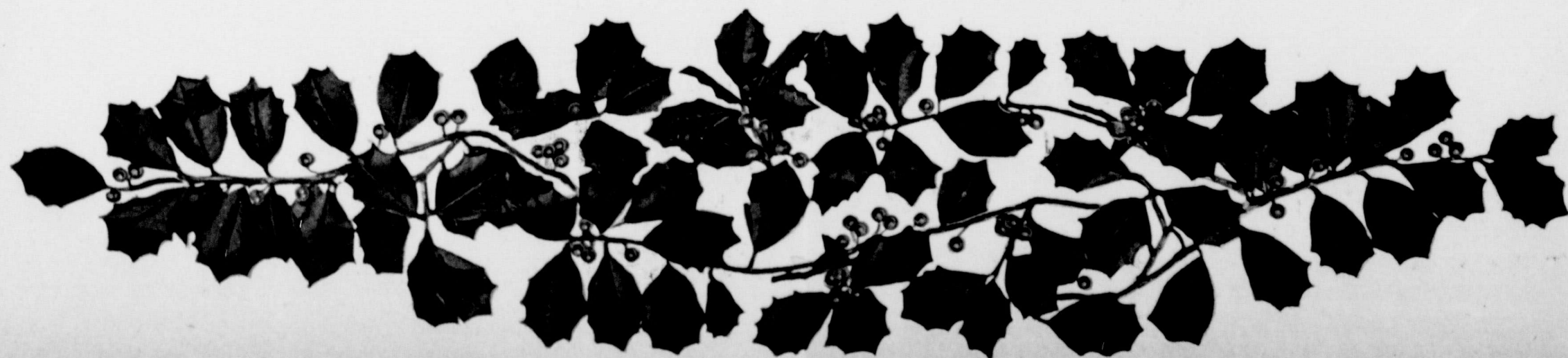


# The Messenger.

Christmas, 1916



# HOLIDAY BARGAINS

## A GENUINE CHRISTMAS STORE

We now have our Holiday Goods on display and by this time the spirit of the season is on and you no doubt have made up your minds to shop early, hence we are ready for you--ready to extend a glad welcome to a genuine Christmas store.

The question of what to give is already occupying the minds of the people, and indeed, it is a matter requiring more than a passing thought, but we feel that we can be of great service to you in solving the question. In fact you need not go further to get what you want and be pleased. Let us meet and greet you with our line of holiday goods this gladsome season.

Here is only a partial list of gifts which we believe will appeal to you to be suitable for relative or friend:

### For Dear Old Mother

Silverware, sewing sets, flower vases, gold thimbles, pictures, cut glass, hand painted china, etc.

### For Daddy

Hat brushes, clothes brushes, watches, fountain pen shaving sets, cuff links, tobacco stands, etc.

### For the Young Man

Military sets, shaving sets, rings, cuff links, scarf pins, sterling silver buckles with belts, the same in gold, Waldemar chains with knife, fobs, watches, etc.

### For the Young Lady or Girl

La Vallieres, bar pins, rings, toilet sets, manicure sets, vanity boxes, cut glass hair receiver or puff box, cameos, bracelet watches, scissors sets, sewing sets, etc.

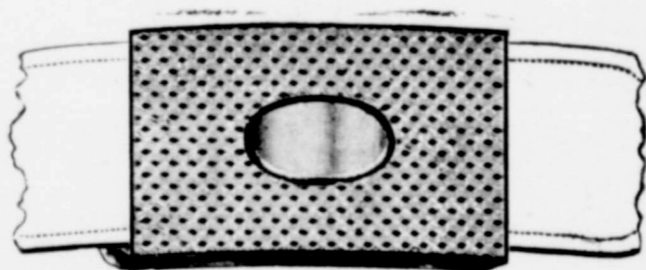
### For Children in General

All kinds of Toys, Go carts, Wagons, Banjos, Banks, Games, Toy Suit Cases with Doll and Clothes inclosed, etc. GIFTS FOR TINY TOTS: Infant Sets, Baby Brush and Comb, Baby Pins, Bracelets, Rings, Knife, Fork and Spoon Sets, etc. The most helpful gifts for boys and girls, BOOKS: Henty Series, Alger Series, Boy Scouts, Meade, Camp Fire Girls, Boy Allies, Bronch Rider. Also a big assortment of linen books, toy books, comic books, etc.

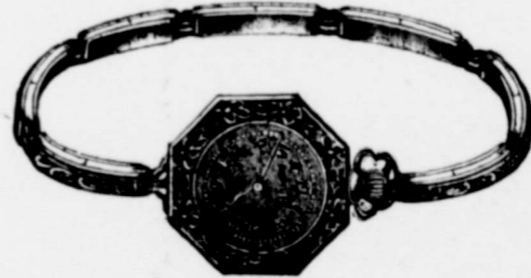
Allow us to suggest that in planning your gift lists this season you give jewelry, and more particularly jewelry from this store the consideration which it deserves.

Jewelry offers a satisfactory solution to the gift problem. Diamonds, Jewelry, Cut Glass and silverware all have permanence and a joy-giving quality which cannot be found in other gifts.

Men certainly appreciate gifts of jewelry that are selected with feminine taste and care. Jewelry is the ideal gift of womankind. Can't you remember when you were a youngster what joy was brought to your heart by the gift of a "sure nuf" piece of jewelry, a scarf pin, cuff links, watch, just like the big fellows wore.



**OUR  
GUAR-  
AN-  
TEE**



of quality is backed by the Largest Wholesale Jewelry House in the United States.

Besides the above lists we have scores of other objects that will suggest themselves to you when you call.

**The People's Drug Store**  
Honesty and Quality      Wade L. Smith, Prop.



# The Grapeland Messenger.

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## Local News Reported From Ephesus Vicinity

Dec. 11.—Mr. Joe Hamb is building a house on an unimproved farm which he has bought here. Mr. Hamb considers he will be able to move into his new house before Christmas. We are glad to report improvements along this line, since we are sure that our community will be much better when the many resources are developed.

Mr. Henry Graham, who resided in Coleman county this year, has returned to this community. We are glad to welcome him back.

The recent warm spell which prevailed a few days ago, caused a great loss of meat to Mr. Jesse Graham. He reports his loss at 500 lbs.

We observe a few nimrods strolling through the fields killing birds, and they tell many stories of their remarkable marksmanship.

Last Wednesday our school was discontinued because it was believed some of the children were affected with diphtheria. The doctors, upon a second examination, pronounced the case tonsillitis and our school work was resumed again today.

Correspondent.

### MRS. BROCK DEAD

Mrs. Viola Brock, wife of Mr. U. M. Brock, cashier of the Guaranty State Bank of this city, died in a sanitarium in San Antonio Tuesday evening, after an illness of several months duration.

Before her marriage she was Miss Viola Chance of Huntsville, and during her residence in this city, made many friends, who were grieved to learn of her untimely death. It is indeed sad to chronicle the demise of one who is just entering the prime of life, but we can only submit to the will of the Father, who doeth all things well. She leaves a husband, four children, a mother, Mrs. Maggie Chance of Huntsville, and other relatives to mourn her death. The icy hand of the grim Sceptre has taken from earth, a loving mother and wife and a devoted Christian lady.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church, of which she was a member, Thursday at 2:00 p. m. and interment followed in the City Cemetery. A large concourse of sorrowing friends accompanied her remains to their last resting place. The Messenger extends condolence to the bereaved ones in their hour of sadness.

Tom Brooks, who has been working with a Western Union force of linemen in Arkansas, is at home nursing a bad foot, which he cut with an axe last Tuesday.

