

# THE ELDORADO SUCCESS

Of and For El Dorado and Schleicher County. All the Time.

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**The Season's Leading Fabrics**

**GENUINE Peter Pan**  
REG. U. S. PAT. OFF.  
for ladies' and children's garments in an exquisite range of colors and patterns—the highest achievement in absolutely fast color material. per yard

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have a high lustrous sheen that makes them especially attractive for dress and decorative purposes. per yard

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is an unusual cotton fabric of a soft, woolly finish, in a wide selection of fast color patterns. per yard

**GUARANTEE**—We will replace any garments made of any of the above materials if the fabric should fade.

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Let us reduce the interest on your high rate, short time loan.

We now make 5 per cent loans through The Federal Land Bank

Long time if you want it, but you can pay off any time after five years without expense. Come see me or write for literature.

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**John F. Isaacs,** President.      **L. M. Hoover,** Secretary.

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Prompt and Efficient Service.

**NOTICE**

All Customers that are Indebted to me, will ask that you call at once and Settle. I have helped you, now help me by paying your bills,

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EL Dorado

**Dry Goods**      **Groceries**

**Mrs. Kate E. Robinson**  
Dealer in  
**General Merchandise**

**Furniture**      **School Supplies**

**HUNTER BAG FOUR BUCKS, 7, 16, 18 AND 20 POINTS**

Clyde Galbreath, G. C. Crosby, Sam Oglesby and O. E. Connor, returned Sunday from a hunting trip in the Van Horn country where they bag four bucks, one with seven points, one with 16, another with 18, and the old master of the canyon with 20 points was killed by C. W. Galbreath, after firing thirty one shots, throwing several big bucks, then running to camp and securing additional ammunition, while Sam Oglesby kept an eye on the wounded animal, he also being shot at the wounded animal fourteen times, but when Clyde got back he finished killing the big buck, but it took two additional shots made about 30 shots for the venison.

Gratton Crosby says that a bobo wolfe got a pair of kid gloves from under Galbreath pillow while he dreamed of bucks in buck land.

**MODERN DRY CLEANING PLANT.**

We have installed one of the most modern Dry Cleaning Plant in the West and we are capable of turning out work as good as the best.

We will run plant twice a day, 10:00 a. m. and 2:00 p. m.

When you want clothes out in a day, have us call for them before two o'clock. We deliver when paid for in advance.

**Williams Man's Shop.**

Dry Cleaning and Gents FURNISHINGS.

**MAKING CHRISTMAS SANE.**

There are two bits of advice which it is folly to ignore in this season. The one is "Do your Christmas shopping early," and "Send your Christmas mail early" is the second. Fools heed neither, but if the observance of both is proof of rare wisdom then the world is becoming wiser.

It was but a few years ago that the major portion of the Christmas shopping was done during Christmas week and the Christmas rush in the mails did not start until the eleventh hour. The result that unfavorable shopping condition and congested mail ruined Christmas day for countless thousands.

How much easier and how much more satisfactory for all concerned are the modern practices of starting the gift buying season in November and of starting the gifts through the mails in ample time to insure their punctual delivery.

Whether one looks at the question from the selfish or impersonal points of view the arguments are all in favor of early shopping and early mailing.

**CHRISTMAS BARGAINS, REDUCTION SALE.**

Owing to the bad weather which makes it inconvenient for my customers to do their shopping, I am extending my sale, and including my Groceries in ten per cent discount Sale. Give me your trade now and save yourself a Christmas present.

Sharp's Mercantile Co.

**BAPTIST TO ENLARGE HOSPITAL, WORK BEGINS.**

The San Angelo Hospital which is under management of the Baptist Church, started the new four story building Monday.

R. K. Thomas is the contractor. The Rev. S. F. Baucom is assisting in promoting the finances, they are in need of additional finances and West Texas is in need of the hospital, so if any one feels like helping this needed institution send in a donation it will be thankfully received.

**DOWN TO 23 TUESDAY.**

The first real winter visited Eldorado Monday, the norther reaching Eldorado about eight o'clock, and continued to grow colder until the thermometer dropped to 23 Tuesday morning.

