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PUBLIC WELL PLEASED WITH PLAY LAST WEDNESDAY NIGHT

The home talent play, "Tony, the Convict", which was staged last Wednesday night at the Star Theater under the auspices of the Ft. Mason, Post of American Legion, made a hit with the large audience which was in attendance.

Complimentary remarks have been coming from almost everyone and the Legion members are so well pleased with the results that a plan to take the play to some other town is being considered. It is said the Legion Post at Junction has made a favorable proposition and it is likely the local Post will accept it. We understand the plan is to play at Junction some night during the second week in January.

The gross receipts realized from the play here last Wednesday night amounted to \$100.20, but just how much of this will be above expenses has not yet been determined, as a number of unpaid bills are still outstanding, according to Arch Reichman, secretary of the Legion Post. Mr. Reichman stated that the cost of putting on the play was more than was anticipated and he was of the opinion that not more than \$50 would represent the net profit.

Mrs. D. G. Brillhart and little daughter left the latter part of last week for their home in Cameron, Mo., after a visit of several weeks here in the home of Mrs. Brillhart's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Smith accompanied them as far as San Antonio.

Dist. let Agent, Smith, was here last week on business with W. I. Marschall. He killed a buck while here.

A YULE MESSAGE

Christmas Spirit, Peace and Good Will Should Prevail.

Time to Be Happy and to Aid Others in the Enjoyment of the Season's Cheer.

On earth, peace, good will.—Luke 2:14.

SURELY there is a mystic tie between spirit and nature, between heaven and earth, between God and man. Not strange is it, then, that on the night of the most wondrous birth time has seen, the age sealed skies should part and song of angels enhance the watchers on Bethlehem's plains.

What is the secret of the unwonted charm brought by this brightest day in time's calendar? Why is the season charged with such gladness? Why do men and women feel that they can lay down their vexing burdens and their faces smile again with the faith and joy of childhood's care-free days?

It is the rapt influence of the angelic song on the natal night, "Peace on Earth." To a humanity distracted, troubled by doubts and fears, wounded by sin and smitten by conscience, God sends a message: "Fear not, I am your Father. I give you a Savior from sin and misery. You are my children. My heavenly peace I breathe upon you." And in this sweet pledge of divine remembrance and Fatherly love—of God at peace with men—a wave of tranquil joy floods the world.

But, again, it is an evangel to man of peace with himself. Every man finds discord in his own being. His innermost personality is the seat of antagonisms. He is an instrument out of tune. The primal harmony of his spirit is broken. He is at war with himself. His baser strives with his higher nature. Soul and body war against each other. But "on earth peace," chants the seraphic choir. Regard the image of God stamped upon you. Put down the low and base. Let the spirit rule and the body serve.

Finally, the Christmastide should breathe the spirit of peace in our business and in all the relations of life. Especially in our homes we can cultivate the Christmas spirit, displacing their frequent discontents, fault findings and contentions with peace and good will.

For this glad time, at least, let us all be better men and women; less selfish, more kindly, easier to live with. And how much happier will we be if this Christmas spirit—its cheery glow and kindly warmth—stay with us all through the year!—Junius B. Remensnyder.

DOES THE FEEDING OF DRY MASH PAY?

Some six weeks ago we published an item in regard to feeding a dry mash to make hens lay. We have since had numerous inquiries about the amount to feed and how to construct a self feeder.

Mr. Otto Schmidt has had such good success with dry mash feeding that we asked him a few questions and this is what he reports.

We first culled his flock of some fifteen hens and found that he had above an average for layers. He was getting only one or two eggs a day though, so we recommended feeding a dry mash.

Mr. Schmidt is keeping an accurate record on his flock and says he is now getting from five to six eggs daily and that he expects the hens to keep on increasing in egg production. The hens are busy and go about singing and their combs are red. The one thing, though, that impressed Mr. Schmidt most, was the activity of one hen. As one of the neighbors' cows had gotten into his lot he was out early in the morning one day this week, and found a hen on her nest in the moonshine, laying. This again proves that it pays to feed a dry mash in the winter and when green food is scarce.

Anyone wanting information in regard to dry mash feeding or self feeders can get same from the County Agent.

W. I. MARSCHALL.

Harold Zesch and Clarence Kothmann arrived home Saturday from A. & M. College to spend the Christmas holidays among relatives and friends. They managed to get on a few days early, as school does not dismiss for the holidays until Thursday, today.

Mr. and Mrs. August Kothmann and son were here last Friday from their ranch near Castell. Mr. Kothmann informed us that the party who recently stole the wire from his fence had replaced it since he gave notice he would prosecute the party committing the theft if it was not returned.

Mrs. O. H. Richardson arrived Wednesday from Austin, to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Carter. She was met at Llano by Misses Pearl Land, Esther Donop and Archie Carter.

Mrs. Ellen Sands has been considered critically ill for the past week and has been confined to her bed. We were pleased to learn yesterday that her condition showed some improvement.

Anton Willmann recently purchased the place known as the Dr. Thompson place from J. E. Barber, consisting of nineteen acres of land, together with a well improved residence. It is said the consideration was \$4,000 and the new owner has already gotten possession.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jordan and son, Walker, and Miss Lillie Eckert and little Miss Helen Lehmburg went to Brownwood Monday, where Mrs. Jordan and Helen remained with Mrs. D. F. Lehmburg who is receiving medical treatment.

Miss Elizabeth White arrived home Sunday from her college studies at Ward-Belmont, at Nashville, Tenn., to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. White.

Mrs. Winnie Morrow and little son arrived here last Thursday from Houston and are with Mrs. Morrow's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Muray. Mrs. Morrow has been in bad health for sometime and it is said her illness is due to a nervous breakdown. Recent reports are to the effect that she is much improved since her arrival here. The little boy is attending the local school, while his mother is here in hopes of recovering her health.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Lehmburg went to Brownwood last Thursday, where Mrs. Lehmburg is receiving treatment by Dr. Anderson for ear trouble. Mr. Lehmburg returned home Tuesday, but it is said Mrs. Lehmburg may have to remain for several weeks. Mrs. Ben Jordan and little Miss Helen Lehmburg went to Brownwood the first of the week to be with her for awhile.

SOCIAL EVENTS

COLEMAN-SMITH WEDDING

A wedding of unusual interest was solemnized at the Methodist Church, South, last Thursday evening, December 15th, at seven o'clock. The contracting parties were Mr. Neal Coleman and Miss Lucille Smith.

The church was handsomely decorated, the color scheme being green and white. Large pots of ferns and baskets of white chrysanthemums were artistically placed throughout the building. The piano was adorned with pink and green candles and were shaded with pale pink shades and cut glass candle sticks were used. The lights of the building were draped with green crepe paper.

At the appointed hour, with Miss Maybelle Loring at the piano, Mrs. D. G. Brillhart, sister to the bride, sang very sweetly "Because". Mrs. Brillhart was becomingly gowned in brown embroidered chiffon cloth over coral pink.

