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MERRY CHRISTMAS



Entries in Baby Parade Few Due to Cold Weather

The annual Christmas baby parade was held here Friday evening but entries in the event were greatly reduced because of the cold weather. There were only ten entries in the procession but each was splendidly costumed, making the presentation a beautiful sight. Many other entries were expected but because of an epidemic of bad colds and some pneumonia many of the mothers withdrew their children at the last minute.

The parade was formed at the city hall and the Ballinger Cherry Band led the line of march through Hutchings Avenue where more than 2,000 people lined the street to see the feature.

First place went to the entry of the San Angelo Standard-Times, represented by Melva Jean Read, 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Read. She was dressed as a little newsboy, riding a tricycle converted into a red rooster and pulling a trailer with a silvery Christmas tree brilliantly lighted. On the tree were beautiful gifts and copies of the paper dangled from the branches.

Walter Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Jones, representing the Sam Behringer Grocery, won second place. The little fellow, dressed as Santa Claus, drove a Maytag racer decorated in white and containing a large pack of presents.

Little Miss June Wright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Felton Wright, who represented the Banner Ice Co., took third place. The little girl, dressed in a white riding habit, pulled a little wagon loaded with attractively wrapped Christmas gifts.

Every one of the entries were exceptionally good and the judges had difficulty in choosing the winners.

Judges were J. L. Carroll, teacher of the Barnett school, and C. H. Robertson, teacher of the Dry Ridge school.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kiechle and family left Saturday for Evansville, Indiana, to spend Christmas with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Troy Simpson and daughter, Mary, left Monday for Abilene, to visit Mrs. Simpson's parents.

Rev. W. H. Doss is spending Christmas with his son, A. K. Doss, of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Yates, of Arlington, and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hufendick, of Wink, will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bruce during the holidays.

Denman White, student of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, is at home to spend Christmas with his parents.

Read the ads—save money.

Stallcup is Given First Place for Best Home Decoration

The first prize for yard and home decorations was awarded to Ed Stallcup, 708 Eighth Street. Judging in this special Christmas event was done Saturday night by a committee of three out-of-town judges.

A total of eighteen homes were scored by the judges and several edged close to the winner. Mr. Stallcup put his decoration on the roof of his residence, the scene showing Santa's sled and reindeer stopped on the roof and the jolly old fellow just going down the chimney. Indirect lighting was used in the very impressive piece of work.

Another yard which received much praise from the judges was that of M. McGregor, 807 Broadway. In a beautiful setting in the side yard was a manger scene with the crib and the baby Jesus with a half of light about His head.

K. V. Northington also contrived a beautiful piece of work on his house. The Star of Bethlehem was beautifully decorated and a lighted Christmas tree was in the yard.

The Jennings Funeral Home had four Christmas trees covered with flickering lights to produce a beautiful effect at night. Many people visited this section of the city to see the decoration.

King-Holt Funeral Home had a miniature church set in a well landscaped yard and well lighted. The entry scored high with the judges.

Many local citizens had lighted trees and wreaths in their front windows, adding considerably to the gala effect.

Only one prize was offered in this event and the \$5 prize goes to Mr. Stallcup.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Sessions left Monday for Altus, Oklahoma, to visit relatives this week.

Mrs. Scott Mangum and daughter, Dorothy, came in Tuesday to spend Christmas in the home of Mrs. John Currie.

Howard Parker, of Cleburne, came in Tuesday to join his wife for a visit here during the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Rhoden, of Lubbock, are here to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rhoden.

Mrs. H. E. Brown, of Houston, is here for a visit with her sister, Mrs. A. M. King.

Cotton Producers And Business Said To Gain by AAA

"The price of cotton always has been controlled by the law of supply and demand and will continue to be controlled by the same law in the future," said T. J. McCaughan recently while discussing the new cotton adjustment contract and program to be offered to producers in Runnels county within the near future by the division of cotton of the agricultural adjustment administration.

"The experience of the last three years with cotton programs demonstrates the need for continued adjustment in cotton production for 1935, and succeeding years," Mr. McCaughan continued.

Mr. McCaughan recalled how many farmers were forced to mortgage their farms following the bumper crops of 1904, 1908, 1914, 1920, 1926, and 1931 when the supply of cotton greatly exceeded the demand, resulting in ruinously low prices. He said that before the mortgage could be paid off following a period of overproduction and low prices, another period of overproduction and low prices would develop. As a consequence, farm buildings and equipment were allowed to run down. Cotton acreage was reduced because many farmers could not finance their usual size crops, necessity thus bringing about adjustment.

"The adjustment was long drawn out," Mr. McCaughan said, "and it frequently was accompanied by distress on the farm. However," he pointed out, "some farmers who were in better financial circumstances grew their usual acreage or even expanded it and benefited by the reduction forced upon those who were least able to carry the burden.

"Business men in Runnels county also suffered losses during the years of bumper crops and accompanying low prices," Mr. McCaughan said. "Debts went unpaid. Store sales declined, and credit was hard to get at the bank. Schools ran short terms and business generally was bad."

Mr. McCaughan pointed out that cotton farmers are learning more about the law of supply and demand; that they are learning to adjust the supply to the demand, a practice that business men have been following for years. He stressed the fact that farmers have used the machinery of government for the last three years to adjust production and supply of cotton to the demand for it. This machinery has taken the form of adjustment contracts with adjustment payments; bringing the farm income from cotton near to the comparative level of the prices farmers pay for non-farm-produced goods. This, Mr. McCaughan said, is only a partial offset to the practice that manufacturers have followed for years

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Christ Statue Escapes Landslide



Though a tremendous landslide demolished the Grand-Chartreuse monastery, on which it stood, this statue of Christ, by a seeming miracle remained erect though surrounded on every side by wreckage. The monastery was a famed distillery in which, for centuries, monks have produced chartrreuse, a liquor for which they alone had the formula, and a \$2,500,000 stock was endangered by the avalanche.

School Holidays Started; Teachers Visiting Homes

Goodfellows Make Many Happy

A number of Goodfellows are busy this (Tuesday) afternoon distributing gifts to the children of Ballinger who otherwise would be deprived of a visit from Santa Claus. The limited amount of money contributed this year and the heavy demand for aid made the bundles rather light but the committee will be able to give most of the children on the lists small remembrances.

During the past week approximately twenty needy families were "adopted" by Sunday school classes and other organizations and these will be looked after in a generous manner Christmas day.

Many of the families are to be provided with clothing, food and other necessities and a number of children are being outfitted so they can enter school after the holidays.

The Goodfellow list to date is as follows:

Previously reported	\$77.00
Cash	50
Ralph James Erwin	2.50
First National Bank	5.00
Rev. M. C. Golden	1.00
Cash	1.00
J. A. Norwood	2.00
W. C. Rhoden	1.50
Cash	2.00
Mrs. R. T. Trail	2.50
Miss Helen Brewer	1.50
Concert donation	34.15

A piping plover's mottled eggs blend with the sand on which they are laid.

Students of the Ballinger schools were dismissed for Christmas Friday afternoon. Teachers who live elsewhere left immediately for other points to spend the holidays, most of them to be away until just before the beginning of the next term on December 30.

In the two primary buildings Christmas programs were held just before school was dismissed Friday afternoon. The Junior Parent-Teacher Association assisted the teachers in providing trees and gifts for the primary pupils.

Mrs. W. A. Bridwell, principal of the primary department, stated that this was one of the best accomplishments of the year by the P-T-A. She said the children got a bigger thrill from their singing lessons which at this season included carols sung around the trees.

Christmas programs were held in all the local schools Friday. Senior high school students presented a program during the chapel period.

Supt. H. C. Lyon left as soon as school closed to join his wife at Terrell and will visit there during the holidays.

Miss Genevieve Green left Friday for San Angelo and plans to go on a turkey hunt with friends.

Miss Marryatt Smith and her mother, Mrs. M. C. Smith, will spend Christmas with relatives at Gainesville.

Miss Lucile Williamson is spending the holidays with her parents at Moody.

Ernest Sublett is spending the week with his parents at Brownwood and intends to visit friends

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County Cotton Committee Elected at Meeting Here

Attendance is Large In Local Churches For Xmas Programs

The Ballinger Baptist Church was completely filled Sunday evening for the Christmas concert presented by the Baptist and Methodist choirs. The chorus of 60 voices was seated among beautiful decorations appropriate for the season and special lighting effects added to the effectiveness.

The choir presented groups of anthems on the theme of the birth of Christ and special numbers, including octets, quartets, duets and solos.

The First Christian Church had a large congregation at its vesper service Sunday afternoon at which time a Christmas pageant was presented. Special decorations and lighting were provided. Rev. Wallace Jones, pastor, directed the very pleasing program.

A Christmas program was presented at the First Presbyterian Church Sunday morning before a large audience assembled to hear the musical renditions by the choir and the message by the pastor, Rev. E. W. McLaurin.

The pageant at the Eighth Street Presbyterian Church Sunday evening was witnessed by a large audience. Children of the church school assisted by a number of adults presented a very impressive program.

Other churches of the city observed Christmas with special music and sermons at services Sunday morning and evening.

4-H CLUB ENROLLMENT TO BE CLOSED THIS WEEK

County Agent Elmo V. Cook is finishing a final check-up on the 4-H club enrollment for the county this week. Monday morning he had received cards for 103 boys and a number of the adult leaders had not reported.

An effort is being made to enlist 300 boys to take part in club work during 1936. During the first part of January a number of club meetings will be held and the organizations perfected.

Several club boys have already started their demonstrations for 1936. Livestock feeding has been underway since September and crop and poultry projects will be started soon after the first of the year.

Mrs. Lawrence Boynton and little daughter, of Midland, are here to spend Christmas week with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Walker.

The newly elected community cotton committeemen for 1936 held a meeting in Ballinger Saturday afternoon, during which the county committee was elected. The community committeemen were chosen last week at special meetings in the county. Each committee represents certain voting precincts of the county.

The county committee named for next year is composed of T. J. McCaughan, Norton; C. H. Ray, Miles; and John T. Curry, Winters.

The community committeemen named for 1936 and their territories are as follows:

Norton, North, Norton, Oak Creek, Wilmeth, Winstate and Marie will be represented by G. S. Walker, Norton; A. V. Rutherford, Oak Creek; and J. H. Ball, Wilmeth.

Rowena, Miles, Maverick and Brookshier—Fred Salling, Miles; L. W. Rohmfeld, Rowena; and Bert Fletcher, Maverick.

Content, Crews and Harmony—Sam Mathis, Content, W. H. Pape, Crews; and R. L. Pumphrey, Harmony.

Ballinger, Benoit, Bethel, Offen and Hatchel—Elmer Barnhill, Hatchel; Walter Lange, Offen; and M. W. McShan, Bethel.

Winters, Baldwin, Victory, Dale, Pumphrey and Cochran—John W. Stehle, Winters; Joe Awalt, Pumphrey; and P. M. Davis, Dale.

The committeemen will be instructed in the new rules for the handling of cotton acreage and contracts for 1936 and will attend to this business in their respective territories. The county committee will be in charge of all community workers, will give them assistance when needed, and pass on new information received during the year.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Chaney have as their holiday guests their sons and daughter and their families. Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Chaney, of Carthage, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Chaney, Jack and small baby, of Fort Worth; and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Croft, of Houston.

Miss Bobbie Taylor, of Norton, student in Howard Payne College, is spending the holidays with her parents and friends in Ballinger.

Judge and Mrs. O. L. Sims, of Paint Rock, visited friends in Ballinger Sunday.

\$250.00 Reward

Paid for Conviction of Livestock Thieves. Runnels County Livestock Association

Runnels County Votes 'Dry' By 185 in Special Election

Runnels county voted "dry" in the special election last Saturday which submitted a referendum on legalizing beer and wine of not more than 14 per cent alcohol.

On first returns the result was in doubt but as rural boxes began coming in the "dries" took a commanding lead that increased to a majority of 185. There were 1,805 votes cast in the twenty-seven polling places of the county according to the complete returns tabulated in the office of the county clerk.

Following is the vote by precincts:

Box—	For	Against
Ballinger No. 1	130	150
Hatchel	10	24
Benoit	11	10
Crews	17	46

Token	4	9
Harmony	2	15
Winters No. 7	44	149
Victory	5	15
Pumphrey	0	31
Wingate	8	35
Baldwin	1	18
Cochran	4	7
Marie	1	12
Maverick	11	13
S. Norton	0	29
Hagan	1	23
Brookshier	1	5
Miles	121	122
Rowena	224	4
Offen	61	7
Bethel	30	10
Ballinger No. 24	97	108
Dale	7	10
E. Winters	15	99
Oak Creek	2	15
Wilmeth	3	29

NOISE-PROOF WINDOW MADE

SYDNEY, Australia, Dec. 24.—Admitting light and air, but keeping out all sound, a novel window has been invented by E. T. Flak, of Sydney. The design is the result of ten years of experiments in acoustics, and makes use of the principle that most sounds may be reflected or absorbed if certain materials are applied to the surface the sounds are striking. The window has been installed in a Sydney office.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Clovin, of Brownfield, came in Tuesday for a visit in the home of Mrs. Clovin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Parrish.

In Satisfaction

Service of a professional character is capable of measurement only in terms of complete satisfaction. That we have fulfilled this measure is reflected in the regard held for us by those who have found it necessary to call upon us to serve in a professional capacity.

Our service includes reasonable prices which has been a reason for the complete satisfaction to all who have needed us.

Jennings Funeral Home

Telephone 440
C. G. Jennings, Mortician

Oscar Batts
Assistant

Mrs. C. G. Jennings
Lady Attendant

"I heard the bells on Christmas day,
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat,
Of peace on earth, good will to men."
—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Down through the centuries, man has revealed at Christmas the fine, splendid qualities all of us have within our hearts. It is a time of peace on earth to men of good will.

As you seek joy in doing things for others—in spreading happiness through the application of the Golden Rule—you become part of Christmas itself.

It is with hearty appreciation of your friendship and good will that we send greetings and wish you.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Higginbotham Funeral Home

IN MEMORIAM

In Loving Memory

of our dear friend Harry Dierschke, who was born in Olifen the 24th of January in the year 1916 and who passed away on the 16th of December at the age of 19 and was laid to rest in the Olifen Catholic cemetery, Rev. G. A. Boeckman, Rev. F. J. Pokuda and Rev. H. Janvier officiating.

The golden gates were opened wide. A gentle voice said, "Come," An angel from heaven came, To welcome our loved one home.

A place will be vacant everywhere we roam. Which never can be filled, Sweet memories of you, dear friend Harry,

Which shall linger forever in our hearts, That'll grow dearer and dearer every moment.

No artist can paint us a picture so fair.