## From You, Therefore To You



WE ALL carry about within us and as a very vital part of what we have and are, a great many things that other people have contributed.

Success—which is to say Happiness—is a composite thing. What you have, I have; what you are, I am.

Every person is a composite of his friends.

This paper is a composite of its friends.

At this Christmas time the Publisher of this paper looks back over the year and realizes—cannot help realizing—how much this paper has been made by other people—how much this paper is a composite of its subscriber-friends and of its advertiser-friends. They, in reality have been this paper.

You, whoever you are, if you read or use this paper, are partners in its success. You are a part of its composite. Each issue of this paper is a reflection of this community, especially of that part of this community which is most friendly to these pages.

Without your friendly co-operation and encouragement, without your good suggestions, without your warm appreciation of our efforts, this paper could not be.

So we feel close to you at this time. We want now, at this Christmas time, to reflect back to you, even though weakly, some part of the appreciation you have given to us through the year. For we believe Appreciation is the salt that savors the work of the world and keeps it from going sad and stale.

Also, this is a time of life-reviewing and love-getting and ideal-resolving. And we confess to our human mold and make-up. We have made mistakes; but we did not plan them out. They just came. So it comes that we resolve to do bigger and better things for the year to come. For we know that in so doing we shall flood new rivers of usefulness and happiness—YOUR way.

Then, perhaps, we may become a better and greater part of that great composite which is this community.

You have been a part of us, for which we are thankful. In return, we are hoping that the coming year we may be more of a contribution to that composite which is YOU.

### A VOICE OF WARNING

Up to the present time owners of automobiles have treated me nicely and I hope they will continue to do so, and I am sure I will not intentionally give them occasion to do otherwise. But I find some people who say they haven't been treated right by drivers of the machines. In the first place, there are places on our roads that a person driving a horse or mule team cannot give half of the road, it being only wide enough for one at a time. In such cases, when run upon by an auto, the driver should take in the situation and to prevent an accident should slow up and give the other driver a chance to be courteous. Be

assured of this fact, the auto has no judgement nor feeling for suffering humanity or for stock, and it is not known when something about it will get out of fix and become uncontrollable and for such reasons people should be very careful. Most of the people will not only give half of the road, but will give all of it if they have a showing to do so, because with me I feel so much safer, owing to the weight and speed of the machine in comparison to that of a wagon or buggy. Should the auto strike a wagon or buggy going at the rate of 6 or 8 miles an hour the vehicle is torn up and probably the driver killed or crippled for life. So I write this as a warning to one and all owners of autos, hoping no one will become offended and reckless, for I say again, there are places in our roads where autos and other vehicles can not pass. So in such cases if I am overtaken I give a signal by raising my hand up and holding it up until warning is accepted or rejected and I hope that such notices will be recognized and adhered to by the machine owners, which in most cases will prevent friction and trouble. Otherwise trouble will follow. Let each one recognize another's rights as American citizens and all will be well. As ever, I remain a friend to right and oppose the wrong.

J. E. Bean.

## News Items Gleaned From Antrim Community

Dec. 10.—Health of our community is good, with the exception of bad colds.

We are having some good hog killing weather at present and lots of hogs are being killed around here.

Mrs. W. M. Durnell spent Sunday with her son, J. F. Durnell and family.

Quite a crowd from this community attended Sunday School at Rock Hill Sunday evening. Among them were Misses May Martin, Ola, Grace and Johnnie Kiser and Messrs. Otis Gibson, James Click and Milton Kiser.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Durnell are the proud parents of a fine baby boy.

Our literary society met last Friday night. A good crowd was present, considering the bad weather, and a very good program was rendered. The debate was, "Resolved, 'That the United States should increase her army and navy'". Both sides put up a good argument, but the affirmative won the decision of the judges.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Martin and little children were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Taylor Sunday.

Prof. Preston Wilcox of New Prospect and Prof. Earnest Kelley of Oak Grove visited our Literary Society Friday night. We will welcome them back at any time.

A good many around here went to Grapeland Saturday to pay their tax.

Prof. James Click and Miss Alma Jones spent Thanksgiving at home.

Our school is progressing nicely and we believe that our teachers will put forth their every effort to make it continue so throughout.

Lee and Chester Martin spent Sunday with Walter Blackwell. Miss Ola Willis of Rock Hill spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Lusky Gray.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Streetman and children visited Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Little of this community Sunday.

Hiawatha.

### OUR HONOR ROLL

The following have our thanks for their subscription:

Miss Addie Hill, C. R. Hatchell, Grapeland.

P. H. Williams, W. E. Gainey, Route 2.

Dudley Ellis, Z. W. Weisinger, Lewis Herod, Route 3.

W. W. Sullivan, Percilla.

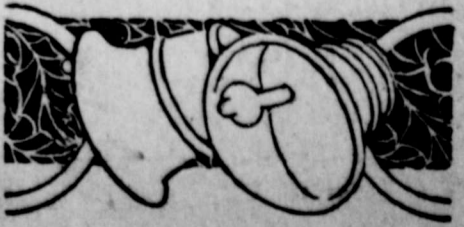
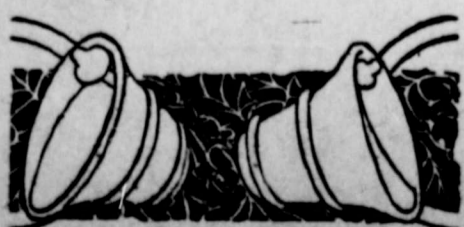
W. W. Wilson, Augusta.

Brince Dickson, Elkhart.

Byron Keen, Buffalo Gap.

Mrs. M. M. Kent, Genoa.

Mrs. Swanson Yarbrough of Palestine spent several days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Yarbrough this week.





## LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

## Mailing the Letters



PHOTO BY FRANK TOURNIER

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a little doll, a vase, a ring and lots of nuts, candy, oranges and apples.

Your friend,  
Birdie Mae Weisinger.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a doll, trunk, bed, stove, buggy, dishes and all kinds of fruit.

Your little friend,  
Marguerite Sullivan.

Dear Santa: I want you to bring me some apples and some oranges and some candy and a little doll and a rocking chair. I want you to send my classmate something too.

Your little friend,  
Annie Lee Spruill.

Dear Santa Claus: As Xmas is drawing near, I want you to bring me a doll, a little doll bed, a tea set, all kinds of nuts, candies, fruits and fire works. I have a little brother and he wants a horn, rubber doll, fruits and candies. Your little friend,

Ruby Murchison.

Dear Santa Claus: We have all tried to be good little boys and girls, and do what Miss Louise tells us. I want you to bring me a doll, doll bed and a tea set, all kinds of nuts, fruits and fire works.

Your friend,  
Callie Belle Murchison.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a bracelet, some fruits, a pair of gloves, tea set and bring my little sister a doll and brother a train. Now, Santa, I have been studying hard and have been a good girl for a long time.

Hazel Mae Burden.

Dear Santa: The people are getting ready for you to come. I want you to bring me a doll, a doll bed and furniture and fruits, candy, nuts, and some fire works. Bring little brother an air gun, marbles, a rocking horse, fire works, fruits, candy and nuts. Bring little sister a rattle box and a baby carriage.

Your little friend,  
Josie Bean.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a doll and doll buggy and a doll cradle and a lavalliere and a set of dishes and a little stove and some raisins and some oranges and apples and some nuts.

Your little friend,  
Mabel Williams.

Percilla, Texas, Dec. 10.

Dear Santa Claus: I want you bring me a little piano, a doll, some nuts, apples, oranges, candy. Bring Calvin an air rifle, and my baby brother, Elma Lee, a horse and wagon. Bring all the good children some thing for Christmas.

