is a fir tree," answered his father.

"But I thought it was going to look like my kitty!" wailed Dick. —Martha B. Thomas.

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A Late "It" Arrival Came Just in Time

EVERYONE was watching, waiting, hoping. They all hoped "it" would surely arrive on time.

They hoped "it" would not fall them.

"It" helped the Christmas season so much.

Everyone and everything loved "it."

The children loved "it," the grown-ups loved "it."

The trees of the forest loved "it."

And then "it" arrived. "It" arrived late—almost when everyone was giving "it" up. But even though "it" was a late arrival "it" was not too late for Christmas day. "It" came late Christmas eve.

And haven't you guessed what "it" was?

SNOW of course!—Mary Graham Bonner.

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THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT

Christmas spirit necessarily finds many men and women stranded on the shoal, off somewhere, far from the general happiness.

Nevertheless, words of Chaucer are vital. "The faculty for happiness is a gift, in any temperament, whose wisdom and whose beauty this world too little recognizes." Chaucer's thought is not easy for a certain type of mortal to cultivate, but the holiday spirit may to an extent help out. Self-recognition was soundly urged by Marcus Aurelius many centuries ago, and writings of other Stoics preach tranquillity and harmony through the philosophy that says, "It may all be for the best."

A shipwrecked sailor, barred on this coast.

Side you set sail!

Fell many a gallant barque, where he was lost.

Weathered the gale.

Christmas for Adults

HERE wasn't a single child in the family now and Christmas, they all agreed, was a time for children. At any rate they all said that.

They had scattered as families sometimes do, and those left in the town were two older families. Yes, it was quite true. There wasn't a single child in the family now. They had nieces and nephews, small children they knew and were fond of to whom they would give presents. They would give nice presents, too.

They themselves would be sensible. They would not give presents to each other. They were grown-up. Why should they go in for something that was distinctly a possession of childhood?

They would have Christmas dinner together. That they had finally decided they could not forego. Oh, the other ruling was very sensible, and they all agreed, but—well, it was quite sensible. Children belonged to Christmas, Christmas to children. Let it remain that way.

The family who lived down by the old mill were having the Christmas dinner. The other family were coming to it and were going to bring the mince pies and the plum puddings as their part of the Christmas feast. They wanted to do something about a Christmas dinner—there wasn't any special reason for it but they wanted to do something.

The table was set the night before. There wasn't much to do Christmas

morning. Later they would go to church and join in singing the Christmas hymns. That would be suitable to the day—the holiday, holy day, joy.

But there was a time in between—a time before when the children had had their presents—while still they were children, before they had grown up or gone away. That time would be curiously, outstandingly empty.

No one talked about it. No one said a word. But none of them could quite bear to think of that Christmas present time when the packages were opened, when there was curious, eager excitement and pleasure, delight in one's own gifts and in the gifts of others.

No one said a word. No one knew what each other was thinking. But early that morning one of the members of the family down by the mill telephoned the other family and asked them to come down early.

"I just fixed up one or two little things," said the one who had telephoned, a little shyly, and to her own family she said the same.

They came. Every one gathered about the old table that had been brought out every Christmas. It was a shaky old table, but it somehow seemed to be a part of Christmas. And in no time it was covered with gifts. Every one had surreptitiously been fixing up little presents for each other. And the table groaned under its weight of packages, tied with gay old ribbons and tissue paper as of yore.

"But we agreed we wouldn't give any Christmas presents to each other this year," they murmured from time to time.

"We said we wouldn't have a Christmas celebration now that we were all grown up."

"Christmas, we said, was entirely a day for children."

Yes, so they had said. But so deeply was the Christmas celebration around the shaky old table, before the big fireplace, rooted in the heart of each that they couldn't, in spite of their resolves, do any differently.

"I think," one of them said when every present had been opened, sim-

ple, thoughtful little gifts and surprises, "that Christmas should be for every one. No one is too old to enjoy it."

And how proudly they said to their friends as they met after church:

"You must come in and see our presents. We got lovely things. Just what we wanted!"

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Christmas Wisdom

A foolish man is one who doesn't know what his wife wants, so he goes and gets it—probably a clothes wringer.

A wise man knows his wife needs a pair of arctic, but has wit enough to buy her double-decker jade earrings! —Martha Manning Thomas.

Mistakes

Mistakes, when not recognized, are repeated by the perpetrator as a matter of fact. —Lillian H. Wilson.

