

The Messenger.

On Earth Peace



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“ Safety First ”

Safety Service and Efficiency



These three words we have applied to our business career, which as reflected by the figures below, has made our success possible, and by a strict observance of these principles we hope to achieve greater things.

In all ages somebody has done something noteworthy enough to stand out as an achievement.

Such achievements were not accidental, but the results of the adoption of certain principles of right and justice to our fellowman, and following out such principles through periods of depression as well as through prosperity.

If you can afford to spend, you can afford to save. Our advice to you is to open an account with us and save systematically and watch it grow.

Our Total Resources \$239,913.60
Capital, Surplus, Profits \$ 32,192.50

It affords us pleasure to extend to you our hearty appreciation of all business given us, and with greetings and sincere wishes for a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

The Guaranty State Bank

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The Grapeland Messenger.

AN AD IN THE MESSENGER IS WORTH TWO ON THE FENCE

VOLUME 22. NO. 42

GRAPELAND, HOUSTON COUNTY, TEXAS, THURSDAY, DEC. 18, 1919

PRICE \$1.50 PER YEAR

Christmas Is only a few days off



We will be headquarters for
all kinds of

Xmas Goods

Big shipments of Xmas
goods arriving every day.

Our big display will soon
be ready.

KEELAND BROS.
THE PRICE IS THE THING

Greetings:



As we draw near the close
of the year, we are conscious
of the fact that we owe you a
debt of gratitude for your
friendship, without which the
success of our business would
have been impossible.

Please accept our thanks
for the business you have given
us in the past and accept
our assurance that our appreciation
will be shown during
1920, not only in better values,
but in better service.

We extend the season's
compliments and best wishes
for a New Year in the fullness
of its prosperity.

W. H. Long & Co.
The Value Giving Store

LIVELYVILLE NEWS

Livelyville, Dec. 15.—Children
are all busy writing to Santa
Claus and we do hope he will get
all their letters and grant their
wishes

The cold snap was welcomed by
the people who had fat hogs to
kill and most of us have fresh
meat galore.

Miss Jeffie Haltom entertained
several friends last week.

G. W. Garner and Lenard
Howard went to Elkhart on business
last Monday.

Mrs. Homer Denman spent
several days with her mother,
Mrs. E. Howard.

Henry Wright, from near Lufkin,
is spending a few days here
with relatives and friends.

Mrs. W. Howard and Misses
Mamie and Corrie Ferguson
spent Sunday with Miss Alma
Howard.

Auther Guice of Grapeland
spent Sunday with Paul Mac-
Donald and Raymond Garner.

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Ellis
spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs.
J. W. Ellis.

Bud Grounds and wife of near
Guiceland spent Sunday with Mr.
and Mrs. Dillard Haltom.

Mr. and Mrs. John Morris spent
Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. W.
Garner. Henry Wright did also.

Our community extends its
heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved
family of Dewey Willis, who
was loved and respected here,
and we will miss him sadly. He
is gone but will never be forgotten
by his many friends.

Herbert Starkey will move to
the Newton Herod place, from
near Slocum.

Sidney Taylor will move to
Killionville the coming week.

The little daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. Jim Beason was severely
burned last week, by falling in a
burning brush heap. We learn
that her hand and arm was injured
badly. We hope she will soon
recover. Rip Van Winkle.

Notice

On and after Monday, Dec. 22
I will have in stock at Kennedy
Bros. store a splendid line of fine
fruit trees. Call and get what
you need and if I have not in
stock what you want, I can order
it from the nursery for you.

Respectfully,

J. E. Hollinsworth

Will Buy Your Hogs

* I am in the market for all kinds
of hogs from 60 pounds up, and
will pay you the best market
price for them. Be sure to see
me before you sell.

J. W. Howard.

Notice to Stockholders of the Farmers Union Telephone Co.

You are hereby requested to
meet at the courthouse in Grape-
land this Friday afternoon, Dec.
19, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the pur-
pose of attending to some very
important business.

T. H. Leaverton,

President.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Brown of
Livelyville community were in
Grapeland Monday Christmas
shopping and favored the Mes-
senger office with a pleasant call.

Santa is Here



Did you see where old Santa left his toys?
All the little fellows can tell you

McLean & Riall's store is his headquarters.

Something for everyone, so do your Xmas
shopping early, avoid the last few days rush,
by buying early. You do not only avoid the
rush, but you get a better selection of gifts.

For Ladies

Kid Gloves Silk Hose Pretty Skirts
Crepe de Chine Handkerchiefs
Silk, Crepe de Chine and Georgette Waists

For Men or Young Men

Silk Shirts Silk Hose Suspenders
Paris Garters Belts

We are showing a line of the prettiest men's
silk ties that you have had a chance to pick
from in many moons.

Toys and Dolls

for the little tots. Come and inspect our line
early.

Anything bought now will be carefully taken
care of until called for.

McLean & Riall

DEPENDABLE MERCHANTS

Grapeland, Texas

To All Ex-Service Men

Senate Bill No. 1, Chapter 3,
General Laws of the State of
Texas, passed by the 36th Legis-
lature at its first and second called
sessions in 1919, provides that
discharged sailors, soldiers and
marines who were absent from
home in the service in January
1919 shall be qualified voters in
all elections held in this state
during the years of 1919 and 1920
without payment of poll tax.

House Bill No. 167, Chapter 69,
page 179, same publication, pro-
vides that penalties, costs and
charges for non-payment of
taxes by sailors, soldiers, and
marines during the period of
their military service in the late
war shall be remitted to him
by the Tax Collector or other
officers concerned in the collec-
tion of delinquent taxes upon the
making and filing with the Tax
Collector of an affidavit in pre-
scribed form, which affidavits are
to be presented by the Tax Collec-
tor to the State Comptroller as
authority for the collection of the
principal tax only without inter-
est, penalty or cost.

The Tax Collector, County At-
torney and myself will be glad
to co-operate with you in secur-
ing for you the rights given un-
der provisions of law above quot-
ed. Very respectfully,

N. H. Phillips,
Assistant County Attorney.

OUR HONOR ROLL

The following have our thanks
for their subscription:

Grapeland—Earle Robbins, J.
W. Jones, Miss Kittie Yarbrough
J. R. Richards.

Route 1—Bryon Keen, O. P.
Brown.

Route 2—Wm. Hague, Ellis
Allen, Dock Weisinger.

Route 3—Webb Finch.
Crockett, Route 1—Miss Ruby
Oliver.

Latexo—J. L. Beard.
Percilla—W. W. Adams, M. E.
Adams, J. W. Brumley.

Saragosa—Miss Adela Duitch.
Gallatin—Rev. J. L. Willis.
Hamlin—Chas. Brewton, (By J.
W. Jones.)

Palestine—Mrs. Frank Luce.
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Route 3; John Walker, Route 4;

Mrs. D. A. Wells, Grapeland.

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before the war

5c a package
during the war

5c a package
NOW

**THE FLAVOR LASTS
SO DOES THE PRICE!**



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AN EXPENSIVE INSTITUTION

But Cost of Christmas Pays Big Returns in Joy and Happiness of Children.

Christmas is a very costly institution. It makes deep holes in millions of well-filled pockets. Father's hand reaches into his pocket more often in the few weeks before Christmas than during any other period of equal extent in the whole year. And lots of money goes for presents that, in the hands of happy children, last a very short time. Nightfall of Christmas day sees many toys in mangled heaps that bright and shining and new greeted the little folks as they hopped out of bed Christmas morning. And millions and millions of things are bought that never would be, if it were not for Christmas. But does all this mean that Christmas is not worth the money it costs, that it would be better if the

world did not observe the anniversary of Christ's birth in the way it does? Nobody in the whole wide Christian part of the world will say that Christmas does not pay for itself, that it is not worth all it costs, and that it is not a bargain at any price. Where can be found a father and mother who feel that they have been cheated by Christmas, after they hear the gurgling laughter of their children, in ecstasy among their new toys, even if there had to be skimping and saving of pennies to buy the little presents?—Savannah News.

DENTAL NOTICE

Dr. C. L. Moore, the dentist, is now in Grapeland, at the Grapeland Hotel, and is ready to do all kinds of dental work. Teeth extracted without pain.

Hanging Up the Stockings



Hospital Contributions

We want to acknowledge receipt of and thank the schools for the following contributions to fund to be used in taking care of Texas soldiers who contracted tuberculosis while in the service:

Augusta school.....	\$28.00
Center school.....	4.85
Union school.....	3.60
Weldon school.....	8.35
Post Oak school.....	2.90
Crockett Public school.....	41.31
Center Ridge school.....	3.00
Crockett Methodist S. S.....	16.60
Grapeland Meth. S. S.....	50.00
Shady Grove school.....	8.60
Weches school.....	1.50
Shiloh school.....	1.20
Crockett Baptist S. S.....	107.62

Total \$277.53

The collection from the public will be announced later; those who subscribed to committee and have not paid will soon be called on by committee.