Lola Belle Dickey.

Dec. 11. Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a big doll that will not break, some candy, apples, nuts of all kinds. Bring my baby brother, Louis some caps, for his pistol, some candy, apples, nuts and anything else you may have.

Ima Caskey.

Dear Santa Claus: I have been a good little boy to help mamma and papa this year and I want you to bring me some apples, candy and an air-gun, some bananas, nuts, oranges, and fire works and I will be thankful for everything.

Gilbert Grotnids.

Elkhart, Texas, Dec. 10.

Dear Santa: I will write you tell you what I want, Please bring me some roman candles, fire-crackers, candy, apples, oranges, nuts, books for boys, and bring my sister some rubber dolls.

Your little friend,  
Earl Musick.

Dear Santa Claus: I have been a good little girl this year. I have helped Mamma all I could and I want you to bring me a story book, a doll and a little piano and lots of apples and oranges. I still have the dollies you gave me last Christmas. One of them got her hand broke off.

Your little girl,  
Zama Agnes Anderson.

Augusta, Texas, Dec. 9.

Dear Santa Claus: I have moved and I don't want you to forget me. I want you to bring me lots of nice things. I still have a mamma, a papa and a grandma too. I want a little dresser, washstand and a wardrobe and a little vase to put little flowers in. I want a doll. Bring me lots of fruit and a box of chocolate candy. I will close.

Your little girl,  
Lillian Grey Sheridan.

Weches, Texas, Dec. 6.

Santa Claus: I want a doll. Please bring me some crochet thread, painting pencils, apples, oranges, gum, bananas, nuts, candy.

Your little friend,  
Vannie Maude Trimble.

Weches, Texas, Dec. 6.

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to send me some apples, candy, butter-nuts, a pistol, some firecrackers, roman candle, some oranges, walnuts, sky-rockets, a little wagon, a jews harp, a rubber ball, a box of painting pencils and a pocket knife. I will close.

Your friend,  
Leverett Trimble.

Grapeland, Texas, Dec 6.

Dear Santa Claus: I want an air-gun, bicycle, some fruit, nuts, candy and fire-works.

Your little son,  
Dewitt Richards.

Grapeland, Texas, Dec. 10.

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to bring me a doll, a piano and stove and a box of chocolate, oranges, apples and nuts. That is all.

Hazel Hester Kent.

Grapeland, Texas, Dec. 9.

Dear Santa Claus: I have kept my doll nice that you brought me last Xmas, and I want you to bring me another nice doll this Xmas, with blue eyes and a little bracelet if you can find one that will fit me and a nice book, some oranges, apples, candy, nuts and anything you want to bring me, and please be sure to bring me some fire crackers.

Your little friend,  
Annie Lou Brown.

Grapeland, Texas, Dec. 10.

Dear Santa Claus: We are two little boys, 6 and 8 years old. We want you to send us a bicycle each. You may send us anything you wish, but don't forget the bicycles.

Your little friends,  
Mulkey Owens,  
Elton Parker.

Grapeland, Texas, Dec. 9.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl, four years old. I want you to bring me, a little locket and piano and doll that can open and close its eyes, some fruits, nuts and candy.

Your little friend,  
Evelyn Burden.

Dec. 11. Dear Santa Claus:

We are two little boys, 6 and 4 years old. We want you to bring us two tricycles, a little billy goat and wagon, two balls, two knives, some apples, oranges, candies, and nuts, and anything else you wish and we will be happy. From your little friends,

Geo. Milton and  
Oran Black.

Dear Santa Claus: Will you please bring me a sharp knife, a harp, some candy, nuts, fruit and a little story book.

Joe Pridgen.

Dear Santa: Will you bring us a pretty little doll with a pretty dress, some nuts and fruit and a tea set and other pretty things that little girls like.

Polly and Alice Pridgen.

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to give me an airgun, a coaster-brake bicycle, bb shot for my air gun, a Christmas tree, fruits, nuts and candy of all kinds. I live in a little brown house around the corner.

Your little boy,  
Starley Boykin.

Dear Santa Claus. I write in great pleasure just to tell you what I want you to bring me Christmas. It has been a long time since you came to see me. When you come bring me a doll, doll bed, a dinner set, a package of roman candles and fruit of all kinds. That is all.

Ella Parker.

Dear Santa Claus: Please send me a sleepy doll, a doll bed and quilt, some oranges and apples and plenty of candy. Don't forget my little brother.

Mary Allen, Rte. 4,  
Grapeland, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus: Will you please send us an air gun, a harp, some nuts, candy and fire works. Save some things for the little war sufferers.

Elliott and Earnest Allen,  
Grapeland, Route 4.

Percilla, Texas, Dec. 10.

Dear Santa Claus: Little sister and I will write together to tell you what we want you to bring us. We want a doll, a box of handkerchiefs, powder box, shell box, pin tray and a harp apiece, also lots of fruit, apples, oranges, bananas, raisins nuts, candy, coconuts. Will not ask for much, as Daddy always remembers Christmas too.

Two little friends,  
Mary Loveese and Ruby Sammons.

Percilla, Texas, Dec. 11.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a doll, a doll bed, a drum, a harp, some extra doll clothes, a little trunk—large enough to be useful. Bring me lots of apples, oranges, candy and nuts.

Your friend,  
Dollie Crawford.

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to bring me a tricycle, bank, some dominoes, candy, oranges, apples, nuts, a knife, some marbles and gum.

Little Elmer Gainey.

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to bring me a doll, some fire-crackers, a little chair, some torpedoes, fruit, candy. I want all these things together.

Your friend,  
Myrtle Collins.

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to come to see me Christmas. I want you to bring me some fire-crackers, fruit and candy.

Your friend,  
Egbert Oliver.

Dear Santa Claus: Will you bring me an air-gun, some fire-crackers, torpedoes, roman candles, sky rockets, a cap pistol, some caps, apples, candy, fruits and a little wagon.

Coble Weatherred.

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to bring me a doll, a trunk, some fruit, candy, nuts and a piano.

Your friend,  
Flora Marshall.

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to bring me a doll carriage, a cradle, oranges, nuts, piano.

Your friend,  
Laura Mae Goodnight.

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to bring me some fire-crackers, candy, apples and oranges.

Your friend,  
Frank Montgomery.

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to bring me a little rocking chair, a doll, some chestnuts, some fire-crackers, apples, roman candles, candy and oranges.

Your little friend,  
Permelia Beauchamp.

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to come to see me Christmas and bring me some torpedoes and an air gun.

G. J. Cutler.

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to bring me a doll, a little chair, some nuts, candy, oranges a little piono, a bracelet, a ring and a basket. That is all I want.

Your friend,  
Rachel Louise Hague.

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to bring me a hand-car, some nuts, candy, apples and oranges, fire-crackers, torpedoes and roman candles.

Your little friend,  
Guy Ed Brewton.

Dear Santa Claus: Will you bring me a doll, doll buggy and bed, some fire-crackers, candy, butternuts and fruit of all kind.

Your friend,  
Merle Holcomb.

Dear Santa Claus: We are two little girls, 6 and 10 years of age. We have a doll, but we want a big trunk of doll clothes. We want a pretty Christmas stocking with a variety of pretty things in it, such as games, dolls, and a teddy bear. We want some fire works and fruit. Please remember the little orphan children near Grapeland.

Your little friends,  
Louise and Hazel McCarty.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring my teacher lots of pretty things. Remember my classmates, and please bring me a doll and doll bed, some fruits, nuts of all kinds and some candy.

Your friend,  
Loye Yarbrough.

Dear Santa Claus: I am getting along fine in school and I want an air gun, some fire-crackers, torpedoes, caps, fruit, a little wagon and some nuts.