Outfitted Him.

It was pay day and the bookkeeper stood in the manager's office to claim extra pay for extra work.

"Mr. Grasp," he said, toying nervously with a piece of red tape, "during the last week I have been doing the work of the pay-roll clerk, who has been ill."

"Well," reported Mr. Grasp "what of it?"

"Why, this being pay-day, sir," said the bookkeeper, "I thought it might be right to mention it."

"Quite right," said the manager. "Let me see, your salary is \$40 and the pay-roll clerk's is \$30."

"Yes, sir," replied the bookkeeper, beaming expectantly.

"Then," computed the manager, "working half the week for yourself entitles you to \$20 and half the week for the pay-roll clerk entitles you to \$10. Here it is."

Building New House on Lease.

Mr. Tom Morgan of the Center Point community is erecting a new house on the lease one mile south of the school. The building is expected to be completed before Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Davis are expecting to occupy the new house.

FOR SALE—209 acre farm, 135 acres in cultivation, 5 room house. One mile of Rose church and school. Small payment and easy terms. N. I. McCollum.

How Doctors Treat Colds and the Flu

To break up a cold overnight or to cut short an attack of grippe, influenza, sore throat or tonsillitis, physicians and druggists are now recommending Calotabs, the purified and refined calomel compound tablet that gives you the effects of calomel and salts combined, without the unpleasant effects of either.

One or two Calotabs at bed-time with a swallow of water—that's all. No salts, no nausea nor the slightest interference with your eating, work or pleasure. Next morning your cold has vanished, your system is thoroughly purified and you are feeling fine with a hearty appetite for breakfast. Eat what you please,—no danger.

Get a family package, containing full directions, only 35 cents. At any drug store.

The Modern Church

"Well, Mary, what did you learn at Sunday School today?" asked a mother of her little five-year-old daughter.

"Oh, lots of things," was the reply.

"I learned that I must sell five tickets for our concert next week, give ten cents toward a present for our teacher, and that I must take a dime for the heathens next Sunday and—oh—oh, yes—and that Mr. Jonah was swallowed by a whale."

To Stop a Cough Quick take HAYES' HEALING HONEY, a cough medicine which cures the cough by healing the inflamed and irritated throat. A box of GROVES' O-PEN-TRATE SALVE for Chest Colds, Head Colds and Croup is enclosed with every bottle of HAYES' HEALING HONEY. The salve should be rubbed on the chest and throat of children suffering from a Cold or Croup. The healing effect of Hayes' Healing Honey is due to the throat combined with the healing effect of Groves' O-Pen-Trate Salve through the pores of the skin soon stops a cough. Both remedies are packed in one carton and the cost of the combined treatment is 10c. Just ask your druggist for HAYES' HEALING HONEY.

PROGRAM FOR THE WEEK

Wednesday, Dec. 23rd.—

KENTUCKY PRIDE

All Star Cast including Henry B. Walthall. A story of the bluebloods and thorough-breds of old Kentucky.

Thursday Dec. 24th—

THE SPANIARD

With Ricardo Cortez and Jetta Gould.

Friday, Dec. 25th—Christmas Day—

IRISH LUCK

With Thomas Meighan. Continuous Show from 1 p. m. to 11 p. m.

Entire Change of Program for the Midnight Matinee—

LOVERS IN QUARANTINE WITH BEBE DANIELS

We have secured the Blue Moon Orchestra in Vaudeville and Jazz Music for the MIDNIGHT MATINEE, starting at 12 M. Xmas Night.

Saturday Dec. 26th—

Out-door Western Program with Comedy

HASKELL THEATRE

We Wish You a MERRY CHRISTMAS

and present you with
IRISH LUCK
on Christmas Day!

VICTOR HERMAN PRODUCTION

a Screenplay by

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HASKELL THEATRE

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MAY THE GOLDEN SUN BREAK THROUGH ALL THE CLOUDS

and bring to you and yours brighter days—a Happier Christmas than you ever enjoyed before.

AND MAY THE DAWN OF 1926

Lead you into prosperous fields of endeavor where you may succeed through service which will bless others and serve as a satisfaction to you.

HASKELL MILL & GRAIN CO.

Haskell, Texas.