J. H. Painter,
E. B. Stokes,
J. W. Madden,
Committee.

The most energetic workers feel lazy and low-spirited at times. This condition is caused by impurities in the stomach, liver and bowels, which should be gotten rid of before they bring on a sick spell. A few doses of Prickly Ash Bitters, the remedy that men use, cleanses the system and sends new life and vigor to every part of the body. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, Special Agent.

Squaring Himself

Last Christmas a young man was invited to dinner at the house of one of the leading men in the town. At the dinner table he was placed opposite a goose.

The lady of the house was seated on the young man's left. Seeing the goose, he remarked: "Shall I sit so close to the goose?"

Finding his words a bit equivocal, he turned round to the lady and said, in a most in-offensive tone:

"Excuse me, Mrs. Blank, I meant the roast one."

Too much sweet stuff puts the stomach out of order. A dose of Prickly Ash Bitters corrects the trouble, restores appetite and good digestion. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, Special Agent.

Christmas Thanks

For little children everywhere
A joyous season still we make,
And bring our precious gifts to them
Even for the dear child Jeaus' sake.

Texas cowmen are not overlooking an opportunity to secure cattle, no matter how remotely located, to utilize successfully the abundant winter ranges and forage crops. Some of these cattle have been shipped and reshipped several times and at last are located on land near which they originated. It is estimated by some of the best-informed cattlemen of the state that at the end of the year Texas will have as many cattle as before the terrible drought which ended this year.—U. S. Weekly News Letter.

Brooks Bros.

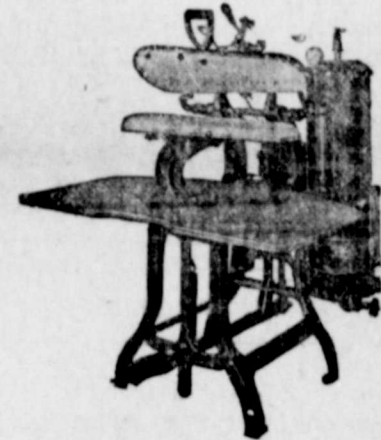
Extend their friends greetings of the season and best wishes for a

**Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year**

Remember we are expert auto mechanics and if your car is out of "whack" let us fix it for you.

Brooks Bros. Garage

WE WISH YOU A
Merry Xmas!



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Filling the Stockings



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 Office 51
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THURSDAY, DEC. 18, 1919

OLD FATHER CHRISTMAS

Old Father Christmas is due. The friend of our childhood; companion of our middle age, and the solace of our dotage. Hail to Old Father Christmas!

After all, there is no season like the Yuletide; there is no day like Christmas Day, and there is no visitor like old Santa Claus. We rant and we rave over the Fourth of July; we slobber and wax sentimental on Memorial Day, and we gorge ourselves at Thanksgiving, but for all-around, generally looked-for and keenly-anticipated pleasure, there is nothing at all in this world to compare to Old Father Christmas and Old Santa Claus. He's such a jolly old soul, and he's so ancient and hoary with customs and legends—why they cluster about him like ivy clings to a brick wall.

Welcome, Father Christmas—welcome, Santa Claus, for we never could differentiate between Santa and Father Christmas—they are to us one and the same person. Welcome to him on his annual visit. Welcome to him with his reindeer and his sleigh; with his tinkling bells and his brave, jovial old countenance with its snowy, bushy beard.

And on Christmas morn when the bells peel out whether it be on frosty air of New England; the below-zero of the northwest; the balmy beaches of the south, or the sun-kissed shores of California, all men—aye, all creation, join in the hail that goes forth in welcome.

Wonderful, indeed, is the Yule-tide season. Wonderful, indeed, is Christmas Day, and wonderful, indeed, is old Father Christmas. Nineteen hundred and nineteen years old is he—yet eternal youth is his, and year after year, decade after decade and century after century men, women and children have arisen and called him blessed.

So we, too, in this year of the double nineteen pluck our holly and our evergreens; we string high overhead our mistletoe, and the old folks cluster around the blazing log, while the young folk unthinkingly linger neath the druid's emblem, and the old story is retold and reacted for the thousandth time, for Love, like Old Father Christmas never grows old.

If the price of paper keeps going up they may have to stop printing money on it.

BIG FOOD ARMY NEEDED

No matter what the people may think about the necessity of a large fighting army, and no matter how much difference of opinion there may be, there can be no dissent or difference of opinion as to the fact that "a man must eat." This being conceded the necessity for food is so apparent that we must all agree that a big army to get busy and raise it is imperative.

We have a million men scattered around in the big cities of the country who could very well be spared to work on the land and we have millions of acres of good land that is absolutely vacant and idle, and in the light of existing circumstances it certainly looks like prime wisdom to bring those idle men and that idle land together, for the good and benefit of the whole country.

GRAPELAND NEEDS—

Incorporation.
 Concrete sidewalks all over town.

An adequate drainage system to carry off all stagnant water.

A closer co-operation between the people.

Let us hope that old Santa Claus will drop all these things in our stocking.

There are about a dozen next presidents now.

Everything is changing. Even the high prices are getting higher.

Moscow has a milk famine, indicating the cow in Moscow has gone dry.

A "reasonable" price depends somewhat upon whether you are buying or selling.

The crowned heads of Europe are now running mostly to "fat" heads.

The h. c. l. at least makes us thankful that our appetites and digestions are not what they were when we were boys.

The tax collector will be here Friday to gather in the golden shekles. Ladies, pay your poll tax.

You do not need to neglect your duties to give the devil his due—he's so apt to get it any how.

Herbert Hoover says everybody must give up vacation and pie. Here's a fine chance for a compromise. The republicans will give up the vacations if the democrats will give up the pie.

Just as soon as the bolsheviks amend the law of supply and demand so there will be less demand and more supply, everything will be lovely.

Washington reports that there is a shortage of one and two dollar bills. Washington is stupid and slow to catch on. We ascertained all about the shortage several years ago.

Whenever an oil stock salesman shows up that declares the investment has no risk, is a golden opportunity and dead sure of enormous profits, tell him you haven't the heart to deprive him of all of that.

To Our Friends

An Appreciation

IT is the season of Christmas cheer in all the homes where subscribers to this paper dwell.

Christmas also in the minds and hearts of you good friends of ours.

Christmas, with all that term implies as to universal fellowship, bounteous unselfishness and renewed recognition of the fact that to give is actually better than to receive.

As you have put into anything, that much will you get out of it. Out of the interest you have taken in this paper during the past year we hope you have derived an equal personal pleasure. Your appreciation has made this paper's issuance a congenial work to us

And likewise in that same spirit which makes Christmastime what it is, we take this opportunity of expressing our thanks to the business men of this community, and of the territory within which this paper circulates, for their cordial co-operation in practical ways which has made it possible for us regularly to present our best editorial efforts to the community in a creditable manner.

May the kindly glow of this holiday season color life for you and yours throughout the coming year.

The Publisher

Where Santa Was Born

Very many years ago there lived in Russia a nobleman and his wife who had a little son named Klaus. He was such a good boy that everyone used to call him Saint Klaus. In course of time his parents died and left him a large fortune, not the least part of which was three large bars of gold.

Saint Klaus one day happened to be passing a house, and overheard a father telling his daughters that he had lost all of his money, and didn't even know how he was going to buy food for them. This worried Saint Klaus very much and he wondered how he could help them. So that night he took one of the bars of gold and threw it through the window. The next night he threw the second bar, and crept quietly away, but on the third night when he was about to throw the third bar, the man who had lost all his money came out and caught him. He tried to thank Saint Klaus for his goodness to him and his daughters,

but Saint Klaus told him to pay his thanks to God, whose servant he was.

And there, boys and girls, you have the story of Saint Klaus (or Santa Claus as we call him).

The Real Christmas

The real Christmas is an invisible presence, a joyful glance of the eye, a wonderful expansion of the heart, a sense of comradeship with all mankind. It is an abandonment of ourselves to all good impulses and an almost reckless waste of good feeling and generosity and love, and no army of pessimists can banish that kind of Christmas from our hearts.

Their Annual Resolve

Probably the girls are saying the same thing this year that they have said every year in the past: "Well, I'm going to start making presents right away for next Christmas."

A Christmas Toast

Here's gladness to every one—open your hearts to it all year round—don't keep them closed until you are shamed into prying them open with a jimmy on Christmas—make every day a Christmas Day—get rid of your grouch—throw it overboard and don't throw out a lifeline if it cries to be saved—let it drown—it will do the poor thing good.

A Rather Vague Order

A Wisconsin boy wrote to Santa Claus as follows: "I would like a air rifle, a pair of Indian-ploves a mouth organ a christmas tree and some candy and nuts that is all a game of checkers for." It's a little vague, but we hope Santa will be able to fill the order.