Of you, dear friend Harry, With your love, faith and prayer, Oh! dear one, how we loved you, Oh! how hard it was to give you up.

But God needed another groom for Jesus,

And removed you from our flock All the years we've spent together, All the happy golden hours, Shall be cherished in remembrance,

Fragrant, sweet from memory's flowers.

When you see a precious blossom That we tended with such care, Rudely taken from our bosom, How our aching hearts depart, Round thy silent grave we linger, Till the setting sun is low, Feeling all our hopes have perished With the flowers we cherished.

Gone, dear friend Harry, gone forever, How we miss your smiling face, But left us to remember you None on earth to take your place.

Our heads are bowed with sorrow, Our eyes are filled with tears, But we must look to Jesus Through all the coming years.

You have gone to live with Jesus, And we feel that you are there, We hope some day to meet you In that happy land so fair.

God needed one more angel Amidst His shining band, So be bent with loving smiles, And clasped our darling's hands, You are gone, but not forgotten.

Never will your memory fade, Sweetest thoughts will ever linger Round the grave where you were laid,

So, farewell, dear friend Harry, but not forever, There will be a glorious dawn, When we shall meet to part, no more.

On the resurrection morn.

Lord, give us strength our loss to bear, And lead us in Thy heavenly way, Oh, may we meet our dear friend there.

In our Father's mansion fair, In life we loved you dearly, In death we do the same, The flowers we lay upon your

grave Lie withered and decayed, The love we have for you, dear friend Harry, Will never, never fade.

—(Contributed by his friends, Leona and Irene Anderle.)

J. C. Crager

The death angel visited our home on November 28 at 8:44 and took our darling baby boy, J. C., age 9 years, a bright shining star, the life and light of our home. The vacant spaces are everywhere we look. The sweet songs and prayers we have listened to so many times are still, to be heard no more. God who gave him the wonderful talent of music, wanted those songs among the angels to sing around the great white throne.

We can look back over the past two years of his illness and it is such a comfort to us when we think of our dear, kind friends who, we feel deep down in our hearts, have done everything they could do to make J. C. happy and comfort us by bringing him toys, dishes of food and flowers.

Every kind deed and word of comfort we wish to thank you for. Our hearts reach out for you, dear friends, and may God bless each of you is our prayer.

To the little flower girls and little boys who were his pallbearers, we are very thankful for your sweet service in making a bereaved family a little consoled.

We especially want to thank our kind doctor, Dr. Hale, and the drag store for their kind consideration and also for the beautiful remarks and kind words of comfort made by Rev. Roy Evans and Rev. Hancock. Also we appreciate the special songs, which were requested by J. C. that were sung by Bro. Skelton.

We can only say, a loved one from us has gone, a voice we loved is stilled, a place is vacant in our home, which never can be filled.

—(Contributed by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Crager, and family.)

Freeman's Tire and Battery Store 113 South Eighth 8-11

GIRL PARACHUTE JUMPER GETS AN EXTRA THRILL

TOKYO, Dec. 24.—During the presentation ceremony in Tokyo of a scouting plane, built by donations from waitresses to the Japanese government, 16-year-old Kimiko Mitsuno, a parachute jumper, started at death. The girl jumped at a height of 1,000 feet, but, as part of the harness was hooked to the plane, she hung suspended in the air without the parachute opening. The pilot promptly went out to sea and there began rocking his plane in order to unhook the jumper.

Eventually the rope broke, and the girl was able to pull the ripcord as soon as she began to fall. She was slightly injured in landing in the water, falling on a piece of floating lumber.

Miss Willwood Britwell is spending the Christmas holidays in Houston, visiting an aunt, Mrs. Henry Southerland.

Tractors Outstrip Bunyan Feats



The herculean logging feats performed by the legendary Paul Bunyan seem trivial compared to work done by modern loggers, whose industry has been revolutionized by heavy power machinery. Here a 110-horsepower caterpillar tractor is shown pulling a 10-ton load of logs on a flat car which runs on wooden rails. This scene is from the Naylor logging camp near Ravensdale in western Washington.

France Honors Cheese; May Glorify Omelet

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Should America rear a monument to apple pie, maple syrup or corn-on-the-cob that would be a fitting equivalent of the "gastronomic statues" which France has erected to her specialties of food and drink.

Indeed, a recent census reveals that there are six "gastronomic statues" in France today. One is to Brillat-Savarin, the French judge, who contrived a philosophy of eating; the others are in tribute to Camembert cheese, Normandy cider, Champagne wines, sugar, Alsatian geese and "foie gras." A seventh monument has also been proposed as a memorial to the world-famous omelet which Madame Poulard for half a century prepared at Mont St. Michel.

Le Havre, where thousands of Americans embark each year, has a "sugar loaf" monument recalling that most of the cane sugar consumed in France passes through this port. At the monastery of Hautvillers, near Rheims and Epernay, there is a monument to Dom Perignon who, more than 200 years ago, discovered the formula for putting "sparkle" into the wines of the Champagne region. Each year this monastery is visited by travelers, both French and foreign, who love and enjoy France's "laughing water."

Brillat-Savarin, who coined the epigram "Tell me what you eat and I will tell you what you are," has his statue in Belley (where he was born 180 years ago), slightly

east of Lyons and near Aix-les-Bains, which was an A. E. F. leave center during the World War. By profession, Brillat-Savarin was a judge; by inclination, he dabbled in cooking. Indeed, he acquired some of his gastronomic lore in the United States and developed a liking for American delicacies like apple pie. His philosophy was summed up in the remark that "Good food is not a matter of money but of manner."

Mme. Marie Harel, a contemporary of the judge, has both a statue and a monument in her honor. She was the inventor of Camembert cheese, and there is an obelisk-like monument in the Norman village of the same name. Further, her statue stands in Vimoutiers, dedicated to Norman womanhood, of which Mme. Harel is taken as a splendid example. It also glorifies Camembert cheese, Normandy cider, and other products of this picturesque province. Every Easter Monday there is a "gastronomic pilgrimage" to this statue in connection with the century-old fair held there every year.

Alsace is the home of "foie gras," that super-delicacy which, in English, has the prosaic name of "fattened goose liver." This specialty has not been forgotten, and one of Strasbourg's parks is ornamented with an attractive statue of an Alsatian girl in the act of feeding corn to a goose.

Merry Christmas

May your Christmas be as merry as ever and may the day hold in store for you an abundance of happiness, good cheer and peace. While the holly wreaths and the mistletoe are shining in windows of every home and store in the city and the Christmas bells are ringing, we would like to ring a bell of praise to you who have cooperated with us and made the year as successful as you have for us.

To the people of this city we owe a debt of gratitude for the business you have brought us. And may we merit your praise and your patronage during the year 1936.

U. E. Hartman

Merry Christmas To Our Friends And A Happy New Year

And if our wishes for you all come true...

Good Times Are Ahead And everything's going to be all right!

Lee Hardware Co.

New Respiration Method Revives Victims of Shocks

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A new method of artificial respiration for use on persons unconscious from drowning or electric shock has been devised by Norman Pogose and was tested recently by the distinguished British physiologist, Sir Leonard Hill.

Its chief advantage over other methods is said to be that it helps the heart to pump blood after that organ has stopped, as well as pumping air in and out of the lungs. In the new method the unconscious person is laid face down on the ground, much as in the Schafer method taught to Boy Scouts and similar organizations.

The person who is doing the artificial respiration then stands or kneels astride the body, locks his hands underneath the victim's abdomen and rhythmically lifts the body and lets it down again. With each lift the pressure of the locked hands compresses the abdomen and forces its contents against the diaphragm and up into the chest, thus forcing air out of the lungs. When the body is let down again the natural elasticity of the chest draws new air into it.

At the same time an intermittent pressure is exerted on the heart

so that blood is forced out of it into the arteries much as happens when the chest is opened and the heart is squeezed by hand, which, sometimes is done by surgeons when a patient collapses during an operation.

Using a volunteer subject and a set of gas meters, Sir Leonard has proved that the new Pogose method draws plenty of air in and out of the lungs. Because of its aid to the heart it may be a valuable alternative to the Schafer or other methods which are better known.

DEADLY SNAKE SLEEPS WITH ITS MASTER

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Snakes eating live p.e.s, frogs eating poisonous serpents, and a man who has a deadly mamba sleeping in bed with him were some of the strange things told by Lieut.-Col. R. H. Elliot, an expert in snake venom, in a recent lecture at the Institute of Hygiene in London. He related how a Mr. Wassener, of the Transvaal, had tamed a mamba, one of the deadliest snakes known, so that it slept at the foot of his

bed. Wassener used to sleep in a room with thirty other men, and kept the snake unknown to them, taking it out for exercise at night like a dog. Once, when the snake was disturbed during the night, it crept into the bed and hid itself behind Wassener's back.

JEWELLED MAPS PUT ON CIGARETTE CASES

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Intended for globe trotters or those with an international spirit, are the little cigarette cases and vanities that were recently shown in a small shop in the Faubourg St. Honore. These cases are of white gold that is engraved with maps of different countries. The capitals and other gay centers are denoted by means of tiny ruby or emerald chips.

Another item of style interest is a slipper satin gown with sandals or pumps of matching satin. The hem of the gown and the toes and heels of the slippers are decorated with crystal beads so that dancing feet will cast a glittering effect.

WESTERN UNION

IF YOU HAVEN'T SENT YOUR GREETINGS—DON'T FORGET WESTERN UNION—SPECIAL RATE 25C ANYWHERE IN U. S. WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 11 P. M. ON CHRISTMAS EVE.

Christmas.

'Tis the time for good cheer, on this, the anniversary of the coming of the Christchild. May we extend, in His name, our best wishes for a joyous Yuletide.

KEMP DAIRY

Ballinger, Texas Phone 6400

To You and Yours

A Merriest Merry Christmas

—and—

A Happiest Happy New Year

We Wish You a Double Portion of Everything Good You Could Wish for Yourself

Security State Bank

At This Happy Christmas Season

Our thoughts turn to our friends whom we have served, and it is with sincere feeling that we wish each of you and yours a JOYOUS CHRISTMAS and a MOST PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

PAUL TRIMMIER County Judge	W. A. FORGEY County Tax Assessor-Collector
MRS. W. A. FRANCIS County Treasurer	W. A. HOLT Sheriff
C. C. SESSIONS County Attorney	JOHN RAYBURN District Clerk
W. W. CHASTAIN County Clerk	E. C. GRINDSTAFF County Superintendent



The Unposted Christmas Letter
by **Jocile Webb Pearson**

THE gray day was settling into a gray night. A white mist obscured the pine covered hills and spread itself over the valley like a vast curtain shutting out familiar objects. The shriek of a locomotive sounded ghostly and unreal, as its glaring headlights pencilled the darkness for a moment and disappeared. The doorway of the little railway station was outlined in a blaze of light as the attendant entered.

Despite the chilling blanket of mist a campfire a few hundred yards down the track crackled and glowed cheerily, bringing into sharp relief the figures of a man and boy. The latter, seated on a log, gazed moodily into the fire as the pine boughs rapidly consumed. His beardless face had the healthy tan of the open road, his clothing showed its neglect. The heavy shoes, soggy with the moist earth, steamed as the heat waves beat upon them, but he was unmindful of any discomfort.

The man was grizzled and weather stained, a typical person of the out-of-doors life. For the moment he was intent on arranging slices of bacon on a flattened piece of tin, later to be slid over the red coals where a can



A Campfire Brought Into Sharp Relief the Figures of a Man and Boy.

of bubbling coffee already sent out an appetizing odor. He worked deftly, as one long used to this method of preparing meals. Occasionally he cast anxious looks at the boy, as he turned the sizzling bacon and sandwiched it between thick slices of bread. With steady hand he poured the steaming coffee into separate cans, then called to the boy:

"Sit up, Jimmy! Ye must be starved after the day's tramp. Walkin' the rails is hard work, but we're not ones for stealin' rides, we pay like gintlemen or walk, eh, lad?"

The boy started from his reverie. "Hitch hiking beats walking for rapid transit if you're in a hurry. Tim."

Jimmy grinned. "Gee, that bacon smells great. I'm as hungry as a camp robber."

They ate in silence, each busy with his own thoughts. When the meal was finished, the man produced a short-stemmed pipe from an inner pocket of his heavy woodsman coat, filled it, crowding the tobacco in with his thumb; then stooping he scooped a live coal from the fire and puffed a moment in quiet satisfaction; watching the boy from under his shaggy eyebrows as he added fresh fagots to the dwindling blaze.

The boy, with hands thrust deep in his pockets, continued to move restlessly about. "Gee, Tim, this weather is getting on my nerves. We've had days of it. I'm beginning to want to see the sun again."

The old man laid aside his pipe. "Now, lad, suppose ye tell Tim all about it. What's botherin' ye—I've missed that whistle of yours. What's on yer mind?"

Jimmy resumed his seat on the log. "Oh, nothing much, Tim. I guess I'm sort of cuckoo tonight, just thinking—oh, shucks! It's nothing, anyway."

"Go on, lad, I'm listenin'."

A slow color mounted to the boy's face. "It's thinking of Christmas, Tim. It's only three days off, and—and I've never been away before. It doesn't matter, forget it." He hastily threw a pine bough into the fire.

"Three days, ye say, lad? An' me forgettin' it. Now, where'd ye say ye come from?"

"Iowa, Tim."

"Now, do tell, I been in Iowa meself, lad, but it's a long time ago—a long time. Ye're from a farm, mebbe?"

"No, Dad's no farmer. He's a carpenter, and got along fine till hard times struck—you know how things went."

"Sure I do," Tim supplemented. "An' there wasn't much work."

"That's right, Tim, and I wasn't keen on school. I wrote a note telling Mom and Dad not to worry about me—they have three more to look out for—and I hit the trail for the great Northwest."

Tim gave him a reassuring pat. "I see, lad. An' ye're fed up an' sort of disappointed an' homesick?"

"I guess that's right, Tim. But, gosh, it was thinking of Christmas that got under my skin. They'll all be there but me. Nobody to get the tree—that

was my job. We always had one, even in the hardest times. Mom's a corker to manage. Doesn't Christmas get you, too, Tim? Haven't you folks some where you'd like to see?"

"Mebbe, lad, an' mebbe I'd be gladder to see them, than they me. Now this town, 'Podunk,' did you say it was?"

"No, it's Moberly, and the damndest town—not so hot for size, but it has about everything a fellow needs there, and the best grid team in the county. Gee, Tim you ought to see them huskies go after that ball and smash the line—and the crowd roaring like mad, rooting for their team." The eager look faded—he rose abruptly.

"Guess I'll be turnin' in. See you later."