To the strains of Lohengrin's, the couple entered, preceded by the Flower girl, little Miss Mary Ellen Brillhart, who is a niece to the bride, and the Maid of Honor, Miss Pauline Derum. During the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. Roy G. Rader, pastor of the local M. E. Church, Miss Loring played softly, "Love's Old Sweet Song." The ring ceremony was used.

The bride looked lovely in brown embroidered chiffon cloth over brown satin. The groom was also dressed in brown. Miss Derum was beautifully attired in brown and champagne combination satin.

The bridal party departed from the building to the strains of Mendelssohn's, played by Miss Loring, and repaired to the Smith residence which was followed shortly by their departure for San Antonio for a visit of a few days.

Mrs. Coleman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Smith, of this city, and is one of Mason's most charming and talented young ladies. Her popularity in our midst is attested by the numerous and valuable gifts which she received.

Mr. Coleman is a young man of much promise and is a member of the Coleman-Jenkins Construction Company of San Antonio. At present he is in charge of a constructing crew at work in Kimble County, near Junction, where he expects to take his bride at this time, but they will make their home in San Antonio.

The News joins a host of well wishing friends in offering congratulations to the happy young couple.

LEIFESTE-JORDAN

On Wednesday night, of last week, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jordan, near Art, was the scene of a beautiful wedding when Miss Marie Jordan was given in marriage to Mr. Hilton Leifeste, with Rev. Hy. Jordan officiating. The wedding was a beautiful home affair with only their near relatives and a few friends present. The room in which the ceremony took place was beautifully decorated in cut flowers and pot ferns. The wedding march was played by Miss Bertha Schreiber, and during the ceremony she played "Love's Sweet Old Song".

The bride was dressed in a blue coat suit with hat and shoes to match, carrying a pretty bouquet of carnations. The groom was attired in dark blue.

After Rev. Mr. Jordan had spoken the words that united them, the happy couple received the many congratulations and valuable gifts of the guests. The guests were then ushered into the dining room which was nicely decorated in pink and white, where refreshments of cake, chocolate and punch were served.

The bride is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jordan, Sr., of Art, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Leifeste, of the same community.

Those present for the occasion were Rev. and Mrs. Hart, Rev. and Mrs. G. W. F. Schreiber, Rev. and Mrs. Moerner Rev. and Mrs. Hy. Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Hoerster, Walter Lehmburg and family, Misses Ella and Nettie Hasse,

W. D. GREEN HOME FROM THIRTY DAY TRIP TO MEXICO

W. D. Green was here Monday from the Kothmann ranch west of Mason and stated that he returned home Saturday from Mexico, where he accompanied three of Elgin O. Kothmann's fine Hereford Bulls. Mr. Green says that the Mexico Live Stock Exhibition train which was made up at Houston contained eleven cars of fine livestock, including dairy cattle, beef cattle, chickens, hogs, sheep, goats, horses, jacks and mules. Mr. Green said that nine leading Mexico cities were visited and the trip covered a distance of more than 3,000 miles. The train left Houston November 15th, making it require one month to complete the trip.

We are informed that the trip was a fine one and was much enjoyed by the various stockmen, and others making up the party, but the sales of stock were very few, due to unsettled conditions in that country. Dairy cattle and hogs sold better than any of the other livestock, according to Mr. Green. He says that his trip to that country will never be forgotten and little did he realize the people of Mexico were so illiterate and conditions there were as he actually found them to exist.

One of the features of his trip was the witnessing of one of the great bull fights and he stated he would not take anything for having seen the first bull fight of his life, but he did not care to witness another one.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Max Plueneke, a boy, Dec. 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey Wright, a girl, Dec. 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Durst, a girl, Dec. 16.

Marriage License

Mr. Hilton Leifeste and Miss Marie Jordan, Dec. 14th.

Mr. Neal E. Coleman and Miss Lucille Smith, Dec. 15th.

Mr. Alf Polk and Miss Kate Gamel, Dec. 17th.

BAND BOYS REALIZE ABOUT \$25 FROM RECENT CONCERT

It is announced that the band concert, which was held at the Star Opera House last Friday night in connection with Mr. Schmidt's picture show, meant about \$25 for the local band.

The band made a splendid showing and as is often remarked, "Did themselves proud". The band has a large membership and indications are that the members will not soon lose interest, thus making possibilities of Mason's maintaining a band very promising.

This was the first time the band has called on the public in any way for financial aid and from all reports we are of the opinion that those attending the concert received more than their money's worth.

Pearl Moerner, Bertha Schreiber, Clara Brandenberger; Messrs. Arthur Jordan and Silas Brandenberger.

The many friends of the contracting parties join in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Leifeste the best along life's journey.

DURST-LEIFESTE

A very pretty wedding was solemnized last Thursday morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Leifeste when their daughter, Meta, became the bride of Mr. Fred Durst. They marched to the improvised altar of ferns and flowers to the strains of Lohengrin's Wedding March, played by the bride's niece, Miss Lorene Leifeste.

The bride was attended by Miss Roseda Houy as maid of honor, with Miss Elizabeth Leifeste and Miss Ella Durst as bridesmaids. Mr. Ernest Albersson and Mr. Alfand Dalchau acting as groomsmen.

The bower girl, little Miss Elvira Jewell Leifeste carried a basket of roses and scattered rose pedals for the bride and groom.

After a barbecue dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Durst left for a wedding trip to Dallas, Fort Worth and Mineral Wells, after which they will be at home at Fly Gap.

(Contributed)

JACOB SCHUESSLER PASSES SIXTY BIRTHDAY SATURDAY

Mr. Jacob Schuessler, one of the oldest residents of this county, passed his 61st birthday last Saturday, December 17th.

In honor of the occasion, his daughter, Miss Carrie Schuessler entertained a large number of relatives, consisting of his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, at dinner. Those present were Mrs. E. J. Broad and granddaughter, of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Will Schuessler, Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Reardon and children, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Rau, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brown and children, Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Schuessler and little daughter, Mrs. Robert Hofmann and little son, Misses Mary and Nanny Schuessler and Master Smith Lewis.

The News joins the friends of this esteemed gentleman in extending congratulations and wishing for him many happy returns of the occasion.

MANSION HAS FORMAL OPENING

The formal opening of the governor's mansion for the season took place Thursday afternoon when Mrs. P. M. Neff held open house to introduce the wives of the new judges of the Texas courts. Autumn flowers were effectively massed in the halls and throughout the reception suite and in the dining room roses shaded from pink to American beauty tones, were used in profusion.

The orchestra from the State School for the Blind furnished music during the calling hours.

Mrs. W. A. Hamlet and Mrs. J. A. Jackson welcomed the guests at the door and Mrs. Edgar Perry presented them to Mrs. Neff, who stood at the head of the line in which the following wives of judges or State officials had been invited to stand: Mrs. Lynch Davidson, Mrs. Thomas Greenwood, Mrs. H. H. Harrington, Mrs. R. E. Vinson, Mrs. J. W. Gallagher, Mrs. George Tilley, Mrs. William Pierson, Mrs. F. L. Hawkins, Mrs. Richard French Spencer, Mrs. James R. Hamilton, Mrs. F. L. Hawkins, Mrs. W. M. Key, Mrs. Randolph, Mrs. Powell and Mrs. Myers.