Christmas All The Year

Every time that Christmas comes around again we wonder why we haven't cultivated the Christmas spirit all the year.

Big Auction Sale!

Will sell to highest bidder for cash

- Mules
- Cattle
- Harness
- Wagon
- Chickens
- Hogs
- Sweet Potatoes
- Farming Implements
- Corn subject to prior sale

Sale to be held at my place at Percilla Monday, December 22, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m. J. F. Lively will be the auctioneer.

ATTEND THIS SALE
Monroe Jones

ANTRIM NEWS

Autrim, Dec. 15.—We have had some terrible weather the past week and the roads have almost impassible, but we are thankful to see the sun once more.

Miss Dovie Moorehead and Stokes Pelham were visitors in Crockett Saturday.

We all expect to have a merry Christmas. School will Friday afternoon and give one week, taking up December 29.

Miss Dovie Moorehead expects to visit in Dallas a few days dur-

ing the Christmas holidays.

ED Gray has a very sick child, reported to be pneumonia.

What would be a nicer present for you wife than a Free sewing machine? They're sold here by Geo. E. Darsey & Co.

T. S. Kent attended the Southern Baptist Convention, which met in Houston last week. Bro. Ray of Lovelady, pastor of the church here, also attended.

Miss Alice Shaw, who is teaching at Salmon, visited home folks here Saturday and Sunday.

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE PASTORS OF THE CITY

(By Rev. J. E. Buttrill, Pastor of the Methodist Church.)

Dear Friend of the Church and Congregation:

Another Christmas occasion is about to dawn upon us as a church and as a people. The mind of the pastor goes back over the year. New faces are with us and we extend to them our cordial greetings. Old faces are out of our sight and we miss them. Some are temporarily away perhaps and will return again, but whether present or absent, we make up the great family of Christian believers and to whom the Christmas time brings to us the story of our common Lord and Savior.

We are giving and receiving gifts. I reproduce this little legend of Cathay in order that we may rightly interpret the Lord's way of judging the value of gifts.

"This country is called Cathay and the ruler thereof is one Kubla Khan, a mighty warrior, who, by reason of his strong will and trusty sword, has made himself lord of the whole land. His government was both wise and just, and is administered to rich and poor alike, without fear or favor.

"On the king's birthday the people observe what is called the White Feast. Then are the king and his court assembled in a great room of the palace, which is all white, the floor of marble and the walls hung with curtains of white silk. All are in white apparel and they offer unto the king white gifts, to show that their love and loyalty are without stain.

"The rich bring to their lord pearls, carvings of ivory, white chargers, and costly embroidered garments. The poor present white pigeons and handfulls of rice. Nor doth the king regard one gift above another so long as all be white. And so they keep the king's birthday."

I do not think that we can be just as impartial as the Father. We are governed more or less by the value of the gift expressed in dollars and cents or in labor put upon it. But down in our hearts we want to approach the Father's standard. I most sincerely wish for you all the holiest most peaceful Christmas ever experienced. And I wish this notwithstanding that there is sadness in some of your hearts because of vanished hands and hushed voices. Jesus when he was about to go to the cross spoke of "My Peace." This he was to give. May it be the portion of each and every one who makes up the circle of readers of this Christmas message!

(By Rev. G. H. Farmer, Pastor of the Christian Church.)

Once more the time is drawing near when we shall celebrate the birth of the Christ the Savior of Men. Some are looking forward to the occasion with joyful anticipations, while others have their joys modified by sweet memories of similar events in the happy past. But whatever may be the emotion with which we approach the day, may we all seek to realize as fully as possible the true significance of the Christmas season.

For many years before the first Christmas the world in general and the Jewish people in particular had been looking forward to the coming of a Redeemer. When all was in readiness, all wars having ceased for the time being, and seemingly the whole world having paused expectantly Christ was born in Bethlehem of Judea. And the message was announced by the angel, "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 the heavenly choir sang, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men in whom he is well pleased." The Prince of Peace had come. Men were to be redeemed from their selfishness and greed and lust, were to be transformed by the principles and power of the Christ, and were to dwell together in peace upon the earth as one great brotherhood with God the universal Father.

Many years have come and gone since the Savior was born but not even yet has the ideal of that first Christmas become indeed a universal reality. And seemingly at last we are at present far from such a devoutly wished for consummation. The great world war is over, it is true but in its place are twenty-three smaller wars. Famine and pestilence are stalking through the earth, taking in Europe alone a greater toll of life this winter than died of carnage, pestilence and famine combined during any one winter while the great war was still in progress. There is yet much greed and selfishness

among all people. The whole world is in unsettled condition. Strikes and disorders are general. Because of ignorance and prejudice men lack confidence in each other, this distrust often leading to the most bitter hatred. General conditions are such that we know not what a day may bring forth. And the underlying cause of all of this bitterness and strife and woe is the continued rejection down the years, since the first Christmas morning, of the redemption and salvation which God offered all men, even to the whole world, through His only begotten son, Jesus Christ.

And yet we have cause to rejoice as we approach this Christmas season. Conditions could be much worse even than they are. God still lives and in His own good time will bring out of the disorder and confusion of the present a world wherein dwelleth righteousness and peace and love. The future is bright with hope. The hour of opportunity for all Christian people has struck. God has bestowed upon us the exalted privilege of being co-workers with Him in hastening the world's redemption. Let us as individual Christians not fail Him at this time. But as we celebrate the birth of His Son, may we seek to draw nearer to God, to love Him more fully, and to consecrate ourselves wholly to His will. May the Spirit of Christ dwell in our hearts richly. May we love each other, and all men, as Christ loved us. And so may this Christmas season find us more truly Christian than we have ever been before. Thus shall it be with us indeed a time of peace and joy and gladness and love.

Christmas Tree at Methodist Church

On the night of Wednesday December 24th there will be a Christmas tree at the Methodist church with old Santa Claus himself and an enjoyable time for everyone. A program will be rendered and the public is invited to attend.

Anyone desiring to have gifts placed on the tree are requested to have them securely wrapped, clearly labeled and at the Methodist church not later than 4 p. m. on the afternoon of the 24th where a committee has been selected to take care of them and arrange them on the tree. All children and all grown ups who want to once more experience the thrills of seeing old Santa again are extended a hearty welcome.
Committee

Negro Killed at Wichita Falls

Clyde Harris, colored, was shot and killed at Wichita Falls Wednesday of last week, and his remains were shipped here for burial.

It is said he was accidentally killed, as the party who did the killing was shooting at another person.

M. E. Adams of Percilla was transacting business in the city Monday. He reports that he was recently robbed of about \$150.00, which was taken from his home one afternoon while all members of the family were away. He has no clue as to who committed the burglary.

Bath robes for men, women and children at Darsey's.

Farmers & Merchants State Bank Guaranty Fund Bank

Capital \$15,000
Surplus \$15,000

To Our Friends and Patrons:

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. We take this method of expressing our appreciation for business tendered us and we strive to merit the same.

George E. Darsey, Pres.
W. D. Granberry, Cashier



There's No Need to Ask Yourself the Usual
“What Shall I Give?”

A Trip to Darsey's is the Answer

HURRY!



6 DAYS TO SHOP

With just 6 days for shopping, there is still ample time to make thoughtful and careful selections at Darsey's. Goods in reserve and new goods have been placed on display for the last week of the shopping period. Every department is ready to provide you with the things you want to give. Everything has been done to make gift shopping pleasant and convenient until Christmas eve.

Christmas Shoppers can make this Week count big by a trip to this Store of many Giftful things

BEAUTIFUL HANDMADE ARTICLES

We have on display many useful articles made in our shop that are beautiful and serviceable. The materials used are selected from our stocks and are attractively made. They include—

Corset Covers made from fancy ribbons and dainty laces.

Fancy Garters made from strong ribbon elastic and trimmings.

Boudoir Caps made from all silk ribbons and ribbons combined.

Handkerchiefs—In this department is also shown many new ideas. Crepe de Chine, sheer lawns, jap silks, dainty organdies and other fabrics in convenient sizes for men, women and children, singly and in boxes at each 10c to . . . \$1.00

OUR CHRISTMAS GIFT TO YOU

To our customers, we give many useful articles free of charge for Cash Register Checks. These checks are given with all cash purchases and are redeemable at any time. We have received and are expecting many new premiums to be added this week that will cause unusual interest in this department. All goods are moderately, reasonably priced, and these premiums offer you a big discount.

George E. Darsey & Co.
 THE SERVICE FIRST STORE



The City Meat Market

T. W. LEWIS, Proprietor

Fresh Meats, Bread, Fruit, Packing House Products, Etc.

Fish Every Friday and Saturday

Try our Barbecue—it's fine

Free Delivery

LOCAL ITEMS

Be sure to visit Long's Christmas Sale.