"Sure, lad," Tim ignored the break in the conversation. "Better bank them pine boughs under that shed over there. This drizzle will likely be snow by mornin'. I've an errand of me own to go, but I'll be back in no time. Git yer rest whilst ye kin."

An hour later the boy was awakened by a hand on his shoulder, and Tim's

voice calling "Jimmy, I wants to talk to ye."

Jimmy sat up, rubbing his eyes. "Okay, Tim, what's on your mind? Shoot."

Tim fumbled in his pocket and produced a bit of paper. "First I want to say Merry Christmas from Timothy Ryan to Mr. James Madden of Moberly. Ioway. Here it is—a ticket to ye're old home town. An' the fast train will pick ye up in exactly forty minutes. We got to get goin', lad."

"But Tim," Jimmy blinked the last bit of sleep from his eyes. He turned the paper over and over until he was convinced it was genuine. "I—I don't understand, Tim. How did you get this and where?"

Tim laughed merrily. "One at a time, lad. First: I got it over you at the little railway station where they sell tickets. Second, I paid for it with money, earned money I laid by when work was good."

"That's fine of you, Tim, but I can't take your money. You need it for yourself."

"Sure ye kin, lad, an' there's enough left for me—an' yer welcome to it. Ye see, Jimmy, I sort of tuk to ye the day we walked inter the loggin' camp just as they were closin' down for the winter an' we tuk the trail together. An' when ye talked of Christmas, an' s'ich, ye set me thinkin'. The gift is not for you alone, but for yer folks who misses ye more than ye know. Old Tim's made many a mistake, I says to myself, but this ain't one, an' mebbe it will help square some of the others."

He laid a gnarled hand on the boy's shoulder. "There's only one thing I'm askin', lad, an' that is: ye'll stay off the road. It's not for the likes of ye. Go home an' ferret yer schollin'."

"You're right, Tim," Jimmy replied soberly. "I've come to realize that, I've helped me to see things differently, Tim. I've got a dandy idea. His face glowed with eagerness. "Go home with me. Mom and Dad would make you welcome; and you say you have money." But the old man shook his head. "No, no, lad, I bin on the road too long. I know yer folks would be grand to me; much obliged to ye fer thinkin' of it—I'll be gettin' along where there's housin' quarters, an' mebbe a bit of work."

The eastbound train came to a stop. As the slender youth was climbing aboard, with a last handclasp, old Tim pressed a crumpled bill into his hand. "Ye must eat, lad, an' don't lose yer ticket. Don't ferret yer schollin' like a gintleman." The old man laughed, but there was an undertone of wisdom.

Jimmy took the money. "I hadn't thought of eatin', Tim. It is just that I'm going home. Home, Tim, and I owe it to you. I'll pay it back some

day—I'll tell Mom and Dad what a good pal you've been—and you promised to write. I'll be thinking of you Christmas."

"Thankee, lad, thankee. Tell yer folks howdy, an' Merry Christmas fer me."

The train roared away in the white fog. Old Tim watched till the red light disappeared and the rumble grew faint in the distance. He rubbed a moist hand across his brow. "An' he called me pal. 'Tis a fine lad he is, an' I'll be missin' him. Three days to Christmas; he'll make it." By the dim light

from the station window, he pulled a worn purse from his pocket and emptied the few remaining coins into his hand. He shook his head slowly. Reaching into an inner pocket he drew forth a letter addressed to a small town in Iowa; slowly he read:

"Dear Tom: I been hankerin' to see ye an' the old home agin. I'll be comin' fer Christmas. Yer brother Tim."

He tore the letter into bits. "He's worth it," he said. "The lad will be home fer Christmas."

Old Tim smiled happily as he trudged back to camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sledge, of San Angelo, are here to spend Christmas day with Mr. Sledge's mother, Mrs. A. W. Sledge.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Miller and family, of Abilene, will arrive tomorrow morning to spend Christmas day with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter Henderson will have as holiday guests Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lawrence and family, of Baird; Mr. and Mrs. Grover Henderson and family, of Brownwood; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Henderson and family, of Burkett; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Buckingham, of San Angelo; Mrs. Alice Henderson, of Cross Plains; and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Butler, of Cross Plains.

President Honored at Notre Dame



A huge throng assembled in the gymnasium at Notre Dame University saw President Roosevelt receive an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from the Rev. John F. O'Hara, president of the university. At the exercises, commemorating Philippine Independence, President Roosevelt reaffirmed the American doctrine of religious freedom.

Old Aztec Picture Books Reveal Odd System of Names

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—One of the most curious name systems in the world, entirely different from such occupation names as Smith or Shoemaker, place names such as Ford or DuPont, names of descent like Thompson or Macdonald, and names based on personal characteristics such as Short or Blackman, is disclosed by Dr. Herbert J. Spinden, of the Brooklyn museum, in a translation of an ancient Mexican picture book known as the Selden Codex, now at Oxford University, in England.

Dr. Spinden's partial reading of the picture record was made for the Smithsonian Institution, in Washington, which has just published the results. The book is strikingly like a modern series of newspaper cartoons, such as Mr. and Mrs. or the Gumps, and tells the life story of a supposedly beautiful princess named Lady Six Monkey. The king, her father, from whom she ultimately inherited the kingdom, was named Ten Eagle. The queen, her mother, was named Nine Wind.

An old priest, who seems to

have been her guardian and tutor was named Ten Lizard. She consulted a woman soothsayer named Eleven Wind, who was however no relation of her mother Nine Wind and did not become king, but only prince consort. Six Monkey remained queen until she vanished from the surviving chronicle.

The explanation of these curious personal names Dr. Spinden finds in the Maya and Aztec calendar. The names were really birthdays. Six Monkey means that the girl princess was born on the sixth day of the month-like day series called the Monkey series, as though a modern girl were named Twenty September or Fourth of July. What was done about names for twins or other children born on the same day does not appear.

Mark your eggs and butter with Rubber Stamps. Ballinger Printing Co.

WHITAKER EMPLOYEES ATTEND COMPANY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Eleven members of the Whitaker Brothers Company house in Ballinger attended a company meeting at San Angelo Monday night. The meeting was entirely a social gathering and a Christmas tree was provided for the thirty-two employees of the company present.

The management presented each of the employees with cash gifts, bonuses to salesmen being given on percentage of business produced. The employees presented the Whitaker families with a large dinner set as a token of appreciation.

B. B. Westbrook and daughter, Miss Florence Westbrook, are in Waco for a Christmas visit with relatives.

Money receipt books 15c. Ballinger Printing Co. 1-1f



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GREETINGS

MERRY CHRISTMAS

We want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Happy New Year! These two old wishes have never been beaten and we are sending them today with all the power and warmth they've carried down the years. May all of your dream come true and the end of 1936 find you richer in all of the things of life ready to face another year with brighter hopes.

Whitaker Bros.

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Porter Henderson Mgr.

"'Twas The Night Before Christmas"

And All Through the House—

How familiar is this old bit of Christmas poetry. What fond memories it brings to all of us! What marvelous pictures it conjures in the minds of the youngsters!

The night before Christmas is here and with it comes the completion of another successful year of business, a year of pleasant relations with pleasant people. You have already given us our Christmas present by your liberal patronage. Our present to you is a pledge of even better service in the future and a sincere wish for a cheery holiday season.

"Merry Christmas to All and to All a Good Night"

KING-HOLT

1886 1935

The
First National Bank
Of Ballinger

To Our Customers and Friends:

On behalf of every director, officer and employee of this bank, we wish, before the old year closes, to express to your our appreciation of your friendship and patronage.

Together we have swung once more "around the great circle" and with each passing year we appreciate more keenly what our friends mean to us. We shall continue to devote our best efforts to your service.

According to our usual custom for thirty years, we will have for distribution

Beginning Thursday, January 2, 1936
our CALENDARS for the NEW YEAR

"Sunset, Sea and Sky"

Caleendars will not be mailed. Children must have written order from parent or guardian.

May the New Year be rich in well-deserved rewards for you.

The First National Bank
Of Ballinger

Christmas in Ballinger 30 and 25 Years Ago



(Taken from the files of The Banner-Leader at 1905 and 1910)
30 Years Ago

Among the advertisers in The Banner-Leader of December 23, 1905, who are still in business are: The Hub, Ballinger Cottonoil Co., C. A. Doose & Co., First National Bank, Bair & Brown (now L. E. Bair), Hall Hardware Co. (Schumann Hardware Co.), Ballinger State Bank (Security State Bank), and others which have changed management or name within the past 30 years, but are primarily the same institutions.

Among those whose names were on the school honor roll as shown in The Banner-Leader were: Homer Voelkel, Victor Miller, Maymie Sue Gressett, Bernie Ward, Nadine Currie, Lemmie Davis, Otelia Truly, and many others too numerous to mention here. These were not all in the same grade, but are taken at random from the complete list.

The children of the Presbyterian church were planning to have a big celebration on the night of December 23, with a Christmas tree and other amusements.

The Ballinger State Bank building was nearing completion and the brick had just been brought in from San Angelo to finish the exterior.

Dave Breeding of Ballinger sold his fine registered trotting stallion to a Sonora man for \$600.

One of the earliest correspondents for The Banner-Leader was a man who signed himself "Uncle Johnnie." He sent in his news letter every week from Mazeland school house. This community is still represented with a report in almost every issue of The Ledger.

A mass meeting had just been held to discuss the most efficient way in which to secure water for the city. Proposals included using the river as a water source; constructing a dam on Elm Creek; and a dam on Los Arroyos.

Some peculiar words, abbreviations and phrases are used in the columns of the 1905 issue of this publication. Among these are: January abbreviated as Jany, instead of Jan, as we now put it; it was said that so-and-so "Sundayed" with so-and-so; the reporters of the by-gone era were either better educated than those of the present day or they just liked to use out-of-the-ordinary words like "tempestuous voyage," "bathed in the sunlight of good cheer," "young men of exemplary habits," and other phrases which seem flowery and uncalled for in today's news columns.

25 Years Ago

The Banner-Leader had increased its size since 1905 from five columns to six columns.

Charging was being built from the north door of the court house to Sixth Street.

Among the marriage licenses issued during the Christmas season of 1910 were: James E. Jones and Miss Ada Holt Warren, Herbert C. Jones and Miss Stacy Jane Warren, Willie Gill and Miss Berta Butts, T. J. Forgye and Miss Florence E. Gray, W. W. McCullum and Miss Laura Davis, and several others who had chosen the Yuletide in which to be wed.

Christmas trees for all the children were planned at the various churches of the city and the few needy families in the community were being provided for during the holidays.

Mrs. W. S. Fleming entertained the teachers of the Ballinger public schools with a Christmas party in her home in West End.

All persons subject for road duty in the county were advised that exemption certificates from this work could be secured for \$3. It was provided by law that every

person between the ages of 21 and 30 who had failed to pay his poll tax for 1910 would have to work on the roads of his precinct for three days.

"Wets" and "drys" were laying foundation for the state-wide prohibition election slated for 1911.

Christmas in Shanghai

Just One of Their Days

WHEN Christmas comes to Shanghai, a cross-section of the world makes holiday. The average Chinaman fails to get the meaning of it, but such a fun-loving people can do well with one more celebration. So the Chinaman himself adds to the din with firecrackers and gift-giving parties and the making of rolls.

There is a distinct western touch to the observance of the season by this most cosmopolitan city. Shanghai's "social register" start plans for dinners and dances as early as the middle of November; immediately reservations are checked off on the calendars of ballrooms and restaurants. The exact form of observance varies with the nationality divisions of the city. In the Russian section, the day is observed as it is on the steppes or in Moscow. The French greet Santa Claus in their own way, even though the wax dolls have to be brought far from the Champs Elysees. The Japanese prefer to make merry by drink for weeks. The English must have their plum pudding and hot.

At the mission schools, where boys and girls are taught in separate classes, Christmas carols around the tree give modest school girls a chance not only of singing hymns but of "seeing him."

In interior China, however, most of the people prefer to celebrate their own Dragon-boat, Mid-Autumn, and New Year holidays rather than this "imported" one. They do not even try to understand these queer foreigners. To them December 25 is just another day.—Francis Grimond.

Made Best of Worst of Christmas-Time Mishap

THE snow began nearly a week before Christmas and when the great day arrived, folks were trying to remember the time when it didn't snow in Morton City. Barnes, the only merchant, had put off getting his slumping supply so there were no gifts in town to be bought for love or money. But when news got about that the train down on the railroad siding was aground in Morton City, old and young sort of forgot about the lack of gifts. Yes, the president of the road with his party had a special car on the rear of the snowbound passenger, and wasn't that a great honor indeed!

Folks got over the novelty of their visitors in time for the organization of a huge choir of carol singers that went down to the train and paraded through the length of the coaches, even to sing for the chef and the porters and, of course, all the train men. They had remembered to take along a tree decorated with the noisier ornaments they had on hand from previous years. But somehow, they made a great bit with all the struggles who lolled heartily in the din.

The passengers dove into their baggage and brought up books, boxes of candy, candy bars, flax, fancy soaps and bath salts, highly perfumed, beautiful towels and even lovely baby clothing, wearing apparel and jewelry. In fact, not a seat in the little settlement was without one of the impromptu gifts. The passengers received all fashionable roasted towels and all trimmings of a generous feast. What one hath not, the other had, seemed the most terse explanation of the happy conditions.—Lester E. Lyons.

Miss Helen Brewer, who is teaching school at Odessa this year, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brewer.

Miss Eleanor Williams, Baylor University student, is spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Williams.

Want ads are economical and bring results.

Old Paris Reasserts In Reestablishment Of Seine Water Bus

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Every now and then Old Paris reasserts itself, at least in some small measure. "Old Parisians" who have just been in mourning for the demise of Tramway 19, one of the last survivors of the rapidly disappearing trams of the city, are therefore drying their tears to rejoice in the reappearance on the Seine of a regular service of water buses.

As a last word for the dear departed, let it be recorded that Tramway 19 had long been the most socially distinguished of the Paris trams, completing its journey under the chestnuts of the Avenue Henri-Martin, the residential district of the pre-war mighty. The leisurely, bourgeois charm of locomotion by the old tram has been superseded by the more aggressive smell and roar of Auto Bus 19. And no doubt, in common with the way of new busses in the working-class districts, the time will come when the major part of Auto Bus 19's accommodation will be standing room; the tendency in the Metro and the omnibus is rather toward the truck idea, for hustling on more people and packing them tighter together in the modern way of the world.