Among those invited to assist throughout the house were Mrs. Joe Wooten, Mrs. Walter Bremont, Mrs. Pierre Bremont, Mrs. J. A. West of West, Mrs. Lawrence Lane of Hico, Mrs. Lynn Hunter, Mrs. Malcolm Reed, Mrs. Dave Reed, Mrs. J. W. Bondurant, Mrs. S. L. Staples, Mrs. F. E. Pryor, Mrs. Walter Fisher, Mrs. Joe James, Mrs. J. D. Sayers, Mrs. A. W. Kooch, Mrs. Goodall Wooten.

In the dining room Mrs. R. B. Walthall and Miss Gertrude Rowe were assisted by Miss Helen Mand Neff, Miss Lois Davidson, Miss Katie Lynch Davidson and others in serving a salad course with coffee.

Geo. White, of Brady, came over Wednesday for a short stay among friends and acquaintances. Mr. White is remembered as the mail carrier to Llano a few years ago.

Reports coming from the bedside of Ernest Willmann, who has been ill for several weeks and unable to be at his place in the Commercial Bank, are that his condition does not seem to improve very rapidly. It is announced, however, that his condition is not considered serious. We are informed his entire system has become infected from a carbuncle which appeared on his hand recently and permitted to go too long before it was lanced.

The News has just learned from Mr. S. A. McCollum that Mr. Ty Young, a relative of Mrs. McCollum's who resides near El Paso, received a flesh wound about a month ago when a Mexican shot him after riding up to Mr. Young's irrigated farm and accusing him of doing some wrong. It is said Mr. Young returned the fire and wounded the Mexican, who was later arrested and placed in jail. Mr. McCollum said that the letter received by his wife gave no full particulars of the occurrence but stated Mr. Young's condition was not serious.

Miss Pauline Derum, who spent last week here as a guest in the Ed Smith home, left Friday for her home in Karnes City.



Christmas Greetings

IT IS WITH A DEEP SENSE OF GRATITUDE FOR GOOD WILL EXTENDED US THAT WE LOOK BACK ON OUR PAST SUCCESSFUL DEALINGS. YOUR PATRONAGE AND FRIENDSHIP HAVE AIDED US IN OUR GROWTH.

THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT PROMPTS US TO EXTEND GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FOR YOUR CONTINUED HEALTH AND THOSE NEAR AND DEAR TO YOU MANY ENJOY A **HAPPY CHRISTMAS** AND BE FAVORED WITH A FULL REALIZATION OF ALL HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS FOR 1922. MAY THE RICH BLESSINGS OF HEART, HOME AND COUNTRY BE ABUNDANTLY YOURS; MAY JOY AND RECOMPENSE COME TO YOU, AND MAY IT BE OUR PRIVILEGE TO ADD TO YOUR SUCCESS.

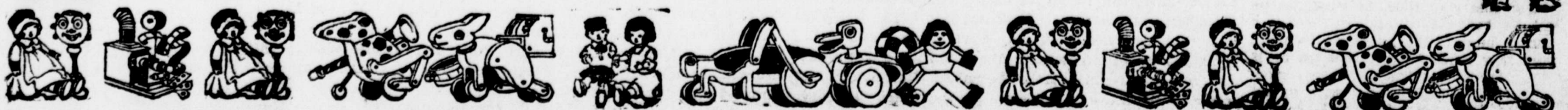
The First State Bank

GREETINGS

TO OUR FRIENDS:

WE EXTEND TO YOU THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON
AND WISH YOU A FULL
MEASURE OF HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY IN THE
COMING YEAR

E. LEMBURG & BRO.



Merry Christmas

Christmas Greetings



TO OUR old friends, loyal and true:—to our valued ne wfriends;—and to those whose friendship we strive to deserve; we heartily wish unmeasured happiness and good fortune throughout the coming years.

With grateful appreciation for all the favors received by us from you, and for that priceless though intangible asset, your goodwill, which we prize beyond measure, we seek to merit your continued confidence, and aim to serve you helpfully in the future.



The Commercial Bank
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NEWS FROM STREETER

Christmas is again here, another year has passed, and now the expression among the many is, "How fast the time does fly". Old Santa is busying himself to cheer the many, many wee tots who anxiously look forward for that happy morning when their stockings will be filled with the beautiful things which only Christmas can bring.

The Christmas program given by the school Friday night was well rendered. A large crowd was present and all report having enjoyed it very much. Besides our immediate community, a number were here from Mason, Grit, Double Knobbs, Ranch Branch, Hay Stack and Long Mountain. School was then dismissed until Monday morning, Jan. 2nd.

Mr. Homer Richardson and sisters, Misses Hazel, Edith and Doris, left Sunday evening for Telegraph to spend the holidays with home folks.

Messrs. Ed Mark, Arch, Cecil and Walter Schuessler, of Kent County are here to spend the holidays with friends. They formerly lived here and we are glad to have them back in our midst again.

Mrs. Ollie Massey left Monday morning for Gorman, Texas, to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Hipp.

Clarence Adams, of London, spent Sunday here visiting his uncle, Mr. John Adams, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Caveness, of Double Knobbs, spent Friday here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Rogensch.

This section is being flooded with fur buyers lately. Strange such a low price with such a demand.

Mr. John Adams and daughter, Miss Vena, spent Sunday and Monday in the London section.

Polk-Gamel

On Saturday afternoon, December 17, our fair little city was aroused from its apparent slumber by the joyous ringing of wedding bells. The announcement

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HAVE YOU SAID THE WORD?

Hundreds of people may read this who have no Bank Account. Some time or other they are going to have one—going to start their account here. Yet out of all these hundreds not one of them has said I WILL. If you will make up your mind at once—if you will say I WILL—if you will bring or mail to us any sum you can put your hands upon you will never regret having made the start.

If a man but say he WILL, and follows it up, there is nothing in reason he may not expect to accomplish. There is no magic, no miracle, no secret to him who is brave in heart and determined in spirit.—London Journal.

DIRECTORS

Mrs. Anna Martin, Pres. C. L. Martin, Vice-Pres.
 Max Martin, Vice-Pres. Howard C. Smith
 Walter M. Martin, Cashier Frank Brandenberger
 L. F. Clark

then came announcing the marriage of Mr. Alf Polk of the Capps community, to Miss Kate Gamel, of this place, which was solemnized at Mason, Saturday afternoon, Judge Banks officiating. The bride is a charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gamel of this place, and is held in high esteem by all who know her. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Paek Polk, of the Capps community and is one of the most estimable young men of the county.