This weather was readily appreciated by many who had a bog in the pen.

Dr. Sterling Fisher, presiding Elder of the San Angelo district, held the first quarterly conference in Eldorado Monday night, a goodly number was out to the conference, (notwithstanding quite a few Methodist attended the show at the same hour) Dr. Fisher made a splendid talk which was enjoyed by all present, and urged all Methodist to contribute something to the Orphans Home and the Old preachers Endowment fund between now and the Holidays.

The Christmas offering to the home will be sent in about the 20.

Will trade good Casch planting seed for seed to feed.  
Chas. Mund.

Frank Bradley, our City Marshall, says that 'Flapper bandit' Dan Moody's Stenographer, is not related to him, if she had been the guy that dropped that \$1,000.00 in currency and kicked it to one side, would have had to pick it up again.

Mammoth Bronze Turkeys for Sale, young Toms \$10.00. Pullets \$8.00, \$1.00 by Tennessee Blue Ribbon Tom, Mrs. John Lacy, Miles, Texas, Phone 68

Tom F. Green was in from the ranch Tuesday.

**FURS WANTED**  
Highest prices paid for all kinds of Furs, see, A. J. Roach.

S. I. Nicks, pioneer Schleicher County ranchman, was transacting business in the County's Capitol Tuesday

**COST SALE**

All Hats will be sold at Cost.  
Sale Closes January 1st.  
Mrs. H. S. Espy  
MILLINER.

**HAYNES**  
Confectionary Is Ready

To sell you your Christmas Goods, Fruit Cake Ingredients, a full line, Eggs, Butter Nuts, all kinds of Candied Fruits, also have Fruit Cakes Ready Baked, and fine Chocolats are here, get a box of KINGS for Her Christmas and be happy, for KINGS is the Best.

At our Fountain Buy your Egg Malt and Egg Flips, all made with our new Electric Mixers, the best place in town to trade.

Come and See  
**Mrs. E. C. Haynes.**

**El Dorado Service Station**  
Phone 100 Phone

**Midway Service Station**  
Phone 161 Phone

**McCormick & Thornton, Prop**

Dealers in

**GARGOYLE**  
**Mobiloil**  
Make the chart your guide

Gas, Oils, Tires, Tubes and Accessories.

Where you and Service Meet.

Resident Phone 118      Resident Phone 95  
Van McCormick      E. M. Thornton.

**STAR**

**Running-in-oil**

You will find in the new running-in-oil STAR the many features you have always wanted in a windmill—one oiling a year—your choice of Timken Tapered Roller Bearings or "NO-OIL-EM" Bearings—two gears, two pinions and two pitmans—direct center lift to pump rod—crosshead, guides and pitmans bearings flooded with oil—a scientifically designed wheel with angle steel arms and braces and ball-bearing turn table.

The fans of this new Star are curved to give great efficiency in an 8 to 10 mile an hour wind. Plunger pump in crank case floods crosshead, guides and pitman bearings with oil, and tight cover keeps out dirt, rain or snow.

One filling of crank case with oil each year will save many trips up the tower. May be fitted on any tower.

The new STAR is the last word in Windmill construction. Come in and let us show you this mill. You will want to know about it whether you are needing a new mill right now, and we want you to know what a really fine windmill we have in this new Star.

**West Texas Lumber Co.**



# Christmas

Is Soon here. Look our Stock  
over for things for the family

## Many Useful Bargains.

all about

See us

**J. S. MAY**  
The Cash Store El Dorado, Texas.

## Eden & Payne

Builders and Contractors

Let us figure with you  
Will furnish plans and specifications

Christmas savings funds are anybody ever hear a flapper  
ripe enough to pick. sing "Home, Sweet Home?"

# BROWN'S

The Christmas Store For Everybody

Be Your Own Santa Clause  
Give Yourself The Present  
You Want.

Meet Me at BROWN'S Tuesday Dec.  
21st. Free Candy for all the  
KIDDIES.

## PREPARING FOR SANTA



Christmas only comes once a year. You've worked and saved and saved the whole long year. What better investment could you possibly make than in Coat, Dress or Hat you've always longed for!