How refreshing then is the steamboat service, the bateaux-mouches. The "mouche" started nearly seventy years ago and provided a very popular means of getting people home to the suburbs and on business errands where speed was not the primary desideratum; naturally, a slump was bound to come in an age of speed and the service no longer paid the municipality. The private company that has now taken the steamboats over has given them a coat of paint; though they will no longer ply regularly from point to point along the Seine as they used to, there will be excursions to suburban riverside resorts every Sunday and also on Thursdays, the school holiday. On Thursdays, also, they will run joy rides for the children of the unemployed.

No doubt tourists will take advantage of the opportunity of seeing the panorama of Paris buildings and the trees of the Bois from the water. For all their new paint, the "mouches" must be crowded with the shades of a more leisureed age and certainly of the literature of the nineteenth century.

Mr. and Mrs. George McCulley and sons, of Kingsville, will arrive the latter part of the week for a visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Gressett came in this week from their ranch near Roswell, New Mexico, and will visit here until the first of January with Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Gressett and other relatives.

Mrs. George Graves, of Waco, is here to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Sheppard.

Refreshing Relief When You Need a Laxative

Because of the refreshing relief it has brought them, thousands of men and women, who could afford much more expensive laxatives, use Black-Draught when needed. It is very economical, purely vegetable, highly effective. Mr. J. Lester Robertson, well known hardware dealer at Martinsville, Va., writes: "I certainly can recommend Black-Draught as a splendid medicine. I have taken it for constipation and the dull feelings that follow, and have found it very satisfactory."

BLACK-DRAUGHT

Mod Lincoln in



Statues of famous men, fashioned in cement by Fritz Henkels, Santa Monica, Calif., workman, grace many southern California parks. With only a bricklayer's trowel and an ordinary table knife, Henkels has completed huge statues of Will Rogers, Von Hindenburg, Theodore Roosevelt—and of Abraham Lincoln, with which he is shown above.

Notice to Bidders

NOTICE is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Runtels County, Texas, will receive sealed bids up to ten o'clock a. m. of December 30th, 1935, for the purchase of road graders and tractors. If such graders, grader, tractors or tractor, should be purchased same will be paid for, in part, by time warrants not to exceed seven thousand dollars in amount. On said mentioned date all bids will be opened in the office of the county judge of said county. A certified check for 5% of the amount bid shall be filed with each bid, which shall be forfeited to said county by the successful bidder in the event he shall fail to give the bond and perform all other things required by law.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

PAUL TRIMMIER,
County Judge.

MAN WANTED

We have an immediate opening for a live, energetic man of good character, to handle the sales of Medina "Sure Crop" Irrigated Farms in this section. Real Estate experience helpful but not essential.

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Greetings

May the Coming Year
Bring You Health
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A CHRISTMAS WISH

May the holidays be as pleasant as any you have ever spent, and may the New Year hold much happiness for you.

**Doss Top and
Body Works**
Hutchings Avenue

DEATHS

David Haggard McCaughan
Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon for David Haggard McCaughan, 96, at the home of a son, W. B. McCaughan, of Winters. Rev. E. L. Springer, of Brownwood, officiated, assisted by L. R. Mickey, minister of the Winters Church of Christ. Interment was made beside his wife in the Wilmeth cemetery.

Mr. McCaughan, a Confederate veteran, had resided in Runtels county for many years. He joined the Confederate army in 1862 and served until the surrender of General Johnson at Greensboro, North Carolina.

He and his wife moved to Texas in 1873 and settled near Waco. They later lived several years near Lampasas and then came to Runtels county, where he engaged in ranching and farming. The family home was 14 miles west of Winters in the Wilmeth section until the death of Mrs. McCaughan in 1918. Since that time decedent had been living with sons in this county and at Santa Anna.

Survivors include W. B. McCaughan, Winters; T. J. McCaughan, Norton; J. L. McCaughan, Santa Anna; Charley

**Christmas Dinner
Christmas Day—only
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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

This happy season has come again, so filled with thoughts of our friends and customers who have favored us during the past year. And for your every happiness we send our wishes true.

**Harber's
Cash and Carry
Grocery & Market**

Phone 294
1001 Broadway

Merry Christmas

This year when the joyous Christmas chimes ring out the olden message sweet, May not one thing be lacking to make your joy complete.

We are grateful for all the past patronage and sincerely trust that we will be favored with your 1936 business.

**Ballinger Floral
Company**

Phone 363
1006 Eighth Street

McCaughan, who lives in the plains section; and a daughter, Mrs. Mary Leverett, Goldthwaite.

Spill Brothers Funeral Home (Winters) undertakers were in charge of arrangements.

Miss Evelyn Stobaugh, who is teaching school at Talpa, is here to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Richards went to Coleman Friday evening to attend a gathering of friends at the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Vanderpool.

Sales Books at Ledger office.

Card of Thanks

We desire to express our appreciation to those who were so kind to us in the recent sorrow which took our mother and sister, Mrs. A. J. Tyree. The many tender expressions of sympathy and the floral offerings were a real comfort to us in this sad hour.

W. T. A. W., Roy and Marvin Tyree

Mrs. J. M. Laxton
Mrs. D. E. Forgye
Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Overton

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Wright and children left Sunday for Junction to spend Christmas with Mr. Wright's mother.

Greetings

At this season of the year we want to express our appreciation to our friends and patrons for all favors of the past year.

AND TO WISH YOU

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Special bargains for the next ten days in WASHINGTON MACHINES, both new and used.

Liberal trade allowance given on livestock, feed, etc., on new machines.

E. J. CARROLL

CHRISTMAS JOY

At this season of the year our thoughts turn especially to our patrons who have made this year what it has been for us. To you we owe our sincere thanks, and appreciation, and hope to have you in our store more often during 1936.

May you have the most joyful Christmas and may the New Year hold in store for you everything that you desire for yourself!

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May we continue to have your esteemed friendship and cooperation in years to come.

Wishing you unbounded success and good luck for the coming year.

Tinsley's Cash Grocery

1110 Eighth Street Telephone 313

To Our Friends and Patrons

Each day of the year we try to make new friends. We are proud of the friends this business has made in the past—our old friends—and also take pride in the fact that we have, and are making new friends each and every day.

At this season of the year we are thinking of all our friends and patrons and wishing each of you a very Merry Christmas, we hope that you will enjoy a happy Yuletide season and that the New Year may be good to you and to those whose happiness depends upon you.

Western Produce Co.

Railroad Avenue Ted Reese, Mgr.

A WISH --- for Christmas Joy

When the holly wreaths are hung and the mistletoe in place, candles glowing and Christmas spirit prevalent in all places we wish for you all of the joy possible to make this the happiest Christmas that you have experienced in many years.

May the New Year afford us many opportunities of serving you and yours and we sincerely trust you will find much happiness in the coming year.

C. C. DAVIS COMPANY

Wind Curtains Provide Invisible Smoke Barrier

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Open doorways with no doors in them and which human beings walk through just as though nothing was there, but which nevertheless provide a firm although invisible barrier against smoke, smells or any other variety of bad air are promised for factories, chemical laboratories, restaurants, and even for homes, a recent application to railway dining cars being described in a note by an electric company, which manufactures some of the necessary equipment.

The secret is an invisible curtain of wind. On the fast new streamlined trains of one railway, dining cars have this invisible wind curtain between the kitchen and the space occupied by the diners. On both sides of the open doorway there are narrow slits through which come out two thin sheets of fast-moving air from high-pressure air pipes. The slits are so inclined that both air sheets tilt slightly outward, toward the kitchen side of the door and away from the dining room side. On the kitchen side an exhaust port is placed in the ceiling, so that the air composing the two halves of the wind curtain is sucked away through the port, taking with it any smoke or odors which otherwise might get through into the dining room.

Several years ago a similar air-curtain device was invented to keep transparent the glass lenses of photo-electric smoke detectors, placed directly in a smoke-filled smokestack. The electric company also is responsible for a similar wind door used in the new lighting observatory at Schenectady to keep out rain and yet provide a clear view when glass would be clouded with raindrops.

BALLOON-PARACHUTE TESTED

MOSCOW, Dec. 24.—An ingenious balloon which in mid-air changes into a parachute made a successful experimental flight near Moscow with two men in an open gondola, attaining a height of 16,650 feet. The sides of the envelope were then slowly opened like an umbrella. As it changed shape the balloon began to descend, but at a speed which never exceeded safe limits. When the craft landed it had the form of a huge parachute, and set down the gondola with hardly a jolt.

SHE HARVESTS HAY AT 96

CARDIFF, Wales, December 24.—Although she is 96 years of age, Mrs. Janes Hughes, of Carnarvonshire, worked every day on the hay harvest of the farm she manages. She can use a sickle as well as any girl of 18. She admires bobbed-hair girls, but disapproves of masculine attire for women.

Miss Verda Bell Allen is spending the Christmas season in Gainesville.

Mr. Gandy Good Shopper, but Forgot Own Present

IT WAS simply out of the question for Mrs. Gandy to go to Sayville that morning. The day before Christmas and a thousand things to do; but Mr. Gandy was going. Of course he could do many errands, yet hardly the one she wished most to have done—a gift for himself. Sayville was the nearest shopping place to the tiny village where the Gandys lived, a good fifteen miles over the mountain, by a rickety bus which ran once a day.

Mrs. Gandy was struck with an idea. She hurried to a neighbor's house and begged her to come home with her. "Just ask Mr. Gandy if he will buy for you a pair of gloves, for your husband. Give a large size. He'll never guess."

The neighbor obligingly consented. Mrs. Gandy felt well pleased with her bit of a scheme to get her husband to buy his own gift (unknowingly) for himself, but she was a trifle dismayed when, at five o'clock, Mr. Gandy came home, tired, hungry and tumbled an armful of packages on the kitchen table.

"You got the sage for the dressing? The celery? The red toy truck for Tommie? The blue mittens for Sarah? The nuts and raisins, and the white wool for grandma?"

Mr. Gandy nodded and inquired how soon supper would be ready.

"And," asked his wife casually, "the gloves for Andrew, 'is wife wanted'?" Mr. Gandy smiled. "I clean forgot about them until the bus was ready to start! So I just hopped into a plaid and grabbed the first pair I saw. 'Good enough for old Andrew,' I thought, but they aren't much." He grinned a little shamefacedly, like a boy.

Mrs. Gandy plumped down in a chair. "Bill Gandy, that serves you just right. Those gloves are a Christmas present from me to you. You are served with your own sauce!" And she laughed so hard that Bill Gandy had to join her at his own expense.—Martha B. Thomas, © Western Newspaper Union.

Mothers' Night, Ancient English Christmas Name

THE oldest English name for Christmas is Modder Night, or Mothers' Night. In the early days, when our Saxon forefathers had just settled down in the country that was to be England, the day of December 24th was given up to games and feasting, but the night was dedicated to the special honor of mothers. They occupied the seats of honor, and everyone brought them gifts. Sons and daughters who had gone out into the world strove to be at home on that one night in the year.

A little later the name Yule was given to Christmas, and the rejoicings of the day were prolonged into night, when men sang and told stories sitting round the cheerful blaze of the Yule log.

The old customs of Mothers' Night gradually died out, though they still survive in a few parts of the country. Its place has been taken to some extent by Mothering Sunday in the North of England. On that day everyone who can do so still makes a pilgrimage homewards, and the mother receives the homage of her family.—London Tit-Bits Magazine.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Swann are spending the holidays in Lufkin. They were accompanied there by a nephew, Braxton Hamblin, of San Angelo.

Robert Nicholson, Howard Payne College student, is spending the holidays with home folk here.

Cro-Magnon Man Traced to Algeria By Noted Scientist

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Another step in tracing to their original homes the remarkable Cro-Magnon race of prehistoric Spain and France, often regarded by experts as the ablest and best formed race of human beings which ever lived, has been reported by the Institute of Human Paleontology in describing discoveries made by Dr. C. Arambourg in the cave of Afaloubou-Rhumel on the coast of Algeria in northern Africa.

Buried in fallen rocks, wind-blown dust and other debris on the bottom of this cave Dr. Arambourg found many stone tools which once belonged to the prehistoric inhabitants, bones of animals which these people ate and several skeletons of the inhabitants themselves. These skeletons prove the former population to have been tall, well-formed, large-brained people precisely like the vanished Cro-Magnons who lived in France 15,000 or 20,000 years ago.

Whether these African Cro-Magnons left anywhere in their caves paintings or other works of art like the remarkable ones of the French Cro-Magnons Dr. Arambourg has not yet decided. The evidence does show that the Cro-

Magnons probably lived in northern Africa before they migrated into Spain and France, presumably across the narrow strait at Gibraltar. Whether they lived still earlier in Asia and migrated thence across North Africa, or whether they originated in the Sahara when it was fertile country, or came from some other land still unknown it is not yet possible to guess.

Dr. Arambourg believes that not all the African Cro-Magnons migrated into Spain and France, but that some lived on in Africa to Roman times and may still exist in the Canary Islands. Possibly the ones who moved into Spain, like all pioneers, were the ablest and monopolized the race's artistic abilities, leaving little for the stay-at-homes in Africa.

THE DAYS BEFORE



"What nice manners the polite little Thompson boys have!"
"Yes. They are always like that just before Christmas."

Climates Rule Art Professor Finds

LONDON, Dec. 24.—How climate has forced different kinds of painting and other fine arts to develop in different parts of Europe was explained by W. G. Constable, newly appointed professor of fine arts at Cambridge University, in his recent inaugural lecture.

Northern and southern Europe impress Professor Constable as having developed quite different kinds of art. In northern Europe there is a greater tendency to paint nature or purely decorative designs and formal patterns of line or color. In Greece, Italy and other countries of southern Europe most of the painting and sculpture has been devoted to human faces and figures and to scenes showing activities of human beings.

It is easy to see how climate may have created this difference. In the south the weather is relatively warm all year. Life is lived chiefly out of doors. Human contacts are many and easy.

Emphasis was likely to be on foresight, a sense of responsibility and preparation for the winter. Abstract principles came to seem more important than humanity, even in art. In the warm sunny southland, on the other hand, life was easier, foresight was less

necessary, emphasis and training were more on liking people and having them like you, all of which Prof. Constable sees reflected in the southern art.

DETOUR ON HIGHWAY 4 IS SHORTENED SEVERAL MILES

A part of highway No. 4 between Ballinger and Winters has been opened to traffic since the base has been completed. There is still a detour of several miles, however, which will remain closed until some time in January.

All the base work on this road will be finished in a few weeks and opened to traffic for several weeks before topping is commenced. The contract, held by the L. E. Whitman Company, is for the complete job, but the base will be permitted to settle and the contractors will wait until cold weather ends before spreading the crushed rock and asphalt.

Patronize our advertisers.

CLINIC FOR JEALOUSY TREATS IT AS ILLNESS

VIENNA, Dec. 24.—The first clinic in the world for the treatment of jealousy as an illness, like influenza or measles, has been opened here under the direction of Dr. Wilhelm Stekel, psychoanalyst and nerve specialist. Fourteen women have already applied for treatment.