Your friend,  
Dewey Frank Oliver.

These letters will be continued next week.—Editor.

# GIFT SUGGESTIONS

## Christmas Service

To help you avoid the inconvenience of the last few days rush before Christmas, we will gladly put away your Xmas treats until you want them. Every customer's articles will be carefully marked and put in a distinct place.

Our patrons desiring to send packages through the mails or by express can have them wrapped and packed at our store without cost. We will fix up your packages ready to be sent, whether you buy from us or not. That's part of our Christmas service. Command us if we can serve you.

Make Your Gifts This Christmas the Kind You Would Like to Receive. Buy for Your Friends like you were buying for yourself. Be sure they're useful. You will find them at

## DARSEY'S

## Come-a-Looking

And if you don't see what you want we will help you get it. Every clerk in our big service is on the alert to help you with your Christmas Shopping. We have many things suitable for gifts and will be glad if you have us show them to you. Below we have a partial itemized list of suitable gifts. Look it over carefully. We have what we advertise. Pick out the gifts at home and you will save time.

# The Store of Christmas Service

## Gifts For Men

He will appreciate something to wear this Christmas. We have a line of gifts that should appeal to every man.

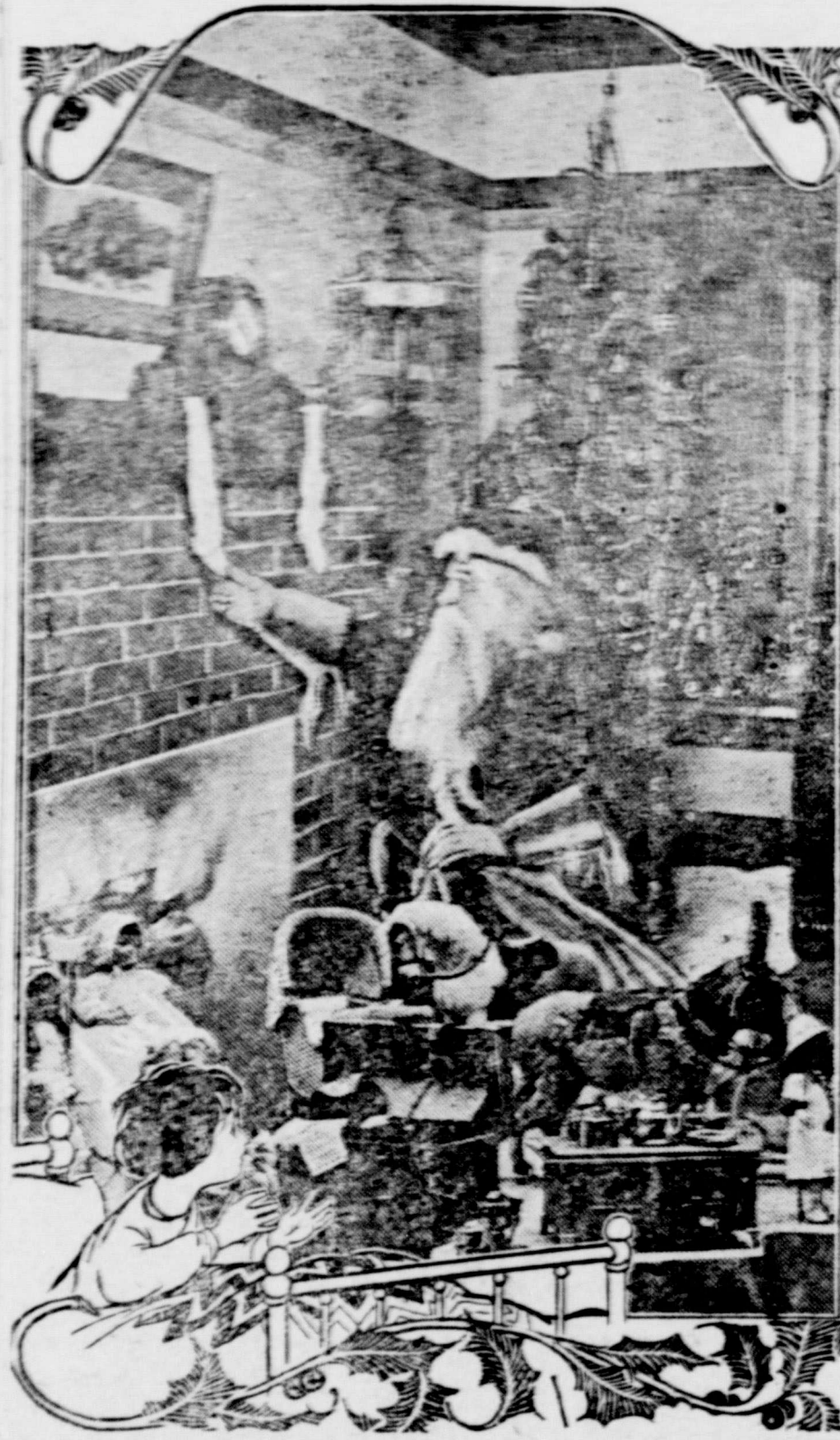
- Suits
- Overcoats
- Stetson Hats
- Florsheim Shoes
- Silk Hosiery
- Belts
- Mufflers
- Purses
- Shot Guns
- Driving Gloves
- Work Gloves
- Wool Shirts
- Sweater Vests
- Sweaters
- Suspenders
- Underwear
- Pocket Knives
- Tools
- Shirts
- New Neckwear
- Cuff Buttons
- Shirt Sets
- Tie Sets
- Silk Handkerchiefs
- Tie Clasps
- Flash Lights
- Auto Supplies
- Hose Supporters
- Trunks
- Rain Coats
- Razors
- Lap Robes
- Clocks
- Grips
- Overshoes
- Safety Razors
- Chiffarobes
- Umbrellas
- Boots
- Lanterns
- Leggins

## Boys Want Manish Gifts

Satisfy your boy's ambition this Christmas. Give him something like dad's and he will show his appreciation.

- Air Rifles
- Express Wagons
- Rubber Balls
- Suits
- Neckties
- Tie Clasps
- Suspenders
- Underwear
- Watches
- 22 Rifles
- Pocket Knives
- Cadet Hose
- Caps
- Cuff Buttons
- Shirts
- Fruits
- Pants
- Fobs
- Shot Guns
- Flash Lights
- Billiken Shoes
- Hats
- Scarf Pins
- Belts
- Sweaters
- Tools
- Shot
- Tie Clasps
- Rain Coats
- Handkerchiefs
- Suits
- Neckwear

## SANTA CLAUS



## Gifts For Women

There is no need to squander your money foolishly just to make a show. A lady is more appreciative of something useful than menfolk are. See our array of useful gifts.

- Ivory Brushes
- Ivory Mirrors
- Ivory Combs
- Ivory Puff Boxes
- Ivory Trays
- Ivory Hair Receivers
- Ivory Nail Buffers
- Sterling Picture Frames
- Ivory Picture Frames
- Thimbles
- Scents a balls
- Dresser Scarfs
- Sheets
- Manicure Sets
- Embroidery Sets
- Embroidery Scissors
- Kid Gloves
- Knit Mittens
- House Slippers
- Silk Hosiery
- Coat Suits
- Coats
- Silks
- Fancy Combs
- Pillow Cases
- Dresser Sets
- Table Sets
- Table Linen
- Fancy Elastics
- Purses
- Brooches
- Snappy Shoes
- Rain Coats
- Fancy Dress Goods
- Fancy Ribbons
- Silk Scarfs
- Sweaters
- Knit Underwear
- Linen Handkerchiefs
- Silk Handkerchiefs

## Girls Like Dolls

There are other things girls like too. We haven't the dolls but we do have many things that will appeal to the little girl both useful and instructive.