BEST WISHES FROM AN OLD-TIME FRIEND

Keeping pace with the brisk step of progress, we have not raised our sights to the angle which would exclude our regard for those whose patronage and good will has made this bank the institution it is today

As old-fashioned as it may seem we still cling to the idea inaugurated with the beginning of the business, more than 35 years ago—to strive for **FRIENDSHIP** in business—to have a regard for the wishes of our depositors and friends—to seek their co-operation. No business anywhere has a keener sense of appreciation of the confidence imposed by a customer than we have. Our patrons to us are our friends and we are proud to so regard them.

So we come at the dawn of this Christmas, in an old-fashioned way to extend the time-honored greeting and wish that the holiday season will bring you and yours—

A FULL MEASURE OF HAPPINESS

The Haskell National Bank

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$100,000.

"THE OLD RELIABLE—SINCE 1890"

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Community Xmas Tree on Courthouse Lawn December 25

On the evening of December 25th there will be observed a Community Christmas Tree on the Courthouse lawn. A beautiful growing cedar tree on the lawn makes this highly possible each year. A star is made of red and green lighted in the very top and all through the tree these two colored lights sparkle during the Christmas Week. Christmas carols will be sung beneath the tree at the above mentioned date.

AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

There will be a meeting at the Church of Christ Christmas Day at 7 p. m. The services will consist of songs, readings, and talks followed with some gifts for the children.

Bible Classes for all ages Sunday 10 a. m.

Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.
Young peoples' training class Sunday 6 p. m.

You are always welcome.

Post B. Y. P. U. Elects New Officers

The members of the Post B. Y. P. U. met Sunday evening at 6 o'clock and elected officers for the coming new year. The following officers were elected:

Opal West—President.
Mrs. Louie Keunstler—Vice-Pres.
Earl Livengood—Sec-Treas.
Mrs. W. W. Griffin—Cor. Sec.
Edell Bristow—Choister.
Molette Livengood—Pianist.

Pioneer Haskell County Man Dies

Mr. Dan Hisey a pioneer Haskell county man died at his home in Spur last Saturday. He was an old cattle man here several years ago until he moved to Spur where he has been the last few years. Mr. Kim Hisey of the Post community was with his father when he died.

Former Haskell County Man Undergoes Operation.

Jake Jenkins was operated on for appendicitis in a Lamesa sanitarium last week. He is a former Haskell county man and his many friends will be glad to learn that he is doing nicely. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ketron of the Post community a sister of Mr. Jenkins were with him through his operation.

W. J. Lane of Dennis Chapel was in the city Thursday and while here renewed for the Free Press another year. He is through picking cotton and is now ready to begin farming for another year. He has lived on the Bettis farm for a number of years and is one of their best farmers.

Mrs. Geo. H. Morrison is spending the holidays in Dallas with relatives.

Fleet Self and Frank McNulty and their wives left for Louisiana Monday morning to spend the holidays with relatives in that state.

Miss Camille Speer a student of the Baylor College Belton is spending the holidays with Miss Ellen Clifton of this city. They expect to go to college together on Monday December the 29. Miss Clifton will enter school at that time.

Lige Griffin who is attending the Denton Teachers College is spending the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Tobe Griffin of Midway. His father had a brand new Ford touring car waiting for him when he returned to make the holiday one of real enjoyment for him.

Mr. O. H. Harrison of Seymour spent last week in Haskell county in the interest of the Wichita Times of Wichita Falls, Texas.

Give Her A Chance.

The old hen sat in a leafless tree and said: "Nobody cares for me."

"My food is what I find about; I hunt for it till I'm frassled out."

"My owner says I do not pay, and that I ought to sing and lay."

"I wish he had to sit out here and live on pickin's all the year."

"I bet a half a cent by Jing, he wouldn't lay from now till spring."

Her Caller.

Phyllis—I had such a lovely nut sundae.

Frances—I have one calling tonight.

Wanted

FOR OIL MILL PRODUCTS—Cakes meal and rucce, phone 62, Haskell Warehouse (ON MILL) R. H. Davis, Manager. tlc

LOST—Man's blue grey, plaid over coat on the Rainer Road between Haskell and Rule about three weeks ago. Finder return to Free Press or notify Mrs. J. P. Furkles Haskell Texas, and receive liberal reward. R. J. Allen, Bosque County. 5 2 3p

FOR RENT—3 room house, with bath and sleeping porch, water and sewer connections, price per month \$35. M. H. Hancock. tlc

STRAYED—One red cow pig about 3 months old, weigh about 50 pounds. Notify A. A. Pearson. tlc

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