Clewis will please you. Have him clean and press your suit.

W. D. Dickey and family have moved to Percilla from Palestine.

Jim McLean returned Sunday from a business trip to Houston.

Tams and other style knit caps at Darsey's.

Plenty of hog fence, barb wire and nails at W. H. Long & Co.

Monroe Jones of Percilla made a business trip to Houston the latter part of last week.

Just received a nice lot of ladies and children's knit caps at Darsey's.

Claude Keeland is on the sick list and has been confined to his room for several days.

Carl Gainey has returned home from the west, where he has been working the past two months.

For Rent

A small farm near town. For particulars see J. B. Woodside 1t

M. E. Darsey was at Conroe Tuesday attending a meeting of the district stewards of the Methodist church.

Posts for Sale

Plenty of split oak posts. Ed Musick
Elkhart, Route 2

Hogs Wanted

We will buy any and all kinds of hogs. See us for prices. Dailey Bros. 2-t

Kid gloves make useful gifts. You'll find all leading colors and sizes for men and women at Darsey's. Also knit gloves.

We wash cars, charge batteries, fix Fords and repair automobiles. Service Garage. tf

J. E. Shoemaker and family have moved back to Percilla community from Polk county, where they lived last year.

Cars For Sale or Trade

I have a Ford roadster and a 5-passenger Ford for sale or trade. Henry Dailey.

You old rascal, phone Darsey's today and have one of those art squares put away. You know she wants one.

Mrs. Howell Appling and baby of Carthage are here to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Howard.

We will pay highest prices for chickens, turkeys and eggs this week. Geo. E. Darsey & Co.

Mrs. Frank Luce of Palestine visited relatives in this community a few days this week.

Felt house shoes at Darsey's, with felt and leather soles.

If it is style you are looking for in clothes, Clewis has it.

House shoes make good Christmas present. Darsey has them.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Lewis visited relatives in Elhart Sunday.

Better take advantage of reduced price on shoes at Long's.

We have the FORD PARTS that you need. Brooks Bros. tf

Mrs. A. S. Porter of Angleton is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Goodson.

Albert Ball of Huntsville visited his sister, Mrs. C. B. Keeland, a few days this week.

Misses Marie White and Cora Mae Willis teaching at Post Oak, spent the week end here with home folks.

Furniture for any room in the house—parlor, bedroom, dining room and kitchen—will make a useful gift if it's from Darsey's.

Velvet bags, leather purses and hand bags make useful gifts for ladies you'll find a "different" line at Darsey's.

Town Lots

Still have a few choice lots unsold in Selkirk Addition. Better see me at once and select the ones you want. J. M. Selkirk. 63-3t

Peanuts Wanted

I am in the market for peanuts and will pay top prices. J. W. Howard

For Sale

Macatawa berry plants; better get yours before they are gone. See, write or phone me your wants. M. L. Williams, Route 4. tf

Renter Wanted

Renter wanted on halves to work anywhere from 50 to 75 acres. See or write—R. M. Brooks, Grapeland, R 3, Box 74 2t

Fords for Sale

1 1918 model Ford roadster with new top, for \$300.00; 1 Ford racer at almost your own price. C. C. Hill. tf

New Price on Hulls

Until further notice we will sell hulls at \$16.00 per ton. If you need any see me. O. W. Davis. tf

Jim Wilson was carried to a sanitarium in Palestine Tuesday night for an operation for appendicitis.

Bring us your eggs. We can use every egg, turkey and chicken brought to Grapeland this week and will pay highest prices. Geo. E. Darsey & Co.

Shop Early

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Santa Claus Headquarters in Crockett

We have the best assortment of USEFUL GIFTS to be found in our city. We have JUST WHAT YOU WANT at a price that will surprise you. Everybody says our goods are most moderately priced

A complete line of Ivory in separate pieces.

Ivory Manicure Sets

Ivory and Pearl Roll Manicure Sets

Cut Glass

Silver Sandwich Plates

Smoking Sets

Desk Sets

Mary Garden and Djer Kiss Sets

Box Stationery

Cigars in small boxes

A pretty line of Xmas Cards and Seals

A big assortment of Dolls

Men's Traveling Sets

Casseroles

Perfume—and most anything else needed to make this a happy

Christmas. Come to see us and enjoy our hospitality...

A REMINDER--If it is a drug you need and can't get it from your home merchant drop us a card and see how quick it comes to you

Goolsby-Sherman Drug Co.

Successors to Bishop Drug Co.

CARL GOOLSBY

LIP SHERMAN

New premiums are being received at Darsey's for late shoppers. You won't be disappointed if you get in on this last shipment.

For Sale

1 good second-hand Ford car. Sold cheap, if sold at once. Jack Murchison

Corn Wanted

I am in the market for 1,000 bushels of corn. Will pay \$1.00 per bushel delivered. O. W. Davis

For Sale

100 acre farm, immediate possession, 1 mile from Grapeland. Price \$4,500. For further particulars address owner. J. C. Bodenmiller, 610 Euclid Ave., Beaumont, Texas 2t

Monroe Jones of Percilla has an ad in this issue of an auction sale, which he will hold at his farm at Percilla next Monday, December 22. He will remove to Corsicana some time early in January.

School Will Observe Holidays

The Grapeland Public School will dismiss for the holidays this Friday and will remain closed until Monday, December 29. Most of the teachers will depart for their homes Saturday to spend the holidays with home folks.

Messrs. Walling and Woodside have recently erected a plant south of town on the railroad for the manufacture of brick. The brick they put up is a very substantial one, the principal ingredient being cement, and some chemicals used makes it very hard and durable. Later on, they are going to install up-to-date machinery and propose to manufacture a car load a day.

Christmas Tree at the Christian Church

There will be a Christmas at the Christian church on the evening of December 24 1919, at 7 o'clock. Everyone is invited. Come out and enjoy the evening with us. T. H. Leaverton, Supt. Sunday School

Recital Friday Night

The music class of Miss Linna Dee Haltom will give a recital at the high school auditorium Friday night December 19, beginning at 7 o'clock. A nice program has been arranged and all are invited. No admission.

House Shoes: We have a few sizes already in house shoes for men and children. We have a big shipment of ladies house shoes enroute and are expecting their arrival any day. They may be here by the time you read this ad. Ask if they're here. George E. Darsey & Co.

Notice to Public

After January 1st my machine office and shoe shop will be located on the east side in the Brooks building. I will appreciate your shoe work and guarantee satisfaction. Also repair telephones. J. H. Bowman. 1t

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

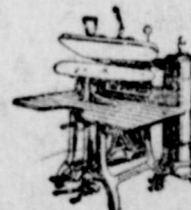
with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions, and in order to cure it you must take an internal remedy. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Hall's Catarrh Medicine was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years. It is composed of some of the best tonics known, combined with some of the best blood purifiers. The perfect combination of the ingredients in Hall's Catarrh Medicine is what produces such wonderful results in catarrhal conditions. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. All Druggists. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

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Your Christmas cooking will not be a failure if you use our grocery department. Phone us for fruit cake ingredients, nuts, flour and other things you need. George E. Darsey & Co

DEAR SANTA CLAUS: PLEASE BRING ME---

Dear Santa :Please bring me a soft ball, fire bells, pop gun and nuts and fruits. Clarence Whitley.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me some hair ribbon, and a doll and a story book, some nuts fruit and some candy. Yours truly, Velma Whitley.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a little wagon, a watch and some nuts, oranges, apples and other fruit. Be sure and don't forget my little sister, Irene and baby brother. We thank you. Cleddie Caskey.

Percilla, Texas, Dec. 15.

Dear Santa Claus: I will tell you what I want. I want a sleepy doll and I want apples, oranges, bananas, fire crackers. I want a doll about 12 inches long, a box of candy, I want all kinds of candy, and a buggy. Your little friend, Hortence Wright.

Percilla, Texas, Dec. 15.

Dear Santa Claus: Bring me a top, a rubber ball, a pair of gloves and some apples, oranges, nuts and candy, and also a lot of fireworks. And, Santa, please bring all the other little boys some nice presents, too. Your little friend, Weldon Brumley.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy 4 years old, and I want you to bring me a little automobile, a pair of leggins, some kid gloves, a little gun, and don't forget my Roman candles and fire crackers; also some nice fruit and candy. You will find me at grand mother Jones'. Your little friend

Charles Merle Royall

Percilla, Texas, Dec. 15.

Dearest Santa Claus: I am a little boy 9 years old Christmas day. I want you to bring me an air gun, return ball, top, Charlie Chaplin, box of candy and fireworks, and I will be happy. I hope I will see you at Baptist Sunday school Christmas tree, too, and don't forget my big brother, Raymond. Your true friend, George Milton Black.