To this happy union we extend our wishes for a long and happy journey through life. They will make their home on their farm eight miles northeast of Mason.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Leifeste, of Dallas, are expected to arrive the latter part of this week to spend the holidays with Mrs. Leifeste's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Eckert, and family.

Take in the picture show at the Star opera House each Friday and Saturday night. Show starts at 7:00 o'clock.

NEED GLASSES?

Dr. Jones, the Eye Man, in Dr. McCollum's office (only one day), Wed. Jan. 4th. Eyes examined. Glasses fitted. Headache and Eye Strain relieved. At Fredonia, Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 2nd.

POSTED NOTICE
 All lands owned and controlled by me are posted against hunting, trapping or trespassing in any form. I allow no hunting and will prosecute violators of this notice.
 2mp AUG. KOTHMANN.

POSTED NOTICE
 This is to notify the general public that all land owned by me is posted according to law against hunting, trapping and trespassing of any kind. Violators of this notice will be prosecuted.
 32-5tc LOUIS G. ECKERT.

NO HUNTING ALLOWED
 Warning is hereby given that hunting, trapping or trespassing of any kind is not permitted in the pastures of the undersigned, as they are posted according to law. Guilty parties will be prosecuted.
 2mc H. & E. ZESCH.

POSTED
 Notice is hereby given that my James River Ranch is posted against hunting, trapping or trespassing in any form. Parties violating this notice, will be prosecuted.
 34-2mp S. L. JEFFERS.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS
 All lands owned or controlled by the undersigned are posted according to law, and no hunting, trapping or trespassing of any kind will be permitted.
 AUGUST WILLMANN
 2mp ELI W. DECHERT

POSTED
 All lands owned or controlled by the undersigned are posted according to law against hunting, trapping and trespassing of any kind. Any and all parties violating this notice will be prosecuted.
 JOHN GEISTWEIDT
 WM. GEISTWEIDT
 CHAS. GEISTWEIDT
 FRANK GEISTWEIDT
 2mc L. S. WENDELL.

POSTED
 Parties are warned against hunting, trapping or trespassing of any kind on the lands of the undersigned, as same is posted and violators of this notice will be prosecuted.
 38-4tp John and James Brandenberger.

POSTED NOTICE
 The general public is warned against hunting, trapping or otherwise trespassing on any lands owned or controlled by the undersigned, as same is posted. Violators of this notice will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
 26-2mp BEN BRANDENBERGER.
 Typewriter ribbons, 80c. News Office.

The local school turns out today for the Christmas holidays and will resume on Monday after New Year.

Big Line Xmas Toys at Mason Drug Company.

Mr. Theo. Dietz, of Kerrville, and Mr. Albert Hartman, of Fredericksburg, were here last week on their return home from a business trip to Santa Anna. They were guests over night, Friday, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Hartman.

KEEN KUTTER Spark Plugs. As good as the best. Try one. If you are not satisfied, we will refund your money. Price 50 cents.
 39 LARIMORE & GROTE.

Harry McCollum came in last Friday from Palestine for a couple weeks' visit with his father, Dr. C. L. McCollum, and among friends. Harry is still in the "Tick" business and is in charge of a district. He expects to return to his work about the first of January.

Cut Glass, Chinaware and Pyrex Casseroles at Mason Drug Company.

Latest Novels at Mason Drug Company.

Ray Jenkins and Jim McWilliams were here a short time the past week visiting among relatives and friends. They are both from Andrews County, where the former is employed on a ranch and the latter owns a place. Ray states that this country is much dryer than Andrews county, but said rain is needed in that county.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I have opened a garage and auto repair shop in the Morrow Building on the east side of the square.

I am prepared to give you the best of service on repair work and overhauling jobs.

Let me supply you with your Gasoline, Oil and Grease needs.

All work guaranteed to give satisfaction.

I solicit a share of your business.

39 CLYDE HUCKABAY.

Holmes King had a rear axle to break on his car last Saturday morning. He and his family had started to Stonewall to visit relatives and were about seven miles out of town when the axle broke. His car was running about 35 miles an hour when the accident occurred and the wheel ran off, but fortunately no one was hurt.

CHICKENS

If you have chickens to sell, don't fail to get my prices.
 31-1f J. J. JOHNSON.



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Such a fun treat with Jungleland and a taste treat with KELLOGG'S Corn Flakes! Children sure delight in KELLOGG'S because they are not leathery or hard to chew! Grown folks delight in KELLOGG'S fascinating fla-

vor and unique crispness! KELLOGG'S are simply wonderful! That's the way to say it!

Thousands of Jungleland Moving Pictures have been put away for Christmas gifts! They'd cost you 50c in book stores! If you have no children, give Jungleland to a little friend you love.

FOR THIS WEEK ONLY—KELLOGG'S Jungleland is packed inside the Waxtite wrapper of every package of KELLOGG'S Corn Flakes! You can't buy KELLOGG'S without Jungleland—you can't buy Jungleland without KELLOGG'S!



Kellogg's in the RED and GREEN packages!



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To Our Friends and Patrons:

This is a sincere message to you—a wish that the Holidays of 1921 may be for you and yours the happiest you have ever spent, with a New Year full to overflowing with all the many good things of life.

And we would feel that something had been left undone were we to overlook this opportunity of thanking you for the business you have so kindly turned our way during the past year.

This business has been very, very much appreciated, and we trust that we may continue to serve you for a long time to come.

Again wishing you the Compliments of the Season—a Joyously Happy Christmas, and a Prosperous New Year, we remain

SINCERELY YOURS,

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At the approach of the New Year our thoughts turn kindly to those whose friendship and loyal support has enabled us to progress we wish you most sincerely a merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year

Mason Drug Company

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WISHES

THAT THE PEOPLE OF MASON AND MASON COUNTY WILL SPEND A MOST JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON.

WE HOPE THE COMING YEAR WILL BE THE MOST PROSPEROUS THE COUNTY HAS KNOWN.

MAY BUSINESS RELATIONS BE AS PLEASANT IN THE FUTURE AS IN THE PAST.

To Friends and Patrons:

Hearty good wishes from every member of this firm to you and yours for a very Merry Christmas and a NEW YEAR filled with Happiness, Contentment and Prosperity.

We sincerely appreciate past favors and express an earnest desire to serve you in the future.

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We Knew You'd Come



**Decorate the
Christmas Package**

EVERY one when sending a Christmas gift desires it to appear as attractive as possible. When we receive a gift nicely wrapped with tissue paper and decorated with pretty Christmas seals, there is an added pleasure. This is especially so when we realize that the sender has spent time and cleverness to give this little touch of personal thoughtfulness.

Many varieties of Christmas seals may be purchased, but a little originality will not come amiss even in these small details.

There are seals for the outside package and the heading to be used on the note paper, conveying the good wishes of the giver, or on the little card of greeting. These two in each set match. This gives another touch of the unusual, which is always sought after.