"Many crimes," says Dr. Stekel, "are the result of jealousy, and such cases can be prevented where the jealous man or woman consults an expert. There are two sorts of jealous people—those who are conscious of it and admit it and those who will not admit, even to themselves, that they are jealous. The latter are the more dangerous, but they can be cured merely by a talk."

Miss Mary Elizabeth Truhy, Howard Payne College student, is here to spend the holidays with her parents.

Merry Christmas to you . . . and you . . . and you

May You Spend Your Christmas On Happiness Street

—and may the days and miles ahead carry you over pleasant roads to health, success and prosperity.

M. L. Forgey Grocery

Phone 786

Season's Greeting

To Our Friends and Patrons

As the New Year comes bright and glorious we wish you full measure of joy and happiness.

As the light of the old year fades we extend our hearty thanks for favors past.

Merry Christmas—and a Happy New Year

Farley's Market

Phone 126

GREETINGS

To wish you the Season's Greetings—
And may this little Ad convey,
The kindest thoughts to wish you

A Happy Christmas Day

Special Turkey Dinner Christmas Day

CITY CAFE

Christmas and New Year Greetings

May your Christmas be merry and your New Year full of all sorts of happiness.

We trust that we have so served and pleased you that you will favor us with your patronage during the coming year. We promise to do our best to please you in every way.

L. R. TIGNER

Jawaker and Optometrist



To you, without whose friendship and cooperation our business relations would have been less pleasant and prosperous, we sincerely extend the most cordial greetings of the season.

May the beauty and joy of life be yours, may your troubles and hardships be forgotten, may the happy spirit of Christmas be with you in every increasing abundance throughout a joyous New Year.

These are the sincere wishes of this firm for all our patrons and friends.



PENNEY'S
J. C. PENNEY COMPANY, Incorporated

AROUND THE FIREPLACE

When you are gathered around the fireplace this Christmas eve, with warm hearts beating true and memories of the past flashing through your mind we trust that your memory of us will be as pleasant and full of good will as ours will be of you.

We are pleased that we have had the chance to serve you in the past and only hope to be able to be of more service to you in the future.

Happy Christmas and A Bright New Year Is Our Wish for You

West Texas Cottonoil Co.

Ballinger, Texas

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Celebrating and giving thanks that the Babe of Bethlehem was born for you

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School Holidays—

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at other points.

Miss Dena Meyer left as soon as classes were dismissed Friday for Stamford and will visit relatives.

Miss Elizabeth Parker will be at her home in Abilene until the latter part of the week.

George Stowe will spend most of Christmas week at Abilene, returning here a few days before the opening of the next term.

Felton Wright, Mrs. Levy Lee and Miss Wynis Greer will remain in Ballinger during the holidays.

Teachers of the junior high school left as soon as they could after school was dismissed Friday. Jack McKay left for Wichita Falls, Paul Gibbs and wife went to Bristow, Oklahoma, Phil Nolan to Taylor, Miss Elouise Jones to Red Oak, and Misses Maggie Herring, Vhelma Parrish and Carmen Demmer are remaining here for Christmas.

Miss Margaret New is spending the holidays at Hearne, Miss Mary Jane Kiechle will visit in Evansville, Indiana, Miss Geneva Karr is visiting at Eldorado and Brownwood, and Miss Payne Clark is at home here.

Mrs. Neil McAlpine is to visit her mother at Bryan, Miss Elouise Walker went to Littlefield, Miss Pauline Morley to Quanah, Miss Maurine Tipton to Merkel, Mrs. Lyon to Terrell, and Mrs. Bridwell, Miss Zemma Street and Miss Eugenia Baskin are remaining in Ballinger.

TALPA SCHOOL NEWS

By Maria Fuller

A large crowd attended the old fiddlers' contest in the high school auditorium Thursday night. Five fiddlers entered the contest. They were: Mr. King, Mr. Mayfield and Mr. Cook, of Talpa; Mr. Moore and his son, Hubert, of Leaday. "Hoss" Moser picked guitar. First prize went to Mr. Moore and second prize was given to Mr. Cook. After the contest Mr. Moore jugged while "Hoss" Moser and Hubert Moore played.

Last Wednesday night the Talpa girls' basketball team defeated the Lake View club, of San Angelo. The Talpa girls ran up a score of 66 to the visitors' 17 points. Twenty-two of these points were made by Eason Ruth Monroe. The local team seemed to be "on" for they passed the ball fast and the goal seemed easy to make. Starting line-up was: forwards, Monroe, Huey and Martin; guards, Bradley, Marrs and Herring; Tabor substituted for Bradley, Fuller for Huey, Lopez for Marrs.

Tee for Two



Apparently, Hollywood's younger set is going in for golf in a big way. As evidence, Daria Hood and "Spanky" McFarland, two of Simland's more youthful notables, are shown enjoying a session on the links.

and Marrs for Monroe; and Huey for Lopez. "Stu" Thompson and a Lake View boy called the game. After the girls' game the commercial team defeated the school boys. Rockwood was to play the boys but they failed to show up.

The high school students had a Christmas tree Friday afternoon. A good time was had by everyone. Charlene Laws visited school Friday.

The Christmas program was enjoyed by a large crowd Friday night.

Friday night, January 3, the Talpa girls are to play Content girls at Talpa. January 10, Talpa plays Mozelle at Coleman. January 14, the girls are to go to San Angelo.

There will be no school until December 30.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Brown and son, of Austin, are here for a visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Burton Reese and little daughter, of Stephenville, arrived Sunday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Reese. Mr. Reese will arrive in time for the turkey dinner Christmas day.

James Clayton is still in a very serious condition at a San Angelo hospital, where he was taken for treatment several weeks ago. Attending physicians offer little hope for his recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Grindstaff and son left Monday for Abilene to spend Christmas with relatives.

Thomas B. Hill left Monday for Waco to visit relatives and friends during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. David Gregory, of Fredericksburg; Mrs. C. W. Tibbs, of Dallas; and Mrs. Kirk Gregory, of Stamford, will spend the remainder of the holidays here as guests of relatives.

Best Christmas Wishes to Our Friends and Customers

May the days and miles ahead carry you over pleasant ways to new happiness, success and prosperity during 1936

Guaranty Title Co.

Ballinger Phone 73

A Merry Christmas!

A wish to you, our customers! May the Holiday Season bring you a wealth of joy and good fellowship. May the New Year bring you Health, Happiness and Prosperity in full measure. For ourselves, we also have a wish: That we may continue to serve you faithfully and well, making life easier by this service and rendering it in a more personal manner than ever before.

Progress is our watchword, so we hope this year may bring new developments in Electric Service which will further seek to simplify labor, save time, and do both at the lowest possible cost to you.

We cordially extend Season's Greetings to all, and add the hope for a better acquaintance and the privilege of rendering to you a more liberal service, which our past experiences and achievements make possible.

West Texas Utilities Company

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Ballinger, Texas

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

We Sincerely Appreciate Your Good Will in Past Years and Sincerely Hope that 1936 Will be the Healthiest, Happiest and Most Prosperous Year You Have Ever Had.

Country Sorghum
Gallon Bucket 49c

Prunes
5 lbs. 25c

Locust Blossom
Sugar Corn
3 No. 2 Cans 25c

Seedless
Raisins
4 lb. Pkg. 27c

Kellogg's
Rice Krispies, Pep
Corn Flakes
3 Pkgs. 25c

Snowdrift
6 lbs. \$1.09

Apple Butter
38-oz. Jar 19c

Sun Graze
Potted Meat
3 Cans 10c

Libby or Gerber
Baby Food
3 Cans 25c

Castle Haven
Early June Peas
3 No. 2 Cans 25c

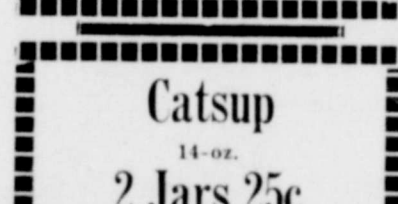
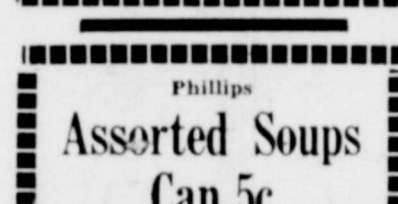
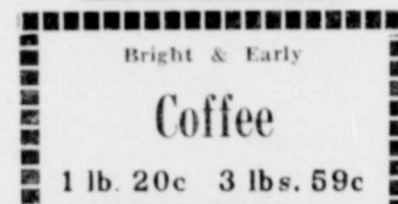
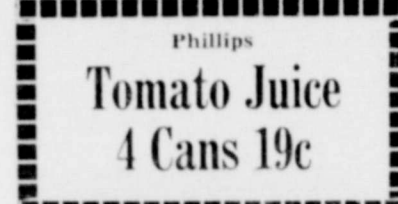
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Vienna Sausage
Can 5c

Dog Food
2 Cans 15c

Prince Albert
Pocket Tin 10c

Hersey Cocoa
1 lb. Pkg. 11c

Comet
Macaroni Spaghetti
3 Pkgs. 14c



F. & P. California
Spinach
2 No. 2 Cans 19c
Gold Medal Oats
Round Pkg. 16c
Bowlo, Dinner Plate, Cup and
Saucer, Tumbler
Pkg. 23c

Dole Pineapple
Tiddbits
2 for 15c
Sliced, Crushed, Palm Island
3 Flats 23c

Pineapple Juice ... 3 Cans 25c
Pickles
Sours or Dills
2 25-oz. Jars 27c

Pimentoes
2 4-oz. Cans 15c
Peanut Butter
Qt. Jar 29c

American Sardines
3 Cans 12c
Lamp Chimneys
2 No. 2 for 17c

Atlas Shoe Polish
5c
Hills Bros Coffee
1 lb. 30c 2 lbs. 59c

Seminole Tissue
1,000 Sheets 5c
P. & G. or Crystal White
5 Bars 23c

Limit Starch
2 Boxes 17c
Lux or Lifebuoy Soap
2 Bars 13c

Meat Salt, 100 lb. sack 85c

Myles Sugar Cured Smoke Salt, 25 lbs. 79c

Fruits and Vegetables

RUTABAGA TURNIPS
3 lbs. 10c
MUSTARD, CARROTS,
COLLARD GREENS
3 Full Bunches 10c
BELL PEPPERS lb. 10c
5c as Seedless
GRAPEFRUIT
3 for 17c

PIGGLY WIGGLY QUALITY MEAT SPECIALS

STEAK, Seven Cuts 2 lbs. 25c
BACON, Sliced lb. 29c
SAUSAGE, Nicely Priced lb. 17c
STEW MEAT lb. 9c

The Most Complete Market in Town!
Specials for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 26, 27 and 28

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BETHEL BEAMS

Members of the Methodist Sunday school presented a program at the league hour Sunday night and a collection was taken for the orphans' home at Waco. A little over \$15 was given.

Rev. W. B. Gilliland was here for his regular appointment at the Methodist church Sunday morning, but did not hold services Sunday night on account of the program.

Mr. and Mrs. Kemper Shelburne and family left Friday for Levelland, where they will spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Shelburne's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Williams.

Mrs. Essa Howell and children are moving to Eola this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Dohann and family moved last week to the Getes farm, recently vacated by Mr. Kouch and family.

Many of the Bethel folk were among the large crowd that attended the funeral of Harry Dierschke at Olfen Wednesday of last week. The entire community extends sympathy to the sorrowing family. Harry was loved by all and his pleasant, happy face will be greatly missed.

Mr. and Mrs. Hedrick Shelburne and little son and Mrs. W. F. McShan are planning to spend the holidays with relatives at Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Davison and family are moving near Big Spring. Their many friends here wish them much happiness in their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Gassiot are planning on spending the Christmas holidays with relatives at Coleman.

Misses Alma Koenig and Lola Frasier, teachers at Marie, spent last week-end here visiting relatives.

The Bethel school dismissed Friday afternoon for a week's vacation during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. John Adams and family, of Henderson, attended church services here Sunday and also visited in the home of Mrs. Adams' father, J. M. Shelburne, and family.

Miss Sallie Shelburne returned home last week from an extended visit with relatives in East Texas.

The Methodist League members were entertained with a Christmas social Monday night in the home of Misses Ina and Nina Crockett. A Christmas tree was decorated where the gifts were placed and numbered; each member receiving

a gift according to the number which he had drawn. Christmas games and contests were enjoyed. Fresh fruit was passed to all as refreshments.

Miss Elsie Gilkerson left last Friday evening to spend the holidays with relatives at Abilene.

The many friends here of Miss Lola Clayton are very sorry to know of the serious illness of her father, who is in a San Angelo hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Loika and family will enjoy a new automobile during the holidays.

J. W. Little, student of Texas Tech, Lubbock, is at home to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Miss Thelma Bigby is in San Angelo, where she is employed.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Hays and little daughters, of O'Donnell, are expected here for the holidays to visit with relatives.

Bethel P. T. A.

Students of the high school classes rendered a three-act play entitled "Christmas Shadows" at the regular meeting of the Bethel Parent-Teacher Association Friday night, with a large crowd attending. The play carried the Christmas spirit, also revealed the evils of war. Mrs. H. R. Gassiot was the director. Those taking parts were: Misses Louise McShan, Johnnie Fay Batts, Tonita Causey and Juanis Nunley; and Oran Bigby, R. D. Crockett and Troy Ransberger. The next regular meeting will be the fourth Friday night in January.

Bethel Home Demonstration Club
Mrs. H. R. Gassiot and Mrs. M. Shuttlesworth were joint hostesses when they entertained the Bethel home demonstration club with a Christmas social at the home of Mrs. Gassiot Thursday afternoon, December 19.

The Christmas spirit was carried out in the decorations. A beautiful Christmas tree was ready for the gifts, as each member brought a gift for her capsule. After several minutes of pleasant conversation the gifts were distributed by Misses Mary Emma Hall and Ina Crockett.

A refreshment plate consisting of Christmas fruit pudding, topped with whipped cream, and coffee, with plate favors of Christmas cards and candles, was passed to the twenty-five guests.

The next regular meeting will be with Mrs. Blah Hays January 2, with the new officers presiding.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Garrett and son, of Lubbock, visited friends in Ballinger Monday. They will spend Christmas in Winters with Mrs. Garrett's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Fred Tinkle.

YELLOW CITY GREETS MONARCH ON VISIT

SOFIA, Dec. 24.—Sofia made special and unique preparations for the reception of King Alexander of Yugoslavia. One order was that all buildings in main streets must be painted light yellow for the occasion and that all streets must be decorated.