- Embroidery Scissors
- Purses
- Scents a-balls
- Cut-out Dolls
- Dress Pin Sets
- Hair Pins
- Rocking Chairs
- Hair Ribbons
- Handkerchiefs
- Dresses
- Coats
- Hosiery
- Suit Cases
- Shoes
- Toilet Articles
- Ties
- Sweaters
- Caps
- Elastic
- Belts
- Ivory Brushes
- " Mirrors
- " Combs
- " Puff Boxes
- " Trays
- " Hair Receivers
- " Picture Frames
- Collars
- Fancy Combs
- Brooches
- Thimbles
- Silk Hosiery

## Home Needs

Christmas time is the real time to replenish the home. There are many gifts that benefit everybody and you can give these to members of your family or friends and help them add to the looks of home. This list comprises:

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|-----------------|---------------|
| Congleton Rugs  | Art Squares   |
| Axminster Rugs  | Dressers      |
| Rocking Chair   | Iron Beds     |
| Sewing Machines | Cook Stoves   |
| Enamelware      | Aluminum Ware |
| Table Cutlery   | Dish Sets     |
| Chinaaware      | Linen         |
| Cedar Chests    | Trunks        |
| Library Tables  | Curtain Rods  |
| Heaters         | Window Shades |
| Cottage Rods    | Cake Boxes    |

## Gifts For Baby

That little ray of sunshine in your home may be too small to appreciate a gift, but nevertheless, it is the first one you think of. We have not forgotten the babies and little tots in making our purchases and have things that you will admire.

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|---------------------|----------------|
| Embroidered Dresses | Kid Moccassins |
| Silk Caps           | Hosiery        |
| High Chairs         | Knitted Sets   |
| Bootees             | Pin Sets       |
| Dress Goods         | Rockers        |
| Knit Caps           | Coats          |
|                     | Shoes          |
|                     | Wool Sacks     |
|                     | Mittens        |
|                     | Beauty Pins    |

## Good Things to Eat

This store can be a great help to you in preparing your Christmas dinner. Too much cannot be said about our line of Groceries. They are absolutely fresh and stand every test of the Pure Food Laws. We sell nationally advertised goods.

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|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Canned Soups      | Salad Dressings | Fresh Fruits       |
| Canned Fruits     | Canned Fish     | Assorted Nuts      |
| Canned Figs       | Cooking Oils    | Currants           |
| Peanut Butter     | Raisins         | Cocanut            |
| Good Flour        | Sugar           | Coffee             |
| Evaporated Fruits |                 | Fresh Eggs         |
|                   |                 | Flavoring Extracts |

# GEO. E. DARSEY

**LOCAL NEWS**

For a full dollar's worth, buy from the Cash Grocery Co.

Henry Shaw has bought the McCelvey farm near Latexo.

Fruits and candies at the Cash Grocery Co.

Chester Owens, who has been working in Columbus, N. M., is at home for a few days.

The Cash Grocery Co. will carry a complete line of fire works.

Walling & Richards are rebuilding their garage and making it much larger.

New fall samples are now on display. Call and see the many pretty patterns. Clewis.

Wylie Ritchie is completing a handsome new residence on his farm just south of town.

If you are in doubt about where to buy your clothes, come to Clewis with your troubles.

Tax Collector Butler was here Saturday gathering in the coin and did a rushing business.

You can save money by buying your groceries from the Cash Grocery Co.

**FOR SALE**

A two-year old Jersey bull. For price and terms see J. R. Taylor, Elkhart, Route 2.

Tucker Campbell of Weches has bought Henry Shaw's farm on Route 1 and will move there this week.

**FOR SALE**

A good young sorrel mare for sale. See me at the Goodson Hotel. Herman Beazley.

**FOR RENT**

1 place to rent, about 75 acres. Want large family. See or write George Chaffin, Route 3.

Merchants who advertise in the Messenger find it easy to sell their goods. That's why we want you to try it.

**NOTICE**

The City Cafe and Bakery is prepared to fill your orders for fresh bread, cakes and pies. Your patronage appreciated.

Mrs. W. E. Keeland returned home Sunday night from Dallas, where she had been visiting relatives.

Dr. C. C. Hill of Daly's has purchased several lots in Sycamore Addition and is having an up-to-date residence built, and when it is completed will move here with his family.

**NOTICE-FOR SALE**

A \$2,000 stock of merchandise for sale; will sell at a reasonable price on good terms; also two horses, and a cow that will soon come in fresh, for sale.

J. J. Brooks, GrapeLand, Texas.

**\$100 Reward, \$100**

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is catarrh. Catarrh being greatly influenced by constitutional conditions requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in the curative powers of Hall's Catarrh Cure that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

Feedstuff and flour at the Cash Grocery Store.

Mrs. J. O. Edington visited relatives in Tyler several days this week.

We can fill your entire bill for your Christmas cooking. Cash Grocery Co.

Mrs. Jas. Ellis left Saturday night for Shreveport, La., to visit her sister.

George E. Darsey has a new automobile—a 6 cylinder Chandler. It is the latest model and a very beautiful car.

John Welch Yarbrough of Palestine is spending the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Yarbrough.

Hats cleaned and re-blocked at a small cost. Made to look new and give good service. M. L. Clewis.

**NOTICE**

I have on hand at Kennedy Bros. store a few fine fruit trees. Come around and get what you need. J. E. Hollingsworth.

J. H. Bowman of Slocum has moved to GrapeLand with his family and will engage in the poultry and grocery business, having bought out S.T. Anthony.

Rev. C. A. Campbell requests the Messenger to say to the churches expecting his services that he cannot serve, as he has accepted the work of the Saline Association in Anderson county.

**NOTICE TO PUBLIC**

I have purchased the produce business of S. T. Anthony and added a line of groceries; will pay cash for all produce. Your business will be appreciated and will treat you right.

J. H. Bowman

You can save money by subscribing for the Houston Chronicle now. We are authorized agents. Subscriptions must be in by January 1st to secure the Xmas rate. After that time the rate will be regular. Send us your subscription at once. Rate until January 1: 1 year \$4.95; 6 months \$2.75; 3 months \$1.50. Wade L. Smith, Agt.

**CATTLE STRAYED**

1 brown cow with white face and tips of horn sawed off, marked crop and split in left ear, crop in right ear; 1 solid red heifer, 3 years old, branded heart on left hip; 1 red cow with yoke on, branded T K on side, marked smoothe crop and split in each ear; 1 jersey heifer, 2 years old, crop and split in each ear; 1 red and white spotted heifer 1 year old. These cattle got out of Luther Warner's pasture. If found, notify T. S. Kent, GrapeLand, Texas.

**Clewis wishes his friends and customers A Merry Christmas**



**OVERHEARD**

Little Things That Happen in Everyday Life—Contributed by One of Our Readers

I stood on a busy corner a few evenings ago, and watched the throng of Christmas shoppers come and go. Some were young and some were old; some were rich and others poor. As I gazed upon them I became conscious of the fact that after all, there are but two distinct classes in the streets. One class bought gifts expecting gifts of equal value in return; the other bought gifts expecting nothing in return but the satisfaction of having gladdened a heart.

Rich mothers purchased the most costly gifts in the shops for their children, without the slightest sacrifice. Presently I entered one of the crowded shops to more closely observe the buying throng. Near one of the counters laden with toys and other gifts, I saw a lady, whose hands bore marks of toil, and whose dress was of a cheap fabric, partly hidden by a long shawl thrown over her shoulders. A mother's love shone in her eyes and as she picked up first one article and then another to replace it with a look of disappointment in her face, I knew that at an humble little home, her children waited for the coming of Santa Claus with the toys they were expecting. I knew a mother had worked and denied herself of things she needed in order to save those dearest to her heart from disappointment.