The shrewd business woman will buy her Christmas wardrobe from BROWN'S a reliable firm. Our wide selection of Choice Ready-to-Wear and Millinery Fashioned in the very newest modes, are known for their dependability as well as for their beauty.

Don't forget the Children and that friend. Prices here—Quality Considered—Cannot be duplicated.

Choose NOW so that you can wear your new Christmas Attire from the very beginning of real winter weather.

### FOR MEN

Fancy Hose.  
Supporters  
Handkerchiefs  
Gloves  
Lumber Jacks  
Shoes  
Hats and Coats.  
Beautiful Overcoats  
\$88.00 Now \$17.50

### GIFT SUGGESTIONS

For the Home  
\$5.50 Comforts, Sateen border  
white color \$2.89  
\$3.75 Extra nice double

blankets \$2.15  
Draperies, Bed Spreads and  
Table Linens.  
Purses  
FOR WOMEN.

Vanities, Ivory Sets  
Holiday Box Stationary  
Silk Hose and Novelty Slippers  
Silk Bloomers, Teds, Coun-  
terhandkerchiefs

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222 South Chadbourne  
San Angelo, Texas.

**BROWN'S**  
BETTER GOODS FOR LESS

222 South Chadbourne  
San Angelo, Texas.

## SERVICES AT BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY.

Rev Ratlig, of Denton, will preach at the Baptist Church Sunday.

Tug Tooter is tooting again. It is published by M. E. Hornish a veteran newspaper guy of the West Texas Metropolis, the Tooter will make its appearance twice each month.

## GIN NOTICE

Our next gin day will be December 28, El Dorado Gin. This will be final gin date.

Granddad may have been a sod buster, but not on the golf links.

The big hole in the family budget is where the turkey went through.

College girls are taking up boxing. They wrestle also, but they call it dancing.

Mother kept that school girl complexion by occasionally walking five or ten miles past a lot of drug stores.

## FRESH FLORIDA ORANGES

Fresh Florida Oranges \$3.00 per box of three hundred large size. Sound fruit and satisfaction guaranteed or money back. We pay express charges. A box of these makes an appreciated Christmas gift. Remit with order.  
ACME FARMS,  
Gainesville, Florida

## SHERIFF SALE

Order of Sale of Real Estate with writ of possession.

The State of Texas: To the Sheriff or any Constable of Schleicher County, Texas—Greeting:

Whereas, on the 19th day of November, A. D. 1926, G. M. Callison recovered in the district court of Schleicher County, Texas, a judgment against W. W. Jarrett for the sum of Fifteen hundred and sixty-six and 51/100 (\$1,566.51) dollars, with interest thereon from the 16th day of November, A. D. 1926, at the rate of 8 per cent per annum, and costs of suit; and, whereas, the said judgment is a foreclosure of vendor's and deed of trust liens on the following described property, lying and situated in Schleicher County, Texas, to-wit: All of lot No. One (1) in Block No. Thirty-Nine (39) in the town of Eldorado, in said Schleicher County, Texas, as the said liens existed on the 9th, day of March, A. D. 1926, and that said property shall be sold under execution in satisfaction of said judgment. And if said property shall sell for more than sufficient to pay off and satisfy said sums of money, excess should be paid over to the said W. W. Jarrett. But if said property should not sell for enough to pay off and satisfy said sums of money the balance due should be made as under execution, and such order of sale shall have the force and effect of a writ of possession, and the officer executing the same shall make a good and sufficient deed and place the purchaser of said property in possession thereof within thirty days from date of sale.

Therefore you are hereby commanded that you proceed to seize and sell the above described property, as under execution, and make good and sufficient deed, and place the purchaser of the same in possession thereof within thirty days after the day of sale, and you apply the proceeds thereof to the payment and satisfaction of said sum of Fifteen hundred and sixty-six and 51/100 (\$1,500.51) dollars, together with the interest that may be due thereon, and the further sum of six and 65/100 (\$6.65) dollars, costs of suit, together with your legal fees and commission for executing this writ. And if the said property shall sell for more than sufficient to pay off and satisfy said sums of money, then you are hereby directed to pay over the excess thereof to the defendant. But if you fail to find said property, or if the proceeds of such sale be insufficient to satisfy said judgment, then you are directed to make the money, or any balance thereof remaining unpaid, out of any other property of defendant, as in case of ordinary executions.