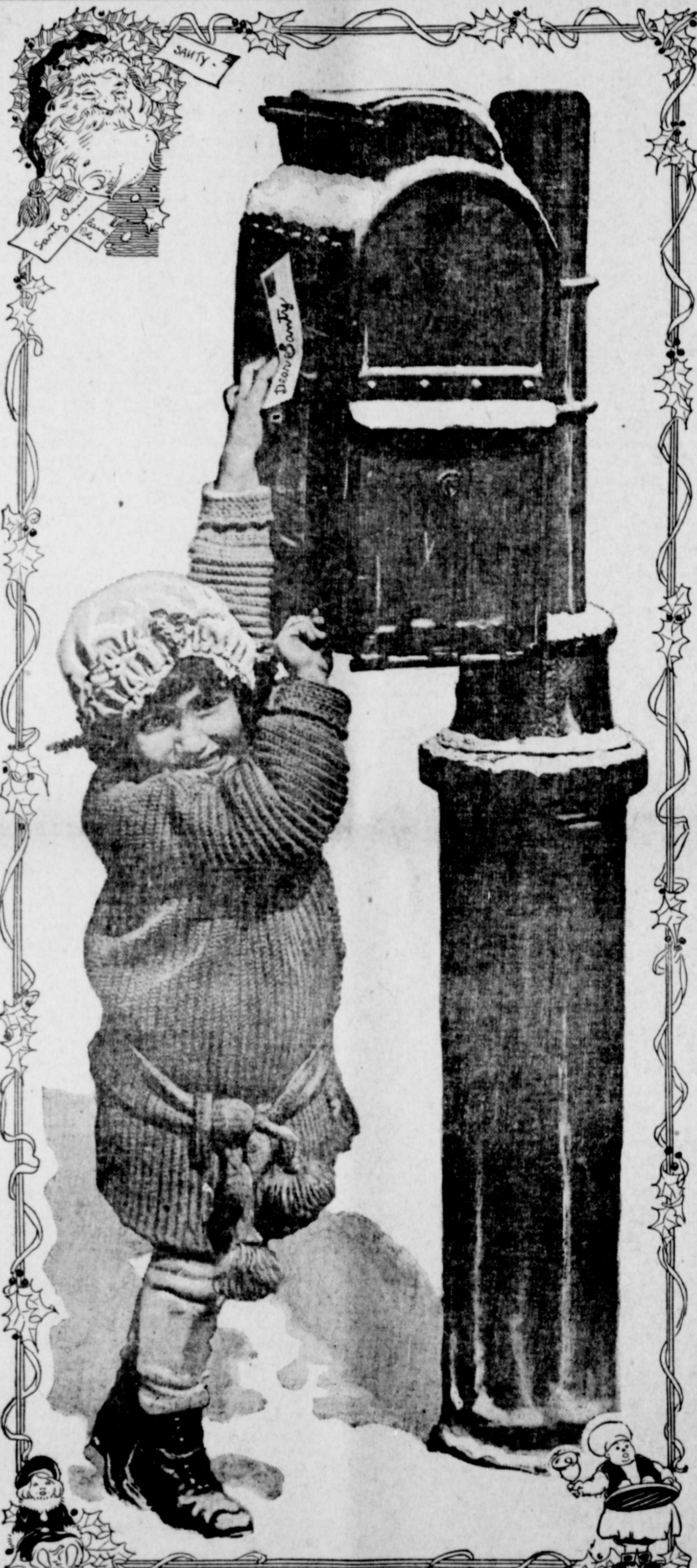
Dear Santa Claus: I will write you a few lines to let you know what I want you to bring me. I want you to bring me a nice pair of hair ribbons, a box of handkerchiefs, box of writing paper and a locket and chain and some candy, nuts, oranges and apples. From your little friend, Ruth MacDonald.

Dear Santa: I want you to bring me a big doll that will open and shut its eyes and a little cook stove and some little cook dishes. I want you to bring me some tea dishes, too, and a doll bed. I want you to bring me a little doll trunk and 5 Roman candles and all kinds of candy. I want 3 apples and 3 oranges and 3 packages of fire crackers. Your little friend, Altha Wright.

Percilla, Texas, Dec. 15.

Dear Santa Claus: Dear old fellow, I want to see you Christmas. Will you bring me an air gun and my brother Earle a horse and wagon, brother Elmer an air gun, too, and fire crackers and all kinds of nuts, candies, oranges and apples. I am 11 years old. Bring my big sister a ring. She is 14 years old. Your little friend, Calvin E. Dickey.

Dear Santa Claus: Bring me a gun that shoots a stopper, a drum that will beat, some building blocks, a saw, a hammer, hatchet, and some nails, a play table with a drawer in it to put my tablet in, some nuts, candy and fruit. Your little boy, Albert Merle Luker



**I'S sendin' word to Santy Claus to tell him what to bring—
A doll—an' book—an' dishes too—an' oh,'most ev'rything!
Please help me put it in the box—I can't reach up, you see—
Poor Santy'd be so 's'pointed if he didn't hear from me.**

Dear Santa: I want a little blue wagon, and it full of good things to eat. Thank you, Santa. Joe Pridgen

Dear Santa: Please bring me a chest of tools, an air gun and lots of fruit and candy. Your little friend, Leroy Buttril.

Dear Santa: As you will soon come I will tell you what I want: A doll and a story book, a ring and some nuts and fruit. From Leila Walton.

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to bring me a picture album and some apples, candy, nuts and fireworks of all kinds. Your friend, Vina Howard

Dear Santa: Please bring me a nice finger ring and a large doll trunk and some oranges, apples, candy, nuts and fireworks of all kinds. Your little friend, Rosa Lee Howard

Dear Santa: Please bring me a doll and some oranges, apples, candy and nuts of all kinds, and fireworks of all kinds, and, Santa, please don't forget mamma and papa. Your little friend; Ardell Howard.

Percilla, Texas, Dec. 15.

Dear Santa: Please send me a toy pistol and 3 Roman candles and a wagon and I want you to bring me 3 oranges and 3 apples. I want you to bring me some fire crackers, too. Your little friend, Octor Wright

Shamrock, Texas, Dec. 8.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy 5 years old. Please bring me an air gun, little wagon, 4 boxes of shot for my air gun. I want some apples, candy, oranges, all kinds of nuts and all kinds of fireworks. Alvis Ellis Powell.

Dear Santa: I am 6 years old and have every doll you have ever given me, so don't bring me a doll, but bring me a cradle to rock my doll in, and a red table with a drawer in it, a necklace, ring and bracelet. I won't lose them this time. Your little friend, Eva Carl Scarborough.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 4 years old. I want you to bring me a rocking-horse, some fruit, nuts and candy, and bring Winnie, my little 5 months old sister, a rattler. She is fat. So be careful and don't have an accident with your airplane, as I heard you were coming in one. Your little friend, Bertha Mae Durnell.

Dear Santa: I am a little girl nearly 9 years old and I go to school every day and I love my little school mates, and I want you to please bring me a doll carriage, if you have any, and anything nice for a little girl my age, some fruit and nuts of all kinds. Please don't forget to bring my little friends something nice, too. Your little friend, Annie Lou Brown.

Dear Santa Claus: I will write you and tell you what I want you to bring me. I want you to bring me a little stove and a set of dishes, and a little trunk to keep my doll and doll clothes in. Santa, I have a nice doll, you need not bring me any this time, but don't forget to bring my little sister a doll, and I have a little baby brother; bring him a rattler, and I want some oranges, apples, and nuts of all kinds. Your little friend, Mada Arline Howard.

(Other letters to Santa Claus printed elsewhere in this issue.)

EXCHANGE GOSSIP

Labor must be paid more because the cost of living is mounting higher and higher. The cost of living is mounting higher because labor must be paid more money. And there you are. It is very simple.—St. Louis Republic.

The man of good character may not always get credit from others for what he is, but he has a mighty comfortable feeling about himself and knows he can stand his ground against any kind of criticism or attack. Take care of your character and it will take care of you.—Anderson County Herald.

A peculiar idea prevalent among union men that we've never been able to understand is that when they quit a job, no one else has any right whatsoever to take that job. If they quit their jobs it naturally looks to one up a tree like they didn't have any job any more, and therefore, absolutely no right whatever to dictate who shall fill the vacant place.—San Augustine Tribune.

Proof Was Sufficient

It is said of a certain lady that she had some coats sent up on approval on Saturday and returned them on Monday morning with the message: "None was suitable."

The next day she received a courteous communication from the head of the fur department returning her prayer book which had been found in the pocket of one of the coats.—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

"Christmas All the Year Around" was the title of a book written some time ago. It may sound rather Utopian, but what a thing it would be if we did keep the Christmas spirit all the year around—Oh, Boy!