Every householder was warned to clean the pavement in front of his house. No laundry was to be hung out where it could be seen from the street, and balconies used for storing lumber should be screened by tin sheeting painted to match the house.

All balconies had to be decorated with pots of flowers and every house and store must possess a new flag of specified dimensions. Those not complying with the regulations were subject to fines.

Miss Louise Hash is spending the holidays here with her family. Miss Hash is attending Baylor University, Waco, this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Armon Hubbard, of Midland, will visit Mrs. Hubbard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Fyngt, during Christmas week.

HUNGARIAN CATERERS ARE IN DILEMMA OVER DOGS

BUDAPEST, Dec. 24.—Hungarian dogs have suddenly come into great prominence with the police order that they must be left on the terraces of cafes and restaurants and may not be taken inside.

Budapest residents who have no dogs of their own have objected to the presence of other people's in restaurants, while dog owners, on the other hand, say they can not leave their pets outside in the winter and will therefore, have to give up patronizing the cafes when walking with their dogs.

Proprietors of restaurants and cafes are much perturbed and foresee a loss of custom either way.

TELEVISION THEATER PLANNED FOR BERLIN

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—Another "first" is likely to be handed to Berlin for the television news theater that the Reich film chamber, in conjunction with the German newsreel companies, plans to open on the Kurfurstendamm. The permanent television projector will present spectators with events such as speeches by Herr Hitler, which will be transmitted to the theater in sight and sound.

Vacuum cleaners are being used to force drafts into fired stumps where land is being cleared.

Adjusters Settle Fire Losses Here

The loss on the Boler Bakery fire was settled this week. \$1,000 being allowed by the adjuster on the contents. Damage to the building was set at \$700. No statement has been made as to the remodeling of the building but Walter Boswell, of Paint Rock, was in Ballinger this week to get estimates on the necessary work to put it in condition.

Mr. Boler, who is baking bread at Rowena and delivering it here to his trade, stated that he would reestablish his plant here as soon as possible.

The losses on the City Grocery building and contents have been settled but the figures could not be obtained as Fred Kiechle, who is agent for his father, the owner, is out of the city.

The damaged merchandise in the building was sold by the insurance company to H. G. Stokes, who conducted a fire sale Saturday and this week. Most of the stock has been sold and the few fixtures remaining will also be disposed of by Mr. Stokes.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Simpson, of Coleman, visited relatives here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Duncan, of Waco, and Mrs. Deta Butler, of Fort Worth, are here to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Stroble.

Mrs. C. W. Johnson is spending the holidays with her son, Bill Henderson, of Waco.

Jack Lynn, student of Rice Institute, Houston, is at home for the Christmas holidays.

Marion Flynt and children, of Midland, will spend Christmas day with relatives in Ballinger.

Read the ads—save money.

Salutations—

Here's a warm good wish and true for your Christmas joy. May life bring lasting happiness as a Christmas gift to each of you. And may the New Year be the beginning of many prosperous ones that are in store for you.

L. E. BAIR Furniture Co.

Sale of Christmas Seals Lags in County

E. C. Grindstaff, county chairman, stated Tuesday that the sale of Christmas seals this year was lagging far behind that of other years. A final check-up had not been made, but cash receipts in the county office are less than for several years past. Each year these little stickers are sold by the county organization for the State Health Association and the money received is used in the fight on tuberculosis.

Many seals were mailed out at the beginning of the campaign with the request that they be returned or the money for them be sent to the county chairman's office. A large percentage of those have not been heard from and Mr. Grindstaff would appreciate an early reply so his report can be closed and the money remitted to the state association.

The total for the entire county Tuesday was less than \$100. In addition to those mailed individuals, some seals were sold through the schools of the county by the pupils and teachers.

Robert Lusk, Jr., student of Howard Payne College, Brownwood, is at home to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Holt, of Ozona, are here for a visit with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Davenport and family will go to Winters tomorrow to join other relatives for Christmas dinner.

Mrs. Mary Gilliam and children will join other relatives at Win-

ters Christmas day for a reunion of the Davenport family.

Burns Holt, of Waco, came in Monday to spend Christmas with relatives.



With Best Christmas Wishes

May your Christmas day be one of gladness and may each hour during the whole year of 1936 be bright with happiness for you every one.

We take this means of expressing our appreciation of your patronage of the past and want to respectfully solicit your 1936 business.

Perry Bros.
5c - 10c and 25c Stores

**May the Stars Shine Brighter
May the Sun Beam Cheerier**

—For You in the Approaching Year . . .

Our heartiest hopes of a successful year, night and day, are extended to you in this gay Yuletide season. We appreciate your choice of this business house in 1935 and will continue to appreciate you in 1936.

Our sentiments are summed up in thanking you, and wishing you the best for 1936.

Sam Behringer's
Cash and Carry Grocery

Martin's Studio
Wishes You a
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year

Our studio will be closed all next week while we take our annual vacation. It will be open again on January 4 and we will be ready to serve you all during 1936.

JOY . . .

**PEACE . . .
PROSPERITY**

These are the three things which the Officials and Employees of the City of Ballinger wish for you in 1936 and the years to follow.

May Your Christmas be the Happiest Ever.

CITY OF BALLINGER

GREETINGS

One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six years ago on a hillside in Judea the Shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night hearkened to the voice of the angel which said unto them:

"Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

That night under the bright star of Bethlehem hope eternal was born in the hearts of men.

We sincerely appreciate your patronage during 1935 and trust that you will favor us again in 1936.

Our wish for you is a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Patrick Chevrolet Co.
Sales and Service

Season's Greetings
Merry Christmas and
A Happy New Year

We can't begin to tell our friends and customers just how much they've meant to us the past year—but we want to say at this season that we have deeply appreciated all of those thoughtful acknowledgements of our service.

Those pleasant nods of the head, those words of cheer have made us realize more and more the supreme satisfaction of thoughtful service.

We pledge you a still greater service for the coming year. May the season's joys be yours.

**Farmers & Merchants
State Bank**
Ballinger, Tex.

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HAS YOUR ADDRESS CHANGED RECENTLY? Ledger subscribers are requested to notify the publisher of any change in their addresses promptly.

Ballinger business men will be busy for the next few days taking inventory and checking up on their business for the past twelve months.

January is the heavy tax paying month. State, county, city and school taxes become delinquent on February 1 and those who desire to take part in the elections in 1936 must pay their poll taxes by that date.

During the remainder of this week the highways will be filled with cars as people come and go during the holidays. Many organizations are urging careful driving to avoid the ever-increasing toll of motor accidents that are claiming so many human lives.

The Christmas season is here and families are being united for a period of happy association. The time is brief until 1935 comes to a close and people look forward to their hopes for accomplishments in 1936.

High quality Tires at low prices at Freeman's. 8-11

Card of Thanks We wish to thank all of the many friends who have so marvelously assisted in our labors and so wonderfully helped us in bearing our burden of grief over the loss of our most lovable companion, father, son, and brother, Roy May God ever bless each of you and intervene if likeness of such sorrow should come your way.

Mrs. Ester Holbrook and James, wife and son Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Holbrook, parents Brothers and sisters. It.

NEW NAMES ADDED TO ROLL OF HEROES

NAIROBI, Kenya, Africa, Dec. 24.—Another trio has been added to the honor roll of heroes who have risked their lives in scientific tests for the sake of humanity. The latest heroes are Dr. J. F. Corson, of Tanganyika, his assistant, H. C. Smith, and an African native. The problem was whether the tsetse fly disease of sleeping sickness, when it had developed in a human being and had afterward been transmitted from him to another animal, would transmit virulence in that direction.

Santa Explains



WEST TEXAS NEWS NOTES

This (Tuesday) evening members of the Miles Baptist Church will gather at the church for their annual Christmas tree and program. Gifts for the children will be placed on the tree and a short program on the birth of Christ is to be presented.

Two Brady men were slightly injured last week when the car in which they were riding was struck by a train at a crossing near Brady. The men were returning to town from a refinery and failed to see the train. Both were rushed to a hospital but were found to be injured only slightly. The automobile was completely demolished, however.

Burglars removed a pane of glass from a rear window in a hardware store at Coleman last week and stole guns, knives and other items valued at \$300. One Remington automatic shotgun, five 22 rifles, a number of boxes of shotgun shells, two Marlin repeater shotguns and a number of knives were listed as the loot.

The annual banquet of the Winters fire department was held last Monday night at the home demonstration club house, members of the home demonstration clubs serving the dinner. A most interesting program was presented with a number of talks and songs adding to the interest. Carl Henslee was the principal speaker.

The four-day All Clubs-All Cornish International Classic and Texas Mid-State Poultry Show, which was held in Brownwood, closed Sunday at 1 p. m. after attracting statewide attention among Cornish chicken fanciers and raisers. M. B. Crosby, Ontario, Canada, was head of the judging staff. Birds from California, Alabama, Oklahoma, Texas, and one pen from Barnstable, Devonshire, England, were among the exhibits.

The Dixie Theatre at Coleman held its annual potato show yesterday (Monday). At this annual event children are invited to attend the morning performance by paying their admission with fruits, vegetables or canned goods. These foods are in turn distributed to needy families by local charity organizations. More than a truckload of food was donated this year and its distribution will be made this (Tuesday) evening and Christmas morning.

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ON TEXAS FARMS By Minnie Fisher Cunningham Extension Service Editor J. M. Sandusky, of Floyd county, harvested 900 bundles of red top sorghum per acre from land that was terraced last winter.

Billie Dotson, West Camp, Bailey county 4-H club boy, purchased a calf weighing 150 pounds on June 1. At the end of 90 days it weighed 460 pounds, a gain of 310 pounds in 90 days.

Charles Steenken, of Denhawken, in Wilson county, has carried on pasture improvement for 30 years. He used to mow weeds in his pasture; now sheep perform that service at a profit. He has two mesquite grass pastures. Last year he planted 10 acres of cultivated land to Dallia grass, Burr clover and yellow sweet clover.

Two years ago Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Parker, of Hardin county, put out 530 feet of bush blackberry vines. This year they had plenty of berries while they were in season, canned 70 quarts and gave 15 gallons to friends and neighbors.

He Was a Dutch Boy Christmas was celebrated long before Santa Claus was ever thought of. His prototype was the Dutch boy bishop, St. Nicholas, who on December 5 used to go round punishing little children who did not say their prayers and rewarding those who did. Gradually he was changed from a boy into a jovial old man, while the sledge and reindeer are modern additions.

Believe in Yuletide for Dead Kitzbuhel, Austria, is one of the few places in the world which believe that the dead should share in the Yuletide celebration. On Christmas eve, this picturesque little village in the Tyrol has, for many years, decorated each grave in its cemetery with a tree lighted by candles and other small lights.—Collier's Weekly.

Select Sturdy Toys Well-built toys which will provide happy play throughout the year are better than those which make a brave showing on the Christmas tree but which are soon broken or discarded.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McCarver, of Brownwood, are spending the holidays here with relatives. box in the county went "dry," seven, returning heavy "wet" majorities.

Hints for the Farm

RICHMOND—"A proper preparation of beds made it possible for me to save all but one of the 136 shrubs I set out," Mrs. G. L. Phillips, of Fort Bend county, told Miss Loris J. Weihausen, home demonstration agent, in reporting on her yard improvement demonstration.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips have sodded the lawn; set out 18 trees for shade; set out 33 native and three nursery shrubs; and 13 roses, and have roofed 68 plants built on cuttings. One walk was built, one fence moved, and the front fence repaired and painted. Undesirable vines have been screened by the use of tall sea grass and coral vine, while native lantana has been used for border planting.

MARFA—Mrs. Jerry Gray, pantry demonstrator in Presidio county, has more than 1,200 containers of canned products on her pantry shelves and is still canning. She has 165 cans of beef, 36 cans of pork, 46 of hominy, 70 of beans, 32 peas, and 106 containers of fruit. She also has tomatoes, tomato juice, carrots, pickles, relishes, preserves and jellies. Mrs. Gray will arrange her shelves and label her cans so that she will have no difficulty in finding what she wants quickly, according to Miss Fontilla Johnson, home demonstration agent.

PLAINVIEW—"Red cherries allowed to grow in thicket style as wild plums grow will always produce fruit, because the thick bushes protect the fruit," F. M. Dorsey, of the Lakeside community in Hale county told Miss Julia Kelley, home demonstration agent. Dorsey has a plot of small red cherries 30 feet square that produced approximately 11 bushels of fruit.

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"Christmas, is it?" Floyd L. Stainback, county supervisor for the resettlement administration, looked at the calendar yesterday and hoped he would get an hour off for Christmas dinner. He has had a crowd of clients around him day and night for several weeks, while he and his helpers worked out plans for these families to get back into farming, where they can earn their own living and stay off the relief rolls.

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Ballinger enters the new year with few changes in the business district. All stores will continue to do business and only a few changes have been announced in the employed personnel. A few clerks have been dismissed in order to cut operating expenses, and a few have accepted other positions, putting new men in their places, but as a whole business will continue as usual.

The compulsory education period is on, but not all boys and girls of scholastic age are in the classrooms. Those who are given the responsibility of enforcing this law meet a handicap when confronted with children without sufficient clothing and nourishing food. Some parents want their children to attend school but can not provide appropriate clothing for them, and since no funds are available for this purpose the authorities can do nothing about it.

This year offers voting privileges to every citizen of the nation, that is those who think enough of the franchise to pay their poll taxes. The general election will test the strength of the Democratic party and the popularity of the many changes experienced during the past three years. Besides these great national problems, state, county and precinct candidates will seek nomination in the primaries. Men and women of voting age have all of January in which to pay their poll taxes and be prepared to take part in the 1936 elections.

The Christmas season brought happiness to most homes but the nation as a whole has been stunned by the large number killed and injured in automobile accidents. The death toll was heavy and practically every community has had its share of sorrow on this account. So numerous have been the accidents that people are beginning to talk of all seriousness about remedying this highway peril. What the outcome will be, no one can tell, but something must be done to make public roads safer for those who must use them. Many believe governors on all cars will be the eventual outcome. It is said that modern automobiles are too speedy and that a majority of the drivers use the full power of their motors to the hazard of others.

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APFLERBACH IS MADE DIRECTOR IN BANK

Albert Afflerbach, of Winters, was recently elected a director in the Winters State Bank. He takes the place on the board of W. D. Meaders, former county commissioner and resident of Winters for many years.

Since leaving Ballinger Mr. Afflerbach has been associated with Spill Brothers in the furniture and undertaking business at Winters. He is a progressive young business man of that city and a leader in all worthwhile civic movements.

The directors of the bank ordered a 5 per cent dividend, this being the second such dividend for the stockholders in 1935, and a 5 per cent salary for all the employees.