Herein fail not, but due return make hereof within sixty (60) days showing how you have executed the same.

Given under hand and the seal of the District Court of Schleicher County, Texas, at my office in Eldorado, Texas this 7th day of December, A. D. 1926.

John F. Isaacs, Clerk of the District Court of Schleicher County, Texas.

And on the 4th day of January A. D. 1927 being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and four o'clock p. m., on said day, at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said W. W. Jarrett, in and to said property, to satisfy said judgment, and cost of suit.

Dated at Eldorado, Texas, this 7th day of December A. D. 1926.

A. F. Luedecke,  
Sheriff of Schleicher County, Texas.

Subscribe for The Success and get the happenings.

## Christmas Tree

At

## First Baptist Church

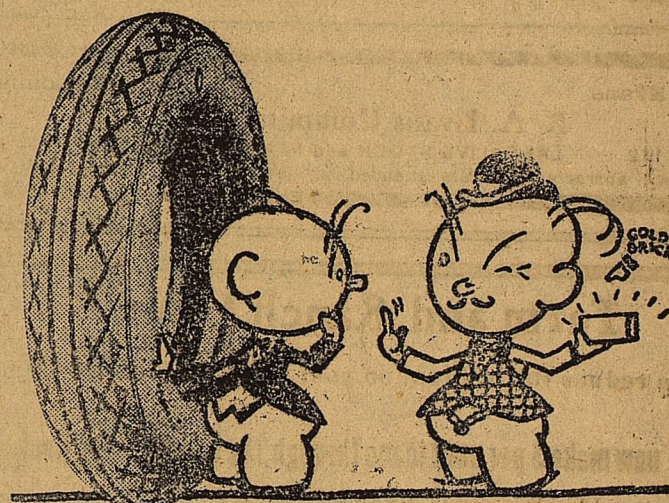
Dec. 24th 7:30 p. m.

Programme by Sunday School

Song by Choir Joy The The World  
Welcome Address Bettie Joe Whitten.  
Song Primary Girls and Boys.  
Duett Elnora and Lolette.  
Double Quartette—Silent Night.  
Santa Clause.  
Every body is Welcome.

Preaching next Sunday by Rev. Ratliff, of Denton, Texas. Every body is cordially invited to attend our Sunday services.

This space will contain "Our Annual Orphans Home Program."



## Bush Motor Co.

Gords, Fabricis, Balloons.

## Cash Service Station

Where good Gulf Gasoline is sold,  
Gulf, Pennant, and Mobil Oils,  
Barrel orders taken.

"Quick and efficient service at reasonable price—for cash."

Ladies Rest Room.

J. N. DAVIS, Proprietor.

Automobile Supplies Automobile Accessories

## W. A. POWERS

Expert Automobile Repairing  
Acetylene Welding  
Electrical Work

AT

## El Dorado Garage

The reformer should be patient with us. After all, the world's wickedness keeps him in a job

And we can be thankful shoes are not like auto tires so we would have to sit down when we got a hole in them.

Closed autos are the most popular in winter, while closed mouths are the year around.

## List With Me Your Land & Live Stock

I am in touch with buyers and will appreciate having a chance to sell your property, or get some for you.

General Commission Business.

H. S. Esdy.



CASH

No Exchanges  
No Approvals

# March Brothers Anniversary SALE

We are having one of our greatest Sales because we have made such **Tremendous Price Reduction** throughout our entire Store.

**Dry Goods, Groceries Shelf Hardware,** the drop in the cotton market and the late winter weather had a tendency to slow up business, therefore we are overstocked in several Departments and have decided rather than carry it over to put it on the market for what it might bring. Thousands of people have already Attended our

## Anniversary Sale

And many state that it is the greatest SALE ever held in West Texas as far as price reductions are concerned. It has been impossible for us to wait on our rush of Customers. They are coming from everywhere because it pays them well, as they can do their Christmas shopping and also buy their winter Merchandise at such wonderful savings.