Have a piece of carbon paper, place it over the note paper, card or seal, and on top of this one of the designs. Carefully trace with a sharp pencil the entire outline. An exact duplicate of the design will be found on the note paper or seal ready for tinting. This may be easily done with water colors or wax crayons. Poinsettia should be colored a warm, bright red, with yellow centers and dark green stems.

Holly, the special emblem of this season, has berries of vivid, fiery red and glossy leaves of dark green.

A dainty basket of forget-me-nots would be pretty colored yellow, the flowers a faint light blue and the bow-knot of pale pink. Now we have the mystic sign of the holidays, borrowed from the Druids, the mistletoe. The berries of this plant are a pearly white and the leaves a yellowish green.

Spend a little extra time giving the Christmas gift this novel decoration, and the pleasure it affords will never cause you to regret having done so.

Economy is to be considered at Christmas time. Our purse-strings have been stretched to the breaking point purchasing gifts for relatives and friends. To put this fascinating bit of handwork upon the Christmas package costs comparatively nothing, aside from the time you spend doing it. This fact counts very little when we add to the enjoyment of others.

These few suggestions will probably cause endless ideas for the Christmas package to present themselves to you. Make your gifts radiate the holiday spirit; give this little bit of personality and attractiveness to as small a thing as the Christmas seal.



HOW UNKIND
"Fred is getting nearsighted."
"It doesn't follow that there is anything the matter with his eyes because he can't see one under the mistletoe."

**The DAY DREAMS
of the OLD FOLKS
AT CHRISTMAS**
by Frank L. Stanton



Old folks, too, like Christmas; Grandfather,
sitting there,
Feels sad if he's forgotten 'cause he's in
his chimney-chair;
He says he's thinkin' of the days that he
no more will see,
When he was just a little boy—a Christmas
boy—like me.

He listens to the fire—for it's always
talkin' so,
And then it is he calls to mind his good
times long ago
When the Christmas wind was whistlin'
through the cold and frosty nights
And children dreamed of Christmas bells
and watched for Christmas lights.

He doesn't seem to hear at all the noise
the children make,
For when he sits the stillest there he's
dreamin' wide awake!
But mother—then she tells us to all run
right out and play,
For old folks hear sweet music when
they're dreamin' day by day.

And then Grandmother—SHE comes in
and sits beside him there,
And puts her hand in his, and says sweet
words he loves to hear;
But what they are she'd never tell to
mother or to you;
She knows that he is dreamin', for she
dreams the same dreams, too.

So Christmas comes to old folks, and it's
then they love to know
The children don't forget 'em, though they
lived so long ago!
An' they say the sweetest present of all
sweet things and fair
Is a kiss on Christmas mornin' when we
climb their chimney chair.



**THROUGH THE
WANT COLUMNS**

MULE FOUND—A horse mule found in my pasture, branded F. V. over a bar. Owner can have same by paying for pasturage and this ad by applying to Joe G. Kidd, Loyal Valley, Tex. 41-2tp.

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See the Atkins Woman when in need of Extracts, Baking Powder, Spices, Medicinal Preparations, Toilet Articles, Furniture Polish, Sewing Machine Oil, Washing Compound, Fly Oil, Insect Powder, Stock Dip, Stock and Poultry Tonics, Tires, Inner Tubes and Spark Plugs.

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Merry Christmas



Greetings

Together with our Christmas Greeting we wish to our friends and patrons our appreciation of your loyal support during the unusual business conditions of the past year.

We trust that you may receive a large share of the prosperity which we all look forward to during the coming year.

J. J. JOHNSON

To Friends and Patrons:

IN APPRECIATION OF YOUR GOOD WILL I EXTEND THE SEASONS GREETINGS AND WISH YOU A MOST PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

Wm. Splittgerber

Merry Christmas

OLD YULETIDE CAROLS

"Holy Night" Regarded as One of Most Beautiful Songs.

"Draw Nigh, Immanuel," One of Oldest Pieces and Far Antiquates Any Others.

THE ancient Christmas carol, "Holy Night" is German in its origin

and is considered by many persons to be the most beautiful of all Christmas carols. It has sometimes been ascribed to Martin Luther, but the consensus of expert opinion is that it is much older than his time and is one of the oldest of German folk songs. The carol "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen," is English in its origin and dates back to about the beginning of the Seventeenth century, although the author of the words and the composer of the music are unknown. The fine old melody sung to this poem pos-

sesses all the best qualifications of a sterling hymn tune and will probably last as long as the verses with which it is always associated.

The carol "Draw Nigh, Immanuel," is one of the oldest pieces of coherent music in existence, and both the words and music far antedate any of the others. The music is an old French melody, dated from the Thirteenth century, although, of course, it has been harmonized to conform with more modern standards.

There is a most curious but beautiful musical effect at the close of this carol. The words of "Draw Nigh, Immanuel," are about 100 years older than the music, being taken from the Mozarabic breviary of the Twelfth century, and it is generally believed that they were taken from the liturgy of the early Christians at Toledo, Spain, where the Mozarabic breviary was formulated.

Another carol, "The First Noel," has a traditional French melody and probably originated in Breton, although the exact origin of this fine old song is somewhat in doubt.