Mrs. E. C. Grindstaff returned home from Abilene, where she visited friends last

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WEST TEXAS NEWS NOTES

The Coke county agricultural committee held two elections last week for the purpose of naming community cotton committeemen for 1936. One election was held in the court house at Robert Lee and the other was held in the Bronte school building. The new committee members will attend lectures in various phases of the work which have been planned to familiarize them with the program.

Ben Jackson, district NYA director, announced last week that 125 boys and girls had been given employment on 30 projects in district 14. Some of the youths are not working on NYA projects but are being given employment on approved WPA projects. Four types of projects will be sponsored by the NYA: community development and recreational leadership, rural youth development, public service projects, and research projects.

The department of agriculture reports that to December 13, 1935, there were 5,412 bales of cotton ginned in Coke county as compared to 2,197 bales for the same period last year.

Last week the board of trustees of the Bronte school district elected Nathan Johnson, of Jarrell, superintendent, to succeed C. R. Owen, who recently died. The board chose Mr. Johnson from a large number of applicants.

The Martin brick plant at Coleman is again in operation. After being idle for several months operations were begun last week, between 25 and 30 men being employed. Although the plant is operating on about a fifty per cent production schedule, it will run for five or six months, manufacturing bricks of all kinds for construction in this section of West Texas.

The Sonora Lions Club carried 21 baskets of food, toys and clothing to needy families in the community Christmas day. Sixty-two children in the 21 families were made happy with toys, nuts, candy, and other things which children usually get on Christmas, and the adults were given food and clothing.

Beer has been sold at Brady for several months, but the recent ruling by the state supreme court put a stop to legal sales of the beverage there on January 1. The law applies to all counties that were "dry" prior to the enactment of the eighteenth amendment, and McCulloch county is designated in that group.

A raid was made three miles northwest of Stamford Monday night and three men arrested on charges of operating a still. Four gallons of whiskey, five barrels of mash and a 50-gallon still were confiscated. The raid was conducted by city and county officers.

Frank H. Sweet, 51, state legis-

Home Demonstration Agent Makes Her Annual Report

Miss Myra Tankersley, county home demonstration agent, has completed her annual report on work done in this county and same will be forwarded to the extension service at College Station.

The report of the accomplishments by the women of this county during the past year makes a very interesting study, especially the figures cited on the value of the work done in dollars and cents. Major projects were completed by both the women's and girls' clubs and records filed with the agent for each demonstration.

Below is a summary of Miss Tankersley's annual report:
 Two major demonstrations were carried in Rannels county this year (1935), wardrobe and yard improvement. The wardrobe demonstration had been conducted through all the phases sufficiently that at the close of the state contest this demonstration was dropped and the bedroom improvement demonstration was begun.

There were fifteen individual demonstrators and fourteen family demonstrators and 312 cooperators reporting on the work this year. They reported a total of 3,910 garments made at a saving of \$5,455.41. Eleven closets were built and twenty-nine were remodeled. Ninety-five foundation patterns were made. Three hundred seventy-six garments were renovated at a cost of \$74.90 and are valued at \$301.10.

The bedroom improvement program was begun in August. There are sixteen demonstrators in as many communities working on this program. There were eleven demonstrators reporting since the work began. Five bedrooms have been added, twenty-nine windows; seventeen rooms were screened, seventeen floors finished; nineteen mattresses made at home; six mattress pads and covers added; 540 pieces of bed linen added and twenty-seven pieces of furniture refinished. The total amount spent on bedroom improvement to date is \$2,470.76. Eight living rooms have been improved; twelve kitchens and sixteen other rooms.

In the yard improvement this year forty-five lawns have been sodded; seventy-two nursery shrubs planted and living; nineteen walks and drives constructed with a total cost of \$47.25 spent on yard improvement.
 In the 4-H girls' clubs, 111 girls completed all the goals set for their program in 4-H gardens and

bedroom improvement. Their reports show a total of 27,984 pounds of vegetables produced at a cost of \$102.93 but valued at \$1,831.29. Three thousand six hundred fifty-nine quarts of tomatoes and tomato juice were canned and have a value of \$658.62. Seventy-seven hot beds were made.
 In their bedroom improvement work, 203 girls report three rooms screened, 20 floors finished; 119 mattress pads and covers added, 157 pieces of bed linens added, twenty-three bedspreads, 170 cotton quilts were added; eight dressers or dressing tables were added; five reading or writing tables were added; and eight pieces of furniture refinished, with a total cost of \$713.73 spent on bedroom improvement.

The farm food supply demonstration was not carried this year but as a result of this work previously it is estimated that 93,796 containers of vegetables, fruits, fruit juices, meats, chicken, lard, jelly, preserves, etc. were put up this year and valued at \$21,066.38.

The last farm census shows 2,498 farm families in Rannels county. Through the county council expansion program and the women's and girls' clubs 923 farm families have been helped in some way with the live-at-home program.

Local business men and organizations and schools cooperated in every way possible in putting over the extension program in the county. They helped make it possible for thirty-nine club women and twelve club girls to attend the A. & M. short course last August.

GRINDSTAFF TO ATTEND CONFERENCE AT AUSTIN
 County Superintendent E. C. Grindstaff will leave Sunday for Austin to attend a two-day conference of county school superintendents in the office of State Superintendent L. A. Woods. He will be accompanied to Austin by S. G. Boynton, deputy state superintendent.

Nervous, Weak Woman Soon All Right
 "I had regular shaking spells from nervousness," writes Mrs. Cora Sanders, of Paragould, Ark. "I was all run-down and cramped at my time until I would have to go to bed. After my first bottle of Cardui, I was better. I kept taking Cardui and soon I was all right. The shaking quit and I did not cramp. I felt worlds better. I gave Cardui to my daughter who was in about the same condition and she was soon all right."

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Goodfellows Help 65 Local Families On Christmas Eve

Ballinger Goodfellows distributed baskets of fruits and food to 65 families on Christmas eve. The distribution was limited this year on account of lack of funds and fewer articles were put in the baskets than ever given here before.

The committee limited the packages to a few items for the children. A number have appeared since Christmas to seek aid for their children, saying that they received nothing for Christmas but as the funds were exhausted, nothing could be done for them.

Organizations and a few individuals "adopted" families for Christmas and there were looked after nicely, being furnished with both food and clothing. Several families on the list were not "adopted" and received no aid of any kind.

In some instances children were outfitted so they can enter school and enrolled Monday morning for the remainder of the term.

Late contributions to the Goodfellow fund not previously reported were:

Cash	\$1.00
Royal Neighbors	1.00
Community Gas Co.	5.00

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Mauldin and little daughter, of San Angelo, visited relatives here the middle of the week.

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Nazarene Revival Progresses Nicely With Good Crowds



Prof. L. C. Messer, director of the Nazarene revival services being conducted here, is one of the featured speakers. He is a native of Kansas City, Mo., and has been a member of the local church of the Nazarenes for many years. He has been instrumental in the revival work here, and has seen a large congregation of people attending the services. The revival is being held at the Nazarene church, and is being conducted by Prof. Messer and other workers. The services are being held every night, and are attracting a large number of people. Prof. Messer is a well-known speaker, and his messages are being well received by the people here. The revival is progressing nicely, and it is expected that many more people will be converted to the Nazarene faith.

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FORMER BALLINGER MAN FALLS DEAD IN CANADA

Fred Ross, former minister of the Eighth Street Church of Christ of Ballinger, fell dead in Canada Sunday night. A message was received here notifying friends of the death of their former minister. Mr. Ross was with the Ballinger church two years, leaving here about 18 months ago. He went to Canada about a year ago and was minister of a church there at the time he was stricken.

KERR COUNTY ORGANIZES LARGE NUMBER OF PANTRIES

KERRVILLE, Tex., Jan. 1.—The organization and labeling of 105 pantries in Kerr county during the past year has been one of the outstanding features of home demonstration work in the county, according to Miss Frances Wilroy, home demonstration agent. Eighty-one of the 105 pantries were built or remodeled this year. Food work has been a major part of Kerr county home demonstration work for the past two years. The aims of the club women during this time have been to learn to make food budgets, raise the standards of canned products, and organize their pantries. Thirty thousand labels were bought this year by the Kerr county home demonstration council and were given to demonstrators, cooperators, and non-club members, and these were supplemented by labels bought by the women themselves. Then cans in the pantries were labeled and arranged on the shelves according to the following classification: leafy vegetables, other vegetables, starchy vegetables, miscellaneous, grains, fruits, and fruit juices, pickles and relishes, preserves and jellies, and meats. Sixty-two of the pantries have more than 400 containers of food products and a large number of them more than 600 containers. There was no canned meat in the pantries at the time the reports were made, but meat will be added during the coming months. In food expansion work, 168 homes have been reached by club women of the county. New equipment bought this year includes 15 new canners and nine new sealers. Miss Nora Tefs, of Kenney, is visiting Miss Zeida Spreen for two weeks.

Brunk's Quartette at Show



A vocal quartet composed of the men pictured above is one of the featured specialty acts with Fred G. Brunk's Comedians which open a week's engagement in Ballinger Monday, January 6.

BRUNK'S COMEDIANS WILL OPEN SHOW NEXT MONDAY FOR WEEK'S ENGAGEMENT

Brunk's Comedians will begin a week's engagement in this city Monday, January 6, in their new waterproof tent theatre which will be located on the usual lot. The company that will appear here all next week is one of the best known and most popular shows in this section. Lately the show has been playing in Colorado and other Rocky Mountain states as far west as the Pacific Coast.

Fred G. Brunk's Comedians, largest of all the Brunk shows, one of the largest companies now on the road, with a cast of capable actors, several vaudeville stars that take no part in the acts of the play, and Henri Rogers' famous eight-piece orchestra, has a company of thirty-six people in all.

The opening play is "The Family Sap," a big New York hit that recently closed a one-year run in New York, and Mr. Brunk states it's one of the best plays he has ever presented.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. McKenzie and sons, Mike and Carrol, have returned to their home at Abilene after spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. McKenzie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike C. Boyd.

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Charles L. Boyd and Mr. and Mrs. J. Radford, of San Antonio, have returned home after a holiday visit with Mr. Boyd's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike C. Boyd.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Parker, of Cleburne, have returned home after spending Christmas here with Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Shepherd.

Bonnie Brunk



Above is pictured Bonnie Brunk, who is one of the featured players with Brunk's Comedians which opens here for a week's engagement Monday, January 6.

NEW YEAR QUARTLY WELCOMED HERE

The new year was ushered in quietly here Tuesday at midnight, only a few bells and a few gunshots breaking the stillness of the night. Many social gatherings were held in the city and guests remained to see the old year out and the new year in, eating herring and holding money to carry out the old custom for a prosperous year ahead.

Officers experienced some trouble with boys using air-guns to shoot holes in windows and will continue to keep a close watch for these violations.

A number of county officials took the day off Wednesday and local banks and the postoffice were closed in observance of the holiday.

Regular classwork was done in the Ballinger schools.

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men were advised regarding control of screw worms.

Eight trench silos and five upright silos, holding 3,000 tons, were filled in the county this year.

Twenty farmers tanned 31 hides and made finished products of lines, halters, bridles, show-halters and harness and saddle repairs.

Thirty-six hundred acres of valuable pasture, land were ridged of prairie dogs at a cost of \$60 and an increased value of \$7,200.

Twenty-five club boys completed their work for the year, feeding 76 animals and growing 7 acres of crops. Eight won free trips to the farmers' short course and one won a trip to the International Livestock Exposition, Chicago. Those completing records were presented with club emblems.

Fifteen hundred record books were distributed to farmers through community councils and 250 kept complete records.

The Runnels county agricultural council and related community councils held 109 meetings, attended by 8,200 farmers, and assisted throughout the year with the extension program.

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Hints for the Farm

VERNON—A marked increase in wheat yields due to summer fallowing has been reported by M. B. Rhoads of Wilbarger county to R. E. L. Patillo, county agricultural agent. Thirty-five acres of land summer fallowed in 1934 produced 24 bushels per acre in comparison with 15 bushels per acre produced on 25 acres of land on which wheat followed cotton.

EMORY—By preparing his soil early, planting pedigreed cotton seed, and clean cultivation, Grady Hunt, Rains county 4-H club boy, made 1,260 pounds of seed cotton on an acre of land, according to W. T. Posey, county agricultural agent. He received five cents a pound for the seed. Grady paid the rent on the land and the use of the team and tools by working on his father's farm.

TAHOKA—T. J. and Harry Poindexter, Lynn county 4-H club boys, have produced an average daily gain of 2.9 pounds per day in the last 43-day feeding period on two club calves they are feed-

ing, according to V. F. Jones, county agricultural agent.

These calves have been on a feed of oats, cotton seed meal, and have had access to Sudan pasture and a nurse cow. Seven calves are on feed by 4-H club boys in the county, according to Jones.

SWEETWATER—"I dug a trench silo, cut my feed, and filled my silo as cheaply as I could have cut and stacked the same feed," Walter L. Boothe, Nolan county farmer, told C. H. Clark, county agricultural agent.

Boothe dug a silo with a 160 ton capacity for \$14 spent for labor. Cutting the feed and filling the silo cost him \$36, making a total cost of \$50 for 160 tons of silage. He says that it would have cost him this much or more to have cut the feed, shocked it in the field and stacked it, as he has always done in the past.

Nine other Nolan county farmers and ranchmen have filled trench silos with approximately 2,500 tons of silage this year, according to Clark.

James Baskin, of Cooledge, spent the holidays here with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Baskin.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Alexander, of Galveston, are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Kemp and other relatives.

Local Firm Employs Funeral Director And Furniture Man

Herbert Peoples, for the past several years director of the Higginbotham Funeral Home and in charge of the furniture department of the local Higginbotham Bros. & Co. store, has accepted a position with the Armstrong Limestone Co. and moved this week to Abilene, where his family will make home. He will be on the road for this company in the western division, but will be at home in Abilene on week-ends. Mrs. Peoples and son will reside in Belmont addition.

Byron Scott, of Childress, has been employed by the Higginbotham store here and will assume the position this week-end. He was in Ballinger the past week-end but was called to Childress on account of the illness of his young son, who has pneumonia. Mrs. Scott and the boy will come here as soon as the child is able to be moved.