Another lady, dressed in silk and furs passed by this mother, scornfully viewing her, and holding her skirts up lest they touch those of the poorly clad mother, and a pain stabbed my heart, as I realized how little feeling exists in the hearts of some people. And so it is. The person who gives a gift to gladden a heart is rewarded with a feeling of pleasure that only those who experience it can feel. Do something to alleviate the discomfort of someone less fortunate than yourself and though it be little, you will experience the real Christmas spirit.

**JUST THE THING.**



Wifey—I wish I had a flying machine; then perhaps I could get through with my Christmas shopping. Hubby—Yes. Basing my judgment on the way the bills are coming in, what you need is a buyplane.

**Her Habit.**

"Isn't it too bad?" asks the lady with the Russian boots. "Mrs. Gonso has sued her husband for divorce and is going to marry that musician as soon as it is granted. And she and Mr. Gonso were married last Christmas day."

"I expected it," said the lady with the new hair. "Lucy Gonso never got a present that she didn't try to exchange."—Life.

**Christmas Literature.**

The kiddies write to Santa Claus. They forward mail in peeks, but father hasn't time, because He's busy writing checks.

**A Daily Effort at Bargain Giving!**

The old custom of giving "Bargain Day Sales" is becoming obsolete.

The really progressive merchant now makes it his rule to give bargains every day.

**Our Store is Full of Bargains**

A Delayed Shipment of

**Best Outing, Bleached Domestic, Sheeting and Wool Serge**

**Just Arrived**

Selling at the old prices--NO ADVANCE on the goods. YOU HAD BETTER HURRY

MY MOTTO: "SPOT CASH AND SMALL PROFITS"

**W. R. WHERRY**  
Telephone 37 Free Delivery

**REMEMBER**

**We Have the Goods and the Prices and Can Save You Money.**

We Call Your Special Attention to Our

**LADIES' HIGH TOP BOOTS**

**White and Black Kid**

Which is the Latest Style and Also Give You the Very Best of Service.

If your boy needs a Suit, come in and look ours over. We can fit them and we are making a special price on all Men's and Boys' Suits.

Our stock of Groceries and Dry Goods is complete. We can fill your entire bill and don't forget that I am the Quality Man and that quality counts.

**T. S. Kent**  
QUALITY IS THE THING

**CAR TURNS OVER**

Last Friday afternoon at Percilla, Seth Fitchett and Mack Dickey, both young men, were injured when an auto in which they were riding turned over. Mr. Fitchett suffered a broken collar bone and other minor injuries. The car, a light roadster, was almost demolished.

**HIGH COST OF BAD ROADS**

The road that connects your farm with the nearest town has more to do with the cost of living, doubtless, than you realize. Have you ever thought that every product you sell and every article you buy must be hauled over the road; that your teams and vehicles or your automobile must bear the "wear and tear" caused by a rough road to sell farm products or to bring the necessities from town?

The fact that your neighbor must also pay the high cost of bad roads is all the better rea-

son why you, he and the rest of the neighborhood should get together and improve the road to save some of this expense. What you and your neighbors lose in hauling farm products over bad roads would soon build a good road and give you quick and satisfactory service.

How long can you afford such a loss? And when shall the road be improved?—Farm & Ranch.

A pretty and interesting entertainment was put on at the opera house Wednesday night by Miss Jack Eaves of GrapeLand. Miss Eaves is a declaimer and impersonator of rare ability. Her readings, both comic and pathetic, were full of interest, and highly appreciated. Don't miss a chance to hear Miss Eaves if she comes to your town. —Oak-wood Oracle.

**FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN**

2 good second hand buggies and 1 surry. See

J. E. Hollingsworth.



# The Cash Grocery Co.

Is Prepared to  
**Fill Your Christmas Orders**

We have the flour that makes the best cakes.

Try Durkee's Salad Dressing.

We have the famous Sun Shine Fruit Cakes--better than you can make. Also all the ingredients for Fruit Cakes.

Try our Cranberries for your Xmas turkey.

We can fill your order for any kind of fruits, nuts and candy.

We carry the most complete line of fancy and stick candies to be found anywhere. In fact, we carry everything that's good in staple and fancy groceries.

All kinds of FIREWORKS

Try Our Store For  
**"QUICK SERVICE"**

## THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER

A. H. LUKER, Editor and Owner

Entered in the Postoffice at GrapeLand, Texas, every Thursday as Second Class Mail Matter.

Our advertising rates are reasonable and quoted upon application.

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE—Obituaries and Resolutions of Respect are printed for half price—2-10c per line. Other matter "not news" charged at regular rates.

Subscribers ordering a change of address, should give the old as well as the new address.

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1 YEAR	\$1.00
6 MONTHS	.50
3 MONTHS	.25

THURSDAY, DEC. 15, 1916

The price of skirts are still high. So are the skirts.

Just a few more days now and we'll be busy passing the Christmas bills.

The greatest time of the school year, if you listen to the kiddies talk, is about two weeks off.

Christmas shopping is now the cry and it will be made easy if you will consult the ads in this issue.

Will some friend kindly loan us an air ship. We want to explore the clouds and see if we can locate the stopping place of the high cost of living.

The allied governments have dropped their short term note loan in this country on account of the hostile attitude of the federal reserve board.

The United States has again sent a note to Berlin about the Belgian deportations, saying that they are making a very unfavorable impression over here.

While the nation's representatives are discussing the high cost of living, our people had better be thankful that they are not discussing the high cost of killing.

Here's a suggestion for an appropriate Christmas gift for your wife: A new gown, a piano, an automobile, a thousand dollar check—(its cheaper than an automobile) or a kiss. She will be reasonably satisfied and happy.

### AN APPROPRIATE CHRISTMAS GIFT

Young folks, have you ever wanted a certain present as a Christmas gift, and when Christmas came you didn't get it and went and bought it yourself? Well, that is just the way to do in this case, but first take the matter up with your parents. If you present the matter in the right light, they can hardly turn you down, for this is the best proposition you ever put up to them; it is a thing that will win your independence and enable you to earn a good salary. It is a scholarship in the Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas, America's largest school of Bookkeeping, Business Training, Shorthand, Steno-typewriting, Cotton Classing, Telegraphy and Business Administration and Finance—the school that not only prepares its students in a very efficient manner for the best positions in the largest business offices, but secures these positions for them.

The cost of a life scholarship in a course of Bookkeeping is \$60, Shorthand \$50, or the two \$95, Telegraphy \$55, Cotton Classing, \$50, Business Administration and Finance \$75. Board

and room is from \$11.50 to \$15 per month, payable monthly. The course is three and one half months, our Telegraphy or Bookkeeping four months, Business Administration and Finance five months, our Bookkeeping and Shorthand combined, five months. Figure up your cost of board and tuition and you will be surprised to find out how little it will cost you to obtain a cash producing education that you can use for a life time. It will be a Christmas present that you will always appreciate, because you will never cease using it, it is something of every day need, it makes of you a useful citizen.