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A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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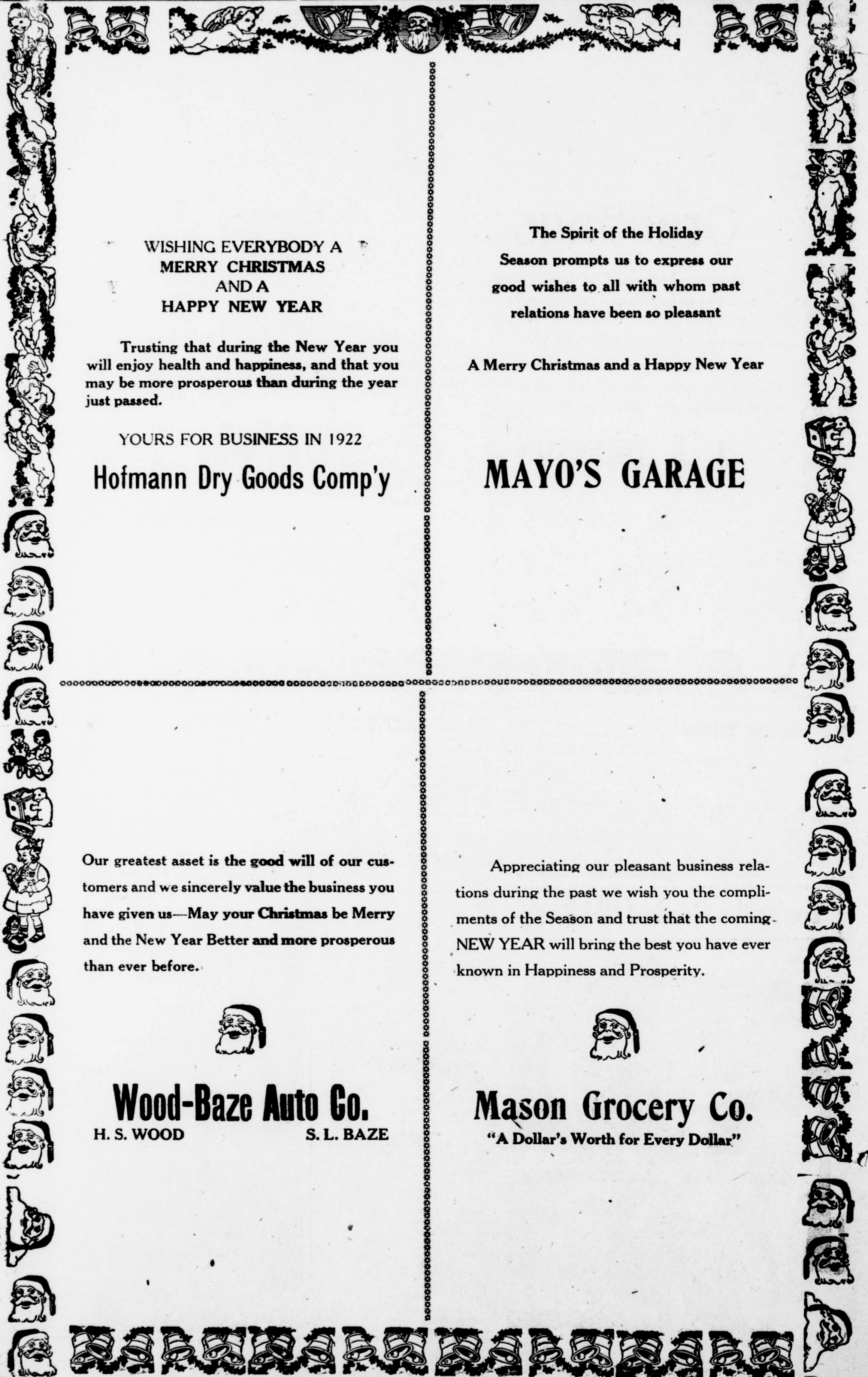


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OUR GREETINGS

In the true spirit of the occasion and with due appreciation of all it implies, we extend Christmas greetings to the readers of this publication. Christmas has a meaning possessed by no other holiday throughout the world. America has its national and special days, other countries have theirs; Christmas is the only one alike in spirit and celebrated in all Christian lands. So pure is its principle that it commands respect and admiration among people who worship their Creator in different ways from ours.

Christmas typifies all that is best in mankind. It is the culmination of the human mind throughout the ages dwelling upon the wonders and mysteries of existence, turning to a reverence for God and His representative on earth. It expresses the ascendancy of spirit, the realization of men of their interdependency and their duty to one another; and so it is farked by the bestowal of gifts and other sentiments of benevolence and well wishing.

The makers of newspapers, concerned as they are with the doings, manifestations and thoughts of their respective communities and the world at large, and recording them in their more important aspects for the information, mayhap the education of readers, are brought into an intimate sense of the spirit and meaning of Christmas. Would that we could express to you all the good that we see in the hearts of men and the increased brilliancy behind a few shadows of the light which has upheld the world for so many centuries. In the happy auguries we see for the future, there is every reason to be merry.

Our Yuletide thoughts go out to the people of this community and our thanks are due the patrons and kind friends who have given us practical support or extended encouragement during the year. May this be the best Christmas you have ever spent, is our wish to all.

THE PUBLISHERS.

If you know of some news items that would interest News readers, phone it in. If you don't know the details, give us an idea and we will do our best to get the particulars.

Dolls- Toys! Dolls- Mason Drug Company.

CORROGATED IRON ROOFING

I have plenty of corrugated iron roofing in stock and owing to a recent decline in the prices, can make you some interesting quotations. See me for your needs.

4814. F. LANGE.

Wm. Willmann recently sold to W. A. Cunningham a fine Jersey cow for \$75 and also sold him a Duroc Jersey pig about eight months old for \$12.

Typewriter ribbons, 80c. News Office.

FROM NEWS FILES OF 25 YEARS AGO

From Mason News, Dec. 25, 1896:

John Moss was found dead Monday in a pasture in the north edge of Gillespie County, with a bullet hole in the back of his head. All indications point to assassination.

Mrs. Weissenmann, aged about 80 years, died Tuesday morning at four o'clock, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Julius Bickenbach.

Marriage License—J. M. Virdell and Miss Bettie Hubbard; Will R. Lumley and Miss Susan T. Wootan; W. H. Putman and Mrs. Anna Applewhite.

Erv Hamilton has purchased the residence of Rev. Thos. Broad for \$3,000.

Will Ayers and Miss Annie Armes were married Wednesday night.

Walter Anderson, Esq., of Brady, has located in Mason for the practice of law. He will be associated with J. T. Stapleton in the practice of the profession.

T. J. Horn and Miss Lizzie Barrow, of Pontotoc, were married Sunday.

15 Years Ago In Mason

From Mason News, Dec. 21, 1906:

Mr. T. S. Jones and Miss Viola Bruce were married last Sunday at Junction.

Dr. J. W. Fussell has bought the 50 acre farm of Jim Allen at Streeter for \$1600.

It was reported Monday morning that J. M. Newsam, a merchant of Llano, dropped dead while about his business.

Frank Durst has purchased the 90-acre farm of Ed Garner for \$22,500 per acre.

Mr. Robert Zesch died December 15th, aged 83 years.

Mr. Willie Henry and Miss Ella McWilliams, of the Ranch Branch country, were married last Sunday.

Mr. J. S. Sorrells and Miss Vera Henry, of Peters Prairie, were married Wednesday.

Cards are out for the wedding of Miss Milda Brandenberger and Mr. G. C. Branies, which is to take place January 2nd.

Wilson Leslie has bought the house adjoining the Smith Mercantile Co., and will move his barber business into it.

Santa Claus Did Come



THE SANTA PARTY

How Lots of Christmas Fun May Be Had by Boys' Club.

Each Lad Provides One Present, Made by Himself, for Old Kris Kringle's Bag.

THE biggest boy in the club should be the Santa Claus. To dress him up, borrow a bath robe, and trim it round the collar and cuffs with some old fur. A big fur cap is the thing for Santa Claus' head, and a great big bag should be provided for him to hang over his shoulder to carry the presents in. A paper mask for Santa can be bought at some small store for about twenty cents, and a big beard can be made of excelsior, tied up so as to stay in place. If the excelsior can be dyed gray all the better.

Each boy in the club should provide one present for Santa's bag. It would be better if each boy should make the present himself. Good things for such presents are bean bags, baseballs, bats, shiny sticks, tops, marbles, short wooden swords, slings, putty blowers, jew's-harps, soap-bubble pipes, jack-stones, match-safes, candy, chewing gum, and so on.

All the presents for the Santa Claus party should be handed to a committee of three knights, whose duty it is to pack them all neatly in Santa Claus' bag. At the time of the party the members of the club should gather together in the meeting room, and the committee may meet in a room nearby with the big boy who is to be Santa Claus. They must dress him up and escort him to the club. When Santa comes in all will rise, and the president will say:

"Greeting, Santa Claus; the boys await you."