*Every Article of Note has been Redaced.*

## Our Anniversary Sale Closes

**December 24th, (Christmas Eve.)**

*We gather at random just a few of the hundreds of bargains we are offering*

<b>BLANKETS</b> 66 x 80 extra heavy cotton in six beautiful colors regular price \$3.75 now only \$2.65.	our Sale prices only 12 1-2c.	<b>LADIES SILK HOSE</b> Ladies Service weight Silk hose regular \$1.25 value as long as they last 79c.
<b>SUITING</b> 36 inches wide extra heavy and Fleecy. In Solids, Lights, and Dark colors regular 25c values now only 16 cents	<b>GINGHAM</b> 32 inches wide, all colors smooth finish regular 25c values now only 14c.	<b>MEN'S OVERALLS AND JUMPERS</b> Regular \$1.75 values white back Denim now only \$1.15.
<b>HOPE DOMESTIC</b> Standard Quality the world over	<b>MEN and BOYS TWO PANT SUITS AND OVERCOATS</b> We have the best stock that we have ever had and the prices have been reduced to the unbelievable.	

Come and Shop Early while our Stock is Complete, You will not be Disappointed in our prices.

# March Brothers

Quality Merchandise San Angelo, Texas, Service.

### A NICE CHRISTMAS GIFT.

1-12 cake carton Baby wool soap, value ..... 60c  
6 thin blown water glass es, value ..... 60c  
Total value ..... \$1.20  
All for 85c, while they last  
Wright's Cash Store.

For Sale, Oil cook stove and kitchen cabinet see  
J. B. Ashmore.

For Sale 200 bred ewes \$10.00 per head.  
Chas. Mund,

For Sale—Some new maize heads phone or see Oscar Gibson.

For Sale 50 to 75 good seven year old ewes, will consider letting them out on shares.  
S. W. Holland.

A man seldom turns over a new until the old is all smeared.

Best prices at  
Wright's Cash Store.

New automobile licenses. in come tax payment, Christmas—Isn't December the gay old month?

### Coal! Coal!

For good coal place your order with  
J. S. May.

All news items appreciated.

Rooms for rent.  
Mrs. W. H. Douglas

For Sale good red oats, phone or see S. W. Mather. ptl.

### HOTEL ELDO

H. H. HOOKER, Prop.  
First Class Accomodations  
Rates Reasonable.

J. L. Doran and family returned from a three weeks visit at Levin

You will find all kinds of cutlery and the kind you want at El Dorado Hardware Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nixon were shopping in the city Tuesday, bringing in a nice lot of cream and eggs.

Coleman and American Gasoline Heaters at ElDorado Hardware Co.

W. O. Alexander left Wednesday for Dallas with his son John who will undergo an operation in his nose. We trust that John will be permantly relieved of his trouble.

If you were buying an automobile would you buy one you could get no service on. Then why buy that kind of a radio set? You can get service at ElDorado Hardware Co.

Wade Hampton and wife were visiting relatives in Eldorado, they are now living in Dallas.

72 different kinds of pocket knives to select from at El Dorado Hardware Co.

Miss Gladys Patton visited home Sunday.