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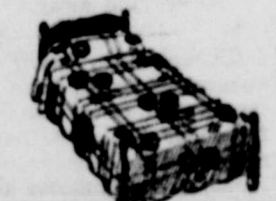
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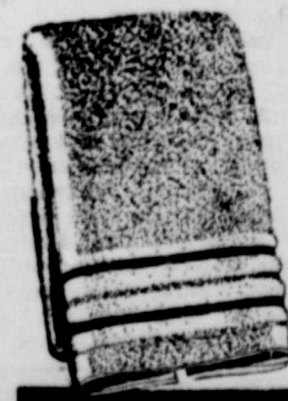
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Want Ads

My Butter obtainable at O. K. Grocery. Mrs. B. M. Batts. 2-21*

FOR RENT—Two large unfurnished rooms. 408 Fifth Street. 2-11*

WANTED—Four room box or frame house to wreck. State condition, price and location in first letter. George O. Kilgore, Box 62, Talpa, Texas. 2-11

FOR RENT—Furnished house or apartment. See Mrs. Press Edwards or call 163. 2-21*

FOR RENT—Three room furnished apartment, newly papered. 502 Twelfth Street. 2-11

WANTED—Lady to assist keeping house for lady living alone. Apply Drury P. Hathaway. 11*

FOR SALE—Second hand Farmall in good condition. Willie Stephens or see W. B. Currie. 2-31

FOR RENT—Several unfurnished rooms. Chas. Furgason, 301 Thirtieth Street. 2-11

STRAYED—Two stray hogs at my place, weights about 150 and 200 pounds. Proof of ownership and payment of expenses will be required. Alva Berry, Winters Route 2. 2-11*

FOR SALE—Two Jersey Cows and one heifer. Calif. priced right. See or write R. D. Baker, Norton, Texas. 2-11*

FOR RENT—Apartment on January 1st, at 701 Twelfth Street. 2-11

WANTED—Experienced stock farmer wants place where he can work on shares or commission, sheep raising preferred. See or write R. D. Baker, Norton, Texas. 2-31*

WANTED—Middle aged woman to do housework and take care of two little girls. See or write J. A. Henderson, Winters Route 3. 2-31*

FOR SALE—Trade, seven months' old full blood Jersey male. J. C. Reese, Ballinger, Texas. 19-31*

WANT TO TRADE—33 Four Door Plymouth for sheep or cattle. H. Bowen, three miles west of Wilmett. 19-31*

FOR RENT—Furnished Duplex Apartment. See Sam Behringer or call 239. 3-11

FOR RENT—Several Bedrooms, one garage. Close in. Mrs. D. C. Simpson, 307 Broadway. 3-11*

FORD T. PISTONS—American hammered Piston Rings, Mufflers, Axles, Head and Tail Lights for all cars. Emery Wheels, Vanity Mirrors. Wington Auto Parts. 3-11

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FOR RENT—Furnished apartment. Phone 179. Mrs. D. C. Simpson. 7-11*

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FOR SALE—First Vendor's Lien Note principal sum of \$1300.00, on small farm, no other incumbrance, good title, complete abstract, note bears 7% interest per annum. If you are looking for a safe, conservative investment this should meet your requirements. For further information telephone 156. 12-11*

FOR SALE—217.14 acres, three miles on Ballinger highway, at \$30 per acre, or 112 acres at \$25 per acre. A. S. Pape. 1-11

Mrs. Helen Burton, of Madison, Wisconsin, will arrive tomorrow (Friday) for a visit with her sister, Mrs. F. M. Pearce.

FOR RENT—Two furnished or unfurnished rooms. Corner S. Tenth and Strong Avenue. 917 Strong. 2-31*

WANTED—Middle aged woman to do housework for family of two. Inquire at Ledger office. 2-11*

FOR SALE—Milk Cows or Springers for sale or trade. W. W.

DEATHS

J. W. Clayton
J. W. Clayton, 59, died at the Shannon Hospital, San Angelo, at 11:45 a. m. Saturday, December 28, following illness of about six months' duration, his condition becoming very critical several weeks ago.

Born in Paris, Texas, decedent came to Runnels county with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Clayton, deceased, at the age of one year and spent the remainder of his life in this county. His father died several years ago and his mother died last year. A brother, Lawton Clayton, also died last year.

Decedent was well known in this part of Texas and was an active member of the Ex-Open Range Cowpunchers' Association. He was a successful farmer and ranchman and had extensive land holdings in the vicinity of Benoit.

Funeral services were held at the King-Holt Funeral Home Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. E. W. McLaurin officiating. Interment was made in the Norwood cemetery, near Benoit.

Survivors include the wife; four children, Rupert, Hesterwood, Misses Lilly and Iola, all of Benoit; one brother, Milton; three sisters, Mrs. J. L. Ray, of Joshua, Texas; Mrs. Frank Dillard, of Tatum, New Mexico; and Mrs. Ross Martin, of Talpa.

Pallbearers were: Leland McWilliams, August McWilliams, Ross Martin, Jr., Edgar Herring, Jerome Ray, Zid Herring, L. C. Jamison, Jr., and Doyle Condra.

King-Holt Funeral Home undertakers were in charge of arrangements.

A. D. Talley
Funeral services were held at 2:30 p. m. Saturday, December 28, at the King-Holt Funeral Home for A. D. Talley, 89, who died at 7:55 a. m. Thursday, December 26 at San Antonio. His last illness was brief after contracting bronchial pneumonia.

Decedent, a Confederate veteran, was born in Alabama in 1846, later residing in Runnels county for many years. For several years he was justice of the peace of the Crews precinct.

At the time of his death Captain Talley was commander of an ex-Confederate camp at San Antonio and his death leaves only four members in that unit. Active in veterans' work for many years, decedent was buried in his gray uniform.

Services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Doug, assisted by Rev. Homer Vanderpool. Interment was made in Evergreen Cemetery.

The only immediate survivor, a son, W. A. Talley, is a former resident of Ballinger and Runnels county.

Pallbearers were: August Spill, Paschal Dietz, J. Whit Patterson, J. W. Wood, J. W. Bigby and W. E. Jones.

King-Holt Funeral Home undertakers were in charge of arrangements.

Jo Ann Oden
Jo Ann Oden, 18-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Oden, of McCamey, died at McCamey Sunday afternoon, December 29. The body was brought overland to the King-Holt Funeral Home, Ballinger, where services were conducted Monday afternoon at 2:30, Rev. J. H. McClain officiating.

Mrs. Oden will be remembered in Ballinger as Eleanor Leach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Leach, who resided here for many years.

Interment was made in Evergreen Cemetery. King-Holt Funeral Home undertakers were in charge of arrangements.

W. A. Hennig
W. A. Hennig, 69, died at 4:50 a. m. Saturday, December 28, at the Halley & Love Sanitarium following an operation two weeks before. He was brought to Ballinger for an emergency operation.

Decedent came to Runnels county from Travis county 37 years ago and made home a short time afterwards near the county line in Concho county, where he had resided ever since, operating large farms there.

Besides the widow survivors include four sons, and one daughter, F. H. Hennig, A. C. Hennig, E. A. Hennig, of Rowena; H. W. Hennig, of Wall; and Miss Selma Hennig, of Rowena; three brothers, L. C. Hennig, Driftwood; A. N. Hennig, Olney; and Ed Hennig, of Sprinkler; four sisters, Mrs. Jake Tatens, Austin; Mrs. O. C. Olust, Austin; Mrs. Henry Lasso, Rowena; and Mrs. C. F. Navert, Austin; and eleven grandchildren.

Embry, Patterson's Blacksmith Shop. 2-31*

Have Your Corn Ground
the old fashioned way with French Burr Mill. Across from court house lawn, near J. W. McMillan carpenter shop. C. G. CAPE 2-11*

Funeral services were held at the family home at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon and at the Evangelical Church at Rowena, at 2 o'clock, Rev. A. Romannovski officiating. Interment was made in the Rowena cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Otto Strauch, Sr., W. A. Schuhmann, R. S. Piper, A. W. Helwig, and Henry Goetz. Jennings Funeral Home undertakers were in charge of arrangements.

Sarah Hendez
Sarah Hendez, Mexican, 16, died at her home in Rowena Saturday morning following long illness. Her parents, one brother and two sisters survive.

Funeral services were held from St. Joseph's Church, Rowena, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. F. J. Pokluda officiating. Interment was made in the Catholic cemetery.

Jennings Funeral Home undertakers were in charge of arrangements.

Harold Neal
Harold Neal, negro, 21, died at the home of his mother, Pennie Givens, at 11:50 a. m. Tuesday, following an illness of 10 days duration. Survivors include the mother, two brothers and one sister.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 at the family home, Rev. John Mack officiating. Interment was made in the colored section of Evergreen Cemetery.

Jennings Funeral Home undertakers were in charge of arrangements.

Officials Answer—

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does not need the committee's personal help will receive the same consideration as other farmers.

Q. Will the committee consider the creditor's case?

A. Yes. Creditors who hold farm loans and are not receiving due consideration by the farmer-debtor are urged to bring their problems to the committee.

Q. What does this cost?

A. It costs the farmer and creditor nothing but their time and effort, and the committeemen receive only a small sum from the government to apply on expenses, no salary having been provided for.

Q. Have these committees really accomplished anything?

A. In Texas and Oklahoma alone, more than 14,000 foreclosures have been avoided, representing \$40,000,000 worth of property.

Q. When should the committee be contacted?

A. Any time, at their meetings or before. The committee usually discusses the cases brought to it at the meetings and prefers that one of the members know the farmer's story before the meeting.

Q. Does the committee have a regular meeting place and time?

A. The time and place have not been designated but will be at an early date.

IN MEMORIAM

In Memory of Harry Dierschke

(By Doris and Pat Fox)

Harry's life was short but full. He with his smile so bright Will surely meet another smile That shines as much as his.

A boy so young and gay. His troubles had been few. How little did he think— The end of trouble was so near.

His joys and sorrows are left behind. Still we must keep in mind, The flower on earth in heaven now shines.

His royal seal is occupied. There will be open roads, sunny and wide.

There will be happy days, there will be God. Then let us not forget the grave is not the goal;

Dust thou art, to dust returned, was not spoken of the soul. Though the flowers may wither and decay,

But the love we had for Harry will never fade away.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Lane, of Bakersfield, Calif., have announced the arrival of a baby girl, born December 11. Mrs. Lane will be remembered here as Miss Ollie Parks, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Keel.

Mr. and Mrs. Felton Wright and children returned Sunday from Junction, where they spent the Christmas holidays.

J. A. Schnable returned Sunday from Shawnee, Oklahoma, where he had been to spend Christmas. His mother, Mrs. A. Schnable, returned with him for a few days visit here.

Joe M. Tyson, Jr., left for his school in Dallas Wednesday after spending the holidays with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Joe M. Tyson.

December is Banner Month For Marriages During 1935

More than 500 persons were married in Runnels county during 1935. At first glance that looks like a tremendous number, but really it was only 233 couples who were seeking happiness or what they believed would be such. According to the records of County Clerk W. W. Chaftain 1935 was a good year for marriages.

The month just ended, December, was the banner month with a total of 43 couples obtaining licenses. November was next with 36 writes issued. The month by month report of the number of wedding permits issued by the clerk is as follows: January, 21; February, 20; March, 18; April, 17; May, 18; June, 21; July, 20; August, 29; September, 19; October, 21; November, 36; and December, 43.

December, issuances equal the best month on record in this county in the number of licenses issued during one month.

Those securing licenses during December were:

Emeterio Luna and Ysabel Fenoljeras
Herbert M. Sledge and Willie Faye Brown
H. M. Jones and Rachel Vaught
Maggie Fenwick and Edna Hollis
L. Beryle-Frost and Erna Jewell Oliver

Leroy Seitz and Fanie Lee Mullins
Roy Branon and Geneva Byrd
Arlene W. Smallwood and Stella Hartley

Arthur Harris and Bertha Miles
Manuel Cortez and Mary Jacques
Andes Emmett Simpson and Effie Irene Jennings

Gerald Townsend and Lilly Pearl Griffin

Raymond Davis and Norma Wittow
Cecil Hill and Ida Faye Pullin
Bill Kirk and Amelia Roesner
James Lee and Novella Nixon
Cecil Landon and Erna Manske
J. C. Wilson and Bettie Sue Barnett

F. A. Hoffman and Louise Davis
Vench Phillips and Lida Mae Dean
Joseph F. Anderle and Emma Wilde

Arthur Kerby and Netha Stovall
Gus Hardegree and Prebble Gaines
T. J. Crockett and Flora Dee Wester

Dewey Herrington and Christine Farmer
L. C. Oldham and Fern Coward
D. Norris and Ruby Canady

Antonio Duron and Elvira Carrio
A. T. Hamilton and Loyace Jones
J. M. Mitchel and Lucille Carlton

Travis Moreland and Margaret Hinds
A. W. Brunson and Azell Greenwell
John Arellano and Ponpoza de la Cerda

W. E. McAngus and Callie Mae Love
Curley Miller and Irene Claybourne
G. S. Marsh and Virginia Porch

J. G. Ray and Ian Stegall
Five couples requested that their names not be published.

Elliott Kemp and James Shirley left Wednesday for Howard Payne College, Brownwood, after spending Christmas here.

PRIMARY P. T. A. TO MEET WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The Ballinger Primary Parent-Teacher Association will hold its regular meeting next Wednesday afternoon from 3:30 to 4:30 at primary building No. 2. Children of the third grades will present a demonstration and a few numbers will be offered by their rhythm band. Following the program Mrs. D. W. Read will lead the study course which the group is studying this year.

Corkill Motley, of Brownwood, spent the holidays with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Griffin spent the past week-end at Stamford, visiting relatives and friends.

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Fresh from the Valley

Bananas No. 1 Golden Fruit 1b. 4 1/2c

Oranges Texas Sweets doz. 22c

Spuds No. 1 White 10 lbs. 19c

Cranberries 1b. 25c

Cabbage 1b. 4c

Fresh Tomatoes 1b. 10c

Lettuce Fresh, Crisp heads 2 for 7c

Mustard Greens Large Bunches 5c

Weldon Howell's Market

Smoked Bacon 1b. 28c

Bologna-Franks 1b. 12 1/2c

Salt Jowls 1b. 17 1/2c

Brick Chili Home Made 1b. 15c

Steak 7-cut 1b. 17 1/2c

Country Butter 1b. 32c

Soap Crystal White and P. & G. Giant bars 6 FOR 25c

Peanut Butter

5 lbs. 75c Qt. 29c

Crackers Saxet

2-lb. box 19c

Shelled Pecans Lb. 25c

Fruit Cake Lb. 25c

Chocolate Covered Cherries Lb. Box 23c

Tomato Juice

Beechnut 3 cans 25c

Sweet Pickles

Quarts 25c

2 Post Toasties and 1 Post Bran The Three Boxes for 25c

Bright & Early Coffee

1b. 18c

Black Cooking Figs

4 lbs. 45c

Morton Meat Salt

10-lb. Can 89c

Pure Cane Sugar

10 lbs. 55c