Santa may reply, "Greeting, my children."

Then Santa passes out the presents. It is best for the boys to form a line, and for Santa to reach in the bag without looking and pull out the first thing that comes to his hand.

The last present in the bag is Santa Claus'. A good deal of amusement can be had at the party if a committee of five boys is chosen to look after the entertainment. A good plan is to get up shadow pictures. A sheet is hung up near one end of the room, about five feet from the wall. Behind the sheet, close to the wall and low down, is placed a strong light. The knights and others who are to be the audience all sit in front, and when everything is ready all lights except the one behind the sheet are put out. The boys who are to make the shadow pictures then go between the light and the sheet and cut up all sorts of antics, throwing large shadows on the sheet. If there is a boy who can make odd shadow pictures with his hands he can amuse the club for some time.

Another thing that makes fun at a Santa Claus party may be called the "boy orator." A large pair of boots is provided, and the boy orator puts his arms in these and stands back of a table, so that his booted arms may look like a pair of short legs and he appears to be a funny little man standing on the table. Another boy stands behind him, and puts his arms through under the orator's arms and makes the gestures while the orator delivers his speech. This can be made very funny if the orator learns a good speech and if the boy who makes the gestures waves his arms and makes very bad and inappropriate gestures. It is especially trying for the orator if the gesturer holds a handkerchief in his hands and wipes his face occasionally or waves it in triumph at inappropriate times.—The Delineator.

Present and Future.

The wise youth prepares for the future, But during the holiday whirl He should also remember the present That's expected by his best girl.

The demand for Tanlac has broken all world's records. Over Twenty Million bottles have been sold since it was placed on the market six years ago. Mason Drug Company.

If you want printing, we can do it for you and we take pains in turning out neat and attractive work. Get our prices on letter heads, note heads, statements, bill heads, envelopes, wedding and society stationery. THE NEWS OFFICE.

Fresh cement at R. Gross's.

Dan Ellebracht was here Tuesday from the Art community and took a lease on the News for a year. He stated that he would go to San Antonio this week to spend the Christmas holidays among relatives and friends.

Call and see our Xmas Display at both our stores. Mason Drug Company.

Pear burners and repairs at F. Lange's Tin Shop. 38-14

WINTER CLOTHING

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CARD OF THANKS

It is with a grateful heart that I use this method of thanking our dear neighbors of Keyserville, and other friends for their untiring service and sympathy shown at the death of our darling baby and the long illness of my precious wife. May God bless you. P. A. BODE.

Max Martin informed the News Tuesday that one of his best stock cows was killed at his Block House Ranch. Mr. Martin firmly believes that some hunter is responsible for this and accordingly has issued a strict warning to hunters against hunting in any of his pastures. The animal was shot in the neck.

Take Tanlac and eat three square meals a day. Mason Drug Company.

Taylor Vandever was here Saturday from his home near Mason Mountain. He stated that his son, Henry, who is receiving treatment for his eyes at Austin, will arrive home about the 24th to spend Christmas.

You'll enjoy the pictures at the Star Opera House. Shows every Friday and Saturday night. Don't forget, it starts at 7:00 o'clock.

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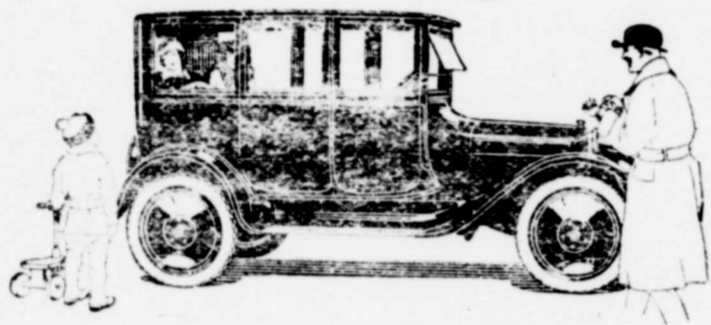
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Scenario by Marion Fairfax, Photography by Charles Rosher

recalls to us how warm
and real and lovable and
divine a thing it is to be
just human and happy.



AT STAR THEATER, DEC. 31 AND JAN. 2

The Rag Doll's Christmas



HERE was once a very, very old rag doll who lived in a nursery. She was so old that she had seen all the children grow up—the boy who wore trousers now, the girl who had her hair done in braids, the middle-sized child who had so often left the rag doll out in the garden at night. There was only the baby left—bless his pink toes!

But the rag doll was very, very old, and one beautiful Christmas time she began to show her age.

Her hair had been combed so much that it had come out dreadfully, and her nose, from a great deal of kissing, was entirely gone. Her pretty pink cheeks had been washed away when the boy tried to teach her to swim in the bath tub, and all her clothes were very untidy indeed.

The baby never noticed all these things, but the toys did; they all made the most unkind remarks to the rag doll the day before Christmas.

"Look at your dirty face," said the large French doll. "You'll be put in the attic to-night. That's where the old dolls go." "Look at your dress," said the jumping jack. "It is all torn. I wouldn't walk across the nursery floor with you."

"Did you ever see such thin hair?" asked the hobby horse. "I thought my tail was thin, but it isn't to be compared with that!"

But just then the nursery door opened, and the Christmas Angel came in. You could be perfectly sure that it was the Christmas Angel even if she did have on a gingham apron, because her face shone so through the dark.

"The French doll must go up to the attic," said the Christmas Angel. "There is a more beautiful new best doll coming."

"Why, the jack-in-the-box has forgotten how to jump."

You see the jack-in-the-box had been so excited about the rag doll's dress that he had broken his spring.

"The jack-in-the-box must go up to the attic, too," said the Christmas Angel.

Then she went over to the hobby-horse.

"Poor, old hobby-horse!" she said. "Your leg is very badly broken. I will take you up to the attic until you can be mended."

"There," the Christmas Angel said at last, "the nursery is all tidy, and ready for new toys—but, dear me, what's this? Why, it is the little rag doll!"

"Oh, please, do I have to go to the attic, too?" said the rag doll. "It's very cold there, and I know the best doll will have the chimney corner for herself—and I don't want the mice to gnaw my toes!"

"Why, you dear old thing!" said the Christmas Angel. "You're the same rag doll that I used to play with when I was little. You go to the attic? Why, I just guess not! We couldn't get along without you in the nursery. You do need a little mending, but I am going to sew you, and then you shall sit on the very tiptop of the Christmas tree."

The Christmas Angel lighted one of the Christmas candles so that she could see to sew. Then she took the rag doll in her lap and opened her workbag and set to work.

First she stuffed the rag doll's insides with plenty of cotton so she could sit up. Then she sewed her toes and put new little white stockings and black shoes on her feet. She took a piece of clean, white cloth and covered the rag doll's dirty face, and painted in blue eyes and a smiling red mouth and vermilion cheeks. She sewed on a new yellow wig; and then she made a pink and white checked gingham dress with puffed sleeves and a white apron with strings to keep the dress clean, and a pink



and white checked sunbonnet to tie under the rag doll's chin and keep her hair tidy.