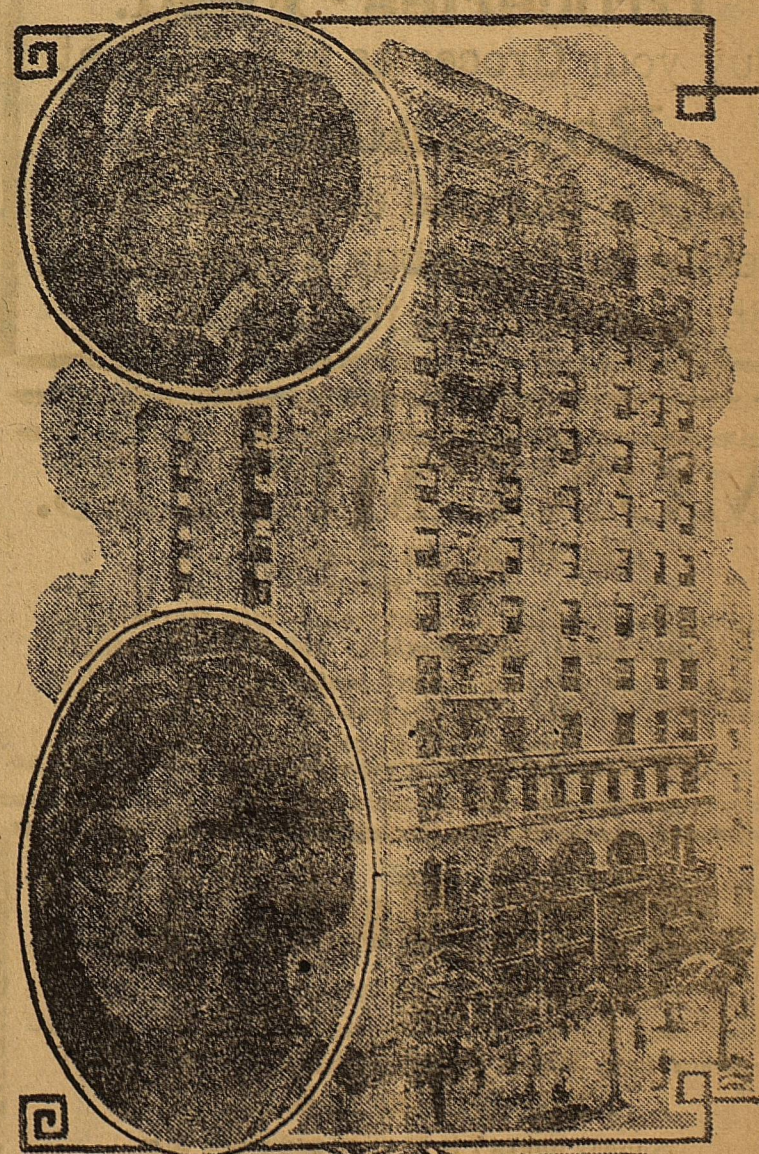
Have G. D. Hines write your deeds and draw your contracts. He will get them right.

Cheese, says a dietitian, is one of the oldest of foods, and no archaeological expedition was needed to unearth the fact.

Buy Christmas Turkeys from Mrs. Ship. Phone 3404.

Don't forget that you can get all your stoves and equipment for the winter at ElDorado Hardware Company and the prices are right.

## Faith and Firm Purpose Create Women's Club Home



A new era has dawned for the woman who visits Los Angeles. Once she had to go to a hotel. Now she can go to her hotel. For by skill, energy and perseverance a group of Los Angeles women alone have put up a new million and a quarter dollar structure devoted to women and to their families—including men. It is more like a giant hospitable club than a hotel. The women have a plunge and a gymnasium at their disposal. If they wish to play golf the women alone have put up a twelve story class A building and adorned it with a delicacy of taste that has made it generally admired. Mrs. Chester C. Ashley, shown in full face in the picture is the moving spirit of the Hotel. She is chairman of the Building Committee. Mrs. Maude N. Bouldin, shown in profile, is managing director. The profits of the Figueroa hotel are to be used in the creation of a new building fund. When it is of sufficient size it will be employed in the erection of a new Hotel for employed women.

### LEGAL NOTICE.

The State of Texas,  
County of Schleicher.  
In Commissioners Court,  
Schleicher County, Texas.  
December Term A. D. 1928.  
Now Comes Moore and Doty and W. L. McWhorter & Bro. and represents to the Court, that they are owners of Blocks 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 of the Moore & Doty Addition to the town of Eldorado, Schleicher County, Texas. That the said Moore and Doty own Blocks 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 of said Addition and that W. L. McWhorter & Bro. own all of Blocks 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 of said Addition, being all of said Addition lying south of Olive Street and bounded on the East as follows: Beginning at the N. E. corner of Block No. 12 in the South line of Olive street; thence