The Life of Man

In the following paragraphs someone whose name we have been unable to ascertain has succinctly outlined in a humorous and somewhat sarcastic manner the predominant ups and downs of the average man during his journey through life:

A man comes into this world without his consent and goes out of it against his will, and the trip between the two is full of contraries. When he is little the big girls kiss him and when he is grown the little girls kiss him. If he is poor he is a bad manager if he is rich he is dishonest. If he needs credit he can't get it, if he is rich everyone wants to do him a favor.

If he is in politics he is a grafter, if he is out of politics he's no good to his country. If he gives to charity he wants to "show off" if he doesn't give he is a stingy cuss. If he is actively religious he is classed as a hypocrite, if he takes no interest in religion he is a hardened sinner.

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Christmas is a poker that rakes the dull ashes of the past and brings smoldering memories and resolves to light for the warmth of man throughout the year that follows. It is modern civilization's greatest involuntary stimulant.

Christmas Joys

We get most of the enjoyment of Christmas out of the dreams that come before and after. Oh, to dream of it before it comes, to enjoy it while it is here, and to appreciate it when it has gone!

Must Use Care in Buying Poison for Boll Weevil

When a farmer goes to buy calcium arsenate for boll-weevil poisoning he should look carefully at the label. It should be printed on the label that the material is satisfactory for cotton dusting and that the manufacturer specifies straight use of the material without the addition of lime or any other carrier. This is the urgent advice of the boll-weevil specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture. If it is neglected, they say, the farmer may get material that either will not control the weevil or that will kill his cotton.

Poisoning, they continue, will control the weevil but the whole scheme is seriously imperiled by careless buying of poison. Much of the supply offered last year was worthless or worse than worthless. Many concerns are beginning the manufacture of calcium arsenate, and there is danger that there will be even a larger percentage of unsatisfactory material than last year unless care is exercised in purchasing. As many farmers are already making their purchases, or will shortly do so, now is the time to exercise such care.

The farmer should not buy calcium arsenate merely because it is labeled or sold as such, the specialists say, but should buy

calcium arsenate by specifications. It should contain not more than three-fourths of 1 per cent of water soluble arsenic pentoxide, on account of danger of burning plants. It should contain not less than 40 per cent total arsenic. If it contains much less it will not control the weevil. Its density should be between 80 and 100 cubic inches to the pound. Otherwise it will not make a satisfactory dust cloud and the plants can not be treated successfully with it.

In order to be certain that the material is suitable for cotton dusting the farmer should, as shortly after making purchases as possible, send samples to the Delta Laboratory of the Bureau of Entomology at Tallulah, La., for examination. In purchases of any size, samples should be taken from at least three packages. A safe rule is to take a sample for every 10 packages. Each sample should weigh half a pound. Full information as to the source and history of the material should accompany the samples.

Success in boll-weevil poisoning, the specialists point out, depends on observance of these precautions. The farmer who is not willing to exercise that measure of care would be wise not to attempt poisoning at all.

We handle GENUINE FORD PARTS. Brooks Bros. tf

Christmas Facts in Brief

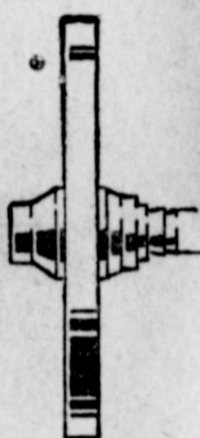
Christmas day is the anniversary of the birth of Christ, and has been celebrated as a Christian festival for several centuries. The Christmastide lasts from the 25th of December to the 6th of January, the twelfth day after Christ's nativity.

The origin of the Christmas tree is obscure; the thought of Christ as the Light of the World and the Tree of Life may have given rise to the lightbearing tree or the popular old belief that every Christmas eve, trees blossomed and bore fruit, may have been the foundation of the custom.

Gift-giving is, of course the echo of the Wise Men's gifts; and mince pie, turkey and plum puddings are modern relics of the pagan feasts. Santa Claus, known to every child in every land in this old world is the personification of the spirit of loving and giving.

The holly, synonymous of Christmas was a sacred plant, and the mistletoe a mysterious plant, supposed by the ancient Druids to have some mystic power of healing and preventing misfortune. It was never allowed to touch the ground, hence the modern superstition that it is unlucky for a mistletoe bough to fall from its place. It was dedicated to the Goddess of Love, which explains the custom of kissing under the Mistletoe.

Unpacking the Bag



Putting Something Over? Yes, Indeed!

—but not in the way we have found some wagon users think. Listen, folks:

When we began talking "auto" track wagons we soon discovered that a number of wagon users down this way thought the manufacturers were trying to "put over" the northern narrow track wagon. We thought so too, at first, but nothing could be farther from the facts. It is simply a case of misunderstanding.

We have said this before. We repeat it now, so that it will be clear to every wagon user—"auto" track is neither narrow track nor wide track.

"Auto" track wagons are exactly what the name implies, built so that the wheels will fit the path of the automobile which makes a track 56 inches wide. Wide track wagons will not do this. Neither will narrow track.

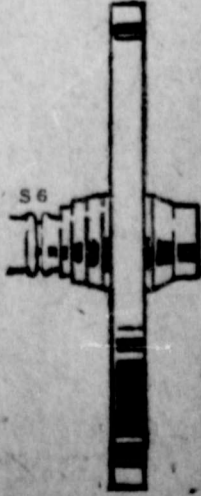
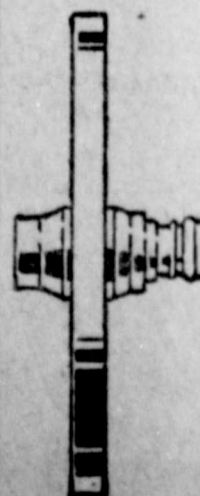
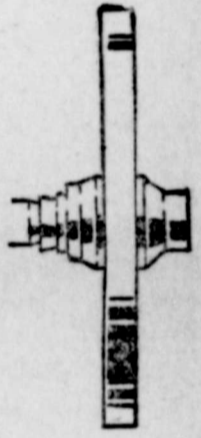
Leading wagon manufacturers, some time ago, both South and North, realized that in order to make their wagons give better and longer service it would be necessary to make them fit the roads. And 90% of the road tracks throughout the country are made by the automobile.

Could any automobile salesman induce you to buy an auto that would not run in the tracks of other autos? Not in a thousand years.

Putting something over? We'll say they are! Putting over the soundest, most practical idea in the wagon building business. Putting it over because wagon users who realize the value and advantages of "auto" track wagons are forcing the making of them by demanding wagons that will fit the prevailing roads of today and the permanent roads of the future.

Come in and have us tell you anything you want to know about Studebaker "auto" track wagons.

Geo. E. Darsey & Co.
Grapeland, Texas



An Appropriate Christmas Gift

Young folks, here is a Christmas present you can get if you will put the matter squarely up to your parents, in fact, 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, Cotton Classing, Telegraphy, Business 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 \$65 Shorthand, \$65, or the two \$100 Telegraphy, \$65, Cotton Classing \$65, Business Finance \$65. Board and room is from \$16 to \$20 per month, payable monthly. The average time for completing our Shorthand course is three and one half months, our Telegraphy five months, Bookkeeping four months, Business 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 be a success. Write for our large catalogue, it is free and will convince you and your parents of the importance of our suggestions.

Name.....
Address.....
Course interested in.....

THE CHRISTMAS GOODNESS

By Rev. George Hodges, Dean of the Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge, Mass.

And on earth peace, good will toward men.

For a few weeks at least of every year we take the Christmas lesson of fraternity into our lives. Men and women and little children have been going about thinking what they could do for others. The streets and shops have been full of people whose arms have been full of bundles. There have been sweet domestic conspiracies in every household. The idea has possessed the community that the right thing to do is to make other people happy. For a little while, as the year draws near its close, and we look across into a new time, it seems as if the old manner of living were being put away, with all its narrowness and pettiness and jealousy, with its self-seeking and its vicious self-content, and as if the dawn of the blessed millennium were already shining upon the summits of the mountains.

For a few weeks the Christmas spirit animates the churches. The kingdom of heaven comes. What we want is to have this fraternal time continued. What we need is Christ as every day. If that blessed kingdom is ever to be established here; if the will of God is ever to be done by the employer and the workman, by the landlord and the tenant; if the present discontent is ever to be met and ministered to, it must be by the cultivation in us of the Christmas goodness. We must learn the lessons of simplicity and fraternity. We must follow more closely the blessed footsteps of his life who on this day for our salvation was born at Bethlehem, and cradled in a manger.

Of course, if it is out of the question for you to buy a new suit, we can make your old one look mighty good.

M. L. Clewis.

Corn Wanted

I want to buy 1000 to 1500 bushels of good ear corn. Will pay \$1.00 per bushel. Bring what you have to sell.