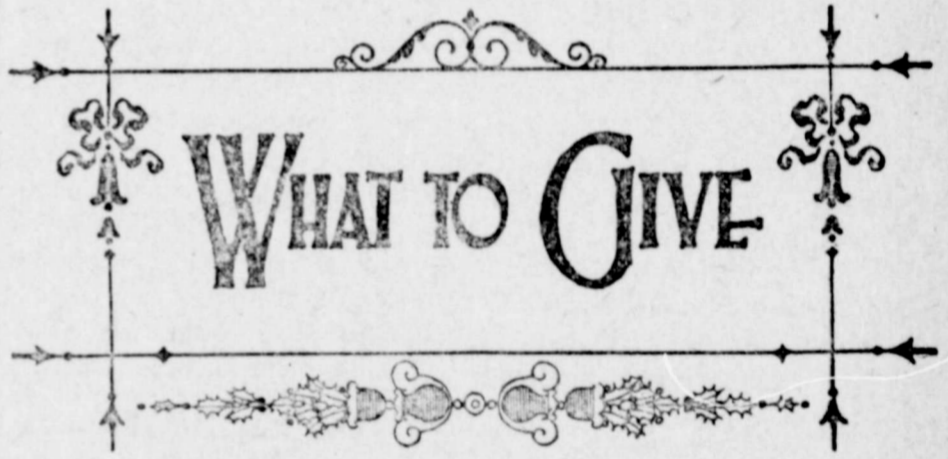
If you or your parents, as the case may be, haven't the cash to pay for the entire course, we have a note plan, we also have a loan fund in connection with our Endowment Association that may be participated in. The old saying is quite true "Wherever there is a will, there is a way." If you can't get the money to pay board, do what thousands of others are doing; take a correspondence course until you can enter college for personal work. Hundreds finish the entire course at home and accept good office positions, you can likewise get our credit or note plan on the home study course.

See about this Christmas gift. Take it up and discuss it seriously. Convince your parents you are determined to make something of yourself. Write for our large catalogue, it is free and will convince you and your parents of the importance of our suggestion.

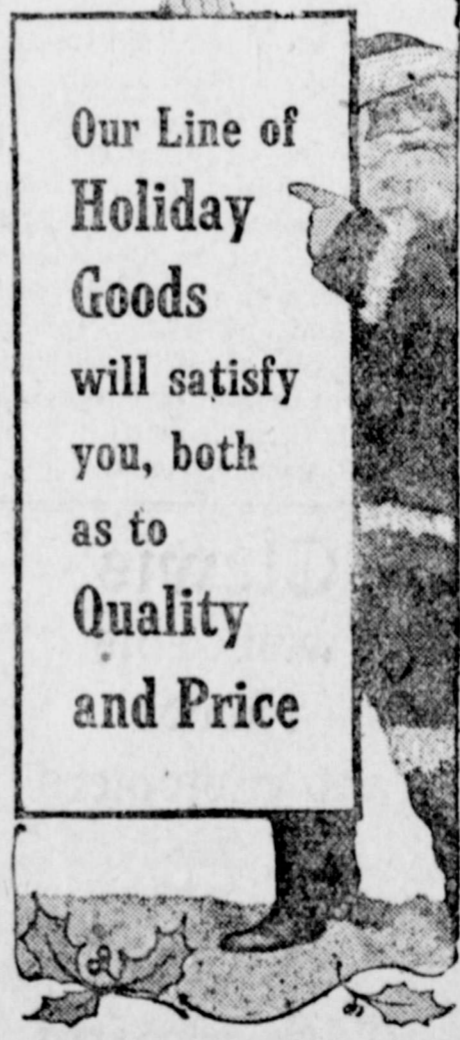
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Address .....

Course interested in .....



## WHAT TO GIVE



Our Line of  
**Holiday Goods**  
will satisfy  
you, both  
as to  
**Quality and Price**

Need not to worry you in the least. It's an easy matter to select

### Christmas Gifts

at this store, for our stock is complete and includes gifts suitable for all. We invite you to visit our store and inspect our goods.

We wish you one and all a very Merry Christmas.

# LEAVERTON'S

Leading Druggist



### It Always Helps

says Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky., in writing of her experience with Cardui, the woman's tonic. She says further: "Before I began to use Cardui, my back and head would hurt so bad, I thought the pain would kill me. I was hardly able to do any of my housework. After taking three bottles of Cardui, I began to feel like a new woman. I soon gained 35 pounds, and now, I do all my housework, as well as run a big water mill.  
I wish every suffering woman would give

# GARDUI

## The Woman's Tonic

a trial. I still use Cardui when I feel a little bad, and it always does me good."  
Headache, backache, side ache, nervousness, tired, worn-out feelings, etc., are sure signs of womanly trouble. Signs that you need Cardui, the woman's tonic. You cannot make a mistake in trying Cardui for your trouble. It has been helping weak, ailing women for more than fifty years.

**Get a Bottle Today!**

## Dr. Sam'l. A. Miller

Practice Limited to Diseases of

### EYE, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT

Office Over First National Bank, Crockett, Texas  
Glasses Scientifically Adjusted for Defective Vision

Lame Back puts a man out of commission while it lasts. Every moment is torture. He can't work, or even get about to amount to anything. For quick relief, apply

# BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT

It is a Powerful Pain Relief

Rub it in well over the affected part. It warms and relaxes the contracted muscles, and relieves promptly. It is equally beneficial for Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Stiff Neck, Sore Muscles, Cuts, Wounds, Sores, Burns, Scalds, Tender Feet, Chafes and Swellings.

Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle  
JAS. F. BALLARD, Proprietor ST. LOUIS, MO.

SOLD BY ALL DEALERS

### City Barber Shop

Denson & Walton, Props.

Your Business will be Appreciated

Shop on main street, the new brick building, next door to the Guaranty State Bank.

### LAUNDRY AGENCY

Laundry basket leaves Wednesday and returns Saturday

### ABSTRACTS

You can not sell your land without an Abstract showing perfect title. Why not have your lands abstracted and your titles perfected? We have the ONLY COMPLETE UP-TO-DATE ABSTRACT LAND TITLES OF HOUSTON COUNTY

## ADAMS & YOUNG

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Crockett, : : : Texas  
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### FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS

FOR RHEUMATISM KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

### LEGAL BLANKS

We have in stock the following legal blanks:  
Renewal and Extension of Vendor's Lien Note.  
Vendor's Lien Notes.  
Promissory Notes.  
General Warranty Deeds.  
General Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien.  
Mortgages.  
Release Deeds.  
Transfer of Vendor's Lien Notes.  
Bills of Sale.  
The Messenger.

### NO HUNTING

I will allow no hunting in my fields, on account of my stock.  
M. D. MURCHISON

### NO HUNTING

I take this method of informing the public that I will allow no hunting on my farm.  
Geo. Calhoun.

Perfect workmanship, guaranteed fabrics and excellent service is what you get when Clewis orders your suit.

### FRUIT CAKES

That are guaranteed to be good. If not you can return them and get your money.  
Cash Grocery Co.  
B. F. Dent of Crockett was here Saturday.

## TEXAS NEWS

A sweet potato canning plant has been built at Seadrift.

Good progress is being made on the new gas wells near Mexia.

Refugio county has voted a bond issue of \$75,000 to build a court house.

Cotton ginned in Washington county this season to date amounts to 32,942 bales.

The new artesian well at Alice will give that place the necessary water supply.

Work is progressing on the wildcat oil well at Bessie Heights, near Orange.

The Texas Launderers' Association held their convention in San Antonio last week.

The Bohemian Free Thinkers' Association of Texas was formed at Houston this week.

Three thousand turkeys have been shipped to market from Winchester so far this season.

For the season to date the arrivals of cotton at the port of Port Arthur amounts to 24,406 bales.

The roads of Harris county, according to figures compiled, are worth \$3,751,786; total mileage, 1324.40.

A dog fanciers' club has been organized at Houston, the object being to encourage the breeding of better animals.

The attorney general's department of Texas has approved a \$7,500 bond issue of the Grand Saline independent school district.