South to the N. E. corner of Block No. Nine; Thence West to the N. W. corner of said Block No. 9. thence South to the S. W. corner of said Block No. 9; Thence East with the North line of Imogene Street and the South lines of Blocks 9 and 10 to the S. E. corner of said Block No. 10; Thence South to the line of said Addition; Thence West with the South line of said Addition to the S. W. corner of Block 15; Thence North with the West line of said Addition to the South line of Olive Street, same being the N. W. corner of Block 5 of said Addition; Thence East with the South line of Olive Street to the place of beginning; It being the intention herein to leave Olive Street open as a public road, said above described part of said Addition comprising about 80 acres of land out of Survey No. 77. Certificate No. 71, H. E. & W. T. Ry. Co. Block

5, which land has heretofore been subdivided into blocks, streets and alleys and a plat thereof recorded in Book 8 page 156 of the Deed Records of Schleicher County, Texas, that said land is not within the corporate limits of the town of Eldorado. And respectfully makes application to this Court, praying it to pass an order at its January term 1927, cancelling said Addition or subdivision as to said above named blocks, so as to throw the same back into acreage as it existed before such sub-division was made.  
This December 11th, 1928.  
Moore & Doty  
W. L. McWhorter & Bro.  
By G. D. Hines, Agent.

Whatever became of the old-fashioned girl who, at this time of year, had a dresser drawer full of doilies and fancy work prepared for Christmas giving?

### THE SENIOR CLASS.

For the past week the Seniors have been very busy. School work is gradually getting harder and the holidays are approaching, and of course that explains why the Seniors have been busier than usual.

Forrest Alexander has been inquiring about the price of glass windows for closed cars. We hope he gets a small discount on a number of them.

Pete Finley says the road to Bailey Ranch is fine.

J. L. Trotter's dandruff has taken a turn for the worse and to remedy this he is keeping his feet dry with rubber boots.

Joe Young says that when the photographer, who is now in town, took a picture of the freshman class, a large green spot was developed.



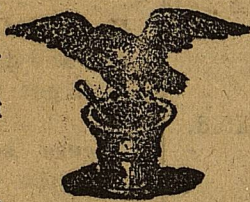
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**Palace Barber Shop.**  
 First Class Tonsorial Service  
 HAIR BOBBING A SPECIALTY  
 Bath FINLEY & BARBER, Props. Bath.

**THE  
 FIRST NATIONAL BANK**  
 Capital, Surplus and Profits.  
 \$118,000.00.

**City Barber Shop**  
 HOT AND COLD BATHS  
 Prompt Work and Courteous Treatment.  
 All Patronage Appreciated.  
 C. W. Galbreath, Proprietor.

**DRUGS**

Cut Glass, Silver  
 ware, and Toilet  
 Articles.



Jewelry,  
 Stationery and  
 Kodak Films.

You will also find here a well-chosen assortment of the advertised proprietary medicines.

**L. M. Hoover.**  
 DRUGGIST.

Who remembers when a girl with an unattractive face had to let it go at that. The old hens are trying to give us plenty of eggs for the holiday baking.

**Groceries - Feed.**  
 Buy your Groceries and Feed at  
**Roy Andrews**  
 I have a Car load of Alfalfa \$1.00 per bale. I also buy Turkeys and Chickens, phone for prices.

**MONUMENTS.**  
 The Western Granite Co.  
 Llano, Texas.  
 Will supply any thing you want from a small Marker to the finest Monument, both Material and finish of Highest Quality. Low price, no dealers profits to pay. We will appreciate your order. For Designs and prices see  
 W. T. CONNER, El Dorado, Texas.

**Sanitary Meat Market**  
 PHONE 163.  
 When you are Hungry, try some of our home made Sausage and Baby Beef. I also have Lunch Meats.  
 I Buy Butter and Eggs.  
 Sunday hours 7 to 10 a. m. and 5 to 6 p. m.  
 Harris Rounds, Prop.