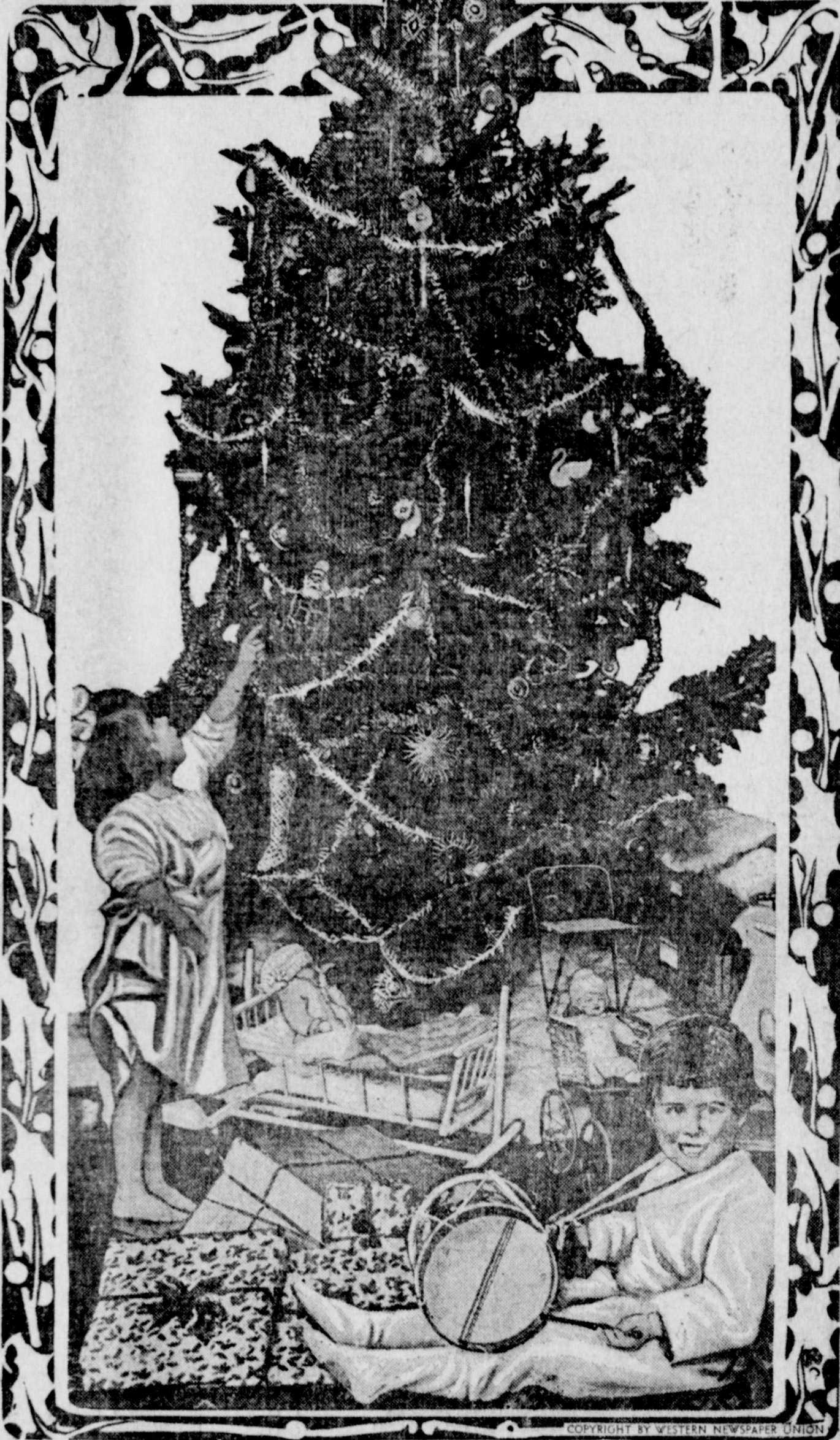
J. W. Howard

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Christmas Morning



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What Santa Claus Brought



Stockings for Christmas. Only

The Christmas stocking as generally known is one taken from the bureau supply for daily wear. In certain parts of the country, however, the Christmas stocking is never in use except to be "hung from the chimney with care." The New England stocking of this kind is usually long in the leg and knitted from woolen yarn. There are stockings on Cape Cod which have been used by four generations of children. Once emptied of their treasure on Christmas morning they are rolled up and marked and laid away for the next year's festivities.

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Secretary of War Baker has approved the design made by the

To get rid of that Tired, Bilious, Half-Sick Feeling, take a dose of

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It Cleanses the Stomach, Liver and Bowels

It's a man's remedy that goes to the right spot. Puts life and activity into the torpid liver, strengthens the stomach and digestion and purifies and regulates the bowels. A tiny dose of this excellent system regulator and bowel tonic will oftentimes ward off a spell of sickness. Price 50 cents.

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New York sculptor, J. E. Frazier, dollar. It will have a figure of the victory medal to which victory and the words "The Great every American who took part War for Civilization" on one side in the war is entitled. The medal and the names of the allied powers will be bronze, the size of a silver ers on the other.

Merry Christmas

We are glad it is our privilege to once more greet you with a bright and merry Christmas. It seems but yesterday that a like message was sent you, yet a year has flown by. May your homes be bright, the dear children of your household happy and the great wish and hope of your hearts in abundant measure be realized this Christmas tide.

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LET US MAKE:

The Merry Christmas ring
And drive away our fear;
As it arrives we brighten lives
And fill them full of cheer

We Wish you a Merry Christmas

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A Christmas Carol.

Twiddle-de-dum,
Twiddle-dum-dee,
Playing the game of Expectancy,
Under the glare of the Christmas tree,
Blending of craft and philanthropy,
Marvelous game of humanity,
Twiddle-de-dum,
Twiddle-dum-dee.

Twiddle-de-dum,
Twiddle-dum-dee,
The rules are as simple—just listen and see;
The gift you receive should be worth about three
Of the one you bestow upon—possibly five,
Annually tempting the powers that be;
Twiddle-de-dum,
Twiddle-dum-dee. —Life.

Christmas Rites.

One of the charms of Christmas is its perpetuation of ancient rites and customs. The Christmas tree, the mistletoe and the holly, the chants and anthems, Santa Claus and the reindeers—all hark back to earlier centuries when life was simpler and mankind sought its joys on a less intensive plan. In a sense, there is no such thing as a modern Christmas, though we may give it a modernist touch here and there.

One Drawback.

At the same time, the man who does his Christmas shopping early, will find it all the harder to hide his purchases from the prying eyes of the kids.

The Worst Kicker.

It is the man who kicks the most about his Christmas cigars who gives the fewest of them to the janitor.



DO THE MOVIE PLAYS ALWAYS END LIKE THIS?

A SANTA TRAP.



First Boy—We've put the bureau in front of the fireplace?
Second Boy—Yes.
First Boy—You tied the string to the handle of the door?
Second Boy—Yes, and I tied the other end of the string to the water pitcher.
First Boy—Then we ought to find out the real facts about Santa Claus.

Cheap Christmas Cake.

Dissolve a level teaspoonful of soda in two teaspoonfuls of warm water, add half a pint of very thick cream, stir for a moment, then add half a cupful of New Orleans molasses, mix thoroughly, add half a pint of brown sugar, three and a half cupfuls of sifted flour, through which has been mixed a tablespoonful each of cinnamon and a tablespoonful each of cloves, spice and nutmeg; add a tablespoonful of grape juice; stir into this a pound of sultana raisins cut into halves and floured, and half a pound of citron. Bake one and a half hours in a moderate oven.

Cake Candles.

If you wish to place red or green candles around your cake, take a piece of pasteboard somewhat larger than the cake, cover with fine white paper, set the cake in the center; melt paraffin slightly, dip candles in and set around the cake. This keeps the cake icing whole, and there is no danger of the candles falling over. Little sprigs of holly may be placed between the candles.

At Christmas Time.

If the mother of the family is a very busy person, and if the trimming of the Christmas tree seems one thing too much, try giving the kiddies the fun of trimming it themselves. This, of course, applies only to the children who have grown out of the baby stage.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Shamrock, Texas, Dec. 8.
Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 12 years old. I want you to bring me a ring, a box of stationery, manicure set some apples, oranges, candy and nuts of all kinds and all kinds of fireworks. Well, I will close. From
Delma Powell.

Percilla, Texas, Dec. 15.
Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me an air gun, some nice candy, all kinds of nuts, apples and oranges, and fireworks, too. Please don't forget my little brother, Earle. He is 3 years old. Bring anything you think would be nice. I shall look for you Christmas eve. Yours lovingly,
Elmer Lee Dickey

Percilla, Texas, Dec. 15.
Dear Santa Claus: Bring me a pair of gloves, a hair brush and a band comb, also some fruit, nuts and candy. Bring my little sister Myrtle, a doll, some ribbon and story book, and bring little brother, Tilman, a rubber ball and rattler. And, Santa, remember the other little children—bring them all something nice, too. Your little friend, Edna Mae Brumley.