There are 800 lumber establishments in the state with \$40,000,000 of capital invested, and the annual output is about \$40,000,000.

W. R. Brents of Sherman has succeeded Dr. M. Faber of Tyler as a member of the board of regents of the University of Texas.

Anderson county shows a considerable increase in cotton this year, there having been 18,481 bales ginned, compared with 15,326 last year.

Brenham lays claim to the champion turkey picker in the person of a 15-year-old negro girl, who picks daily sixty-three turkeys at a packery there.

Inquiries are reaching Austin from various points in the United States about jack rabbits. Some want them

## WHEN YOUR BACK ACHES

It is a sure sign that something is wrong with your kidneys, you should take

# PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

IT IS A POWERFUL KIDNEY REMEDY

It is a kidney tonic and liver stimulant of the highest order. It relieves the strain on the suffering kidneys, puts new life in the torpid liver, helps digestion, eases the aching back and makes you feel well and strong again.

Sold by Dealers in Medicine.  
Price \$1.00 per Bottle  
Prickly Ash Bitters Co., Proprietors, St. Louis, Mo.

SOLD BY D. N. LEAVERTON

alive and others want them for food.

The city of Corpus Christi has received the money for the \$150,000 worth of bonds voted last July for paving and the completion of the bluff improvement.

Farmers of the Hearne section are busy plowing their land putting it in shape to catch the winter rains. More land will be put in cultivation this year than formerly.

The Fayette County Crop Diversification and Marketing Association met last week at La Grange and arranged to purchase seed potatoes in bulk for the coming crop.

General Funston has been appealed to to repair many roads on the Texas border which, it is claimed, have been damaged to the extent of \$750,000 by heavy army trucks.

The fur season is now in full swing at Llano. Skunks are plentiful this season and their hides bring from \$1 to \$1.50; coons, \$1; fox, \$1.50; ring-tail, 25c to 35c; opossums, 10c to 50c.

If the growers do not make an active campaign against San Jose scale, the El Berta peach will become extinct within the next few years in East Texas, say experts on that particular parasite.

When the district judge at Galveston granted naturalization papers to a native of Calvert this week notice of appeal was given to secure a final ruling on the term "white" as is used in the naturalization laws.

One can not now safely write of the oil production in Texas, for with more than 4,000 wells being drilled annually in many fields of the state, the wonders of tomorrow may surpass the miraculous achievements of the past.

The first car of cabbage was shipped from Mercedes last week, netting the farmers \$46 per ton cash on the track. There are about 3,000 acres planted in cabbage under the Mercedes canal and a most prosperous season is expected.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Doughty has announced an apportionment of \$1 per capita for the public schools for December. There are 1,223,245 scholastics in Texas.

Within the last few years Texas has begun to utilize thousands of acres of the richest land in the world that lie in the valley of the Rio Grande. Thousands of tons of produce, such as onions, cabbage and other vegetables, are being grown there most profitably. The valley also has become the wonder of America in the production of fruits.

### HOLIDAY FARES VIA I. & G. N. RAILROAD

Excursion rates to all points in Texas on sale December 15 to 26, inclusive, also December 31 and January 1; limit January 5. To Louisiana tickets will be sold December 21 to 25 inclusive, also December 30 and 31, limit January 7. For rates, schedules, reservations, etc., see Ticket Agent, I. & G. N. Ry.

### HOGS WANTED

I am in the market for good hogs and will pay the top price. See me if you have any to sell.  
Geo. Calhoun.

# Christmas

## For the Kiddies

# SANTA CLAUS

Let us have a nice assortment of holiday goods and we would be glad to have everyone to call and look them over.

We have the best assortment of TOYS that we have ever carried.

It would be well for you to make your selections early, as Christmas goods are very scarce and hard to get and if you wait long to do your Christmas shopping you will probably have a poor selection to pick from.

We will be glad to serve you

# TRAYLOR BRS.

KEEP THE PRICE DOWN



## HEADQUARTERS FOR YOUR XMAS GIFTS

The important thing is that your gift shall carry with it an assurance of excellence---you emphasize this point with our merchandise, for it is the highest in quality and the least in price.

We will be pleased to help you make your selections, for at this store you will find gifts that are useful.

### Ladies and Girls

Shirt Waists      Windsor Ties  
 Boudoir Caps    Boudoir Sets  
 Silk Hose      Kid Gloves  
 Silk Elastics    Plain Elastics  
 Fancy Towels  
 Ladies Sport and Long Coats

If you want something extra nice for men and boys come to this store for what you want.

### Men and Boys

Boy's Suits    Belts    Sport Coats  
 H. S. & M. Suits for Men  
 Rain Coats    Suspenders    Garters  
 Sweaters    Shirts and Collars  
 Fancy Suspender Sets.      Knitted Mufflers  
 Hats, Derby or Soft      Hose In Boxes  
 Dress Gloves      Ties, the newest

Cultivate the practice of making gifts that are serviceable from year to year. There's a reason for this. Everyone enjoys the useful gifts and always appreciate them---so make gifts that will be of service to your friends.

# KENNEDY BROS.

We Buy Your Cotton.

Grapeland, Texas



# HOLIDAY GREETINGS

The Christmas tide is almost upon us and with that time comes the idea of giving gifts. Have you decided what you will give? Our store is full of gifts for the entire family, including toys for the children. Be sure that you see our line of dolls before you buy.

We offer the following suggestions for useful gifts:

For Father or Brother		For Mother or Sister	
Shoes .....	\$ 3.50 to \$ 7.00	Long Coats .....	\$ 3.50 to \$15.00
Suits of Clothes .....	\$15.00 to \$30.00	Sport Coats .....	\$ 3.50 to \$ 5.50
Overcoat .....	\$15.00 to \$30.00	Shoes .....	\$ 2.00 to \$ 5.00
Beautiful Ties .....	.35 to \$ 1.50	Beautiful Handkerchiefs .....	.10 to .50
Silk Hose .....	.25 to .50	Silk Hose .....	.50 to 2.00
Shirts .....	\$ 1.00 to \$ 2.00	LOTS OF TOYS FOR THE CHILDREN AND	
Mufflers .....	.50 to 1.50	MANY PRESENTS FOR THE GROWN-UPS	
Rain Coats .....	5.00 to 12.50		

**SPECIAL---\$15.00 Kirchbaum Suits for 12.50. \$20.00 Kirchbaum Suits for \$15.50.  
FIFTEEN PERCENT DISCOUNT ON ALL BOYS' SUITS**

Come and Look and You Will Be Sure to Buy

## McLean & Riall



Here's  
Wishing  
You a  
Merry  
Christmas  
and a  
Happy  
New Year

**Farmers & Merchants State Bank**  
Guaranty Fund Bank GrapeLand, Texas



# “Peace on Earth GOOD WILL Toward Men”

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The Christmas Season, breathes The Spirit of Peace in our Home Land, which in all times has brought prosperity and progress to mankind, and at this time our country is enjoying her share of prosperity as is evidenced by the Deposits of our Bank on same date of 1914, 1915 and 1916.

Deposits December 5th 1914 . . . . .	<b>\$25,900.47</b>
Deposits December 5th 1915 . . . . .	<b>\$58,885.25</b>
Deposits December 5th 1916 . . . . .	<b>\$99,744.08</b>

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It has been a great pleasure to us to assist our customers in whatever way reasonable and a greater pleasure to know of the confidence our customers have shown in our Bank, for which showing, we take pleasure in extending to you our hearty appreciation, with greetings and sincere wishes for a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

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**THE  
GUARANTY  
STATE BANK**  
**Capital-Surplus-Profits**  
**\$20,929.12**

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