**Have A Telephone**  
 Let us install a Telephone in your home, why do without this useful necessary convenience.  
 Do not worry your neighbor, in using their's.  
 Talk is cheap when you use a telephone.  
**San Angelo Telephone Co.,**  
 Fred O. Green, Manager.

Improved Uniform International  
**Sunday School  
 Lesson**

(By REV. F. B. FITZWATER, D.D., Dean of Day and Evening Schools, Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.)  
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**Lesson for December 19**  
**SAMUEL THE JUST JUDGE**

LESSON TEXT—1 Sam. 7:1-17, 12:1-35.  
 GOLDEN TEXT—Prepare your heart unto the Lord and serve Him only.  
 PRIMARY TOPIC—God Helps the People at Mizpah.  
 JUNIOR TOPIC—The Victory at Mizpah.  
 INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—What Samuel Did for His People.  
 YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—How the Lord Helps.

I. Samuel Called the People to Forsake Their Idols (7:1-6).

Under the administration of Eli, the nation rapidly deteriorated. For their sins, God permitted the nation to be bitterly oppressed by the Philistines. Samuel promised them deliverance on the condition of repentance.

II. Samuel Prayed for the People (7:7-14).

Moved by fear of the Philistines the people besought Samuel to cry unto God for them. In response to his prayer God miraculously delivered them from the Philistines.

III. Samuel Judging Israel (7:15-17).

Bethel, Gilgal, Mizpah and Ramah were his circuits, to each of which he made annual visits. These centers were for the accommodation of the people.

IV. Samuel's Farewell Address (12:1-25).

When Saul, the new king, was crowned, Samuel turned over to him his authority, and gracefully retired.

1. Samuel's challenge to the people (vv. 1-5).

(1) A reminder of the way the king had been given (v. 1).

He showed that they were directly responsible for the change in government. Though keenly feeling the reflection upon himself, and their ingratitude to God in their demand for a king, he had not resisted their wish.

(2) Review of his own administration (vv. 2, 3).

a. Walk from childhood (v. 2). Samuel's was a remarkable life; from childhood to old age he had lived an upright and pure life.

b. Career as judge and ruler (v. 3). He boldly challenged them to show where and how he had ever oppressed anyone.

(3) The vote of confidence by the people (vv. 4, 5).

It was Samuel's right as he laid down the reins of government to have his record vindicated and to have his integrity established beyond a doubt, so that no evil-minded man should ever be able to cast reproach upon him.

2. Samuel reviews God's dealing from the time of Moses (vv. 6-15).

He reasoned with them concerning the good hand of the Lord upon them from the time of Moses. Though they with ingratitude turned from the Lord and demanded a king like the other nations, He had acceded to their request and set a king over them.

(1) National prosperity conditioned by obedience (v. 14).

Though they had displeased God in choosing a king, if they would fear the Lord and render obedience, national prosperity would still be given.

(2) Disobedience to God meant the nation's ruin (v. 15).

It is folly to ask God's blessing upon a nation while it is living in rebellion against Him.

3. Samuel's own vindication (vv. 16-19).

This was such a critical hour in the history of the nation that Samuel sought to indelibly impress its meaning on their hearts. This he did by means of the thunder and rain out of season. Harvest time was not the season for thunder and rain, so when it came at the call of Samuel, the people were affrighted. They saw it as an example of God's mighty power, which if directed against them, would destroy them in an instant.

4. Samuel's gracious response (vv. 20-25).

(1) "Fear not—serve the Lord with all your heart" (vv. 20-22).

Samuel did not minimize their sin but assured them that if they would serve the Lord wholeheartedly He would not forsake them. The ground of their hope was the faithfulness of God in keeping His covenant.

(2) "God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you" (v. 23).

The people had rejected Samuel, yet he had such magnanimity of soul that he did not allow their ingratitude to cause his intercession for them to cease. He assured them that in spite of their sin their one concern should be to fear the Lord and serve Him wholeheartedly.

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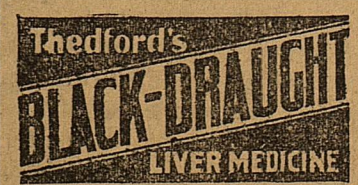
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