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and white checked sunbonnet to tie under the rag doll's chin and keep her hair tidy.

"I think you will do now, you dear old thing," said the Christmas Angel.

So it came Christmas morning, and there on the treetop of the tree sat the rag doll quite made over. The children thought her really the most beautiful of all the Christmas things. As for the rag doll herself—why, all the pleasure of her old days was as nothing to the happiness that was hers now.—Carolyn S. Bailey, in Kindergarten Review.

Have you seen those small Victrolas, suitable for Xmas Gifts at Mason Drug Company No. 2? Sold on easy terms. 40

Acetylene Gas Light Plants

I am prepared to furnish data and information on acetylene gas lights. Let me figure with you if you contemplate installing a plant.

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F. LANGE.

L. F. Eckert, the local Ford dealer left Monday in company with the Menard County agent for Houston, where they will attend a District meeting of the Ford agents. They were joined at Fredericksburg by Mr. Kott. Mr. Eckert expected to be home by Wednesday night.

Ace Emanuel, of the Streeter community, recently reported to Sheriff Leslie that someone had stolen a saddle from his farm home. The saddle was hanging under a shed near the house when it was taken. Mr. Emanuel is offering a \$25 reward for the saddle and \$25 reward for the arrest and conviction of the thief.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Comer, of Chapel Hill, N. C., are here for a visit during the Christmas holidays in the home of Mrs. Comer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. White.

Three parties were fined in Justice Thaxton's court this week for trespassing without permission in the pasture of S. S. Capps. The News did not learn the names of the parties, but they were from San Saba County.

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE FIRST STATE BANK OF MASON, TEXAS:

You are hereby notified that the annual meeting of the stockholders and the directors of the First State Bank will be held at the banking house in Mason on the second Wednesday in January, the same being the 11th day of January, 1922, at 2 o'clock p. m.

At this meeting, directors will be elected for the ensuing year, and such other business will be transacted as will properly come before the meeting.

Very truly yours,
W. E. JORDAN, Cashier.

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE MASON NATIONAL BANK OF MASON, TEXAS:

You are hereby advised that the annual meeting of the stockholders and directors of the Mason National Bank will be held at the banking house in Mason on the 2nd Tuesday in January, same being the 10th day of January, 1922, at 10:00 a. m. At this meeting directors will be elected for the ensuing year, and such other business will be transacted as will properly come before the meeting.

Yours very truly,
D. F. LEHMBERG,
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Miss Mildred Smith is at home from San Antonio, where she is a student of Bon Avon College, to spend the Christmas holidays.

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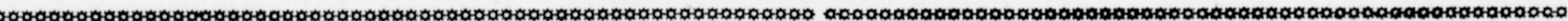
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H. P. GARTRELL

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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LOUIS SCHMIDT

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GREETINGS

With the Christmas as a herald—Year, on my approach for the good, you have shown us and to extend my heartiest greetings.

New Year's wish for you is an abundance of success and good health, sufficient to make hard work a pleasure
W. C. HENRICH.

Many of the young people who are attending school in other towns and cities have arrived home this week to spend the Christmas holidays with home folks.

POSITIVELY NO MORE HUNTING

This is to notify the public that I will allow no more hunting in my pastures this season. Anyone violating this notice will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

MAX MARTIN.

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

Birth of the Christ Child Announced by Angel.

Good Tidings of Great Joy to All the People in Coming of the Savior.

NOW it came to pass in those days, there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment made when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to enroll themselves, every one to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to enroll himself with Mary, who was betrothed to him, being great with child. And it came to pass, while they were

there, the days were fulfilled that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first-born son; and she wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was not room for them in the inn.

And there were shepherds in the same country abiding in the field, and keeping watch by night over their flock. And an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Be not afraid; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people: for there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this is the sign unto you: Ye shall find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men in whom he is well pleased.

Christmas Packages.

A woman whose Christmas packages never fail to reach their destination in safety says she always writes the name and address of the recipient upon the inside wrapper of the box containing them. Packages sometimes lose their outside wrappings, but if the postal clerks can find the address on the inside wrapping all will be well. This woman also ties up the inside wrapping securely before putting on the outside cover.

HOLLY MAY SOON BE EXTINCT

Popular Christmas Decoration is Growing Less Bountiful Each Year, According to Reports.

Christmas holly, that merriest and most beloved of all growing bushes, is threatened with extinction, according to a warning sounded by lovers of a red Christmas. Once growing profusely in southern New Jersey and Maryland, it has been swept from those states by the ruthless cutters for the city markets, and must now be sought in the swamps of Virginia and North Carolina, where already the supply is growing less bountiful each year. The Gulf states have been similarly shorn to make holiday for the large cities.

Within another generation, botanists say, holly will be as rare as mistletoe, which used to grow in abundance on the Atlantic seaboard, as far north as Raritan bay, but has now practically ceased to exist as a Christmas decoration. When will the American people learn that the bounty of their fields and woodlands is not limitless!

With sinking hearts nature lovers have long since recorded the disappearance of the delicate trailing arbutus, flower of the Pilgrim maidens, from all woods near large cities. The mountain laurel, which once swept the hills of June with pale pink drifts like naughty clouds running away from the sunset, has now retreated to the remote mountain sides.—New York Tribune.

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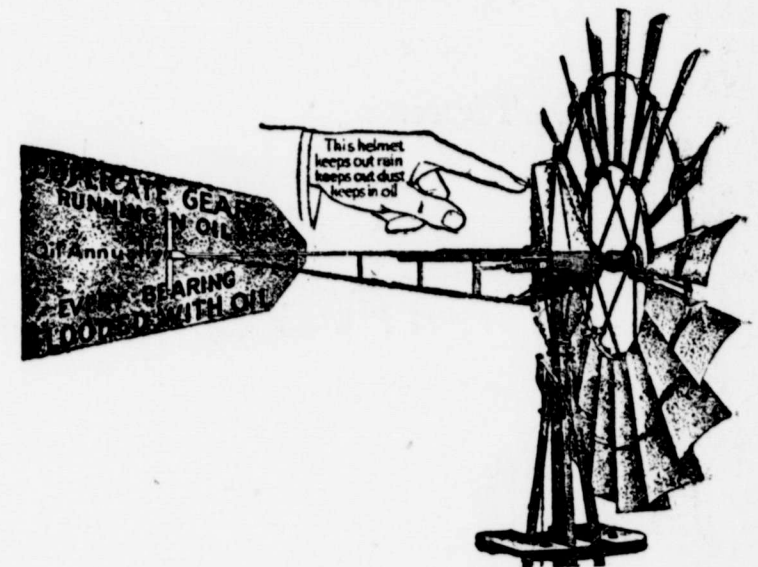
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