Dearest Santa Claus: I am a little girl 7 years old. My birthday was the 10th. I study the second grade and please bring me a large cocoanut, a rubber ball, candy fruit and nuts, as I have a doll and doll buggy, and bring me anything else you think would be suitable. Your little friend, Lillie Ruth Durnell.

Percilla, Texas, Dec. 13.
Dear Santa Claus: As Christmas is drawing near, will write and tell you what I want. I want a little doll bed and a mattress, and as it is cold, I want some cover, box of stationery and a good story book, fireworks, apples, oranges, candy and anything else you like to bring me. Thanking, you, Willie Belle Jones

Oakwood, Texas, Dec. 15.
Dearest Santa: As we have moved since you last visited us, we thought we had better write you so when you are on your journey you would not forget us. I (Zenobia) want a band comb, story books, box of stationery, fireworks, nuts and fruit of all kinds. I (O. D.) want a knife,

air gun, ball, story book and fruits. Now, Santa, please remember our little friends at Percilla, and our new friends whom we have learned to love here, also. We are your goodest pals, Zenobia and O. D. Dennis.

Dear Santa: Will you please bring me a little wagon, rubber ball, pair of little gloves, kiddy car and all kinds of nuts and fruits. I am a little boy 16 months old and Santa be sure and not forget my grandpa, because he is sick. Well, this is all I will ask you to bring me this time, so bye, bye. From your little baby, Charles Aubrey Sullivan.

Percilla, Texas, Dec. 13.
Dear Santa Claus: I want to tell you what Coila and I want for Christmas. Coila wants a doll, baloon, some fruit, candy and nuts, and I want the book, "Polly Anna," a box of stationery, a baloon, some fruit, candy and nuts. Santa, be sure to carry the poor little children something nice, and bring my baby brother, A. K. Jr., something. Lovingly,
Coila and Alda Lively.

Dear Santa Claus: As we very often think of you, we want you to think of us and remember us at Christmas time. I (Leona) want a doll, pair of gloves and nuts and fruits of all kinds, and me (Buster) I want an air gun, aeroplane, fireworks of all kinds, nuts and candies of all kinds. Hoping that we haven't asked for too much and you won't be late, we remain as ever, your little friends, Leona and Buster Hal-tom.

Crockett, Texas, Dec. 15.
Dear Santa Claus: Was so afraid that you would not find me this Christmas, as I have moved since you came to see me last. I'm living in the Jones school house community, so please don't forget me.

Santa, I want you to bring me a China doll, a ring, a little manicure set, some fireworks, and all sorts of fruit. Please don't forget the little orphan children. Hoping that you have not frozen, I am, your little friend,
Evelyn Burden.

(Other letters to Santa Claus printed elsewhere in this issue.)

SALE!

I will sell at my place 1-2 mile east of Percilla, Monday, December 29, to the highest bidder the following articles:

Feed stuff, Horses, Cattle,
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and some household goods,
if not sold before the date
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Everybody Come!
JOHN SEWELL

Dec 29

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa: I am a little girl 6 years old, and I want you to bring me a piano, doll, rocking chair, ring and all kinds of fruit. That is all. From Laura Walton.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a water gun, apples, candy, gum, fire crackers, Roman candles, oranges and torpedoes.

James Wiley Gainey.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 8 years old, and I want you to bring me a doll, story book, apples, oranges, candy, nuts and raisins. Your little friend, Minnie Ola Martin.

Dear Santa: I want you to bring me a big baby doll and a little set of dishes and a little safe, and nuts and fruit.

Jaunita Woodard.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me an engine, the two books of Buffalo Bill, some tins balls and alley, fireworks of all kinds. Your little friend, W. D. Taylor.

Dear Santa: We are two little girls 2 and 5 years old, and we want you to bring us a doll apiece, some candy, apples, oranges, nuts and raisins. Your little friends, Estelle and Alma Martin.

Dear Santa Claus: I will write, as it is getting near Christmas time. I want you to bring me a doll buggy, tea set and a ring and don't forget my brother. Your little friend, Mary Lou Oliver.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a doll kitchen cabinet, a doll trunk, a doll sulky and a ruby ring. I won't write for any more presents, for I know you can't get around to every little boy and girl. Your little friend, Hazel Kent.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a sleepy doll that has hair, a little bucket and spade, a story book, some doll furniture, a big stove like Ruth's and some fruit, nuts and candy. Please don't forget my little sister Marilyn. Your friend, Jeanette Gilbert.

Elkhart, Texas, Dec. 15.

Dear Santa Claus: Mama told us to write and tell you what we wanted. Please bring me (Ora Lee) a sleepy doll, a fur cap, apples, oranges, raisins and candy. I think that is enough for me. My brother wants some. Please bring me (Johnson) an air gun, violin, apples, oranges, raisin and candy. We must not

forget our school teacher, so please bring him an automobile, for he sure wants one. Bring my little baby brother a rubber doll. I believe that is all we want. Thanking you very much, we are, Yours lovingly, Ora Lee and Johnson Taylor.

Percilla, Texas, Dec. 14.

Dear Santa: How are you? I am glad Christmas is coming again. I want you to bring me a pair of gloves, a sleepy doll, some fruit, candy and nuts; bring Arthur a little wagon, air gun, some fireworks and fruits; bring Olen a little rocking chair and a top; bring Bolton some fireworks, fruits, nuts and candy. So I will close. Bring my school mates something, too. As ever, Syntha Dickey.

Percilla, Texas, Dec. 14

Dear Santa: Christmas is drawing near and us little folks are expecting you. I want you to bring me a laveliare, a hand bag, and bring Hubert a top, a knife, and bring Loucelle a doll, and bring Hubert and me some fireworks, some candy, nuts, raisins and fruits of all kind and don't forget my little cousins and school teacher. So I will close. Hope you will have a pretty night. Good bye.

Irene Gee.

Dear Santa Claus: Here comes two little kiddies making their wants known. I want a doll, some little dishes, a little broom that will sweep, and listen, Santa, bring things that won't break, 'cause Fred will break them, just bring him a ball or something—he's little and don't need much. Yes, bring us some fruit and candy, but mamma says not much 'cause we are little and it will make our "tummies" sick. We won't be greedy, for there are lots of orphan children. We want them to have an equal share. Please, dear Santa, don't forget grandma. She lives with us. Your happy little friends, Jennie Verne and Fred Cromwell.

Dear Old Santa Claus: I come wishing one and all a merry Christmas, and I hope I get my share. First, I would like to have a wagon, a knife sharp like daddy's, something to read, and would enjoy some fireworks. I won't ask for any fruit or nuts, because I know you will bring them if they are not all frozen. Whew! Hasn't it been cold! I hope it won't be so cold Christmas, because I want everybody

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to have a good time. I expect to see you at the Baptist Sunday school Christmas tree, so if I don't get any of these things I will still be happy. Charles Lewis Cromwell.

Crockett, Texas, Dec. 11

Dear Santa Claus: How are you? I hope you are well so you can visit all us little children. Please bring me a little stove and a tea set, a doll that will open and

close its eyes and a buggy for it, and a taffeta dress, and bring my little brother a tricycle and some sparklers and fruit, and Opal said tell you to bring her an airplane just like you have and bring her a box of gum and a piano, and bring my little baby sister a rattler. If you have any more toys for babies just bring them on; she will appreciate them. So that is all I'll ask for. I live seven miles from Crockett on the

Rush road. Your little girl, Hazel Burden.

(Other letters to Santa Claus printed elsewhere in this issue.)

We are in receipt of a letter from A. W. Cain, of the Phillipines Islands, stating that he is on his way to his old home in Georgia, and will probably visit his many friends in Grapeland before returning to the Phillipines.



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music, and the re-echoes of "Merry Christmas" keeps returning as if it could never quite die out again, and so it goes ringing, ringing on, Merry Christmas, Merry Christmas, and we pass it along—to all a Merry Christmas.

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In this connection it gives us the greatest pleasure to sincerely thank you for the business you have given us in the past and assure you that our best efforts will be put forth in the future to merit a continuance of your splendid patronage.

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WE WISH EVERYONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS

GOODS WRAPPED FREE

If you have gifts to be sent by parcel post or express, we will pack and wrap them free of charge. In this department you will find suitable ribbons for tying packages and paper as follows:

Holly paper in sheets size 30x20 inches, 5 for 5c Tissue paper in rolls of 12 large sheets for 5c

Useful Christmas Presents

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No gift is more appreciable to the housewife than things that will beautify the home. In this department we offer—

58 inch table damask a yd50c
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Napkins in convenient sizes.

We are also showing a variety of patterns in plain and fancy towels, including huck towels, linen towels, turkish towels, in all sizes, at 35c a pair to \$1 each.

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